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Plans for the Ahepa National Convention Already Under Way

By A. A. FRANGOS

UNDoubtedly Ahepans throughout their domain are wondering by this time about their next National conclave. And, then too, they might be wondering what kind of a conclave they will have when they meet next August at St. Paul, Minn. We from the Northwest, the hosts of the 1936 National Convention, have never been in the habit of making infeasible promises in the past and we are not making any now. But we are prepared at this time to state that with the passing of each day we are marching forward quietly but methodically to an elaborate affair.

Not only the chapters from the Twin Cities but the entire Northwest is buzzing with activities, preparing for the privilege of entertaining the delegates and visitors of the 1936 Ahepan National Convention. Plans are already under way for the most successful National Convention Ahepans ever held. We are concerned here, of course, with the pleasure and entertainment of the delegates and their friends. Nothing will be left undone to make their stay in the Twin Cities a most pleasant one. These responsibilities have been placed in the hands of an Executive Committee of eight men, vested with the rights, duties and privileges usually delegated to a board of directors of a corporation.

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There are several other sub-committees to be appointed sometime later, as well as the Convention Headquarters. We shall try to keep Ahepans informed of the progress of our plans in every issue of THE AHEPA MAGAZINE.

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Greece—Her Monarchy

By MARIAN PETRAKIS

THE main struggle throughout the ages in Greece does not concern the change in government, but the recognition of the right of the people to manage their own destiny, a struggle which has developed from the time of her first Proclamation of Democracy in 460 B. C. to the present era.

Monarchy in Greece had already been introduced in the Homeric state before 1000 B. C. This form of government easily developed into an oligarchy, the aristocratic method of ruling. Under the oligarchy, the king was vested with the functions of priest, judge and leader in war. At this period rose Sparta with the legislation of Lycurgus, who ordained two kings and a Senate of thirty members and arranged for open-air assemblies to hear and decide all laws. Aspirants to the throne based their claims upon family descent and possession of land, the most valuable form of property.

Though oligarchy was the prevailing governmental system, there were no despotic monarchs. On the contrary, the ruler was compelled by custom to consult public opinion; if he had failed in securing the consent of the people, he had no power of enforcing his will. After obtaining this consent, he secured the approval of the Boule, a council of representatives of the privileged class, and the approval of the Assembly.

Monarchy decayed gradually: Sparta, Cyrene and Cyprus still maintaining monarchy in the sixth century B. C. In place of an hereditary king, who ruled for life, the States between the eighth and sixth centuries B. C. governed themselves independently, each state electing three magistrates annually, who among themselves shared the responsibilities of executive, military and religious functions.

The Spartans in 460 B. C. formed the *first empire* in history based upon the principles of Democracy. In their empire, the Spartans introduced the common type of political institutions and common jurisdiction. This ancient type of Democracy constituted no public chamber, but an assembly of the whole people, which every citizen attended, having equal rights of vote and speech. Since the city states were ruling themselves, there was no representative force. Today, representation is imperative in the federation of National States. Then, too, the privilege of equal rights in assemblies is denied in modern democracy.

The first attempts to fuse the principles of imperialism and democracy creating the republic were made by the Athenians in the intervening period of the sixth and fourth centuries B. C.

Alexander, in his "Divinity that doth hedge a king," created Hellenism and the monarchical ideal. Hellenism included the common type of civilization, common language, literature and art, and the common form of political organization. Alexander's instrument of Hellenization was the "Polis," the city. The empire thus created perished at the death of its originator, but the ideal, the municipal freedom of the "Polis" within the framework of an imperial system, remained.

Athenian and Spartan monarchical ideals succumbed to the despotic rule of the East Roman or Byzantine Empire from 300 B. C. to 1453 A. D. The Turkish or Ottoman Empire governed in Constantinople after the fall of that memorable city in 1453 A. D. Three years later, the Sultan Mohammed II annexed the state of Athens to his domain.

Until the early nineteenth century, the Greek people were suppressed by the yoke of the Turks, Saracens and Venetians.

Influenced by the French Revolution, the Hellenes realized sentiment for freedom. A secret revolutionary society, the Philike Hetairea, was organized in 1815.

In 1821 the Greek patriots began their ten-year struggle for freedom. In this war of independence, in which Marco Bozaris was acclaimed hero, and to which England's Lord Byron devoted the last year of his life, the patriot-scholar Coray endeavored to restore to the Greeks the classical language of ancient Hellas. Aided by Russia, France and England, Greek naval forces destroyed the Turkish fleet at Navarino in the sixth year of the war. The London Protocol of the Great Powers, issued in 1830, declared Greece an independent kingdom. The glory that was Greece, dimmed by so many years of oppression, burned vividly in Athens as the Hellenes were delivered.

A year later, Count Capo d'Istria, who had been chosen president in 1823, was assassinated. The Greek crown was then offered to Prince John of Saxony, who declined it, and to Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, who accepted it but abdicated in a few months when he discovered he was quite unacceptable to the Hellenes. Finally, the crown was offered to Prince Otho, the second son of King Louis of Bavaria.

Immediately there followed a reorganization of the country under a Bavarian regency of three men, whom Otho, only 17, had brought with him for assistance. The seat of government was moved from Nauplia to Athens. Thus, the Greeks attempted to form a constitutional monarchy, the sovereign entitled "King of the Hellenes."

King Otho was throned at a chaotic period in Greek history. Greece, having contended with Turkey to liberate herself from the Ottoman sovereignty, was split internally with dissension between the peasant and kleft groups and the ship-owners, the island Greeks.

Entrusted with the task of supplying a modern State for the Hellenes, this adolescent prince faced an almost impossible undertaking in view of conflicting circumstances. Lack of harmonious cooperation and the stubbornness of self-willed local leaders scattered the seeds of unity. By organizing a patriarchal bureaucracy, the advisers of Otho planned to rule Hellas.

Democratic by birth, the Hellenes believed in constitutional government and in the principle of popular participation in the political life of the state. Denied these privileges and submitted to unprofitable taxation, the Greeks revolted in 1843, forcing the king to grant them a constitution. Otho dismissed the Bavarians and instituted the system of nomination by king of the ministry and the senate, election of a chamber by universal suffrage.

In the war of 1853 between Russia and Turkey, the Greeks attempted to regain their heritage by seizing Thessaly and Epirus, but an intervention of French and British troops, who remained three years, prevented further Greek advance or alliance with Russia. When a military revolt against this intervention occurred in 1862, the National Assembly deposed Otho.

A year later Prince William George of Denmark, designated by the British, was elected by the National Assembly as ruler under the title of "George I, King of the Hellenes." Britain

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The New Year

ANOTHER year has passed into eternity and the new one made its advent in a brighter and much more promising atmosphere. Except, perhaps, for the purpose of comparison, what transpired during the preceding year is of little concern to the people who now look to the new year for the realization of their hopes, dreams and ambitions. Doubtless there will be some difference of opinion about the future trend of conditions and the average citizen will try to fathom, analyze and understand the conglomeration of opinions made by those commonly known as authorities who insist that their remedial concoctions and panaceas will rid society of its ailments.

It is perfectly obvious that a sincere endeavor has been and is now being made to improve existing conditions and restore the much-talked-of and coveted prosperity, so that its restoration will not be of a technical nature and, consequently, ephemeral, but a prosperity of a lasting character and of such magnitude that all will reap and enjoy its benefits.

In fact, one of the most marked evidences of constant improvement is to be found in the reports of almost every concern. A number of them have reported higher incomes than they had shown during the last four or five years and a number of corporations that faced huge deficits during the hereinabove mentioned period were successful in offsetting the deficits and getting into the black during the year of 1935. This would seem to imply a belief that prospects for a continuation of an upward trend are indeed brighter than they have been for some time and every indication points to even greater gains this year.

It is not our intention to prophesy what the future holds in its unexploited perplexities. It is common knowledge that in a dynamic society there is no end to the problems facing it; in fact, the solution of one is immediately supplanted by another. We find content-

ment in the thought that history repeats itself and, as other crises have passed, the present one, too, will soon be forgotten. The axiom that the tempest will soon be followed by tranquillity is just as true today as when it was uttered a good many centuries ago.

Epiphany Day Celebration

FOR the last thirty-three years the Greek Community of Tarpon Springs, Florida, has continuously and uninterruptedly celebrated Epiphany Day in grand style. This traditional ceremony, commemorating the baptism of the Saviour by John the Baptist, in the River Jordan, has each year attracted thousands of visitors from all parts of the country.

Like his predecessors, His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras, the head of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, again this year performed the impressive ceremony, assisted by a number of clergymen, among whom was the indefatigable and energetic Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, New York, Reverend Doctor Thomas J. Lacey. Dr. Lacey has been attending the affair for the last twenty-nine years.

The Order of Ahepa has been for a number of years now officially represented at the Epiphany Day Celebration. This year a group of officials of the Order, headed by Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, were among the too-numerous-to-mention civic leaders.

It is interesting to observe that each year there is a constant increase in the number of visitors who travel from every nook and corner of the United States to witness the memorable event. Epiphany Day is celebrated at a time when the climatic conditions in Florida are most alluring and enticing, to say the least. It is therefore safe to predict that, due to the importance of the occasion and such pleasant climatic conditions, this spontaneous flow of observers will be ever increasing.

Lambros Demetrios Callimahos:

"PAGANINI OF THE FLUTE"

"He is only twenty-four years old, but he thinks, plans, works and develops in the fashion of one who has matured ahead of his age."

By FREDERIQUE JOANNE PETRIDES

THE European career of Lambros Demetrios Callimahos—the American Greek flute virtuoso—reads like a fascinating story, a story which unfolds itself in Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Budapest, Munich and Prague, where he has already won distinction and laurels as a "past-master of his instrument" and a "Paganini of the flute."

Lambros Callimahos left America about two years ago. At the time he was crossing the ocean he was unheralded and without any European reputation. But he had faith in himself and his future. This faith was as big and well founded as was his determination to achieve eminence in his field. Consequently, in the short time he has been there, he managed to overcome the various difficulties which constitute the newcomer's fate in the concert field—a feat which is neither simple nor an every-day occurrence.

Not only did he strike a brilliant note from the standpoint of forging his way ahead. He also succeeded in forcefully impressing his weight and personality as an artist, as is evinced by the avalanche-like volume of critical attention paid to him by music authorities on the other side.

The European press comments on Lambros Callimahos' work have transcended the realm of cold, impersonal, routine criticism. They read instead like beautiful prose-poems, like dithyrambic paens dedicated to the phenomenal qualities of the flutist, who is regarded, on the eve of his twenty-fourth birthday, as an artist "who is not on the point of being made but who is already made," to use the words of Mr. Andre Fijan, the music critic of the *Parisian Journal*.

While not working on some concert or other, Mr. Callimahos devoted most of his time to the discovery and mastery of certain fundamental acoustic and psychological principles, which are conducive to new phases in the technique of flute playing. The result of those labors is that he occupies to-day the unique position of one who is the only flutist in the world to produce simultaneously double notes on his instrument,

something which up to now had been considered utterly impossible. However, besides solving the riddle for double notes and attaining with a single breath the same results which traditionally required three breathings, he also has to his credit a transcription for flute and piano of Paganini's *Caprice Twenty-Four*, originally written for the violin, as well as an arrangement for flute and piano of J. S. Bach's *Suite in B Minor*.

In his arrangement of the Paganini masterpiece, which, incidentally, has already been styled as the "most interesting and difficult piece in the entire literature of the flute," Callimahos has incorporated the utter extreme of flute technique, showing to the world for the first time that the flute is not quite so limited as it had been thought. "He's done a fine and workmanlike job in this formidable but fascinating transcription," according to a review in the *Musical Courier of New York*, issue of August 17, 1935.

The Paganini arrangement already has been published by the Schott's-Sohne Publishing House—the same world-renowned institution which also brought out his transcription of Bach's *Suite in B Minor*.

Regarding the Bach transcription, the *Neues Munchener Tageblatt*, stated the following in its issue of September 26, 1935:

"Mr. Callimahos has transferred the orchestral parts as well as the bass, and while the original form must remain the ideal one, the said arrangement will be very useful where it is necessary without an orchestra. At all events, the suite as arranged shows so much good taste and exquisite sentiment that it seemed we were listening to an original composition."

But an artist, no matter how ambitious or given to hard work, must also have relaxation. Would Callimahos prove an exception to this rule? Of course not. Consequently, he also has his distractions . . . while writing a book. This work, called "Artistry and Virtuosity in Flute Playing," expounds for the first time many theories and principles per-

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Lambros Demetrios Callimahos

"He is an amazing artist. . . . What the Greek drew out of his flute borders on the miraculous."

Tarpon Springs

By SOCRATES CHAKALES

ONCE again the Greek-Americans have turned their eyes on little Tarpon Springs, nestling on the gentle flowing Anclote River, feeding the Gulf of Mexico near the city of Tampa, Fla.

Only a few days ago the beloved Archbishop Athenagoras, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America, made his annual pilgrimage to the colorful Greek of sponge divers to conduct the nationally known Epiphany Service on January 6th.

Blending their ancient traditions, customs and habits of the "Old Country" with the rapid pace of the new, the entire community of Tarpon Springs took on a holiday atmosphere as the brilliantly decked little boats anchored and thousands of out-of-town visitors crowded the tiny village for the impressive Epiphany, conducted by the Archbishop. Thousands of Floridians flocked to Tarpon Springs for the service, and the sponge center became a Mecca for the Greeks of the South.

Behind this honored symbolization of Greek religion rests one of the most secure and unique industries in the world. Virtually every penny made in Tarpon Springs is gained directly or indirectly through the sponge industry.

The fascination of watching these hardy craftsmen ply their strange trade is gripping. A tiny boat hardly larger than an ordinary living room, sails down the curling Anclote and you wonder in how many hours the little craft will return to the protecting docks. On inquiring you will discover that a trip on these small vessels is not measured in hours, days or weeks, but in months. Amazing is your reaction: How do these frail-looking boats withstand the open weather on the Gulf of Mexico for days, much less months?

But they do. They comb the estimated ten thousand square miles of sponge beds on the floor of the Gulf from 50 to 100 miles offshore and spend from two to five months in the open diving for the valuable sponge. Four to seven men are generally required to make a crew.

It seems inconsistent with the legend of Greek sagacity in investments to finance an uncertain and risky business as the sponge diving appears to be, not to mention the possible loss of life. But closer examination reveals the boats to be highly seaworthy. Virtually all of the crafts are double enders with high bows and sterns, allowing a very deep draft, rendering them equal to the sometimes troublesome Gulf. Built from tough material, the weak-appearing craft is in reality a rugged little ship well able to handle its sponge diving assignment.

It is interesting to watch the diver don his cumbersome outfit for the descent. To protect him from the cold, he wraps himself in heavy woolen underclothing and stockings. The next process is the greasing of his wrists to allow a tight fitting rubber cuff to slip over them. The preliminary work finished, he begins the actual fitting of his suit with the aid of the crew.

First comes the breastplate, a protection for his chest and shoulders, that fits much like a pair of football shoulder pads. Once it is securely on the shoulders, it is inserted inside a rubber collar and made airtight. The canvas covering is then slipped on. Heavy shoes, weighted with brass or lead soles, are then fitted on his feet. After that comes the most important part of the diver's habiliment.

While he is busy with the initial parts of his uniform, the other divers prepare the all-important helmet. First, it is washed to determine whether the air flows freely through the intake valve when the air pump is in action. Slowly starting the pump, the helmet is fitted on the diver's head and secured to the breastplate and is made water-tight by a gasket. Assuring themselves the breathing apparatus is working perfectly, the diver is then ready to slip over the side of the boat and hunt for the precious sponges.

Once on the bottom, the diver regulates the air supply with two purposes in view—respiration and the proper degree of buoyancy in his suit. If everything works perfectly, the suit is always more or less inflated and the diver treads the bottom with a pressure of but a few pounds.

Feeding precious air to the man underwater by prearranged signals, is the pair of pump-men. Their sole duty is to furnish the diver with the proper amount of air. They can not leave their duties for a moment without results that are sometimes fatal. Equally important is the life-line man. It is his business to play out the life-line as the diver forages for the sponges.

The length of time a diver can remain under the water is determined by the depth. In deep places where the finer sponges are found a diver can remain under only long enough to fill one or two baskets, which are drawn to the deck of the boat. Working in shallow water the diver can remain under long enough to fill numerous baskets with sponges.

Once the sponges are on board they are stretched out on strings and allowed to dry before being dumped into the hold. This process is continued until the boat is loaded, be it weeks or months. Once the cargo is filled, the tiny craft starts chugging its way back to the home port, to the coffee houses, social relaxation and rest from the arduous labors.

While the crew relaxes, the boat owner can not. He must carry his cargo to the sponge exchange, a large one-story building with a center court divided in stalls, in which the spongers deposit their catch until the market opens.

Much like a tobacco market, sales are conducted on special days by bids. The exchange manager leads the bidders around to the various stalls, describing the sponges in that particular lot. Differing from the tobacco market in which the bids are made openly, the sponge bids are made secretly and the manager awards the lot to its respective buyer. The sales are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday and last as long as there are sponges to sell.

Following the sale of the sponges, they are carried to the buyer's packing houses where they are sorted and clipped. Then they are sized and packed in bundles weighing about fifty pounds each. These bundles are compressed on a screw press that presses them down to about one-third their normal size. After the sponges are tagged and shipped to the markets they are unpacked and dampened, which restores them to their original size.

Perhaps the magnitude of this unique business in an economic way is not realized. Since 1912, it has been estimated that over thirty million dollars worth of sponges have been sold through the exchange. That is not a large sum in com-

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Lambros Demetrios Callimahos

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taining to the perfection of finger and breathing flute technique.

Conscious that each new laurel entails an additional responsibility to himself and his art, Lambros Demetrios Callimahos, continues giving all his time and energy as offering to his future. Let others rest on their laurels—let others maintain that there are limits to one's goal and limits to rigid self-discipline. So far as he is concerned he knows that the relation of the artist to his art should be identical to the attitude of an obedient and well-drilled slave toward a hard, exacting and never-to-be-satisfied master. Small wonder then that while musical authorities and audiences in Europe sit up and take due and full notice of him, he is not as yet satisfied. He feels that he has not even started giving the world all that there is in him.

He is only twenty-four, but he thinks, plans, develops and works in the fashion of one who has matured many years ahead of his age. These attributes on one hand and his extraordinary artistic and creative qualities on the other mark him as a rare asset, as a find, in the world of music and musicians.

Excerpts from European Comments

Munchner Tageblatt: "This artist can claim for himself not only the glory of being the foremost master of his instrument despite his comparative youth, but also that he has worked in a really creative fashion toward the extension of the potentialities of tone and expression of his instrument, which he seems to have been born to play. His crystal-clear tone, which has been freed of all disturbing noise and possesses a dynamic reach from a graceful pianissimo to a virile fortissimo, commanding an amazingly rich scale of inimitable shadings, causes the hearts of all artists to beat faster. Callimahos' performance demonstrates that it is possible to play half an octave more than one previously assumed. He surprises with new types of staccato playing and seems to recognize technical difficulties only to master them in a playful way."—Dr. Wilhelm Zentner.

Munchner Nachrichten: "The beautiful Bach evening . . . brought us the performance of all seven sonatas . . . The manner in which Callimahos accomplished his task, what a marvelous technique in fingering and breathing he demonstrated, how musically perfect everything was formed, how he phrased, articulated and declaimed, and how soulfully and tunefully he seemed to inspire everything, places him on a high pedestal as a performing artist."—H. Ru.

Folkischer Beobachter: "Lambros Demetrios Callimahos, the world renowned flute virtuoso . . . started the evening of the Bach suite in B Minor arranged by himself . . . An excursion into a chapter of the innermost soul of the great Bach, which was of the highest value . . . As the colors of the rainbow the stream of major and minor melodies flow along, sometimes in tone worlds which are fiery in expression, sometimes lyrically dreaming, the whole forming a picture of excellence never heard before, and to which we were able to listen only with adoration and awe-struck silence. To enumerate details would be like stringing pearls."—dkl.

Berlin

Berliner Illustrierte Nachtausgabe: "Paganini of the flute."—"Such a pianissimo, shadings, such emotion in the low register, such a virtuoso breath-technique, etc., simply cannot be rivalled."

Neue Zeit: "The tone of this giant flutist is of such softness and variety of shades, that—and with this instrument really astonishing—not for one moment did the interest abate or the attraction of the audience relax."

Germania: "The Kultur and delicacy of the flutist's playing, even in the highest tones, cannot be praised enough. Here technique and musical vision work together to form one of the last stages of inspired Beauty."

Vienna

Wiener Neuzeit Nachrichten: ". . . The Greek Callimahos played the flute to perfection, a calligraph of the melodic line, by the greatness of his breath . . ."

Wiener Zeitung: ". . . Since the departure of Ary van Lowens from Vienna, the flute as a concert-instrument practically disappeared from our concert halls. Callimahos put in his bid now for the position left vacant by the eminent flutist with considerable success. His tone and technique are at their best in the technically brilliant part of those old

pieces of Haendel, Bach, Knautz and others on his program, which afford him ample opportunity to display his versatility."

Radio Woche: ". . . An amazing artist. What the Greek drew out of his flute in virtuoso feats borders on the miraculous. A triumph of the first rank was Paganini's 24th Caprice, arranged by the artist for the flute."

Budapest

Pesti Hirlap: "Wonderful light, warm, zephyr-like flute tone."

Pesti Naplo: "Only extremely seldom is such an exuberant, rich but also finely-shaded flute playing, enhanced by vibrant musical feeling, to be found as it is here. This young artist is full of temperament, imagination, and pliable intelligence. And gorgeous is the artistry linked with an extraordinary technique."

Paris

Journal: "Lambros Callimahos reveals himself as a first-rate virtuoso. He is not an artist who has yet to be made, he's an artist who is already made."—Andre Fijan.

Prague

Der Montag: "A Master of the Flute . . . His technique is amazing . . . his breath-control extraordinary . . . A pure, crystal-clear tone, royal mastery of dynamic scale, the homogeneity of his registers—these are the indications of his power. He possesses the ability through an original lip-technique, to achieve exceptional double-note passages."

Prager Tageblatt: "Lambros D. Callimahos is without question the most significant flutist who could be heard in Prag since the concerts given by Fleury. Not only a distinguished master of his instrument, an eminent musician . . . He knows how to sustain a cantilena in a wonderful fashion and to pull it with his magical rhythm."

Praske Noviny: ". . . Our flutist bewitched the grateful audience with his perfect art. His playing shone through the wealth of his nuances and exquisiteness of his tone. . ."

Telegraf: "This instrument is mastered by the artist with bravour, which reached the virtuosity of the violin."

Venkov: "The flutist Lambros Callimahos showed himself a virtuoso as not many exist. One can designate his playing without hesitation as unique. . ."

Ceske Slovo: "Exceptional breath-control makes it possible for him to form such a tone, that could belong only to a king among singers. Callimahos' tone has fullness, is rich, powerful, elastic and full of the highest musical melodic contents . . . As the artist employs his tonal powers for the formation of the musical phrases and ideas in the truest sense of the word creation, his playing has the riches of rare musician-ship, giving evidence of the living imagination and creative spirit of the flutist. . ."

Munich

Munchener Zeitung: ". . . a Greek musician pours out before us a whole cornucopia of Bach sonatas for flute in a manner which shows in each phrase and each tone such complete intimacy with the subject, as if he had been reared in these realms of music from a child. . . It must be realized . . . that it is only the mature virtuoso who can play them, and that only if he does not try to show off with the brilliancy of his play, but makes himself entirely subservient to the music. These conditions Callimahos fulfills in unsurpassed and distinguished manner. He easily masters the longest phrases, the most powerful crescendos, and the artist seems never at the end of his resources. One always feels, he could give still more, if he wanted to . . . The evening was inspiration and joy from beginning to end. . ."

Dr. Wilhelm Zentner, Munich correspondent of the Musical Courier of New York, in a review printed recently: ". . . Callimahos may well pretend to fame, for he is a past-master of his instrument."

Greece—Her Monarchy

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to prove her sanctioning the change of dynasty returned her seven protectorate Ionian islands to Greece. A new constitution was organized, vesting the legislative authority in the Boule, whose members were to be elected for four years by universal suffrage.

The greatest national aim now was to restore historic Hellas. In 1821, Greece was given a part of Thessaly by the Powers and began agitation for the possession of Crete. The Cretans, eight years later, desiring freedom from Turkish misrule,

tried to overthrow the tyrannic yoke, but their unsteady and inefficiently managed army proved no match for Turkey's discipline and determination. Crete lost. In 1898, the Great Powers compelled Turkey to withdraw her troops from Crete. Prince George of Greece was installed as governor of the island, but resigned within eight years, his father appointing Zaimis governor. In 1913 Crete became a possession of Greece.

During the Balkan War of 1912-1913 King George, on a tour of inspection in Saloniki, was assassinated by those deploring the conditions of destitute refugees in the towns of Northern Greece. Prince Constantine, his son, officially became king. From participation in this war Greece gained the rest of Thessaly, Epirus, most of Macedonia and Thrace.

During the World War Constantine, whose wife, Sophia, was the Kaiser's sister, inclined himself toward Germany; Venizelos, who had become premier in 1917, toward the Allies. Constantine dismissed Venizelos from office and dissolved the Chamber when it decided to unite with Britain in attacking the Dardanelles. Gounaris was installed as the new premier. The shooting of French and British marines by Greek troops resulted in Constantine's abdication, June 17, 1917. He retired to Switzerland. His second son, Alexander, who succeeded him, died in 1920.

A government entrusting the regency to Dowager Queen Olga was formed. In 1920 King Constantine was recalled, but abdicated a second time in 1922. This time his abdication was the result of the Greek's defeat in the Graeco-Turkish War in 1921.

After Constantine abdicated, his oldest son succeeded him, but only as a figure-head for a group of military leaders, among whom was General Pangalos, who retained the actual control of the government.

When the elections of 1923 gave Venizelos a considerable majority in parliament, the king and queen quietly withdrew from the country. Venizelos, a monarchist at heart, not a republican, refused office and, accordingly, withdrew.

By more than a two-one plebiscite held in the following year, Greece proclaimed a parliamentary republic. In 1926 General Pangoras culminated his successive usurping acts toward government officials and even in the League of Nations by establishing a complete dictatorship, discarding the constitution. Hardly more than a year after his seizure of power, Pangoras was overthrown. Admiral Kondouriotis, president before the advent of Pangoras, resumed office in 1927, retiring two years later. He was succeeded by Zaimis, former premier and president of the Senate. The constitution had been restored in 1927, creating a parliamentary republic headed by a president who was elected for five years by the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

On October tenth of this year, President Alexander Zaimis and Premier Tsaldaris resigned when the Royalists demanded that a proclamation restoring the monarchy be issued. General George Kondylis, "strong man" in the Cabinet, was proclaimed regent until King George II was restored to the Hellenic throne after a plebiscite held November 3rd, 1935.

Premier George Kondylis states, "There will be no more political parties. They have been broken up by the people themselves, and a new epoch of reconstruction will start."

The "new epoch of reconstruction" is the consolidation of dissenting political parties in order to reestablish normal life of peace in the country. It is not the rule of a king that the Hellenes long for; it is for the symbol of an Hellenic Kingdom.



Honorable Paul V. McNutt

Governor of Indiana Sends Greetings to His Brother Ahepans

THE AHEPA MAGAZINE takes pleasure in setting forth a message that was sent in by Honorable Paul V. McNutt, Governor of the State of Indiana and a member of the James Whitcomb Riley Chapter No. 232 of Indianapolis, addressed to all the members of the Ahepa:

"BROTHER AHEPANS:

"I welcome this opportunity to bring you greetings and to renew my allegiance to the ideals and objectives for which our order stands. May we face the new year as steadfast in our purposes and as sincere in our desire for their attainment as were the Hellenic leaders from whom we draw our inspiration.

"I feel that we have progressed materially during the months that are passed and that with the New Year we face a brightening future. It is for us to continue our loyalty and our faith, certain that the future which we envision for coming generations will come to pass.

"Just as reliance upon the principles of our order has strengthened us in the periods of stress and uncertainty through which we have passed, it will sustain us in the brighter days that are ahead.

"PAUL V. McNUTT,"

Epiphany Day Celebrated in Usual Splendor

(Editor's Note: The following excerpt from the "Tarpon Springs Leader" of January 6, 1936, which issued a special Epiphany edition, presents in minute detail the arrangements for the Epiphany Day celebration.)

TARPON SPRINGS took on a fiesta appearance several days ago with the decoration of all the streets and buildings with hunting and a predominance of American and Greek flags and national colors.

Members of the Greek Orthodox Church from all parts of the country began arriving in the middle of the week to swell the hundreds of parishioners of St. Nicholas Church here, and last night the city was full of visitors.

Today the Church celebrates the coming of the Magi to Jesus in Bethlehem. This is the most important in the calendar of the Eastern Orthodox Church, and today Tarpon Springs has visitors from every nook and corner of the land.

Arriving yesterday was the Most Reverend Athenagoras, Archbishop of the Eastern Orthodox Church in North and South America. Dr. Thomas J. Lacey, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, arrived on Saturday. This is Dr. Lacey's 29th Epiphany visit in the past thirty years.

Supreme President V. I. Chebithes of the Ahepa arrived this morning from New York.

Each year more prominent churchmen are attracted to Tarpon Springs for the church festival because it is only here that the day is observed so elaborately.

The fleet of picturesque sponge boats that work from this port returned from the sponge banks early this week for the festivities.

The celebration started this morning with early mass at St. Nicholas Church, with the visiting church dignitaries officiating, assisted by the Rev. Theo Karaphillis, priest of the parish.

The services in the church will last until 11 o'clock when the churchmen will go into the churchyard for the special litany services, scheduled for thirty minutes.

At the conclusion, the procession for the march to the bayou

will be formed in Orange street, opposite The Leader building. Arriving at Spring bayou the clergymen will descend the long steps at the end of the dock and board the barge to be taken to the middle of the bayou. Thousands of persons that surround the bayou will await the arrival of the procession.

The services will be resumed with Archbishop Athenagoras officiating. Dr. Lacey will translate his words into English. During the services a white dove will be released over the waters. Blue ribbons tied to the bird's feet will flutter in the breeze as the dove soars high above the crowd. This symbolizes

the baptism of Christ.

About the barge in small boats will be the dozen or more divers, awaiting the casting of the cross into the waters by the Archbishop. The cross is thrown and then a splash with all the divers plunging in after the crucifix. It is a moment tense with great suspense. The eyes of every person are upon the divers. Then it is recovered and the lucky diver swims to the surface holding high the glittering cross. He'll climb forth to receive the plaudits of his Patriarch.

Then the Clearwater High School band will strike up a tune, the barge will be returned to the dock and the re-

turn procession will be formed, thus concluding the most spectacular part of the celebration.

Returning to St. Nicholas Church the holy communion will be celebrated and the service will be ended for the day.

Nearly a hundred guests, including the Archbishop and his aides, Dr. Lacey, Governor Sholtz and party, the Ahepa and Sons of Pericles Supreme Presidents, the general Epiphany day committee, members of the Greek Community and invited guests, will be given a banquet tonight at 7 o'clock at the Green Garden.

This will be followed by the Greek Community ball to be given at the municipal pier. This attracts the greater part of the crowds here for the celebration.



Left to right: William Essaris; Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; Archbishop Athenagoras; Sotirios Nicholson and C. G. Paris.



Photo courtesy of the "Independent," St. Petersburg, Fla.

A scene from the annual Epiphany day celebration at Tarpon Springs is shown above, as church notables and others gathered on the steps of St. Michael's Orthodox church in the picturesque sponge fishing city. Notables in the picture include, left to right: Rev. Dr. Evan A. Edwards, St. Peter's Episcopal church rector, St. Petersburg; Theo Karaphilles, pastor of St. Michael's Orthodox church; Archbishop Athenagoras, head of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America; Vasillos I. Chebithes, supreme president of the Order of Ahepa; Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Lacey, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, N. Y., and others. Below is shown Thomas Athanasson, 14-year-old Greek youth, who captured the cross of gold when it was thrown into Spring bayou by the church head.

(Editor's Note: We take pleasure in reproducing letter received from The Greek Trade and Commercial Exchanges Co., of Athens, Greece, and wish to congratulate the originators of this idea in preparing in such an excellent manner the products of Greece for export purposes.)

Bureau Formed for Propagation of Greek Products

THE GREEK TRADE AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES CO., LTD.
ATHENS, The
Em. Benaki 6

26th September, 1935.

Order of Ahepa, Investment Bldg., Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

The system of exchanges adopted internationally for commercial relations among countries created, as a matter of course, an integrality in the endeavors of all the productive forces in this country and further a reorganization of its commerce on new bases, so that in order to push forth the exportation of the Greek products, to be necessary a closer contact between the importing and exporting circles, as far as the internal commerce of this country is concerned, and in the other hand, the display of every possible facility to the foreign consumers, for the consumption of these products. For the normal adaptation of this policy, very often it is necessary to have recourse to indirect exchanges, financial combinations, arbitrations, etc.

Most of the Greek products exported, especially comestibles, have natural advantages which place them out of competition in the foreign markets, but sometimes it happens that they are deficient in appearance, uniformity and deprived of the treatment which is suitable to their excellent qualifications. In such cases our concern is willing to undertake with pleasure any command and/or to follow up the execution of any order. The Seal of our Company will stand thus as a guarantee that the article exported is of a standard quality, which will meet with the exigencies of the market.

Further, in order to facilitate the propagation of the Greek products in foreign markets, our Company can dispose of any foreign goods whose importation is imposed as exchanges by treaties. For this purpose we dispose of a complete organization throughout the country.

We believe that the persons which form our Board of Directors will emphasize to you the capacity and the moral standing of our organization, by which we have already secured the sympathy of the State as well as of the serious financial concerns in this country, and which enables us to study and accomplish any financial prospect or combination aiming to the development or the exploitation of every branch of our national resources and further to undertake responsibly every representation necessary for the facilitation of commercial exchanges.

The National Bank of Greece and the Society for the Protection of Greek Products, Athens, will supply you with any information or reference of confidential character, regarding our Company.

Board of Directors

Lucas Roufos, Esq., President of the League for the Protection of the National Products, ex-Minister for Foreign Affairs, ex-Minister for the National Economy, Chairman.

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B. Simonidis, Esq., agricultural engineer, member of the High Economic Council of Greece, member of the Balkanic Conference (Greek Section).

Tarpon Springs

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parison with some of our American industrial giants, but it compares favorably with any business as specialized as the sponge industry.

If there exists a monopoly in America, the Greeks of Tarpon Springs control it. It has no real competition in the United States. The prices of sponges are controlled by the seasonal catch each year and not by its exchange board. This is unique in that here is an existing monopoly that does not endeavor to freeze out competition by price wars, but eliminates competition by its own natural adaptability. There are records of other races endeavoring to match the Greeks in this field, but in each instance they have failed. And the sponge industry in Tarpon Springs remains purely a Greek industry.

Strange as it may seem, the sponge industry in Tarpon Springs is comparatively unknown outside the state of Florida. Even native Floridians have only vague ideas concerning this exciting industry. Yet this ignorance is not altogether unnatural. Why should one be interested in Tarpon Springs when they have no definite connection with the village?

But this is not true of Greek-Americans. It should be the duty of every Greek in America to know with pride that at least in one place in America old Greece still lives.

IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE AHEPA NATIONAL BANQUET, DO SO NOW.

TELEGRAPH YOUR RESERVATION NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20th TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE, GEORGE C. VOURNAS, 300 INVESTMENT BLDG., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will Wonders Never Cease



Nicholas Mavrikes

NICHOLAS MAVRIKES, a seventeen-year old American boy, born of Greek parents, became interested in the violin at a very early age when he heard Heifetz and Elman. He began study with Harry Kononovitch, a pupil of the famous Victor Kuzdo and of Leopold Auer. The progress of Mavrikes amazed his teacher, and since then he has been recognized as a prodigy, destined to follow in the footsteps of Paganini. He is the only Modern to accomplish the feat of playing complete violin compositions with but one hand. This "impossibility" was announced to the world by Ripley in his famous "Believe It or Not" newspaper feature.

Mavrikes has played concerts at Carnegie Hall, Steinway Hall and Essex House. He has also played for the Madrigal Society of Yonkers, the Young Folks' League for Aid to Infants, and the Business and Professional Women's Club of Connecticut.

The manager of the *Musical Courier*, foremost magazine in the *Musical World*, says of Mavrikes:

"It seemed that the technical advancement had ceased with the passing of Liszt and Paganini, but I am happy to say that it has taken an American to carry it forward, and lead the field."

Through the generosity of an admirer, Mavrikes plays a genuine Joseph Guarnerius del Gesu violin, once owned by the Czar of Russia. On this valuable instrument Mavrikes has offered to play before the Ahepa National Banquet, to be held at the Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C., on the evening of February 24th, and that will be an opportunity we should not miss.

ΚΑΘΗΚΟΝΤΑ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΜΦΕΡΟΝΤΑ

Υπό ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ Γ. ΤΟΥΛΑ

Προέδρου τῶν Wm. Penn Chapter No. 61, Reading, Pa.

ΠΛΗΝ τῶν ὑποχρεώσεών μας ἀπέναντι τῆς γενετήρας μας, τῶν ἐνταῦθα βιούντων συγγενῶν καὶ οἰκογενειῶν μας, ἔχομεν ἐπίσης σοβαρὰν ὑποχρεώσιν ἀπέναντι τῆς κοινωνίας ἐν τῇ ᾗ οἰοῦμεν, ἀπέναντι τῶν ἀνθρώπων μετὰ τὸν ὁποῖον ἐρχόμεθα εἰς καθημερινὴν συνάφειαν καὶ συναλλαγὴν, καὶ ἀπέναντι τοῦ σταδίου τῆς δράσεως τὸ ὁποῖον ἐξελέξαμεν διὰ τὴν αὐτοσυντήρησιν καὶ προαιωγήν μας. Μετὰ τοῦτο θέλω νὰ εἶπω ὅτι εἶναι καιρὸς πλέον δι' ἡμᾶς τοὺς Ἕλληνας νὰ ἀφήσωμεν τὴν ἰδεολογίαν στὴν μπάστα, καὶ ἀτενίζοντες καὶ ἐξετάζοντες τοὺς πραγματικοὺς λόγους τῆς μειονεκτικῆς θέσεως ποὺ γενικῶς ὁμιλεῖν κατέχομεν εἰς τὴν ἐδοῦ κοινωνίαν, νὰ προσπαθῶμεν σιγά σιγά νὰ τοὺς διορθώσωμεν πρὸς ἀτομικὴν μας εὐπορίαν ἐν πρώτῳ, καὶ πρὸς τιμὴν καὶ δόξαν τῆς φυλῆς ἐξ τῆς ὁποίας ἐξήλθομεν. Διότι, ἐάν ἀρχικῶς παραδεχθῶμεν ὅτι σχεδὸν δι' ὅλους μας ἡ κοινωνία εἰς τὴν ὁποῖαν ζῶμεν τώρα εἶναι αὐτὴ μετὰ τῆς ὁποίας θὰ διαλύσωμεν τὴν φροικὴν μας ζωὴν, θὰ δημιουργήσωμεν καὶ ἀναθρέψωμεν οἰκογενεῖς καὶ εἰς τὴν ὁποῖαν προσπαθῶμεν παντὶ σθένει νὰ δημιουργήσωμεν τὸ μέλλον μας καὶ νὰ προαχθῶμεν, τότε πρέπει ἐπίσης νὰ παραδεχθῶμεν ὅτι ὅσον ἐνωρίτερον προσανατολισθῶμεν εἰς τὰς καλὰς ἀρχὰς καὶ ὑγιεῖς συνηθείας τῆς χώρας ταύτης, τόσοον ταχύτερα θὰ εἶναι ἡ ἀναγνώρισίς μας ὡς ὑγιῶν στοιχείων πολιτισμοῦ καὶ τόσοον συντομότερα θὰ εἶναι ἡ πρόοδος καὶ προαιωγή μας.

Καθῆκόν μας πρέπει νὰ εἶναι ἡ εὐγενὴς συμπεριφορὰ, ἡ ἐντιμὸς διαχείρισις τῶν ἐμπορικῶν μας ἐπιδοσέων, ἡ ἀνάμειξις εἰς κάθε καλὸν καὶ προοδευτικὸν κίνημα τῆς πόλεως εἰς τὴν ὁποῖαν ζῶμεν, καὶ τέλος ἡ ἐνθῆγος καὶ ἐνδελεχὴς ἀνάμειξις εἰς τὴν πολιτικὴν τῆς θείης μας Πτρίδος.

Ἐστὲ δὲ πλέον ἢ βέβαιον, ὅτι δεικνύοντες τοιαύτην διαγωγὴν, θὰ διαλύσωμεν τὰς ὑπονοίας τῶν ἰθαγενῶν συμπολιτῶν μας ἀναφορικῶς τοῦ εἰλικρινοῦς πατριωτισμοῦ μας.

The Ahepa Alibi

By Thomas J. Lacey

A TOAST to our women resplendent and fair;
When we give a banquet we must have them there.
The world simply couldn't move on without them,
There is charm and beauty and romance about them.
I marvel indeed at their patience unbounded,
So wondrously trustful I'm often astounded—
When "hubbie" gets home in the wee hours of morning
They cheerily greet him, no apology scorning;
When he says "The Ahepa kept me out late"
They never suggest it was some other date.
Nay, not for one moment they harbor a doubt
Nor inquire what our secret work is about.
They say, Your arrival ended my worry,
My fear lest a footpad did after you hurry.
Oh, gracious Ahepa, of practical use,
Affording the "hubbies" such splendid excuse.
When "hubby" stays out till all hours, raising Cain,
The wives, ever trusting, believing remain.
Our glorious Ahepa shoulders all blame
And makes a fine alibi always the same.



FRATERNITY NEWS

District No. 1

Basketball League of District Under Way

THE second year of the Ahepa Basketball League of District No. 1 opened on December 17th when the Lewiston (Maine) "Ahepa" team motored to Portland, Maine, to match the Portland "Sons." The game was a thriller, characterized by an airtight defense on both sides. The final score was Portland, 15; Lewiston, 10. The second game between the two teams will be played in February.

The League was started last year by the then District Governor, Nick Chachamouti, of Biddeford, Maine, who has proven himself a lover of sports and the District Secretary, Leon Frangedakis. Ahepa or Sons of Pericles teams from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont are eligible, and any person of Greek parentage is eligible to play on those teams. The "Nick Chachamouti Basketball Trophy" is awarded to the winner of the League, with the provision that the team that wins it two years will keep it permanently. Last year Portland was the champion and, by virtue of its victory over Lewiston, has gone far towards winning the championship again this year.

Games will be played during the months of January, February and March, thus allowing a complete circuit of fourteen games to be played by the eight teams. Should any outside teams like to arrange games with a team of District No. 1, they should communicate with District Secretary Leon Frangedakis, 68 Lisbon St., Lewiston, Maine, who is the director of the League.

LEON FRANGEDAKIS.

District No. 2

An Ambitious Captain of the Guard

THE Sarantos D. Bircoulis Chapter No. 266 of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, during the past year has been very proud of their Captain of the Guard, Brother Paul Petalas. Young Petalas is a Corporal in the National Guard and has won many boxing championships. He is also quite an actor on the stage, recently playing an important role in "The Devil's Hour," the cast comprising our best local talent. Recently Petalas passed successfully a Civil Service Examination for Police Officer. At present he is employed by Brother Fred Bircoules, proprietor of the "Boulder Cafe."

Petalas is but 22 years of age. After graduating from the local chapter of the Sons of Pericles he joined the Ahepa chapter. He is an enthusiastic Ahepan and never says "no" when there is work to be done. He is very popular and has won the esteem of both the Greek and the American people in this locality.

GEORGE N. MARAVELL.



Mrs. Apostole Koskinas, daughter of Brother and Mrs. Theophanis Dervos of Worcester, Mass., whose wedding was attended by many prominent Ahepans, their families and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Koskinas are residing in Newark, N. J.

District No. 3

Athenian Conductor Makes American Debut in Providence

MEMBERS of the Providence Chapter No. 106 and those of surrounding chapters had the extreme pleasure, on January 21st, of listening to a concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the guest conductor of which was Dimitri Mitropoulos of Athens, Greece. The *News-Tribune* of Providence, R. I., made the following comments in their issue of January 22nd:

"Dimitri Mitropoulos, Athenian conductor, made his American debut last night with the Boston Symphony Orchestra before a capacity audience in the Metropolitan Theatre, where he proved his musical stature in a program that ranged from the pure music of Beethoven to the comparatively modern works of Strauss, Debussy and Rivier.

"The guest conductor from Greece showed himself thoroughly conversant with his scores and fully acquainted with the orchestra, section by section, and at the close of the concert

the audience arose as one and applauded both conductor and orchestra. He placed a new emphasis on the seldom heard overture to Leonore, No. 2, opus 72, giving the audience an interpretation, which while discarding conventionalities, gave novel effects and contrasts at once stunning and revealing.

"With the Rivier overture to a Don Quixote, Mitropoulos showed himself equally the musician. He attained every tonal suggestion from melodrama to stark comedy and was at his best in the three sea sketches of Debussy: *De l'aube a midi sur la mer*; *Jeux de vagues*; and *Dialogue du vent et de la mer*.

"A symphonic work distinctly outstanding in comparison with other numbers on the program, the guest conductor made the utmost of this opportunity to show his unflinching thoroughness in controlling the orchestra, his dramatic ability to whip the assembled musicians from a whisper to a roar. Excepting in the melodic strains in the wood wind section, however, Debussy's intricacy seemed confusing and in many of its convolutions its effect was lost on the audience.

"The program closed with the one-movement *Symphonia Domestica*, opus 53 of Strauss and in that the conductor again captured the rapt attention of his audience. His evident familiarity with all his scores impressed the hearers with a sense of security in what was produced. Mitropoulos never hesitated for a moment, never seeming anything but complete master of all situations."

District No. 4

Pittsfield Chapter Revived

ON Sunday, January 12th, at the Hellenic Community Hall, a meeting was held at which the newly elected officers of Pythagoras Chapter No. 112, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, were installed by District Governor Nicholas Kounaris, with the aid of District Secretary Thomas Seumbel. The following officers were installed: Theodore J. Bartsakos, President; George S. Giftos, Vice President; Alexander A. Vomvilas, Secretary; Gabriel Gregory, Treasurer. Board of Governors: George P. Giftos, Chairman; Peter Plumbides, Nicholas Amandos, Peter Trahanas and Gus Zervis. The appointive offices will be filled at a later date.

Regular meetings of this chapter will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P. M.

After the meeting a dinner was given in honor of the distinguished guests, District Governor Kounaris and District Secretary Seumbel.

The Pittsfield Chapter has started the hall rolling. Watch it go, as the spirit of true Ahepanism guides it.

A. VOMVILAS,
Secretary.

Waterbury Chapter Loses an Ardent Ahepan

IN the death of Brother George Stavros, which occurred on December 25th, 1935, Waterbury (Conn.) Chapter No. 48 lost one of its greatest workers. Brother Stavros was among the very first Greeks to make his home in our city. Coming here thirty years ago, he established himself in business and carried on until the day the Great Referee called him. He worked untiringly for the Ahepa and the Greek community, having served as President of the community, and, at the time of his death, held the office of Treasurer. In the local chapter of the Ahepa he had held the office of Treasurer and when death overtook him he was a member of the Board of Governors, a post he held for many terms. All of us will miss him sorely.

JAMES P. COUKIS,
Secretary.

District No. 6

ON the evening of January 13th Brooklyn (N. Y.) Chapter No. 41 held its regular meeting at which the following officers were installed and will serve the chapter during the coming year: Nicholas F. Nicholson, President; George Litras, Vice President; Menelas Constantine, Treasurer; Theodore Zolotas, Secretary; George L. Bourney, Chairman, Board of Governors; Peter Leventis, George Kozakis, Alex Pappas and Nicholas G. Velianites, The appointed officers were Soterios Legrezos, Chaplain; Athan Stavrides, Warden; Nich. G. Velianites, Captain of the Guard, and Demosthenes Doukas, Sentinel.

The Chapter was crowded to capacity to witness the installation of the officers of 1936. The ceremonies were competently and smoothly handled by the District Lodge, whose entire body graced and honored our ceremonies. We are sincerely grateful to the District Lodge for its presence and conduct of the meeting and wish to thank Brothers: Nicholas Nicholas, Governor; Peter Chingos, Lieutenant Governor; Socrates Zolotas, District Secretary; Costas Chingos, District Treasurer; Gus Ypsilanti, District Marshal and E. Pollitis, President Delphi; Geo. Dimas, President Upper Manhattan; J. Kouvalis, President Long Island; N. Nichols, President Theo. Roosevelt; J. Stevason, President Coney Island; S. Vafiades, Vice President Upper Manhattan; Geo. Michalos, Past President Theo. Roosevelt; A. Coutzogeorge, Secretary Hermes; N. Angelopoulos, Governor Hermes; J. Anthos, Governor Bronx Chapter, and other representatives of the District for their presence.

In accepting the Presidency of the Brooklyn Chapter, Brother Nicholas F. Nicholson made the following remarks:

"That you have elected me your President for the year 1936 is to me an expression of the confidence and understanding, so utterly vital for a successful administration. Deeply appreciative of this strong bond which unites us, I will, with your willing cooperation, endeavor to maintain that high level where the name of Brooklyn Chapter has ever been.

"At the outset of our year together, let us contemplate with satisfaction, the success which lies behind and look toward the future with optimism."

Congratulations—Bro. M. Loris, Past President of our Chapter, was unanimously elected President of the "Gerontia," an association composed of Past Presidents of the Ahepa. The Brooklyn Chapter is proud of this accomplishment and congratulates Bro. Loris upon his election.

MENELAS C. CONSTANTINE,
Treasurer.

Upper Manhattan Chapter Election News

THERE was a spirited contest for the office of the Presidency of Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York City at our meeting for the election of the chapter's officers for 1936, but as is always the case, the best man wins. Brother George Dimas, one of our oldest members in point of service, won. In 1932 he served as Assistant Secretary and in 1933, 1934 and 1935, as Secretary. He was the chapter's delegate to the Columbus National Convention and was Vice-Chairman of the Combined Ball Committee of 1935. He handled all these positions ably and we are therefore confident that we got the right man for the Presidency. Brother Dimas is also very active in Inter-Chapter affairs.

Brother Dimas' "cabinet" is composed of the following officers: Stephen Vafiades, Vice-President; Ralph Caviris, Treasurer, and Basil Manoussos, Secretary. Brothers Vafiades and Caviris are "old timers" and hard workers. One can say that men like them form the pillars upon which the Ahepa is built. As for the new Secretary, modesty forbids mention.

BASIL MANOUSSOS,
Secretary.



Brother George Dimas, newly elected President of Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York City. He served his chapter faithfully as Secretary and was rewarded by being elevated to the highest office. As President, we feel that he will do his utmost to increase the membership of his chapter during his tenure in office.



Brother Eustace N. Hondroudakis, an active member of Hudson Chapter No. 108, Jersey City, N. J. As Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ninth Annual Ball of the chapter, he contributed immensely to the success of the affair.

District No. 7

Hudson Chapter Elects Able Staff

THE following officers will serve Hudson Chapter No. 108 of Jersey City during 1936: Peter Gonis, President; William Vallas, Vice-President; George A. Pyle, Secretary; Nick Stathakis, Treasurer, Board of Governors: John Vallas, Chairman; Theo. Antonopoulos, Const. Marcopoulos, Ernest Lailas and Nicolas Manolides. The appointed officers are: Spiros Carvour, Chaplain; James Nomas, Warden; E. N. Hondroudakis, Captain of the Guard; Angelo Portos and George Larris, Sentinels.

Hudson Chapter to Institute Chapter of Daughters of Penelope

ON December 18, 1935, our Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, visited Jersey City, N. J., and attended an open meeting of Hudson Chapter No. 108 of the Order of Ahepa. The members and friends of the chapter, after listening to an inspiring plea in which the President asked for unification and solidification of the Hellenic movement in Hudson County, decided to form a ladies' auxiliary. This new organization will be a chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

Through the untiring efforts of Past President John Vallas and his capable brother, Eustace N. Hondroudakis, definite plans were made. In its inception twenty-five members expressed their willingness to join the newly-formed organization. Application has been made to the Grand Lodge for a charter and a tentative name has been selected. Some of

the prime incorporators behind the latest Hellenic movement in our county are as follows: Mrs. John Vallas, Mrs. George Pyle, Mrs. Ernest Lailas, Misses Mary Caravetis, Tessie Poulos, Callie Carvour, and Anna Vlantis.



John Vallas, retiring President of Hudson Chapter No. 103, Jersey City, N. J. He rendered his services conscientiously for a worthy cause.

District No. 8 Fort Cumberland Chapter Installs Officers

OFFICERS of the Fort Cumberland Chapter No. 301, of Cumberland, Maryland, installed their 1936 officers on Sunday night, January 5th, in the Odd Fellows Hall. District Governor Peter N. Samios was the installing officer.

John C. Liakis is the new president and spoke for the good of the order following the installation services. "In order to be a member," Brother Liakis said, "one must be a citizen of the United States, or must have declared his intentions of becoming a citizen. He also must stand for good fellowship and be of good moral character and believe in the existence of God and above all," he said, "a friend of man."

Other officers are: Anton Anthony, Vice-President; Peter Koumanis, Secretary; George Dendrenos, Treasurer; Paul Harris, Captain of the Guards; Richard Diamond, Chaplain; George Patsenos, Warden; James Grom, James Tatriles, Frank Diamond, Mike Mitchell, and George Katsanis, Board of Governors; Nick Spanos and Chris Parsides, Sentinels.

Members of the ladies' society, "Artemas," attended and joined in the entertainment, which was followed by refreshments served by the chapter members. Other visitors were James Koliopoulos, John Nakopoulos, and John Trantulis, all of Hagerstown, Md.

Worthington Chapter Sponsors Masked Ball

ON Sunday evening, December 29th, Worthington Chapter No. 30 gave a masked ball. Thirteen-year old Charles J. Anderson took the place "by storm," and to him the first prize was awarded for the most attractive costume exhibited by the men. From the beginning to the end of the dance, all eyes were centered on him. His "get-up" was perfect.

Charles is the son of Brother John G. Anderson, an ardent Ahepan of the Baltimore Chapter. Besides Charles, who will become a member of the Sons of Pericles when he reaches the required age, he has three more sons, all of whom are members of the Sons of Pericles: George J., 19, Vice President of the Sons of Pericles Chapter of Baltimore for 1935 and elected President for the year 1936; Harry J., 18, Treasurer of the local chapter of the Sons of Pericles in 1935; and Nicholas J., 16, a member of the Sons Chapter. All these boys are hard workers for the Sons of Pericles and I am sure this coming year will be a big one for the Junior Order.

ANGELO SCHIADARESSI,
President.

Magnificent Triple Installation at Baltimore

MONDAY, January 20th, marked a great day in the history of Ahepa and its auxiliaries in Baltimore, for it was then that the pioneer Worthington Chapter, No. 30, installed its 1936 officers and was joined by its fraternal children, the Sons of Pericles and Daughters of Penelope of Baltimore, in the same installation.

The committee in charge left no stone unturned in making the exercises memorable. The Grand Auditorium of the Odd Fellows Temple of Baltimore was the scene of activities and the Hellenic design of that Temple seemed to blend in with the Hellenes assembled and their Grecian spirit.

The installing honors were done by the Governor of District No. 8, Peter N. Samios, of Hagerstown, the first triple installation for the "Oriole" City. The retiring Presidents, Mrs. Peter Nicholson of the Daughters of Penelope; Angelo Schiadaressi of the Worthington Ahepa Chapter, and Peter Sfikas of the Plato Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, gave short farewell speeches and later jewels were presented to them.

The incoming Presidents thanked the members for their confidence in them and spoke on plans of the future. The Presidents-elect, Mrs. Sophie A. Cavacos, Daughters of Penelope; Steven Monocruso, Worthington Ahepa Chapter, and George Anderson, Plato Chapter of the Sons, were heartily applauded after their speeches. Short talks by Theo. S. Agnew, dean of Baltimore's Ahepa officers, and Nicholas Sakellos, fiery leader and former District Governor, rounded out the lectures.

It was a privilege to be present on this occasion—the red glittering leazes, past-officers' jewels, flags, banners and gorgeous evening gowns presented a spectacle in color, beauty and dignity. After the formalities, dancing followed. Prof. Polyder Komianos and his orchestra furnishing the music.

During intermission, the well known artists, Mrs. George Hondrulis, Mr. J. McGinnis and Mr. Hario Psaros, sang for us. The accompanist was Mr. N. Eaton, of the Peabody Institute. Rev. Joachim Pappachrist, pastor of the Evangelismos Greek Church, and Miss Mary Koutsoukos, President of the Washington Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, were introduced to the assembly.

The following officers were installed for Worthington Chapter, No. 30, of the Ahepa: Steven Monocruso, President; Nicholas Nestor, Vice President; Theo. S. Agnew, Secretary, and James Constantinides, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Angelo Schiadaressi, Chairman; Dr. Andrew T. Cavacos, H. Mezardash, G. Zaharopoulos and V. Apostolidis. Peter T. Capsanes, Captain of the Guards; Harry Soussis, Warden, and Theo Giovanis, Head Sentinel.

Officers installed for Plato Chapter of the Sons of Pericles are: George Anderson, President; Theodore George, Vice President; George Gates, Secretary; George T. George, Treasurer; Harry Anderson, Master of Ceremonies; Gus Krometis, Assistant Secretary; Louis Karendellen, High Guardian; George T. George, High Priest and August Poulase, Inner Guard.

Those installed for Alcmene Chapter, No. 27, Daughters of Penelope are: Mrs. Sophie A. Cavacos, President; Mrs. Evelyn S. Contos, Vice President; Miss Barbara Poulos, Secretary and Miss Julia Pappas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Mrs. Amalia Nicholson, Chairman; Miss Anna Cosmides, Miss Nena Aggelakos, Mrs. Kalliope Pappas and Mrs. Helen Katsaros, Miss Catherine Cosmides, Priestess; Mrs. Chris Alivazatos, Warden; Miss Clara Genetos and Miss Irene Krometis, Flag Guard; Mesdames Mary Constantine and Irene Floros, Spear Guards; Miss Betty Pamfilis, Inside Sentinel and Mrs. Cleopatra Goumaris, Outside Sentinel.

DR. ANDREW T. CAVACOS.

Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebrated by Past District Governor and Mrs. Sakelos

ON the evening of December 8, Nicholas Sakelos, Past District Governor of District No. 8, and Past President of Worthington Chapter, No. 30, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Sakelos, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary at their residence, 3516 Fairview Avenue.

Their home presented an unusually beautiful appearance, having been tastefully and profusely decorated with flowers, greens and plants, the abundance of which made one think he was at a flower and garden show.

More than two hundred guests joined in the festivities which continued until early the following morning. Dinner was served and singing and dancing followed.

Speeches of congratulations were given by many of the prominent guests. Mr. Sakelos, deeply affected, replied with a few simple words of thanks and appreciation and urged the guests to "go on with the dance" and enjoy themselves. Guests included relatives and friends of Baltimore, many from New York, Hagerstown, and Washington, D. C., and numerous towns in Pennsylvania. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Achilles Catsonis, of Washington; Mrs. S. Sakelos, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pappalios, Miss Catherine Ag-



Past District Governor and Mrs. Nicholas Sakelos

gelakis, Mr. George Vlahavos, Mr. George Hanges and Mr. Nicholas Hanges, of New York; Mr. Peter Samios, Mr. James Koliopoulos and Mr. John Nakopoulos, of Hagerstown, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Cassimatis and Mr. A. Calopedis, of York, Pa.; Miss Artemus Perakos, of New Britain, Conn., who is attending the Maryland State College for Women at Lutherville, Md.

Joining in the celebration were the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Sakelos, Mrs. Euridicy Contos, Stella, Constantine, Antigony and Homer.

Beautiful gifts of silver were displayed on three large tables in the dining room.

ANGELO SCHIADARESSI.

District No. 9

"Quaker City" Chapters Hold Combined Ball

THE combined ball and entertainment held by the two Philadelphia Chapters of the Ahepa, Hercules No. 226 and Spartan

No. 26, on Wednesday evening, December 4th, was a gala event. More than 500 Ahepans and their friends gathered at the Pennsylvania Hotel Ballroom where Katsaros and his famous orchestra played dance music until the wee hours of the morning. Miss Mary Quigley of the Chicago Opera Company and Philadelphia Operatic Society entertained the guests with vocal solos. The team, Mann and Hale, furnished clever exhibition dancing.

On the same evening, Brother George Morphesis, Governor of the Sons of Pericles, District No. 8, and member of the Atlas Chapter No. 10 of the Sons, was installed by Brother Christ J. Petrow, Supreme Vice-President of the Sons.

The chairmen of the evening were Brothers A. Tashie and L. Shaiko.

On December 9th, at a regular meeting of the Hercules Chapter, the following officers were elected to guide the affairs of the chapter during the coming year: Theodore P. Johnson, President; Nicholas Rovitis, Vice-President; Mitchell Karomfly, Secretary;

Paul George, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Peter Carres, chairman; A. Tashie, L. DeOlden, F. Pappas, C. Gounis.

MITCHELL KAROMFLY,
Secretary, Hercules Chapter No. 226.

New Administration Installed at Harrisburg

"Cooperation" to Be Keynote of Program

A PUBLIC installation of officers for the year 1936 was held on January 8th at the Odd Fellows Temple, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Past President Nicholas Notarys was chairman of the occasion, Governor Christ Dromazos of District No. 9 was the installing officer. More than three hundred persons attended.

The newly installed officers were James Alexander, President; John Gekas, Vice-President; Theodore H. Calopedis, Secretary; Nicholas Notarys, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Thomas Vallas, Chairman; Christ Fuorlas, Louis Chiaras, Andrew Pretchos and George Contogainnis.

The appointed officers were Spiros Chianos, Chaplain; Gus Triantos, Warden; Peter Vacos, Captain of the Guards; Paul Kathalis, Sentinel.

Speeches were made by the new officers and dominant in their addresses was the assurance and plea for cooperation in attaining the ideals and aims of the Ahepa. The new administration hopes to even better the successes the Chapter has had in the past and keep intact their reputation as the Shining Star of the Ninth District.

Dancing, refreshments and entertainment were also included in the program. The retiring officers, who so ably conducted their work during 1935, are: Thomas Vallas, President; John Gekas, Vice-President; George Kathales, Secretary; James Kravaritis, Treasurer.

NICHOLAS NOTARYS.

District No. 10

Borvilos Elected President of New Castle Chapter

BROTHER JOHN BORVILOS, prominent in all Ahepa activities in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and Secretary of District Lodge No. 10, was elected President of New Castle Chapter No. 87 when its members met on the evening of December 8th at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church to organize for 1936. He succeeds Brother David Pappas.

Other officers chosen were: George Karidis, Vice-President; Speer Marousis, Secretary; James Passias, Treasurer. Board of Governors: David Pappas, Chairman; Mike Pecoulis, Peter Brown, Peter Askounis, Peter Anderson and Speer Petros.

At its meeting the chapter voted to provide a candy treat for the children of St. George's Greek Orthodox Church at their annual Christmas program on Christmas Day.

District No. 11

A New Year's Message

By Tom G. Papaspiros,
Secretary of the 11th District

"From all the good that we have, let us select the best."

THIS article is dedicated to the Ahepans of the 11th District, but written to make all Ahepans and non-Ahepans think of "Ahepa." With the dawn of the New Year, 1936, there seems to be a general optimism throughout the land; but, usually success is achieved by those who are really working for it.

I wish to appeal to the newly elected officers, especially to the Presidents and Secretaries of the chapters of the 11th District, to lay down a program for their chapter which will increase their ranks, by securing new members and reinstating some of the old ones who have been idle during the depression, also to organize the Junior Order, the Sons of Pericles, wherever there is a sufficient number of boys to establish a chapter. I know it can be done if we put more effort to it.

For example, Steubenville is only a small town in comparison to other large cities of our district, but in spite of the small number of people it has already made remarkable progress, not only in increasing its membership, but in educating and training them. The most important thing that every Ahepan and non-Ahepan must bear in mind is the legislation which was voted on at the Chicago convention—the Ahepa Emergency Fund—and I am proud to say that the Stanton Chapter of Steubenville has grasped the idea, and very shortly the certificates will be sent to the Supreme Lodge one hundred per cent.

Let us face the facts and not try to blame anyone but ourselves if the desired success is not attained. It lies, always, with the men who are elected officers by the members of the respective chapters to set a good example; to proceed with the good work by sacrificing a little time for Ahepa. By doing so, it insures to our benefit and to the benefit of our young generation. It is a great honor bestowed



Theodore H. Galopedis, newly installed Secretary of Harrisburg Chapter No. 64.

upon our country, America, when our efforts have crystallized in producing stalwart, upright citizens of the United States and of good moral fiber.

Let us not overlook the fact that the great depression which we have just passed through practically paralyzed, morally and financially, every institution without exception. Yes, Ahepa was affected deeply, but it was able to weather the terrific storm. Perhaps, if it were not for the noble mission that Ahepa is destined to fulfil we would have little to write and nothing to talk about. Every sound element of our race has already comprehended the idea of Ahepa and has willingly sacrificed everything to promote and strengthen its lofty ideals, and that is why Ahepa is succeeding in fulfilling a noble mission.

It is common knowledge that Ahepa is a comparatively young organization, and although it is only twelve years old it has managed to supersede many older organizations and many organizations greater in membership, in spite of the fact that it faced one of the greatest eras of economic pressure in the world's history. Ahepa has thus far played a leading role in cultivating and educating, not only its members, but all the people of Hellenic origin in general.

"Nothing is Beautiful but the True, and only the true is Lovable."—Arthur Schopenhauer.

We all know that Ahepa is built on the foundation of these three words. So let us all remain steadfast to its principles and ideals so that we may reach the ultimate goal.

District No. 12

Report of District Activities

UNDER the leadership of our highly regarded District Governor, Brother C. G. Paris, District Lodge No. 12 instituted and placed into execution "School of Instruction" meetings for the chapter officers of the district. At these meetings the chapter officers are instructed in the ways of properly conducting chapter meetings, keeping of chapter records, method of giving order by the presiding officer and in the procedure of "Robert's Rules of Order." The giving of orders and their proper execution by the chapter president were properly presented and executed by District Governor Paris. Instructions for the proper keeping of chapter records were given by our youthful, yet very energetic District Secretary, Brother C. I. Pappandreon. Instructions on parliamentary law were given by the writer, very ably assisted by the District Governor and the rest of the district lodge members.

In order to save time and effort, these "School of Instruction" meetings were arranged in the following order: Bluefield Chapter at Bluefield, W. Va.; Fredericksburg, Richmond and Hopewell Chapters at Richmond, Va.; Norfolk and Newport News Chapters at Norfolk, Va.; Roanoke, Lynchburg and Danville Chapters at Lynchburg, Va. Details of the Bluefield Chapter's meeting could not be secured because the writer, unfortunately, was absent from this meeting.

Below is the chronological order of the District Lodge's itinerary:

Bluefield (West Virginia) Chapter, October 23rd, no details.

On November 6th, the District Lodge visited the Richmond, Hopewell and Fredericksburg Chapters at Richmond, Va. The Richmond meeting was very well attended and the officers and members present showed their interest in the way business should be conducted in the chapter rooms. At the termination of the meeting, the Richmond Chapter entertained the District Lodge and the visiting chapter officers at an informal banquet at the St. Regis Restaurant, owned by Brother Nick Bambakos of the Richmond Chapter. Certain problems of the Richmond Chapter were informally discussed and ways for the proper solution of these problems have been suggested by the District Governor. At the termination of this feast, the District Lodge officers bade them good night and wished them wise elections.

On November 13th the District Lodge visited the Newport News and Norfolk Chapters at Norfolk, Va. This meeting was also well attended. The instructions at the Richmond meeting were repeated and were very well taken by those actively participating. At this meeting we found a good number of legal minded members, especially those of the Norfolk Chapter, among whom were the untiring workers of this chapter, Brothers Anthony Votsis, George Palno, Nick Asteris, and others whose names I cannot recall at this writing. During this meeting, as well as the previous and the following ones, different chapter officers and members were asked to preside. The results were very gratifying. Some of the boys found the president's chair very uncomfortable; in fact, they were glad to relinquish it when their time was up, but the great majority found themselves at home, although they had never occupied the position before. Brother G. Costis, Chaplain of the Norfolk Chapter, was among those "presiding."

At a subsequent meeting at which the writer was a visitor, the Norfolk Chapter showed material improvement in the conduct of its business.

On November 20th the District Lodge visited the Lynchburg, Danville, and Roanoke Chapters at Lynchburg, Va. This gathering was also very well attended. We, the District Lodge members, arrived at Lynchburg at 6 p. m. and were met by the officers of the chapter and conducted to the restaurant owned by our active and untiring worker of the Order, Brother John Chohanis (Barba Yianis), the "Giltahar" of Lynchburg Chapter. A dinner fit for a king, with the pro and after trimmings, was enjoyed until the opening of the meeting. The Lynchburg Chapter has always been one of the most progressive, if not the most progressive, chapters of the District. After the meeting a surprise was awaiting us. On this day, St. James' Day was celebrated and the material things for this celebration were furnished by the very industrious brother, James Costas. Brother Costas was seriously injured in an automobile accident several days before this meeting and, I am happy to report, he is convalescing rapidly and we of the District Lodge hope that he will be well by the time he reads this article. It is an established custom of the Lynchburg members that every member at a chapter meeting, after the celebration of the Saint of his namesake, to entertain the members. I believe this to be a good custom and I hope other

chapters will emulate the Lynchburg boys. These small entertainments certainly increase the spirit and mutual understanding of the members.

Among the most tireless workers of the Lynchburg Chapter are Brothers James Costas and John Chohonis (Barba Yianis). They, with the cooperation of certain other brothers whose names I cannot recall, are the mainstays of the chapter.

In closing my report of the activities of the 12th District, I will say, without fear of contradiction, that the spirit of the members for the Order is improving with the economic improvement of the country; reinstatements are being made; prospects are bright and initiations in large numbers will commence in the new year. The District Lodge is contemplating another tour to the chapters of the district for the instruction of the incoming administration. Therefore, I suggest to the newly elected officers to study the constitution, ritual and Roberts Rules of Order, and until then and my next report, I bid you, one and all, au revoir.

RICHARD J. KASSOLIS,
District Marshal.

District No. 13

Supreme President V. I. Chebithes Guest of Durham Chapter

MEMBERS of Ahepa Chapters in Durham and Wilson, N. C., and Danville, and Quantico, Va., gathered in Durham, N. C., Thursday night, Jan. 3rd, for a big meeting, arranged by the Durham Chapter in honor of Supreme President V. I. Chebithes and his party. The visitors left a few days later en route to Tarpon Springs, Florida, to celebrate Epiphany Day, which is considered a Florida celebration and where his Grace Archbishop Athenagoras officiated.

Several talks were made at this meeting but the one delivered by the Supreme President was the biggest feature of the program. In his short but very eloquent speech, the Supreme President explained the work and purpose of Ahepa since its inception in 1922 and stated that during the thirteen years of its existence, the Ahepa has contributed greatly to the political, economic and social welfare of the United States. He pointed out that the Order has now a very good rating among all the other Greek organizations.

The subject of the Sons of Pericles was outlined in short by the noted visitor. He emphasized the fact that the members of this organization will contribute more to the advancement of the nation and the principles of Ahepa because they are American born.

Some of the objects of the Ahepa were outlined by the Supreme President. Among them was a plan for operating a Greek-American seminary in this country for the education of American-born Greek boys. They would be educated both in Greek and English, then sent to Greece for two years to complete their studies. Upon returning to the United States, they will be appointed teachers for a few years and, later on, enter the priesthood. Thus, the future generation will have all the clergy educated and they will be able to serve them better.

In addition to President Chebithes, the following well-known Ahepans participated in the

meeting: C. G. Paris, District Governor of District No. 12 and Supreme Advisor of the Sons; Paul Virvos, President-elect; S. Stephanidis, Vice-President; Harry Cokinidis, Treasurer, and C. J. Pappandreu, Secretary, all of Fredericksburg (Va.) Chapter No. 290; G. Pantages and William Essaris, Chapters sending representatives to the meeting were those at Danville, Va.; Wilson, N. C., and Quantico, Va. District Governor W. H. Royster of District No. 13 was also present. The meeting was one of the best our chapter has held, credit for which should be given to our hard-working President, Gus Sunas, who arranged the affair so successfully on such short notice.

After the meeting an unofficial banquet was held at the Durham Cafe which was very well attended by the chapter's members and guests. Brother Essaris (Barba Vasilis), in a short but forceful speech, thanked the Durham Chapter and the officials, explained the high ideals of the Ahepa and praised the good work of the Durham Ahepans.

DURHAM ELECTIONS

On Wednesday night, Dec. 18, 1935, Durham Chapter No. 277 held its annual election and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Brother George Livas, President; Tom Skleris, Vice-President; S. M. Stelson, Secretary, and Steve Changaris, Treasurer, the last named having served as Treasurer ever since the installation of our chapter. Board of Governors: Gus Sunas, Chairman—a silent sincere worker and a devoted Ahepan; Felix Sklavounos, Manos Capsalis, and N. Gregory.

The following were appointed: Brothers Nick Liasides, the "happy-go-lucky" of our lodge, Captain of the Guards; Sam Gogos, Chaplain—well, the President couldn't put up a better one; Harry Dachtis, Warden; G. Chronakis, Sentinel, and Jim Velonis, Outside Sentinel.

The Durham Chapter enjoys a good and steady membership, a strong treasury and we can safely say that it's one of the best in the entire district.

S. M. SYELSON,
*Secretary-elect and Chairman
of Publicity Committee.*

District No. 14

Atlanta Chapter Holds 13th Annual Ball

SOME people have a fear of the 13th jinx, but not so with the Atlanta Chapter. On Friday, the 13th of December, 1935, Atlanta Chapter No. 1 of Atlanta, Georgia, held its 13th annual ball in the 13th year since the birth of the Ahepa in Atlanta. The highlight of the evening was the coronation of the Ahepa Queen for 1936, this being an annual affair for the last four years. The fortunate lady, Miss Helen Poulos, was chosen by popular vote at a get-together buffet supper, sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter for all Ahepans and their friends. Miss Poulos is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Poulos, one of the finest Greek families in Atlanta, and the granddaughter of the late Rev. Demetrios Petrides of Samos, Greece, who founded the Atlanta Greek School in 1914-15. But family

background certainly is not the basis for Miss Poulos' popularity, for not only is she a very beautiful girl but she is gracious and friendly and her personality is the envy of many.

The ball was held at the exclusive Georgian Terrace Hotel, with several hundred people present, among whom were many prominent Americans.

The coronation of the Ahepa Queen came about midway of the dance program. As the orchestra started the beautiful march from "Aida," the officers assembled in a semi-circle at one end of the spacious hall to form the background for the Queen's court. After the Ahepa creed was read by past President Chris Poole, President A. D. Rumanes announced the arrival of the Queen and her court. The Ahepa guards entered, forming an aisle for the rest of the procession. The retiring Queen, Miss Helen Pefinis, escorted by Past President Chris Poole and followed by the maids, who were escorted to their places by members of the Sons of Pericles. Then the little crown-bearer entered with the crown on a satin pillow. Miss Poulos proceeded to the throne, attended by the little twin sons of the Reverend and Mrs. Panos Constantiniades, who were the train bearers, to the overwhelmingly enthusiastic applause of the audience.

After the coronation address by President Rumanes, the Queen, escorted by the President, led the court in a grand march. Upon the return to the throne and the seating of the court the Ahepa officers and their wives, headed by the President and Mrs. Rumanes, led the grand march for the audience in review before the Queen and her court. The official Ahepa March was used in this instance.

The success of this beautiful affair is due to the efficient work of the members of the following committees: Ball: Mr. Nick Caranos, Chairman; John D. Chotas and Charles G. Kliros. Tickets: Mrs. George Carty, Chairman; Mrs. John D. Chotas and Mrs. Ange. Marinos. Flowers: Mrs. A. Carberis and Mrs. C. G. Kliros. Coronation: Mrs. N. J. Regas, Chairman, and Miss Evageline Papageorge.

The Annual Ahepa Ball is an event toward which not only Ahepans but all residents of the Greek Community look forward from year to year, with an eagerness and enthusiasm not unlike that of the five-year old looking forward to Santa Claus. And may the Atlanta Chapter continue to give this wholesome entertainment to Ahepans and their friends for many years to come—even if they all come on Friday, the thirteenth.

N. J. REGAS,
Secretary.

Brother Lamas Chosen President of Solon Chapter

BROTHER CHARLES LAMAS was elected President of Solon Chapter No. 5 of Savannah, Georgia, at the meeting held on December 24th, when new officers for the ensuing year were elected. Brother Lamas is one of the leaders in the Greek community of Savannah, and prior to his election as President was serving as Vice-President of the chapter. Brother Lamas succeeds Brother Nick D. Athanas, retiring President, who automatically becomes Chairman of the Board of Governors. Other officers elected were:

Sam Stelianos, Vice-President; Charles F. Frangou, Secretary; Theo. A. Kolgaklis, Treasurer. The members of the Board of Governors are: Nick D. Athanas, Chairman; Pano Karatassos, Paul Lamas, Nick Demosthenes and Charles Kachanis. The appointed officers are: Nick Demosthenes, Chaplain; James Miltiades, Warden; Pano Karatassos, Captain of the Guard; Nick Keleuides and George Polychronides, Sentinels.

The installation of the new officers took place at the first meeting of the chapter in January. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Nick Athanas, retiring President, presided.

There were two welcomed visitors at the meeting, one being Rev. Thomas J. Lacey, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, N. Y., and C. Arseniades, of Jamaica, N. Y., President of the Long Island Chapter. Dr. Lacey was returning home from a motor trip through Florida and was accompanied by Edward H. Cunningham, manager of the Redeemer basketball team and director of parish activities. When Dr. Lacey presented himself at the lodge room he received a royal welcome by the Solon Chapter members. He is widely known in Hellenic circles and was decorated by the Greek Government with the Cross of the Order of St. George.

District No. 17

Liberty Chapter News

A COMMITTEE of members of the Liberty Chapter No. 127, Cincinnati, Ohio, headed by President James Kappas, were guests of honor at the meeting held by the Clem A. Beckman Post No. 349, Veterans of Foreign Wars, on November 14th at the Memorial Hall, Cincinnati. During the meeting a beautiful silk American flag, bought by Ahepans, was presented to this veterans' organization. The presentation, on behalf of the Ahepans, was made by Brother George Demas, who in few but patriotic words expressed the feeling of the donors. Past President George Beam, who is in charge of the arrangements. Brother Beam, who is prominent in the affairs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is Past Commander of Post No. 349. It is needless to say that the soldier boys appreciated the act of the Cincinnati Ahepans.

LIBERTY CHAPTER CELEBRATES 9TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday night, December 15th, 1935, the Liberty Chapter celebrated the ninth anniversary of its founding. Approximately 200 persons attended and enjoyed themselves, dancing both to Greek and American tunes.

President James Kappas gave an outline of the activity of the chapter during its nine years of existence in this city. He remarked that "Ever since its founding in Cincinnati, Liberty Chapter had never ceased to be active in the social, community and patriotic affairs, being a credit to the Hellenic race as well as the Order of Ahepa. Ahepans have contributed much toward the welfare of the Greek community of this city, supporting the Greek school to the extent of approximately one thousand dollars from the chapter's treasury, besides urging all Ahepans to support it

individually. This chapter sent a generous check to the Ahepa Headquarters to be used in the fund being collected in 1928 for the relief of the sufferers of the Corinth earthquake. Numerous are the charity cases the chapter has undertaken, and it is with much pleasure that I say that this chapter is one of the strongholds of the Ahepa organization and will continue to be such."

President-elect Nickolas D. Sarakatsannis also spoke, pledging himself to the progress of the chapter. Past President George Beam was in charge of the arrangements committee, which also comprised George Canell, John P. Harritos, Charles Zitzas and N. D. Sarakatsannis.

During the morning the members, in a body, attended church services held at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Special commemorative services were held.

All in all, it would take a great deal of space to put in print the accomplishments of the Liberty Chapter, and the good that has been derived by the Hellenes of Cincinnati through its activities. Praise be to those who had the vision to be instrumental in the founding of the Ahepa in this city.

George Beam, Past President of Liberty Chapter No. 127 of the Ahepa has been appointed Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Department of Ohio, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has been prominent for many years in the affairs of the veterans' organizations. He is a Past Commander of the Clem A. Beckman Post No. 349, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and at present holds the position of Commissioner of the Soldiers' Relief Commission of Hamilton County.

World Renowned Greek-American Photographer Taken by Death

BROTHER NICKOLAS BORIS, prominent Cincinnati photographer and artist, whose work has received international recognition, died on November 18th, 1935, following a major operation. His untimely death is a distinct loss to Hellenism. He was a member of Middletown (Ohio) Chapter No. 209.

Although only 35 years old, Brother Boris' photographic studies—the most renowned of which was "Bas-Relief," a study of three gladiators, which has been shown in many major exhibits and which now is on a two years' tour of the world—have been acclaimed by art critics in virtually every country.

Mr. Boris was born in Patras, Greece. He came to this country nearly 20 years ago after studying at the Art Academy in Athens. He had studied painting before coming to this country.

When he met with the hardships of a young artist he became attracted to photography. In 1929 he came to Cincinnati and established himself as one of the leading photographers in the country.

In 1931 he received the Empire championship and was made a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain. He has also received recognition from the Italian, Greek, French, and Austrian Governments.

He was commissioned by the Federal Government in 1928 to make a photographic survey of the national parks. Last summer he

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AHEPANS

Παρασυνήσατε καὶ τοὺς μὴ Ἀχέπανες καὶ λάβουτε μέρος εἰς τὴν Ἐκδρομὴν μας, καὶ τίχουτε τῶν ἐπέγειρημάτων αὐτῆς.

Ἐφέτος ὅλος ἔξαρτητικὸς οὗς ἀναμύει εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα λαμπρὰ καὶ θερμὴ ὑποδοχὴ, με ζαχαρὶ καὶ παραλάσει.

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Εἰς τῶν Ἀδελφῶν Νικολάου, Διευθυντῶν τοῦ ΡΕΞ καὶ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ, θὰ συμμετάσχη τῆς Ἐκδρομῆς, καὶ τὴ συμπεράξει τῶν

ΑΝΤ. ΓΡΑΦΕΙΩΝ ΜΑΣ

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photographed the State Park of Virginia at Mountain Lake, Virginia.

He was a member of the Photographic Association of America, Preston Scientific Society of Photography, Cincinnati Art Club, and Civitan Club. He held honorary memberships in many leading art clubs.

His widow, Mrs. Anna Eckhardt Boris; a brother, John Paul Boris, who has a studio in Hamilton, Ohio, but who will continue his brother's work in Cincinnati, and his parents and two brothers, who live in Greece, survive him.

JOHN P. HARRIS.

Louisville Members Present Greek Athlete with Wrist Watch

RECOGNITION of a Louisville, Kentucky, lad who typifies the best traditions of the ancient Greeks, was given at the Male High School victory rally on Dec. 2nd, 1935, when the George Dillboy Chapter No. 129 of the Ahepa at Louisville presented Chris Katope, Captain of the Purple Football Team, with a wrist watch. Judge Dietzman, in presenting the watch on behalf of the chapter, pointed out that Chris is a fine student, as well as a star athlete, thus combining the ideals of the Hellenes. Chris is the son of Brother George Katope, member of the Louisville Ahepa Chapter.

We reproduce below the comments made by *The Louisville Times* in its issue of December 2nd:

"With purple and gold banners flying, pupils, parents and old grads of Louisville Male High School gathered Monday for a rousing, happy pep rally in the auditorium at Brook and Breckinridge, to celebrate the school's sensational Thanksgiving Day victory over their rival Crimsons of Manual.

"With W. S. Milburn, principal, presiding, the rally was off with mounting enthusiasm until Judge Richard Priest Dietzman, former Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, made an address preliminary to presenting Chris Katope, Male High captain, star of the victory and son of Greek parents, a wrist watch in behalf of the George Dillboy Chapter, Order of Ahepa, local Greek organization.

"After appropriate remarks concerning the return of the 'glory that was Greece,' a call for Chris revealed him absent. Knowing the modesty of the gridiron luminary, members of the faculty and classmates combed the building, telephoned his home and searched the neighborhood, but no Katope.

"Stamping of feet and calls of 'We want Katope' were of no avail and the program went on while Prof. George T. Ragsdale, head of the Louisville Police School, followed instructions of Mayor Miller and instituted a city-wide police search. More than half an hour passed while representative Greek citizens, members of Chris' family and harassed faculty members fumed until Chris walked nonchalantly into the school lobby, greeting frenzied greeters with a calm: 'Gee, I just went down town.'

"Praised for his scholarship as well as his ability on the football field, Chris responded to calls for 'speech' by relaxing against the speakers' stand and firmly declaring that 'all the credit should go to the whole school. We outplayed them, outfought them and outthought them,' he said. 'But it wasn't a one-

man job. It was the whole team and the school that made us win. I certainly want to thank you for this watch. It will come in mighty handy,' he added. 'I appreciate, I appreciate . . .' and then Chris choked up and walked off as cheers echoed."

District No. 18 Alpha Chapter Installs at Ahepa Temple

ON SUNDAY, January 26th, Alpha Chapter, No. 40, of Detroit, Mich., held its installation of officers at the Ahepa Temple, with an attendance of more than 400. It was an evening of reunion and friendliness. The program commenced at 6 o'clock, with Past District Governor Anthony C. Lingon presiding. He announced the program of the evening and stated the purpose of the gathering.

The American colors were escorted to the platform while "America" was being played, followed by the Greek flag while the national anthem was rendered. The chaplain, Bro. Emmanuel Karay, invoked the blessing of the evening, and then the chairman presented the retiring officers in a novel way.

The Captain of Guards at this time announced the arrival of the Supreme Vice President, Bro. Constantine Tsangadas, and our District Governor, Bro. Peter Magas. Brother Tsangadas delivered a memorable address which received applause deafening to our ears.

The chairman, Brother Lingon, spared no expression of appreciation for the outstanding work which our retiring President, Bro. Charles Pappas, had rendered to his chapter and presented Brother Pappas with a past-president's jewel. Brother Pappas, deeply touched by the presentation, thanked the members in a very melancholy manner.

The newly installed President, Bro. Ernest Pappas, addressed the assembly with a very commendable speech, assuring the chapter of greater activities, with the cooperation of the members.

District Governor Magas was greatly inspired during the ceremonies. In his address to the assembly he spoke very highly of Alpha Chapter and assured the members that our chapter has the admiration of District No. 18.

Other officers installed were: Thomas Economy, Vice President; Thomas D. Vossos, Secretary; George Condos, Treasurer; John Saros, Chaplain; Peter Ximetos, Captain of the Guards; George Lambros, Inside Sentinel; Victor Metaxas, Outer Sentinel. Board of Governors: Charles J. Pappas, Chairman; Angelo Chures, Nick Stergiotis, Peter Peterson, Gus Corden. Board of Trustees: Nicholas Cardaris, Gus Keros and John Saros.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the guests and members were served refreshments. A dance ended the evening's program.

THOMAS D. VOSSOS,
Secretary.

News Flashes from Alpha Chapter

AHEPA in Michigan boasts of the fact that it has in its jurisdiction two Supreme Lodge officers, namely, the dynamic Supreme Vice President Constantine Tsangadas and Supreme Treasurer Charles Preketes. This

district is commanded by the "Napoleon" of Kalamazoo, Peter Magas, District Governor of District 18, who knows every member by his first name and who, when he wants things done, goes about it himself. The local Detroit chapter, with the building worries almost over for the time being, is "on the road to recovery." The real soldiers keep up the good work and the Ahepa is here to stay for centuries to come. The "Sons" are also doing good work and plenty of pep is promised for the future Ahepans.

The Old Guard, Charles N. Diamond, after a serious illness of several months, has returned full of pep and is ready to fight for the good of the Ahepa. No sooner had he returned to his family than he was called to lead the Hellenic Post, No. 100, American Legion, as its Commander for 1936.

Ernest Pappas, "dean" of the lawyers in Detroit, has returned to practice law in Detroit and the members of the Alpha Chapter honored him by electing him President of the chapter for 1936. Ernest will do great work and he is fully entitled to the honors.

In the death of Bro. George Copoulos, on December 23, 1935, Alpha Chapter lost one of its most loved brothers. Members of the Ahepa and the entire community attended his funeral services. Brother Copoulos was a past Treasurer of the chapter, a real soldier, and we shall always remember him.

Chamber of Commerce Pays Tribute to Ahepa Chapter at Benton Harbor, Michigan

RACIAL PAGEANT PROPOSED

(Taken from the New Year's edition of the *News-Palladium*, Benton Harbor, Mich.)

"IT has been the hope of the Chamber of Commerce that some year we might have one day in Blossom Week set aside to portray in the form of pageantry something of the blood stream from the Old World that has gone into the making of this section of Southwestern Michigan. Certainly it would be interesting to witness an exhibition of the various activities of the many national groups.

"Two small but very active organizations among the foreign born are the Fruit Belt Chapter of the Order of Ahepa and its auxiliary, the Daughters of Penelope. As their names indicate, their membership is made up of those of Greek birth or descent.

"The national order of Ahepa was founded about 15 years ago, but the local chapter is of fairly recent origin.

"Ahepa, which numbers nearly all of the Greek men here in its membership, recently elected Peter Kerhulas as president.

"The Daughters of Penelope, while not a large group since there are not many Greek women in this vicinity, make up in enthusiasm what they lack in numbers. Under the leadership of Mrs. Nick Katsoulos, the club has been able to provide social affairs for its members and to raise money for worthwhile community charities during the past year. Since the Daughters of Penelope is an auxiliary of Ahepa, its avowed objects are much the same.

"The local chapter, however, is laying special stress on giving the Greek women here a better knowledge of American customs and our language.

"Miss Stella Burgann, the attractive young niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Kanalos, is one of the enthusiastic and active members.

"You see," she explained, "it is difficult for Greek women to learn our American ways and language. In Greece women live a very sheltered life, more like that of the women of the Near East. They are not accustomed to the social freedom of the American woman. The difference between Greek and English alphabets makes it especially hard for our Greek women to learn to read and write in English. Thus they are denied the educational opportunities of American books and magazines.

"In the Daughters of Penelope we conduct our whole ritual in English, to teach new English words. We open and close our meeting with the singing of "America."

"She handed over a typewritten copy of 'America.' We use these copies to read from. If we are going to sing this twice in one evening, it stands to reason that we will soon learn the words and learn how they look in print. We aim to promote the social and ethical life of our members and when we do that we are also aiding in promoting the social and ethical life of the community."

"A suggestion that perhaps these groups would be interested in helping to promote one day of nationality interests during Blossom Week met with enthusiastic agreement.

"Mrs. John Kanalos described an interesting New Year's custom that will be observed today by many of the Greek families here.

"In Greece we call New Year's St. Basil's day. "St. Vasilii," we say. When he lived he tried to teach people to give without letting anyone know they were giving. So on New Year's day he went to the homes of the poor and left loaves of bread on their steps with money in the bread.

"In memory of this we bake a large ornate cake on New Year's day and put in it a piece of silver. At the table the father cuts the cake in as many pieces as there are people, with an extra piece for the house. The first piece he takes out is for the house, the next for himself, the next for the mother, and so on down to the youngest child. The one who gets the silver is supposed to have luck for the year. But if house gets the silver good fortune comes to the whole household."

"New Year's day is a day for making calls and today there will be much visiting among the Greek families here, each one calling out 'Eite Pala,' meaning many years."

Lansing Celebrates Christmas

THE young Greek residents of Lansing, Michigan, under the direction of Miss Baryames, presented an entertaining Christmas program on Sunday, December 22nd, 1935, at the Ahepa Hall. The program was sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Sunday School, Miss Baryames acting as mistress of ceremonies. Immediately following the program, refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening. Miss Irene Letsis Summers was the accompanist at the piano for the program, which is detailed below:

Greek and American National Anthem
Silent Night
Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem
It Came Upon a Midnight Snow

Children's Chorus

Candlelight Ceremonies

Birth of Christ Tablets, Della Baryames, Steve Giannaris, Gregory Letsis, John Giannaris, Charles Baryames.

Violin Solo, Mary Letsis.

Greek Songs, George Ermoussou.

Nautilon's Revue, George Nicholas, Anne Korbakis, Anna Koutos, Sophie Koutos, Johanna Vlahakis.

Music, Arthur Nicholas and Band.

Jingle Bell Tap Dance, Johanna Vlahakis, Menda Stolis, Anne and Sophie Koutos, Angelina Baryames, Anna and Mary Letsis.

Christmas Spirit (Poem), Chrisoula Semecia.

Christmas (Poem), Menda Stolis.

School Bell Feyer (Two-Act Play), Amanda, Anna Letsis; Mother, Stella Gikas; Doctor, Arthur Nicholas.

Piano Solo, Salina Soteris.

Musketoes and Holly (Main Feature), Play in three acts: Billy, Paul Panakos; Helen, Angelina Baryames; Minister, Martha Gikas; Holly, Mary Letsis; Sprite, Stella Gikas.

Gifts of appreciation of their services to the young Greeks responsible for the entertainment were presented to Mr. Sam Vlahusis and Mr. James Giannaris by Miss Baryames. She spoke briefly on the contributions of these two members to the Sunday School.

LANSING CHAPTER.

Fruit Belt Chapter Celebrates St. John's Day

THE Fruit Belt Chapter No. 292, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, held a party in commemoration of St. John's Day. The affair took place on Tuesday, January 7, at the Harbor Restaurant. The twelve "Johns" and two "Joannas" wore roses to designate that they were celebrating. The table was adorned with lovely flowers and the dinner, which was typically Greek, was attractively served. All the "Johns" sat at one end of the table, and many were the toasts drunk to their health. Brother John Kanalos, the toastmaster of the evening, called on Brother Nick Dorotheon, the President of the chapter, who spoke briefly. The next speaker was Charlie Antone, a member of the "House of David" cult, who spoke on the significance of the day. Peter Kerhulas, the newly elected President, was the next speaker. Tom State, Secretary of the 18th District, offered a few remarks. Brother Tom State, whose nameday is on the 18th of January, decided to celebrate with the "Johns," so he was "christened" by Godfather John Kanalos, who gave him the name of John. After the mock ceremony coins were distributed, as is generally done.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Dorotheon, Mr. and Mrs. John Giaris, Mr. and Mrs. John Kanalos, John Alex, John Anderson, John Asimakos, John Alexandrou, John Govatos, John Johnson, John Moutsatson, John State, Mrs. Tom State, Mildred and Wilma State, Joanna Kanalos, Joanna Couvelis, Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews, Margaret and Andrew Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. James Smirniotis, Jane, Genevieve, Fanny and Teddy Smirniotis, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Katsoulos, Peggy and George Katsoulos, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moutsatson, Mr. and Mrs. William Manos, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Couvelis, Stephen and Jimmie Couvelis, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Shenias, Messrs. Nick and Mike Baltas, Alex Gust, George Mantis, Nick Dorotheon, Peter Kerhulas, Stella Burgames.

After the banquet Greek and American dancing was enjoyed. This affair was one of the outstanding events in our round of festi-

ivities. Everyone had a good time and we are eagerly awaiting the next social gathering.

JOHN KANALOS,
Secretary.

Toledo Chapter Elects Efficient Staff

THE following officers will guide Ypsilanti Chapter No. 118, Toledo, Ohio, during the coming year and we are glad to note that such efficient men were selected: Thomas Fisher, President; Gust Papoulias, Vice-President; Louis Alex, Secretary; Gus Galvalos, Treasurer; Hela Kagin, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Louis Nakos, Steve Compoulos, Mike Zaros and Peter Zouvelos, Governors. The appointed officers are G. County, Chaplain; Charles Poulos, Warden; George Trapalis, Captain of the Guards, and Angelo Pappas, Sentinel.

"The Brother Is Absent"

AFTER an extensive and exhaustive investigation as to why some of our members do not attend the chapter meetings, I found more excuses than I ever dreamed existed and hereby present the following alibis that were given: Bad weather; too cold; rained; too nice; too hot; stormed; sick; playing pinocle; went to wrestling match; went to boxing match; went to theatre; went to another meeting; went to "name-day" party; listened to radio; forgot to pay dues; automobile not running; took family for a ride; supper too late; over-ate; don't need me in lodge room; one vote doesn't count; clock was slow; clock stopped; had to shave; friends called; worked too hard; have to get up early; working nights; too much smoking in lodge room; meeting lasts too long; just didn't go; couldn't find the lodge room.

Seriously, what is wrong; what really keeps members from our meetings? From the above enumerated excuses, sickness is the only pardonable reason. Surely to attend lodge meetings is to receive inspiration. A speaker is certain to arouse your enthusiasm and instill new thoughts about the Ahepa. An entertainment always provides enjoyment. Listening to the ritual prompts you to renew your vows and step out into the world the next day a better man. And, aside from your association with your fellow members, there is the very action of getting out of your rooms, finding a change of scenery, securing a change in view-point. Why do you go to the movies, calling or riding? Merely for a change of routine, new thoughts. Why not apply this same reason for going to the lodge meeting? You will be inspired and it will arouse and stimulate your lagging feeling. Now is the time to renew your vows to the Ahepa. So, let us forget the alibis and attend the meetings regularly.

THOMAS FISHER,

President, Ypsilanti Chapter No. 118

TOLEDO GROUPS HOLD THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

Ypsilanti Chapter No. 118 of the Ahepa, assisted by Dodona Chapter No. 24 of the Daughters of Penelope and Aesclepius Chapter No. 116 of the Sons of Pericles, held a Thanks-

giving Festival on November 26th at the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the Greek Church of Toledo. It was a successful affair, both socially and financially, all of which is due to the untiring efforts of the chairman, Constantine Rouppas, his co-chairman, Mrs. George Theodore, representing the Daughters of Penelope, and Peter Skalkos, representing the Sons.

Carnival concessions were in evidence about the room, the members of the Daughters of Penelope being in charge: Flowers, Mrs. James Markos and Mrs. Angelo Pappas; Candy Wheel, Mrs. Anthony Adams; Turkey Raffle, Mrs. Charles Morris and Miss Pauline Fushanis; Money Raffle, Mrs. John Janelis. The working concessions of the brothers of the Ypsilanti Chapter were chuck-luck; Refreshments, George Theodore, James Markos, George Trapalis, Theodore Carlos, Charles Poulos, Mike Zaros and Thomas Liaros. The committee on arrangements and tickets consisted of Hela Kagin, Thomas Fisher, James Karas, Anthony Adams, Gus Papoulias, Louis Nakos and Charles Andros.

District Governor Peter Magas, of Kalamazoo, was one of the honor guests, as well as the Reverend Konst. Hatzidemetriou, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church.

The two charming and talented little daughters of Brother George Politis entertained the gathering with a novelty dancing act. American and Greek dancing by the more than 500 guests attending the festival culminated the evening's entertainment.

ANTHONY ADAMS,
Publicity Committee.

District No. 19

Log of District Governor Leo J. Lamberson

IF another District Governor in the entire country can surpass this record, we would appreciate its publication," so states Governor Lamberson in filing with the headquarters a list of his visits to the chapters since October last. The log of the district governor follows: Oct. 6-7, 1935, visited Kokomo Chapter, also Muncie and Anderson. Oct. 10-11, attended Chapter of Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope functions at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Oct. 13, attended District meeting at Cincinnati, District No. 17. Nov. 6-7, visited Indianapolis meeting. Nov. 12, attended initiation of Mayor of Gary Chapter. Nov. 13, visited Hammond Chapter and Sons of Pericles. Nov. 17, visited open meeting at Kokomo, Indiana. Nov. 24, accompanied East Chicago Chapter in attending the M. E. Church of East Chicago. Dec. 1, participated in Muncie initiation. Dec. 4, trip to Indianapolis. Dec. 11, visited Gary Chapter. Dec. 12-13, visited Anderson and Fort Wayne Chapters. Dec. 18, visited East Chicago Chapter. Jan. 9, 1936, attended Fort Wayne Chapter installation. Jan. 12, trip to Kokomo, attended an installation of Muncie, Anderson, and Kokomo Chapters.

Jan. 19, attended Kalamazoo (Michigan) Chapter installation, thus making a total of 3572 miles, visiting each and every chapter at least once officially and some two or three.

Installation of Fort Wayne Officers

ON the 9th of January, Fort Wayne (Ind.) Chapter No. 81, among a crowd of 150 people, installed its officers for the ensuing year. Our capable District Governor, Leo Lamberson, acting as installing officer, performing a perfect job. We had not witnessed anything like it for many years. Everyone expressed their satisfaction in the way the ceremony was conducted. The following officers were installed: James Heliotis, President; George Koutras, Vice-President; Tom Valasopoulos, Secretary; George Karanoutsos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Nick Mathews, Chairman; John Asimakopoulos, Tom Pappas, Dennis Melonas, and Philip Paelos. Those appointed were: Pete Mallers, Chaplain; George Christ, Warden; Pete Joseph, Captain of the Guard, and William Theodore, Sentinel.

Brother James Heliotis, the newly installed President, pledged himself to do his best in again making the Fort Wayne Chapter the outstanding one of our district, and all the brothers assured him of their full cooperation.

The out of town visitors included Past District Governor Nick Kandis and his charming wife, who recently returned from Greece with her two sons. Brother Kandis made a brief speech outlining the importance of fraternalism. We also had with us the Past President of Pullman Chapter No. 205 of Chicago, Michael Lambros, who spoke about the Ahepa. Our District Governor outlined the contents of a book written by Supreme President V. L. Chebithes, emphasized the importance of subscribing to our District Bulletin and ended with warm and sincere congratulations to the newly elected officers.

Immediately after the installation, a musical program was enjoyed by the assembly. The participants, who were all young folks, were: the Misses Philippine and Elaine Strimmonos, who favored us with selections on the mandolin and guitar; young Kaminitas and his sister, with Hawaiian selections, and little Billy Vazenis, with Greek and American solos. Two small boys played the saxophone. Mrs. Anastasia Vazenis rendered vocal selections.

As the entertainment came to a close, the folks enjoyed a nicely prepared luncheon with plenty of beer and ice cream, and "pop" for the children.

To our good brother and untiring worker, Pete Mallers, goes much credit for the preparation of the luncheon. As chairman, he went on to the last minute taking care of the folks and seeing to it that no one was overlooked. Even the children were very well taken care of. I extend to Brother Mallers my sincere congratulations; also to his assistant, Brother George Karanoutsos.

On behalf of the newly installed President we thank all the past officers for their splendid cooperation; the Daughters of Penelope and all the ladies and brothers for the overwhelming support they gave us by attending the ceremonies, and the talented youngsters and Mrs. Vazenis for their cooperation in making the affair a huge success.

TOM VALASOPOULOS.

Anderson, Muncie and Kokomo (Ind.) Chapters Enjoy Joint Installation Services

INSTALLATION services for new officers of the Kokomo, Anderson and Muncie Chapters of the Ahepa were held in a joint meeting in Kokomo, Sunday afternoon, January 12th. Members from the chapters in several other Indiana cities were also present. Leo Lamberson of South Bend, District Governor, was the installing officer and gave all the work except for the installation of the Vice-Presidents, which was handled by Nick Mandis.

Those ushered into office were: Anderson Chapter No. 198: James Prokos, President; Andrew Blassaras, Vice-President; John Lambros, Secretary; Gus Pancel, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Tom Cochifas, Chairman; Eli Alatzas, Thomas Cotter, George Janetis and Nick Pancel, Thomas Marianos, Chaplain; Thomas Cotter, Warden; Pete Pancel, Captain of the Guard; Nick Pancel, Sentinel, and George Anton, Sentinel.

Muncie Chapter No. 210: Thomas Chamas, President; Christ Liakos, Vice-President; Theodore Mentis, Secretary, and Charles Peterson, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Michael Drake, Chairman; Nick Mentis, Nick Rigas, George Fekas and Gus Kerkondis, Gus Kerkondis, Chaplain; Nick Rigas, Warden; Nick Mentis, Captain of the Guard; Nick Livieratos, Inside Sentinel, and Aris Mentis, Outside Sentinel.

Kokomo Chapter No. 227: Nick Mavrick, President; Pete Lambert, Vice-President; George Mikalas, Secretary; Mike Stavropoulos, Treasurer. Father Jewell, Chaplain, and Steve Rigos, Warden.

In tracing the life of Greeks in the United States, Governor Lamberson said that Michael Drakas was the first Greek who came to America. He settled in New Orleans, La., in 1775. At the present time he said there are 750,000 persons of Greek extraction living in the United States.

Other speakers in the program included: Nick Mavrick, Kokomo, President; Nick Pailkos, Tipton; James Prokos, Anderson; Tom Cochifas, Anderson; Pete Lambert, Kokomo; Mrs. Tom Cochifas, President of the Daughters of Penelope of Anderson; Pete Pancel, and the Rev. George A. P. Jewell, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Kokomo.

District No. 20

Charity Event Held by Fond du Lac Chapter

HOLY Trinity Greek Orthodox Church parlors were crowded on the evening of the first annual charity ball, sponsored by Fond du Lac (Wis.) Chapter No. 49, at Thanksgiving time. More than 200 members and friends of the Ahepa Chapter and Greek community attended. Dancing was entertainment to music by a four-piece orchestra.

In an interlude Denis Staseson, President of the chapter, expressed appreciation of the brotherhood to members and to other residents of the community who assisted. All proceeds will be devoted to aid for the needy. Mr. Staseson also introduced Attorney Frederick K. Foster, who gave a short talk commending the spirit of the organization.

Lunch was served by the committee, including James Moligianes, Chairman, Peter Liacopoulos, Gust Thomas and Peter Apostol, assisted by Chris Katsoules and Gust Moligianes and a group from the Sons of Pericles, junior affiliate organization of Ahepa. George Ganacopoulos, Sam BeKearis and Gust Pothas.

Nearly 350 tickets were sold for the event. District Governor Andrew Zafropoulos, of District No. 20, unable to attend the ball, sent the following message to the committee on arrangements:

"Sorry cannot be with you. Just returned from western chapters official visitations. Kindly convey my message to the crowd and Ahepans. May this Thanksgiving Day bring happiness to all, an enjoyable evening, success and prosperity, and the spirit of charity should prevail above all things."

Fond du Lac Chapter's New Officers

JAMES MOLOGIANES was elected President of Fond du Lac Chapter No. 49 for the year 1936, succeeding Denis Stateson, who has served the chapter in that capacity for the past four years. Brother Moligianes is also Treasurer of District Lodge No. 20, of which the Fond du Lac Chapter is a part.

Others elected were Peter Liacopoulos, Vice-President; Anist Drankus, re-elected Secretary; and Peter Apostol, Treasurer. New members of the Board of Governors are Denis Stateson, Chairman; Spyros Callis, Andrew T. Scott, Harry Poulos and Chris Katsoules.

ANIST DRANKUS,
Secretary.

District No. 23

Andrew Jackson Chapter Sponsors Minstrel Show and Dance

ON Sunday night, December 15, 1935, Andrew Jackson Chapter No. 133, of New Orleans, gave its annual entertainment at the Jerusalem Temple. This year the Jubilee Entertainers presented their eleventh Grand Novelty Minstrels De Luxe, with a company of 45 persons. Following the wonderful performance of the Jubilee entertainers, dancing was held. Over 600 people were present. The committee in charge of the entertainment and dance was composed of: Brothers Mike Kontos, Chairman; Harry Fotiades, Vasile Gazis, George Salles, John Vamvoras, I. J. Gauthier and Ernest Couloheras.

New Orleans Ahepans Host at Children's Christmas Party

On Sunday night, December 29th, the Andrew Jackson Chapter again played host to over 100 children of the local Hellenic community at a Christmas party. The party was given in the hall of the school of the New Orleans Greek Community. The children recited a number of appropriate poems; the choir of the local Hellenic Church sang a few hymns and Mrs. V. Gazis recited an original composition entitled, "The Christmas Guest," very befitting the occasion.

A. Papadacis, G. S. Gabriel, C. Brania and Rev. Zagrafos addressed the gathering, which filled every available space of the hall. After the presents were distributed to the children, refreshments were served. The committee on arrangements was composed of John Vamvoras, G. S. Gabriel and Harry Fotiades.

A. E. COULOHERAS,
Past District Governor, District No. 23.

Miss Lillian Theophiles Wins First Prize at Costume Ball

IN A costume duplicating that of Eleanor Powell, movie actress, in "Broadway Melodies of 1936," Lillian Theophiles, student of Stonewall Jackson High School, Houston, Texas, won first prize in the recent annual costume ball of the American Hellenic Women's Society at the University Club. Miss Theophiles is the daughter of Bro. John Theophiles, prominent Ahepan of Houston and a former member of the Supreme Lodge.

It is the consensus of opinion in Texas that Bro. and Mrs. Theophiles have the most charming and attractive daughter in the State and, although Miss Lillian is but twelve years old, she impresses the average person of being about sixteen or seventeen. A few months ago she was chosen by popular vote as the Princess of the Annual Fete held in Houston.

The young lady who won the second prize at the recent costume ball was Miss Eva B. Kusakis, who also deserves all the nice things we can say about her. She is the daughter of Bro. William Kusakis, an old timer of Houston and a true blue Ahepan.



Miss Eva B. Kusakis, second prize winner at the Houston ball.

District No. 24

Abundant Holiday Festivity in Wichita

IN THE hope of promulgating and instituting a better feeling and closer cooperation among the officers and members, the first discussion-dinner meeting of Air Capital Chapter, No. 187, of Wichita, Kansas, was held on Sunday, November 18, 1935, at the Allis Hotel. What was said at that meeting we will let you conjecture, but the results will be evident in the forthcoming year and will speak for themselves and the meeting. Those who attended were George A. Poulson, Sam Dushong, Steve Provias, John Apostol, Gus Demeris, Albert C. Offenstein, Dan Poulos, Alex G. Leber, Dr. C. E. Boutros, Andrew Mikes, Christ Stathis, Paul Nikakis, Gus Poulos and Pete E. Thomas.

Greek carols and hymns, sung in Greek, were broadcast over radio Station KFJH in Wichita by the Greek chorus on Friday, December 20, 1935. The program and the reception were so favorable that a return broadcast was given Christmas morning. The chorus included Misses Christina Leber, Mary Leber, Angeline Leber, Georgia Demeris, Theodora Demeris, Marina Balafas and Mr. George J. Leber. "Yennosis sou Christie," "Holy God," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "En Upsistes Angeloi," and "Nux lera" were the numbers sung. Mrs. Gus Demeris, Greek school instructor, was the director and George A. Poulson the announcer. He greeted the listening Hellenes and Americans with the season's greetings in the Greek language.

By popular request, the group sang again on New Year's Day over Station KFJH. Numbers included the Greek "Callanta." This group was the only one known to have sung in Greek.



Miss Lillian Theophiles, winner of the first prize at Houston's Costume Ball.

over the radio on Christmas Day, though a national network broadcast did carry a program of foreign Christmas Day programs, but Greece was not included, so the local group feels that it holds a unique place among musical organizations.

Christmas night the annual Community Party, given by the children of the Greek school took place at the Ahepa Hall. Plays, poems and Christmas carols in English and Greek were the features of the program. Presents were distributed to the children who took part. Mrs. Gus Demeris was in charge of the program and George A. Poulson, community church president, was chairman.

It was with deep regret that we recently learned of the death of Bro. John Apostol's father, who died at his home in Psari, Trifilias, on December 8th, at the age of eighty-four.

John Apostol is a past president of the local chapter, serving in 1930. He also served as president of the Ayias Trias Community in Wichita in 1931. Last year he was president of the local chapter of the Eagle Lodge. As an organizer, Brother Apostol is noted for having organized the Dance Club among the Hellenes here, which holds a weekly Friday night dance at the Ahepa Hall. He was also instrumental in the organization of the Sons of Pericles here in 1930. This year he holds office on the Board of Governors and is Deputy District Governor of the district. All the members of the chapter and district extend their deepest sympathy to him in his great loss.

Election of 1936 officers of the Air Capital Chapter was held last month. Chris Stathis is the new President; Pete E. Thomas, Vice President; Alex G. Leber, Secretary; George A. Poulson, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; Albert C. Offenstein, Chairman of the Board of Governors; John Apostol, Gus Balafas, Dr. C. E. Boutros and Chris Bouras, Governors. The appointed officers are: Gus Demeris, Chaplain; Gus Paulos, Warden; Steve Provias, Captain of the Guard; Paul Nikakis, Inside Sentinel and Harry Lefas, Outside Sentinel.

This is the third consecutive year that Alex G. Leber has been elected to the office of secretary. Albert C. Offenstein automatically became chairman of the Board of Governors by virtue of being the retiring President.

On New Year's Eve the chapter was host to the annual Ahepa New Year's Frolic. At 9 o'clock in the evening the crowd started to arrive and by 10 the Ahepa Hall was filled to capacity. When the hour of 12 struck, according to local custom, the lights were turned off and everyone gave vent to all the joy and noise he could muster, with the aid of horns and noisemakers. It was 2:30 in the morning before dancing ceased and the tired revellers went home.

Dr. C. E. Boutros was the chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

At the annual New Year's Eve Frolic of the local chapter, Miss Christina Leber, daughter of Bro. John Leber, was voted the most popular girl at the affair. Bro. Chris Stathis, newly elected President, was acclaimed the most popular man.

To complete a joyous ushering in of the New Year, the chorus that sang over the radio on Christmas Day sang again in a return broadcast over Station KFJ on New Year's

Day at 5 P. M. The program included the New Year's song, "Ayios Basilis," "Pan H Elpithes," "H Prote Ayape," "Maura Matia," "Ayapes Loyia" and "Enthemison Sklera."

Those who sang were Theodora and Georgia Demeris, Mary, Christina and Ageline Leber, Marina Balafas and George J. Leber. George A. Poulson was the announcer. Nine-year old Jimmy Poulson accompanied the group in "Ayios Basilis" with his violin.

ALEX G. LEBER,

Secretary, Air Capital Chapter, No. 187.

District No. 25

Why We Shall Give Gold to Receive Silver

FROM experience gained from contact with different classes of people and nationalities, I have heard many complaints against the Greek business people. Recently I met an old gentleman of another nationality who raised a complaint in this respect. He had visited some of our business establishments and sought to secure interviews with the manager or proprietor. Half the time the manager or proprietor was reported "out," although he later learned that he had been speaking directly with him.

We should not try to fool the public—in the long run we only fool ourselves and discredit our standing and business possibilities in the community. To make a success of business we must come in contact with other nationalities in a different way than through social activities. This may be done through fraternal orders that may exist in your community; in our political life, regardless of the party to which one may belong, and by being liberal and helping charity organizations so as to lessen the distress in our communities. We must change our ways toward the public, being kind and courteous at all times to our patronage. We must prove ourselves worthy of our ancestors instead of living by our heritage. For example, when a certain young man appeared before the judge for a criminal offense and was sentenced to jail, he addressed the judge like this: "Your Honor, you can't sentence me to jail because so and so is my father." This, of course, had nothing to do with his father and he received his punishment. It only goes to show that a person will receive his reward according to his activities, whether they are bad or good.

MIKE BELLAS,

District Treasurer.

Demosthenes Chapter Reviews Its Accomplishments During 1935

AT THE regular meeting of Demosthenes Chapter, No. 66, of Minneapolis, on December 5th, President Spear A. Zacher opened the lodge in due form with all officers and a majority of the members present. The following members were elected to carry on the work during the coming year: Thomas Christie, President; George Chandler, Vice President; Thomas Kalogerson, Secretary; George Boosalis, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Spear A. Zacher, Chairman; Spero Booziotis, D. N. Karulis, George Assemis and George Casper.

Another year of Ahepa achievements rolls into the past. As we look over the past twelve months, we wonder—has it all been worth while? There can be but one answer, "Yes." Much of the finer things have come to pass. The year has been a decided success. We have had to take the bitter with the sweet, but I believe that each one of us feels that our chapter has been one of which to be proud. None of us needs to apologize for belonging to it. It would be impossible to recount all our activities in 1935 but we would like to give a few members, at least, honorable mention.

Under the leadership of President Spear A. Zacher a very high attendance at our chapter meetings was attained.

To Vice President Spero Booziotis we feel deeply indebted. He attended every meeting of the chapter, worked hard always, and unceasingly preached the gospel of Ahepanism in our community. Such a man is an asset to the Order of Ahepa.

Our Secretary, Bro. O. H. Cacharelis, is to be commended for the splendid and efficient manner in which he kept his books.

Our District Governor, Bro. Christ N. Geankoplis, is a member of our own Demosthenes Chapter and of this we have reason to feel proud. He has pleasantly and enthusiastically served the chapter, district and the Order and we consider him one true soldier.

And many thanks to our individual members for their loyal support and service, without which we could not have done. We strived in 1935 to instill a feeling of brotherly love among our members and were successful. To work toward this end was a real inspiration and stands out as one of the finest of our accomplishments.

We feel confident that the new President, Bro. Thomas Christie, will carry on the work of the Demosthenes Chapter to even grander heights, and since he is a pioneer and Past President, we have no doubt that his regime will be a record for the Demosthenes Chapter.

THOMAS KALOGERSON,

Secretary.

Dr. Edward Starr Judd

ON December 2, 1935, the nation and the medical world joined the City of Rochester, Minn., in expressing their sorrow in the death of Dr. Edward Starr Judd, world-famed surgeon and chief of the surgical staff of the Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation. Dr. Judd died of pneumonia in the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, November 30, en route to Philadelphia to attend a surgical meeting. He was 57 years old.

For more than 25 years Dr. Judd had become one of the most active surgeons in the world. Members of the profession believed he performed at least as many major operations as any surgeon in history. He was born at Rochester, Minn.

With a world-wide reputation, he received the highest honors of the profession at home and abroad. He labored to know the technical side of his profession and his high devotion characterized him the most skillful surgeon of this time. The world of medicine and surgery feel the loss and the people who were privileged to contact him feel the passing of a truly great man.

In 1931 he was president of the American

Medical Association, president of the Society of Clinical Surgery, and in 1934 the University of Maryland conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Science. He was an honorary member of the Urologic Society of Brazil and the Royal Academy of Medicine in Rome. In addition to the local, state and national medical societies, he was a member of the Minnesota Pathological Society, Interurban Surgical Association, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of the American Surgical Association and other institutions.

Dr. Judd also made a very worthy contribution to the literature of his profession; over 300 articles on various phases of his work have been published under his name. His early teacher and guide, Dr. Charles H. Mayo, says he never had a pupil with such talent and genius, and he joins with the surgical sentiment of the world in calling him the greatest surgeon.

His colleagues and confrères will recite his achievements and paint the glory of his genius. Great scientists will eulogize him wherever science is known, but his towering and lasting monument is to be found in the hearts and lives of those thousands to whom he brought renewed life and happiness. The poorest of the poor, the richest of the rich, the lowliest of the lowly, the mightiest of the mighty, unite in one grateful company and chorus to praise and thank him.

With a singleness of purpose, an integrity of character and a devotion to duty unmatched in the annals of his contemporaries, he went forward year by year from master pupil to become the master of masters in the field of surgery.

Rochester mourns the passing of Dr. Edward Starr Judd, but not alone. The world sorrows with it. Dr. Judd belonged to the vast brotherhood of suffering humanity.

I am expressing the sentiments of this city, this community, and the Greek people who were his patients during the life of his profession, and were relieved of suffering by this great and noble surgeon.

SAM C. FRANCIS,
Rochester, Minn.

St. Paul Hellene Makes Good

THEODORE N. SIORIS, son of Bro. and Mrs. Nicholas Sioris, of Pericles Chapter, No. 270, of St. Paul, recently graduated from the University of Minnesota. Young Sioris majored in physical education and now teaches physical educational classes at the University Farm School of the University of Minnesota. He is a natural athlete and an outstanding player in volleyball, tennis and basketball. He has been very active in Y. M. C. A. athletic work since he was eight years of age.

A. A. FRANCIS,
District Secretary.

Installation at Des Moines, Iowa

APPROXIMATELY 200 Ahepans, their families and friends assembled at the I. O. O. F. Hall to witness the installation of officers of Des Moines Chapter, No. 192. The meeting was called by the President and was conducted beautifully.

Bro. John Zanias, the installing officer, was received and the emblem of authority was pre-

sented with brief remarks. Brother Zanias, who is a very proficient and capable man, took charge of the ceremonies and conducted them in a creditable manner.

Those who were introduced and spoke briefly were the new President, John Smith, Gus Neofotist, and C. D. Royal.

The following Past Presidents were introduced: Tom Panagos, Peter Stathos, Gus Neofotist, Nick Christakos—the latter being from the Fort Dodge, Iowa Chapter.

The installing officer, Brother Zanias, expressed his regret that one other Past President was not able to be with us. This brother is also a Past District Governor and is none other than our good brother, Tom Ralles, who went to Hot Springs, Ark., for his health. We want Tom to know that we missed him. *Perastikasou*, Tom, on behalf of this gathering.

A banquet and dance provided entertainment for the crowd and every one had a splendid time. To make a long story short, it was a "home run."

Brother Zanias remarked that we must make a practice of having more of these public installations and invite outside friends, because this is the only channel through which Ahepa can bring about the idea for which it was established. Closed installations do not show the spirit of Ahepa. Ahepa teaches progressiveness, which cannot mean to stand still. But before we can preach this gospel of Ahepa, we brothers have to first learn it ourselves. We must learn more of our beloved Order and to be a good student one surely has to study.

My brothers, Ahepa has the lessons if we want to study them. Let's not preach before we know what we are preaching about and then we will love to do things which are for the good of humanity. Let's place love in our hearts for one another, which is the only way to receive the crown of victory.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Waterloo Chapter's Annual Election

PAUL GEORGE was elected President of Waterloo (Iowa) Chapter, No. 222, at the annual election held at the chapter hall. He succeeds Michael Zarifis.

Other new officers selected were: Louis Myrslades, Vice President; Paul Lamb, Secretary; Tony Netta, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Michael Zarifis, Chairman; Mike Machilides, Nick Laspakis, William Argyros and Steve Myrslades. Appointive officers named by the incoming President include Louis George, Chaplain; Gus Pateras, Warden; James Xydios, Captain of the Guards; Sam Paraskevas, Inner Sentinel.

Chris Margellos Heads Hippocrates Chapter

ON Tuesday evening, January 14, the officers of Hippocrates Chapter, No. 230, Rochester, Minn., were installed in a simple but impressive ceremony at the Woodman Hall.

The officers of the year 1936 are Chris Margellos, President; John Kazos, Vice President; Sam C. Francis, Secretary, and Tom Seagris, Treasurer.



Theodore N. Sioris, a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Others installed were William Thomas, Warden; Mike Caffos, Chaplain; Mike Mihos, Captain of the Guards, and George Vrakas, Inner Sentinel. Past President Theodore Poullos heads the Board of Governors.

Bro. John Zanias, Past President of Des Moines Chapter and an enthusiastic Ahepan, performed the installation ceremony.

Valuable Ahepan Taken by Death

WATERLOO (Iowa) Chapter, No. 22, suffers a profound loss in the death of their brother Ahepan, Peter Mavrelis, who passed away December 18, 1935. He was an active worker in the lodge as well as in other community projects.

Peter Mavrelis was born in Sparta, Greece, in 1877, and migrated to the United States in 1896. Two years later he came to Waterloo, Iowa, where he resided until his death. He leaves to mourn him his wife, Amelia, three sons and two daughters. His untimely death, at the age of 58, is an irreparable loss to the Ahepa, his countrymen and many American friends, all of whom would go to him with their problems and receive cheerful advice. I express the sentiments of his many friends and acquaintances in saying that we will never find a better, truer or nobler friend.

PAUL GEORGE,
President.

District No. 28 Bro. Katson Heads Albuquerque Chapter

ON December 10, 1935, First American Chapter, No. 174, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., held its regular meeting and elected the following officers for the coming year: Robert Katson, President; Tony Souris, Vice President; Tom Morris, Secretary, and Stratis Kaplanidis, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Anthony Pavlantonis, Chairman; Olesey Nickolaoudis, Nick Coulombis, Harry Kappas and George Thomas. The following were ap-

pointed: Harry Harrison, Warden; Tom McKinstry, Chaplain; William Zanatakos, Captain of the Guard; James Chrisafis, Inside Sentinel, and Charles Ellis, Outside Sentinel. After the meeting the brothers were invited to the home of Bro. George Thomas, where refreshment were served by his charming wife.

On January 14th our chapter and the Daughters of Penelope held a public installation of the newly elected officers. Many members with their friends were present. Also visiting brothers from nearby chapters of Santa Fe and Gallup, New Mexico. It was a brilliant affair and witnessed by many Greeks and Americans who came especially for that occasion.

The installing officer was our esteemed District Governor Evangelos assisted by past District Governor, Bro. George Ade, the Mayor of Grants, N. Mex.

After the installation refreshments were served to the members and visitors at the home of Bro. Tony Souris.

On January 9th we lost one of our members, Peter Burns, who was initiated about two years ago.

Our chapter is getting ready to give to this Greek community and to the American people "big doings," by way of a parade and banquet, on the 25th day of March, the day of our independence. However, our plans are not complete yet.

TOM MORRIS.

A Good Year Predicted for Santa Fe

ON THE evening of December 12th, at the regular meeting of Santa Fe Chapter, No. 264, of Santa Fe, N. Mex., the following officers were elected to serve the chapter in 1936: Pete Pomonis, President; Mike Keros, Vice President; Tony Chamas, Secretary; Louis D. Carellas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Jim Ipiotis, Chairman; P. C. Dakis, Louis D. Carellas, Willie Rounseville. Those appointed were: B. J. Papp, Chaplain; P. C. Dakis, Warden; Willie Rounseville, Captain of the Guard; Christ Stoyas, Sentinel; Paul Pagis, Sentinel.

Following the election of officers, the new President, Bro. Pete Pomonis, invited all of us to his home, where a card party was held and from which \$25.00 was realized for the benefit of our chapter. Refreshments were served.

Our new President, Bro. Pete Pomonis, came to Santa Fe about three years ago from Denver, Colo., where he was a member of this organization and very popular. He is married, with two children, and is the owner of the Mayflower Cafe. He is a very enthusiastic member and has pledged to devote his time faithfully to the service of our Order and the benefit of this chapter. Bro. Mike Keros, Vice President, has served the chapter in this same capacity before, and is a charter member. He always attends meetings and is devoted to Ahepa. Louis Carellas is also a charter member and has served as Vice President and President for two years. He has shown deep interest in the chapter, and no doubt will continue to do so. Bro. Tony Chamas is an ex-service man who is very ambitious and enthusiastic, and we all know

he will do his best in the capacity of Secretary.

Chaplain B. J. Popp, of Wagon Mount, is an ardent Ahepan, traveling 150 miles to attend meetings. Bro. Chris Stoyas, Sentinel, is well known here and is also an ardent supporter of our organization. Willie Rounseville, while a new Ahepan, is nevertheless very enthusiastic and is President of the Committee on Publicity, in which capacity he is contributing much to the benefit of our chapter. Bro. Jim Ipiotis, Chairman of the Governors, is a charter member, and has served as Vice President and President during 1935. He withdrew at this time, although nominated and could have been elected by acclamation, stating that the chapter needs new officers to promote better feeling. Since coming to Santa Fe in 1930, Tony Chamas has been closely connected with the organization and has been Secretary of our chapter for the past three years, and is always willing to do his best for the chapter.

At the installation meeting every member was present. When the meeting began our Past President, Jim Ipiotis, conducted the services pertaining to the regular business, following which he invited our esteemed District Governor, C. E. Evangel, to act as installing officer. Brother Evangel performed the installation ceremonies in a very impressive manner, delivering the oath to the newly elected officers, and then addressing them in a very serious way, explaining in detail the duties and obligations they have assumed, and pointing out that the members would be guided by them. At the completion of the installation ceremonies, Brother Evangel called on every member present to express their views for the good of the order.

Immediately after the meeting adjourned, our newly elected Treasurer, Louis Carellas, invited every Ahepan to his home, where delightful refreshments were served with the assistance of his charming wife. A card party followed and the sum of \$25 was realized for the benefit of our chapter. We enjoyed a wonderful evening, and this affair will be long remembered. We are doing everything possible to raise funds for the purpose of entertaining the District Convention, which will be held in the early part of the summer, and we are planning a drive for new members so that our chapter will be the largest and best chapter in the district.

P. C. DAKIS.

Impressive Ceremonies at Gallup

THE officers of Gallup (N. Mex.) Chapter, No. 265, were installed on January 10th, the installation being directed by District Governor C. E. Evangelis, who was assisted by Lieutenant Governor Louis Carellas, District Secretary P. C. Dakis, and Brother Peter Theodore, all of Santa Fe.

The installation was conducted in a very impressive manner and the words of our District Governor touched the hearts of everyone. Following the exercises, the officers, members and their guests were entertained at a banquet, after which there was dancing and other forms of merriment until an early hour.

The newly installed officers are: George Karras, President; James Pappajohn, Vice

President; Charles De Palma, Secretary; Pete Blatsios, Treasurer; James Doimas, Warden; George Pathos, Chaplain; Louis Cannidos, Captain of the Guards; Nick Lehakis, Sentinel, and James Lagos, Sentinel. Board of Governors: Nick Totos, Chairman; George Ade, Harry Alevizatos, Pete Hantagos, Steve Mouchas.

CHAS. DE PALMA.

District No. 29 Hesperia's New Officers

ELECTION of officers of Hesperia Chapter, No. 152, of Los Angeles, Calif., was held on December 2d. A very young administration was elected this year, consisting of the following officers: Dr. S. James Vamvas, President; George Nachicas, Vice President; E. D. Brotsos, Secretary, and John Kapantais, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Dean Soles, Chairman; Michael Vassis, Michael Kordoses, A. N. Sikios, and George Linardos. Peter Clentzos, Warden; George Anthony, Chaplain; Manuel Mike Liodas, Captain of the Guards; Paul Peratis, Inside Sentinel; and Peter Rallis, Outside Sentinel.

Members of our chapter made an excellent choice as President in the person of Dr. S. James Vamvas. He has the distinction of being the youngest brother ever to take over the office of President in the history of Hesperia Chapter. Dr. Vamvas is indeed a brilliant young man and is well capable of holding this office. He obtained his degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Southern California. During his college days he was chosen president of the Professional Interfraternity Council, composed of all the professional fraternities in the University. He has also served as Vice President of Hesperia Chapter for the past two years. Frankly, all of us are expecting a great deal from Dr. Vamvas; he is a man of progressive ideas, and we are hoping to see some of those ideas materialize and make Hesperia Chapter known throughout the United States.

Along with Dr. Vamvas, President, and E. D. Brotsos, Secretary, as the young officers of the chair, we have two older men, George Nachicas and John Kapantais, Vice President and Treasurer, respectively. There is no finer combination than the progressiveness of the younger man and the experience of the older one. Hesperia realized this and in its new administration has combined the two.

Among the newly elected officers are two other young men who deserve a great deal of credit—as Warden, Peter Clentzos, the young athlete who was chosen to represent the Greek-Americans in the recent Balkan Games in Greece, and as Captain of the Guard; Manuel Mike Liodas, a newly graduated attorney-at-law, who has just established his practice in Los Angeles.

The election of young men to high official positions in Hesperia Chapter shows in itself a new progressive spirit. The combination of active young blood with the wisdom of the older men should give distinction to the organization and in a very short time make Hesperia Chapter one of the leaders in the United States. Hesperia Chapter, No. 152,

is realizing a new era and proudly boasts of its progressiveness.

E. D. BROTSOS,
Secretary.

Hesperia Chapter's Athletic Warden

WE HAVE, we want you to know, in the office of Warden of Hesperia Chapter, of Los Angeles, a young man, Peter Diamantis Clentzos, who is one of the outstanding Greek athletes of today. He has just returned from a European athletic tour and was undefeated in eight meets. He placed first in the Balkan Games at Constantinople and now holds the record for the Balkan countries at 13'5". Clentzos, for his build and height, is considered by Dean B. Cromwell, famous track coach at the University of Southern California, as the greatest vaulter in the world. His best record made in collegiate competition is 13'8".

Clentzos majored in physical education at the University of Southern California and wore the Trojan colors in football and track. He competed in the pole vault in the Olympic Games for Greece and was seventh, although this was far below his average marks. Clentzos is known as the man who organized the Junior Hellenic Olympiad in Los Angeles and even brought back an olive wreath from Olympia with which to crown the boys this year. He was the youngest delegate at last year's convention of District No. 29.

District No. 31 News from Missoula

THE INSTALLATION of officers of Missoula Chapter, No. 239, of Missoula, Mont., for the year 1936 took place on January 2d at a well attended meeting held at the Eagles Hall. Immediately following the installation ceremony, brief talks were made by the newly installed President, James Caras, and all the new officers and members. The officers for the year 1936 are: James K. Caras, President; Ben Anattol, Vice President; George Kouris, Secretary, and George Bravos, Treasurer, Board of Governors: John Bravos, Chairman; Sam Caras, Tom Theros, John Pappas and Gust Datsopoulos, Tom Theros, Warden; John Pappas, Chaplain; Peter Pappas, Captain of the Guards, and George Chanakas, Sentinel. Sam Caras handled the work as installing officer in a very able manner.

Missoula Ahepans enjoyed another gala celebration on St. John's Day, honoring the name day of Bro. John Gogas, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gogas. More than twenty Ahepans and their families partook of a delicious supper prepared by Mrs. Gogas. The evening was well enjoyed by all.

President James Caras presided over the ceremonies and Bro. Ben Anattol sang the St. John's song. We wished Bro. John Gogas many happy name-days to come.

GEORGE KOURIS,
Secretary.

District No. 32 Activities of Fresno (Calif.) Chapter, No. 151

FRESNO CHAPTER, No. 151, has accomplished many things during the year of 1935, and this is due to the able leadership of its officers and the splendid cooperation of all its members. The officers of the closing year were as follows: Pete Valasis, President; Tom Kourafas, Vice President; George Callas, Secretary, and Leon Genessos, Treasurer, Board of Governors: D. Sterios, Chairman; John Athanassiou, Nick Datsinos, Napoleon Derdevanis and Steve Kotarinos.

During this year we reinstated thirteen and initiated ten new members.

We have great confidence in our newly elected officers to run our chapter as efficiently as the officers of 1935. The newly elected ones are: Ernest Kufis, President; P. N. Yianopoulos, Vice President; John Gavrilis, Secretary, and James Kirgeorge, Treasurer, Board of Governors: P. Valasis, Chairman; George Callas, P. Beckas, D. Sterios and Christ Pappas.

GEORGE CALLAS,
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hellas Chapter of Chicago Holds Installation

THE DAUGHTERS of Penelope have scored, and they scored heroically! The installation of officers marks not the commencement of a new year but the continuance of a remarkably successful one, differing only in the chapter's higher pride, zeal, and confidence due to the glorious success attained heretofore.

The rituals of the installation were administered by the District Lodge, No. 21, of Ahepa, Mr. George DeDakis, District Governor, and his officers are to be congratulated upon the thoroughly dignified and orderly manner in which they conducted the installation ceremony.

The officers installed were: Elected officers—Mrs. Const. Markos, President; Mrs. Geo. Spannon, Vice President; Miss Demetra Papagiann, Secretary; Mrs. Geo. Veremis, Treasurer; and the Governors, June Christos, Penelope Petropoulou, Alexandra Nikolas, Mary Lambesis, and Ida Contos. Appointed officers—Elaine Pittas, Assistant Secretary; Georgia Ernest, Priestess; Helen Nichols, Outside Sentinel; Sophie Georgan, Inside Sentinel; Katherine Nichols, Captain of the Guard; Georgia Papagiann, Warden; Bessie Andrews and Antoinette Pentel, Flag Bearers; Bessie Katzambis and Stella Photos, Spear Bearers.

After the newly installed officers had modestly accepted the shower of congratulations and good wishes bestowed upon them by the guests present, everyone was conducted to the adjoining room where various delectable refreshments were served by the congenial members of the Hellas Chapter.

Hellas, with our heart and soul we worship thee; in thy name we bow and pledge ourselves; as we cherish thee, so may the Lord guide us to uphold thee.

DEMETRA PAPAGIANE,
Secretary.

Alcmene Chapter Holds Elections

DECEMBER 13th, was "election night" for Alcmene Chapter, No. 27, Daughters of Penelope, of Baltimore, Md., and the following was the result:

President, Mrs. Sophie Cavacos.
Vice President, Mrs. Evelyn Contos.
Secretary, Miss Barbara Athanasopoulos.
Treasurer, Miss Julia Pappas.
Governors: Mrs. Amalia Nicholson, Miss Anna Kosmides, Miss Rena Aggelakos, Mrs. Kalliope Pappas, and Mrs. Helen Katsaros.
Priestess, Miss Katherine Kosmides.
Warden, Mrs. Chrissie Alevizatos.
Captain of the Guard, Miss Mary Calopedis.
Flag Guards, Miss Clara Genetos and Miss Irene Krometis.
Spear Guards, Miss Mary Constantine and Miss Irene Floros.
Inside Sentinel, Miss Betty Pamfilis.
Outside Sentinel, Mrs. Cleopatra Goumaris.

Alcmene Chapter Donates "Basilopita" to Greek Community

THE MEMBERS of the Alcmene Chapter started the new year with a bang.

Our good sister Mrs. Mary Cavacos graciously donated the "Basilopita" with \$2.50 to go to the lucky winner. The "Basilopita" was cut after Church services in the Greek Orthodox Church "Evangelismos" New Year's Day and our President, Mrs. Amalia Nicholson, was the lucky lady.

The officers and members of Alcmene Chapter take this opportunity to again thank Sister Mary Cavacos for her thoughtfulness, and wish her a Happy New Year.

SOPHIE CAVACOS.

Terpsichorean Talent

IN THE past few years the young Greeks of America have proven without a doubt that they have established themselves solidly in American society, and that they are now beginning to take the lead in various fields of activity. In our city we have seen many of our children win prominence in their endeavors.

Lately we can boast of a young lady who has distinguished herself in the field of dancing. She is Miss Alexandria Athanasopoulou, sister of Miss Barbara Athanasopoulou, secretary of the Baltimore chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Athanasopoulou. Although she is still very young in years, being only twelve, she has shown sufficient talent to take a leading role in a dance recital sponsored by her school, the Patterson Park Junior High School. Miss Athanasopoulou was a soloist in the "Dragon Fly" number. Her performance won the enthusiastic approval of the audience.

Truly, we are proud to have this young lady bring honor to her race, and we hope she will continue her work in the future as successfully as she has up to now.

Pallas Chapter Holds Magnificent Ball

THE FIRST annual ball of Pallas Chapter, No. 34, Daughters of Penelope, was one of the most brilliant affairs of the holiday season in Pensacola, Fla. This gala event was held on Friday evening, December 27, in that magnificence of Spanish architecture, the Barcelona room of the San Carlos Hotel. Music was by Tony Bruno and his orchestra, playing from 9 to 1 o'clock. The dance was well attended, was a tremendous success and will long be remembered in the hearts of Pensacolians as well as by our many friends from neighboring cities.

Our first entertainment since our organization, May 11, 1935, was this gay and spectacular affair which started the night's enjoyment by a lead out of the members of the Daughters of Penelope.

The beloved President, Miss Christine Tampary, is taking this opportunity to extend thanks to all the members of our Club for making this dance successful, and also the members of our Greek Community for their generous support and attendance.

The following officers were elected to serve for the year: President, Miss Christine Tampary; Vice President, Miss Lula Davis; Secretary, Miss Ellen Morres; Treasurer, Miss Katie Tringas; Captain of the Guard, Miss Leila Tringas; Priestess, Mrs. Alexandra Tampary; Warden, Mrs. Thomas Costoplos; Inside Sentinel, Mrs. Charles Morres; Outside Sentinel, Miss Annie Lee Raiter; Organist, Miss Mary Costoplos; and Board of Governors: Mrs. Thames Liberis, Chairman; Mrs. Pete Booras, Mrs. Charles Morres, Mrs. Thomas Costoplos, and Mrs. Alexandra Tampary.

On Thursday, February 13, at 8 P. M., Knights of Pythias hall, the installation of the officers who will administer the affairs of Pallas Chapter took place at an open meeting. The gathering included members, their families and friends. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

LULA DAVIS,
Chairman, Publicity Committee.

Albuquerque Daughters Cite Their Accomplishments During 1935

JUST a word from the "Sunshine State," New Mexico. Here it is 1936 and how the past year has flown by, but not in vain, for we Daughters, though only organized a year, have gone a long way for such a small Grecian community. We, like many other chapters, are ambitious and want to show our fellowmen and women the true meaning of Ahepa, and the only way to show them is to actually put before them the real things that the Order stands for.

In December we elected our officers for the ensuing year and in January we had our installation, this being the first opportunity the Daughters had to show our brother Ahepans what we have really accomplished in one short year. Mrs. L. Carrellas presided as installing officer. She was assisted by Miss Fanny Pavlantis, who is one of our youthful members. The ceremony ended and little Miss Greffa Jamie May and Mary Ann Poulos marched in, each bearing a gift for our worthy Past President, Mrs. L. Carrellas. She was presented with a beautiful Theta Pi pin by all the Daughters, and from the officers who had worked with her the past year, a lovely evening bag.

The little girls were attired in their Grecian costumes, "foustanelias", looked very charming and received a big hand from the audience.

Our new President was not to be forgotten. She was given a basket of flowers from her ever-thoughtful husband, Mr. Pavlantos. The flowers were presented by Miss Georgia Capels, recently from Chicago.

The officers installed were as follows: Mrs. Anthony Pavlantos, President; Mrs. Steve Korman, Vice President; Mrs. Tony Souris, Secretary; Mrs. James Morris, Treasurer; Mrs. Esther Harrison, Priestess; Ms. Roland Davis, Warden; Mrs. Olga Poulos, Captain of the Guard; Mrs. Christina Sallis and Miss Mary Ipiotis, Flag Bearers; and Mrs. Vera Thomas, Sentinel. Board of Governors: Mrs. L. Carrellas, Chairman; Mrs. Willie Roundsville, Mrs. George Ade, Mrs. Pete Pomonis and Mrs. Davis. Miss Lambrene as pianist.

After the ceremony was over we all gathered for refreshments at the home of Mrs. Tony Souris and in the wee hours of the morning we made our adieux and the big night was over.

On January 17th, St. Anthony's Day, we all gathered at the home of Mrs. Anthony Pavlantos and, as the good old custom goes, we were treated to good things to eat and drink. Afterward we danced to the lively tunes of "Famous Bill Powell" and his "Bostonians".

The Ahepans are preparing for a good time on March 25th, our Independence Day. Also the students of the Greek School are making preparations for a program to be presented at that time. So you see we are starting full swing ahead and hope to have a very busy and prosperous year and, until we have an opportunity to chat with you again, we wish all of your readers the same happy times.

Mrs. TONY SOURIS,
Secretary.

Miss Pauline Fushanis New President of Dodona Chapter

DODONA CHAPTER, No. 24, Daughters of Penelope, has elected the following officers for 1936:

Miss Pauline Fushanis, President.
Mrs. Angelo Pappas, Vice President.
Miss Helen Demetry, Secretary.
Mrs. John Janellis, Treasurer.
Mrs. George Theodore, Chairman, Board of Governors.
Mrs. James Markos, Governor.
Mrs. Christ Neroulas, Governor.
Mrs. James Kevo, Governor.
Mrs. Henry Cullen, Governor.
Mrs. Anthony Adams, Captain of Guard.
Mrs. Lambro Maludy, Priestess.
Mrs. Charles Morris, Warden.
Mrs. George Valassis, Sentinel.

A public installation of Ypsilanti Chapter, No. 118, of the Ahepa; Dodona Chapter, No. 24, Daughters of Penelope, and Asclepius Chapter, No. 116, Sons of Pericles, was held on Wednesday, February 14th, at the Odd Fellows Temple. Dancing and refreshments followed.

The sisters of Dodona Chapter held a Christmas Party on December 25th, at the home of Sister Janellis. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

Mrs. George Theodore, who served as our first President as well as Organizer, was presented with a lovely velvet evening wrap. Many

girls presented Mrs. Theodore with individual gifts in appreciation of her sincere efforts.

Our beloved Maria presented the girls who served under her with gold compacts with Theta Pi attractively engraved upon them, and you can well believe that the officers were completely surprised. No need to say that Mrs. Theodore made quite a "scene" when presented with her gift, and thus our first year ends in a grand and glorious finish.

HELEN DEMETRY,
Secretary.

Dodona Chapter Entertains Children of Greek Community

DODONA CHAPTER, No. 24, of the Daughters of Penelope, assisted by Ypsilanti Chapter, No. 118, of the Ahepa, Toledo, Ohio, gave the children of the Greek Community their first Christmas party on Sunday, December 29th.

A pageant, "The Prince of Peace," was presented by the Greek School children. It was breath-taking in its beauty. The scenes, the costumes, the lighting effect, the choir softly singing Christmas carols, gave one a happy, contented feeling around the region of the heart. Adult guests were presented with religious cards, gifts of the chapters. At the conclusion of the play, Mr. Ace Mason, magician comique, entertained the children with acts of magic and his performing dog. No need to say that one couldn't hear himself think when the children saw the dog perform.

Then came the big event for the children. In the distance could be heard sleigh bells, increasing in volume until suddenly out of the nowhere and into the spotlight popped up old Santa Claus. (Thanks, A. A. A.)

Two huge Christmas trees, decorated and lighted, graced each side of the stage and piled beneath the trees were loads of gifts. The children formed a line two abreast and approached Santa for their gifts and candy.

No end of praise and admiration is due Miss Helen Demetry and Mrs. George Theodore for their untiring efforts in presenting the play and party. Other members of the committee who assisted with the details were Mrs. James Markos, Mrs. Angelo Pappas, Mrs. John Janellis and Mrs. Anthony Adams.

May we extend our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to Ypsilanti Chapter, Order of Ahepa, also the individuals who aided us financially and otherwise. Without their assistance we could not have done all the things that went toward making our first Christmas Party a success.

Rev. Konst. Hatzidemetriou, our beloved pastor, gave a brief address praising the Daughters of Penelope for their efforts and asking the Community in general to co-operate and assist this organization in all its undertakings.

Several families who have met with reverses in life were given a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year through the two chapters.

All in all we feel we have accomplished more with our Christmas Party than in any other venture during our brief career.

PAULINE FUSHANIS,
President.

Cassandra Chapter Holds Its Annual Ball

CASSANDRA CHAPTER, No. 20, Daughters of Penelope, of "Tri-City," held their first annual ball at Hotel Fort Armstrong, Rock Island, Ill., on November 21st.

One entered the ballroom doors to encounter Miss Sperry Livaditis and chairman Mrs. John Booras giving out beautiful programs. The booklets were in blue, gold and gray, the chosen colors. The ballroom was dimly lighted and an eleven-piece modernistic orchestra played for dancing.

During intermission Greek classic dancing was presented by Maureen Bennett. Refreshments were served by the President of the chapter, Mrs. George P. Kakavas. About 400 people attended the ball and it was a great success.

Installation of the officers of Cassandra Chapter was held Sunday, January 19th, in Pierr hall. The group has sixty members and the installation was private. Guests arrived for dancing and refreshments later in the evening, when the attendance totaled 300.

The officers installed for the year 1936 are: Mrs. John Booras, President; Mrs. Nick Coin, Vice President; Miss Tula Panosopulos, Secretary; Miss Helen Theodore, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Irene Garielos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Mrs. George Kakavas, Chairman; Mrs. William Smerlis, Mrs. James Pappas, Miss Polly Callas and Mrs. Sam Lucas, Mrs. Mike Frow, Priestess; Mrs. Otis Stavros, Warden; Miss Sadie Changas, Captain of the Guards; Miss Jennie Panosopulos and Miss Cleo Yokos, Flag Bearers; Miss Fannie Pappas and Miss Bessie Shafidas, Spear Guards, Mrs. Harry Pappaspirov, Inner Sentinel, and Mrs. Christ Damos, Outer Sentinel, and Miss Mildred Frow, Pianist.

Mrs. Maria Asoumanikis, of Rock Island, was the installing officer.

Mrs. George Kakavas, of Moline, the Past President, presented the outgoing officers with corsage bouquets and the new President received a bouquet of gardenias. The Past President was given a sorority pin. A beautiful candle service was held during the entire installation.

The hall was decorated in blue and white, the sorority colors, and in orange and green.

MRS. GEORGE P. KAKAVAS,
Past President.

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Members of "Hermione" Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, Washington, D. C.

Hermione's Second Annual Ball a Success

THE second annual ball of Hermione Chapter, No. 11, of the Daughters of Penelope, Washington, D. C., held Thursday evening, December 5th, was the success we desired it to be and it even exceeded our expectations. Approximately 500 persons thronged the beautiful and spacious ballroom of the Raleigh Hotel, including delegations from Virginia and Maryland. Many distinguished guests honored us with their presence, among whom were Hon. Nicholas Lély, Counselor, and Stephen Koundouriotis, Chancellor of the Greek Legation; Constantine G. Economou, Supreme Secretary, and Achilles Catsonis, Past Supreme President, of the Order of Ahepa, and many others.

During intermissions many couples gathered in the cocktail lounge, opposite the ballroom, for a "sip" and a "gah."

Credit for the success of the affair may be attributed to the untiring efforts of the following members of the committee on arrangements and the support given them by others in the chapter: Marie Zuras, chairman; Estelle Eliades, vice-chairman; Katherine Kallivas, secretary; Helen Plakas, treasurer, and Catherine Cokinos, assistant treasurer.

Once again Washington's "Daughters" were asked to partake in the joint installation of the two local chapters of the Order of Ahepa and the local chapter of the Sons of Pericles. The affair took place Monday evening, January 13th, at the Old Fellows Temple, and was witnessed by more than 300 people.

The meeting was opened by the chairman of the committee on arrangements, Bro. William Revis, who introduced the installing officer, District Governor Peter N. Samios, of Hagerstown, Md., and turned the gavel over to him. Brother Samios then took charge of the proceedings, administered the oath to the new officers of the following chapters and charged

them very eloquently as to their particular duties: Washington Chapter, No. 31, and Capital Chapter, No. 236, of the Ahepa; Pythagoras Chapter, No. 9, of the Sons of Pericles, and Hermione Chapter, No. 11, of the Daughters of Penelope. The officers of the last named organization are: Misses Mary Koutsoukas, President; Helen Plakas, Vice-President; Marie Constantinople, Secretary; and Rose Pappadeas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Irene Peratino, Chairman; Dena Charubas, Marie Zuras, Estelle Eliades and Catherine Cokinos, Mrs. Helen Versis, Priestess; Misses Callirhoe Chaconas, Captain of the Guards; Gladys Ladas, Warden; Gladys Lagos, Inside Sentinel, and Penelope Papachrist, Outside Sentinel.

After the installation the newly elected Presidents were asked to speak. During the short and snappy speech of Miss Mary Koutsoukas, President of Hermione Chapter, she presented Miss Irene Peratino, Past President of the chapter, with a "Theta Pi" pin and a gold star-shaped safeguard, surrounded with pearls signifying "past presidency." This was a gift from her sorority sisters and a token of appreciation for the services she so faithfully rendered the chapter.

Among the many distinguished and out-of-town guests were: Hon. Nicholas Lély, Constantine G. Economou, and Achilles Catsonis of Washington; Messrs. James Kaliopoulos and John Nakopoulos, of Hagerstown, Md.; Mr. Nicholas Nestor, Mrs. Peter Nicholson, and Mrs. Andrew Cavacas, of Baltimore, and Messrs. Nick Bambakos and George Suhley, of Richmond, Va.

After brief speeches by a few of the guests, and introductions of various visitors and officers of chapters, dancing commenced and refreshments were served.

Much credit is due the committee on arrangements which was headed by William Revis, of Washington Chapter, No. 31.

ANTOINETTE BATLIN,

Reporter, Hermione Chapter.



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Cincinnati Installs

THE INSTALLATION of the newly-elected officers of Ulysses Chapter, No. 36, of Cincinnati, O., took place Wednesday night, January 15th, at the Hotel Metropole. Officers installed were: Stanley Stamaty, President; John P. Kptlas, Vice President; Nickolas Stamaty, Secretary; George Sfarnas, Treasurer; Anthony Magoulas, High Priest; Gus Tsaras, Master of Ceremonies; Christ Dektas, High Guardian; James Katsanis, Assistant Secretary, and John Arnold and Angeloe Plagakos, Guards.

In appreciation of his services to the chapter, Past President George Sfarnas was presented with a Past President's jewel. Following the installation ceremony, the newly elected President, Stanley Stamaty, outlined his program for the year and promised to do his utmost to make it a creditable one.

Chapter Organized in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

ON SUNDAY, August 4, 1935, the Hiawatha Chapter, No. 291, of the Order of Ahepa organized a chapter of the Sons in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The installation ceremony followed the initiation which had been held earlier in the day. The officers of the new chapter are: Anthony Zervas, President; Mike Tampas, Vice President; Steve Catel, Secretary; William Kritselis, Treasurer; Gus Sinigos, Master of Ceremonies; Peter Gianakouras, High Priest; Paul Poulakos, High Guard; Theodore Koloyos, Inside Sentinel. Other members are: Peter Paulakos, Peter Venious, George Venious, Nick Kritselis, Peter Tampas, Seros Zervas and Nicholas Catel.

A colorful installation ceremony, using the colors of the United States and of Greece, the Holy Bible and the sword of Greece, in addition to a number of garlands, was directed by Ernest Panasopoulos, of Davenport, Iowa, Governor of District No. 25 of the Sons of Pericles; and by Andrew Spheeris, of Milwaukee, Supreme Secretary of the Order. C. Booth, Secretary of the Ahepa chapter of Sault Ste. Marie, presided.

Bishop Kallistos, of Chicago, the Rev. Tsau-son, of Phoenix, Arizona, the Rev. Arthur H. Lord, of Milwaukee, "Daddy" Matsoukos, of Chicago, former Supreme Adviser of the Sons of Pericles, a number from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and 30 members of the Marquette chapter of the Ahepa, were included among the outside visitors for the ceremony. Local citizens who were invited guests and who occupied position on the stage in review of the installation ceremony were Mayor George J. Laundry, City Manager H. A. Sherman, City Commissioner W. B. Robertson, Prosecuting Attorney Alvin J. Dimma and J. R. Merrifield, president of the Upper Peninsula Development Bureau.

Omaha Climaxes Successful Year

CORNHUSKER CHAPTER, No. 94, of Omaha, Nebr., ended a very successful and profitable year with election of new officers, a basketball game, and dance.

The newly elected officers are: President, John Thomas; Vice-President, George Petrow; Secretary, George Alevizos; Treasurer, John Earlos.

Amid the splendor and atmosphere of an approaching white Christmas, Sunday, December 22, found the Cornhuskers host to the Sioux Chapter of Sioux City, Iowa. In the evening, following a basketball game and banquet dinner, a dance in honor of the Sioux Citizens was held in the spacious and beautiful Hotel Rome ballroom. Thanks to the vocal ability of Bro. Pano "Tiny" Pappas, happy bulwark of the Sioux Chapter, and to the tap dancing of Brother Scurries, also of Sioux City, added entertainment was provided to create appreciation of the some 300 people present.

In the afternoon the Cornhuskers kept their undefeated record unblemished by turning back a highly touted Sioux City quintet, 32-22, in a fast game played in the K. C. Gym. The Omahans took the lead from the start and were never headed. Only once did the Sioux actually threaten, when Gearas, flashy forward, caged one from the side to bring the Iowans within one point of the high-g geared Omahans, 5-4.

Both teams played a hard, fighting game which accounted for the number of fouls called. Payne and G. Petrow, of Omaha, were ejected on personals in the third quarter, which made the Cornhuskers slump as the

final period opened; but Gearas, of Sioux City, went by the same route to even things again.

Scanning, Gearas, and Fotis were outstanding on the Sioux team, while the Cornhusker guards, Saklar and Diamantis, were notable for Omaha.

A return game will be played in Sioux City the latter part of January.

Box Score

OMAHA (32)		F.G. F.T. P.P.		
Payne (F.)	.....	1	0	4
Polymis (F.)	.....	2	0	1
G. Petrow (G.)	.....	1	3	4
Diamantis (G.) (G.)	.....	1	3	1
Saklar (G.)	.....	5	5	3
B. Petrow (F.)	.....	0	1	2
N. Verootis (F.)	.....	0	0	0
		10	12	15
SIoux CITY (22)		F.G. F.T. P.P.		
Gearas (F.)	.....	2	1	3
Fotis (F.)	.....	2	0	2
Scanning (G.)	5	0	1
L. Kyriakos (G.)	0	1	3
G. Kyriakos (G.)	0	0	0
Scurries (F.) (C.)	0	0	3
Koupas (G.)	0	2	0
		9	4	13

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The Defending Midwest Basket Ball Champions. "Cornhusker" Chapter No. 94, Omaha, Nebraska.

Wheeling Holds Combined Ball

KIMON CHAPTER, No. 24, of Wheeling, W. Va., and Theta Alpha Epsilon Sorority gave a combined semi-formal dance at the Air Castle Ballroom in Wheeling Friday, November 29.

The cities of Pittsburgh, Washington, and Canonsburg, Pa.; Weirton, Parkersburg, Morgantown, Moundsville, Wheeling, and Warwood, W. Va.; Steubenville, Yorkville, Bellaire, and Barnesville, Ohio, were all represented, which added to the success of the affair. Many district and chapter officers were also present.

Nicholas A. Kappos, President of the Wheeling chapter, and Miss Tera Eftanes, President of Theta Alpha Epsilon Sorority, were co-chairmen of the ball. The following committees were responsible for the success of the dance: Entertainment—N. Kappos, Miss T. Eftanes; Flowers—Misses Betty Valan, A. Karageorge, I. Stefanow, and A. Morris; Refreshments—W. Stamitoles and N. Kappos; Reception—R. Marikakis, J. Tsotosoras, J. Giatrakis, and Misses B. Volos and T. Eftanes.

News from Jacksonville, Fla.

PHIDIPPIDIES CHAPTER, No. 134, of Jacksonville, Fla., sponsored a benefit ball Sunday evening, November 10, for the beautiful Ahepa Hall recently completed.

A well varied program of floor show and Greek and American dancing provided a very enjoyable evening to the several hundred members of the local Greek community.

Mr. George Stathis, President of the Jacksonville Ahepa chapter, in a short and vigorous speech congratulated the Sons on their splendid contribution to the Greek community of Jacksonville.

SAM FELOS,
Scribe.

Oklahomans in First Dance

ON DECEMBER 8th Leonidas Chapter, No. 125, initiated Bro. James George at the Ahepa Hall, in Oklahoma City. The initiation ceremony was witnessed by many Ahepans as well as by the Sons of Oklahoma City. Following the initiation the Sons, as host, served refreshments to their senior brothers.

At 9 o'clock the same evening the Sons gave their first annual dance, which was attended by Ahepans and their families from throughout the State. Greek music was furnished by Mr. George Kaplanis and American dance tunes were rendered by Ralph Piper and his orchestra. It was a gala affair, greatly due to the cooperation given by the Sons and Ahepans of Oklahoma City.

Lincoln Holds Thanksgiving Ball

CORNBELT CHAPTER, No. 127, of Lincoln, Nebr., held their first annual ball at the Cornhusker Hotel Thanksgiving night. Approximately 300 persons attended. Greek dancing followed after 12 o'clock. Leo Beck and his orchestra furnished excellent music for the dance. Large delegations from Omaha and surrounding cities in eastern Nebraska were present.

CHRIS PAPPAS,
Secretary, Cornbelt Chapter.



18th District Champion Soft Ball Team, "Asclepius" Chapter No. 116, Toledo, Ohio.

Brockton Sons Hold Installation

THE ANNUAL installation of officers for the coming year was held Sunday, January 5th, by the Brockton junior order of Ahepa, No. 57, at the Ahepa lodge rooms.

Senior Brother George Mihos, Past President of the Sons, was the installing officer for the occasion and gave an inspiring oration, in which he praised the mothers and fathers for their efforts in sending their children to higher institutions of learning.

The newly elected President of the Sons, James L. Psilekas, was called on for a few remarks and he impressed the large audience in the manner in which he delivered his address.

Speaking in his mother tongue, President Psilekas thanked his brothers for electing him and promised that he would do his utmost to fulfill their expectations. He then spoke on the topic of Hellenism and declared that "a good Hellenic should strive to promote high ideals (1) within the family, (2) within the church, and (3) within the fraternity." Concluding, he stated that "good Hellenism is emblematic of true Americanism."

Other officers installed are as follows: Vice President, Pericles P. Kovatis; Secretary, Ambrose Pappas; Treasurer, Nicholas Nickolaow.

Appointments made by the President include: Master of ceremonies, George Pechilis; Chaplain, Basil L. Psilekas; Inner Guard, Zacharias George; Outer Guard, Themistocles Mantalos; and Warden, William Deftos.

The Brockton Sons of Pericles basketball team, under the leadership of George Covett, issues a challenge to all teams in Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine, for the New England championship of 1936. Last year the Brockton team held the title, only to be turned back by a strong Lowell, Mass., quintette.

Any teams desiring games will please write to James Psilekas, 35 Farrington St., Brockton, Mass., or care the Ahepa Club of that city.

Sons Figure in Florida Cross Day

TARPON SPRINGS CHAPTER, No. 131, under the direction of District Governor Alisandratos, figured prominently in the traditional Greek Cross Day ceremonies held annually in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras, officiated at the colorful rites. Many other dignitaries were also present, including Constantine Pulos, of Lynn, Mass., Supreme Governor of the Junior Order.

The Sons marched in body in the parade, and several members of the local chapter had important roles in a Greek play given in commemoration of the day's festivities.

Supreme President of the Ahepa, V. I. Chetbithes, at a later meeting jointly installed the newly elected Sons' officers with those of the local Ahepa chapter.

Bro. Mike Bouchlas, the newly elected President, has already distinguished himself. Despite his age, he was recently elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Tarpon Springs Greek Community.

Asclepius Chapter Holds Ball

ON SUNDAY, December 15th, the first annual ball of Asclepius Chapter of the Sons, Rochester, Minn., was held in the spacious ballroom of the Woodman Hall. Preceding the dance a Christmas party was given. There was a carnival and floor show, singing and classical dancing. The hall was beautifully decorated and a large Christmas tree adorned the center of the room. Bro. Mike Caffes, as Santa Claus, presented gifts to the children, all of whom were gathered around the tree.

The Sons who arranged the affair and took an active part were George Pappas, James Pappas, Paul Pappas, Jack and George Pougiales, George Sakell, Jr., and Ernest Kazos. Other members of the local chapter, residing in surrounding towns, were unable to attend, due to the distance.

SAM C. FRANCIS

ΟΙ ΝΕΟΙ ΔΙΑΝΟΗΤΙΚΟΙ ΤΡΟΧΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΑΧΕΙΑ ΠΕΡΙ ΤΩΝ ΟΠΟΙΩΝ ΘΑ ΟΜΙΛΗΣΩΜΕΝ ΟΛΙΓΟΝ

Υπό του Λογιστή ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ Μ. ΚΩΣΣΑΡΙΔΟΥ

τίμας Κυβερνήτου Νέας Υρκλής.

ΕΙΣ μίαν εποχήν κατά την οποίαν ὁ κόσμος ἐξελίσσειται τόσον ταχύως, πρέπει κατ'εξ ἄνάγκης νὰ ἔχη διαρκῶς τὸ βλέμμα του ἀγρυπνῶν διὰ νὰ παρακολουθῇ τὴν πρόοδον μὴς ὀργανώσεως, μὴς γενεᾶς, μὴς ἀπογενεῶν, ἀπὸ ἡμέρας εἰς ἡμέραν. Ἐάν δὲν τὸ ἐπιτελέσῃ αὐτὸ, διατρέχει τὸν κίνδυνον νὰ κωμῆ τις ἐπολογισμὸς του ἐπὶ τοιαύτων βίαιων, αἵτινες ἔχουσιν τὴν πραγματικὴν των δυνάμιν καὶ εἶναι ὡς νὰ μὴ ἐφίστανται. Αὐτὸ συμβαίνει εἰς τὴν πολιτικὴν ζωὴν τῶν Ἑθνῶν, εἰς τὴν οἰκονομολογίαν καὶ εἰς καθὲ ἄλλην ἐκδιέξουσιν τῆς σημερινῆς ἐξελίξεως, ὅταν δὲν βαδίζει κατὰ ἐπὶ συγχρονισμὸν βίαιων. Αὐτὸ συνέβαινεν καὶ εἰς τὴν Ἀχέια μὲχρι τοῦ τελευταίου Γενικοῦ Συνεδρίου. Οἱ τίμας ἀρχηγοὶ μας δὲν παρετήρησαν καλῶς τὴν ταχύτητα μὲ τὴν ὁποίαν προχωροῦσαν ὁ σημερινὸς κόσμος. Εἴτε διὰ τὸν ἕνα, εἴτε διὰ τὸν ἄλλον λόγον, δὲν κατορθώσαν νὰ ἀντιμετωπίσωσιν τὰ προβλήματα τοῦ ἀποδήμου Ἑλληνισμοῦ συμφωνῶς μὲ τὸν τρόπον τὸν ὅποιον ἐπιβάλλεται ἡ σημερινὴ ἐξέλιξις τῆς καταστάσεως. Ἐτοί, χιόνοντες πολέμιον καιρὸν, ἀφήσαμεν νὰ μὴς διαφύγῃ ἡ εὐκαιρία νὰ ἀσώσωμεν τὰ γενικά συμφέροντα τῶν μελῶν.

Ὅσοι ἐκ τῶν Ἀχιέων θέλουσιν νὰ κατανοήσωσιν τὴν ἀλήθειαν τῶν ἀνωτέρω, δὲν ἔχουν παρὰ νὰ εὐχόμεν ἕν βλέμμα εἰς τὸ παρελθὸν καὶ θὰ μὲ δικαιολογήσωσιν πληροστάτα.

Ἐνα λοιπὸν ἀπὸ τὰ κυριώτερα στοιχεία τὰ ὁποῖα ἔχουσιν τὸ ἄημα τῆς Ἀχέια, ἦτο ἡ ἀντικειμενικὴ τῶν παλαιῶν τροχῶν, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἔχον φθαρῆ μέσα εἰς τὰς προσηυθίας καὶ ἀντιπλήρωσις κοινωνικοὶκοινωνικῆς μορφῆς τῆς παρελθούσης δωδεκαετίας. Ὁ Ἀρχαῖος κόσμος ἔχον ἐπιθεωρήσει τὴν ἀντικειμενικὴν των πεπαικωμένων τοῦτων τροχῶν μὲ νέους πτερωτοὺς τροχοὺς, ἀνταξίους τῆς σημερινῆς ἐποχῆς, ἵνα φέρωσιν τὸ ἄημα των εἰς τὴν πρόοδον. Ἀλλὰ ποῖος θὰ ἦτο αὐτὸς ὁ μηχανισμὸς ποὺ θὰ ἐτόλμο νὰ πράξῃ μίαν τοιαύτην χειρονομίαν;

Ἐτοί περινοῦσιν τὰ χρόνια καὶ οἱ ἀντιπρόσωποι μας ἐπιστρέφοντες κατὰ διαφόρους καιροὺς ἀπὸ τὰ Γενικά Συνέδρια, ἐκομίζον εἰς τὰ Τμήματα μόνον τίμας. Αὐτὸ εἰς τὸν ἑξῆς, τὸ δωδεκάτην Ἑθνικὸν Συνέδριον ἔλασιν τὸν Γόρδιον δεσμόν καὶ ἀνέθεσαν εἰς τὸν ἐμπροσθέντων ἀρχιμηχανιστῶν νὰ ἀντικειμενικῶς τῶς πεπαικωμένους τροχοὺς μὲ νέους συγχρονισμῶν. Ὁ ἀνὴρ οὗτος ἦτο ὁ μόνος ὁ ὁποῖος ἐγνώρισεν τὴν πραγματικὴν ἀπόψιν τοῦ ἄματός τῆς Ἀχέια. Ἡ ἐπιτελικὴ τοῦ κ. Βασιλείου Ι. Τοματῆ εἰς τὸ Ὑπατοῦ ἔξομα ἐχρηματίσθη ἀπὸ ὅλους τοὺς Ἀχιέων, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐγνώρισαν τὴν δημοκρατικὴν των δυνάμιν, ὡς ἀπαρχὴ νέας ἐποχῆς διὰ τὴν Ἀχέια καὶ τὸν ἕν γενεὴ Ἑλληνισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Ἐν κοινῇ κατὰ ἀμφοτέρωθεν τὸ ἐντὸς μὴς τριμηναίως ἀπὸ τῆς ἐξέλιξης τοῦ ἐπιτελικῆς ἔργου, θὰ πεισθῇ ὅτι διατελούμεν ὑπὸ νέου ἐμπνευσμένου Ἀρχηγόν, ὁ ὁποῖος θὰ συνδέσῃ τὸ ὄνομά του μὲ ἕνα τὸν ἀσθενῆσαι ἱστορικῆς σταδιοδρομίας, διότι ὁ κ. Τοματῆς ἐπιπέδωσιν βιαιά τὴν ψυχολογίαν τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

Ἡ πρώτη πράξις τοῦ κ. Τοματῆ ἦτο δοῦν ἀπορροαίαν. Εἰς τὸ Σικάγον ἐκάλεσεν 35 Τμήματα καὶ ἐξήγαγεν ἀπὸ ὅλων τοὺς Ἀχιέων, νὰ ἐπιστρατεύσωσιν διὰ τὰ ἑνὴ στοιχεία καὶ ἀπέλεξεν καὶ νὰ συντρέψωσιν τὸν φρασευμένον τῆς Μητροπολίσεως ἑσπέρης, ὁ ὁποῖος ἔχει φιλομάθει εἰς τὰ ὀλλόγγα τῶν Τμημάτων. Δεύτερον, μεταφέρει τὸν ἀγῶνα τῆς Ἀχέια καὶ

ἐκτὸς τῶν κεκλιμένων πύλων τῶν Τμημάτων. Εἰς διαφόρους γενικάς συγκεντρώσεις καὶ εἰς ἐκδήσεις ἀκόμη ἐκάλεσεν τὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς νὰ ἀκούσῃ καὶ πληροφορηθῇ τὸ πρόγραμμα τῆς Ἀχέια καὶ τοὺς σκοποὺς αὐτῆς διὰ τὸ μέλλον τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, συνιστῶν καὶ προτρέπον τὴν ἑνωτικὴν συμπράξιν ὅλων τῶν δυνάμειν τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Ἐτοί τὸ δημοσεργικὸν πρόγραμμα τῆς Ἀχέια ἐγένετο γνωστὸν εἰς ὅλας τὰς Παροικίας καὶ τὰ Τμήματα τὰ ὁποῖα ἔχον τὴν ἐπιθυσίαν νὰ τὸν ἀκούσωσιν. Διὰ τοῦ τρόπου τοῦτου ὁ Ὑπατος Πρόεδρος παρουσάσει τὸ πραγματικὸν ἄημα τῆς Ἀχέια εἰς τὰ ὄματα τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ ἐροδοῦσιν μὲ μεγάλους διανοητικοὺς τροχοὺς καὶ καλῶν καὶ προχωροῦν πρὸς τὰ ἐμπρός, μὲ νέαν ζωντανὴν ἐλπίδα, ἔχον τὸ ἄημα ἀνατεταμένον, ἐπεσφραγμένον, γεμάτον ἀπὸ φρενιτικῶν σφρίγος, σφιγμένων στομάχου, προόδου διὰ μίαν καλλιτέραν αἵτησιν. Ἀρκεῖ μόνον οἱ Ἀχιέων νὰ ἐπιπροσέσωσιν τὸ μέγιστον σθένος τῆς συμπράξεως.

Καὶ ὅλη αὐτὴ ἡ κοίτασια ἐργασία ἔχει γίνε ἐντὸς μὴς τριμηναίως. Χωρὶς ἐπιβολὴν θὰ ἔχη ἐπισκευθῇ μὲχρι σήμερον ἀπὸ τῶν 82 Τμημάτων τῆς Ἀνατολικῆς Περιφερείας. Ἐπὶ πλέον ἀπαντᾷ δι' ἐπιστολῶν εἰς ὅλους τοὺς Ἀχιέων, ὅσοι τοῦ ζήτησιν πληροφορίας διὰ τὴν γενικὴν ἐξέλιξιν τῆς καταστάσεως. Βεβαίως τὸρα ἀρχίζον νὰ ἐννοοῦσιν οἱ Ἀχιέων πόσον βίαιον ἔργον ἀνέθεσαν εἰς τὸν κ. Τοματῆν, καθὸτι τα ἑνὴ μέσα τὰ ὁποῖα ἔθεσαν εἰς τὴν διάθεσίν του διὰ τὴν διεκπεραίωσιν τοῦ ἔργου, δὲν ἀνταποκρίνοντα εἰς τὸ ποσὸν τῶν ἡθικῶν καὶ ἄλλων ἐπιπορώσεων, τὰς ὁποῖας ἀνέλαβε νὰ ἐπιτελέσῃ. Ἀλλὰ τὰ ὀδύνητα κατ' ὅλους εἶναι δυνατὰ παρὰ τὸ κ. Τοματῆ. Οἱ φίλοι των θὰ ἀσθανθῶσιν πὸ μὲγιστον χαρῶν σκεπτόμενοι ὅτι καίτοι ἔχει τόσον πενιχρὰ μέσα εἰς τὴν διάθεσίν του, ἔφερε τόσον λαμπρὰ ἀποτελέσματα. Ἐντὸς ὀλίγου πρέπει τὸ Κέντρον νὰ ἀποστείλῃ τὸ διήγημα καὶ τὰ ἀπαιτήσεως διὰ τὴν ἐπιστρέφουσιν ὅλων τῶν ἀδρανῶν δυνάμειν τῆς Ὀργανώσεως, ὡστε μὲ τοὺς νεοκλιεμένους Προέδρους τῶν Τμημάτων ἡ γενικὴ ἐξόμνησις τῆς ἐπιστρατεύσεως νὰ ἐπιτελέσῃ ἕνα ἀπὸ τὰ πρώτα βιαιά στοιχεία τῶν Τμημάτων, τὴν ἐπιπορώσιν εἰς τὰς τάξεις τῶν ἀδρανῶν τῶν Ἀχιέων. Ἡ πρώτη δοκιμὴ τῶν νέων Προέδρων εἶναι νὰ διορίσωσιν Ἐπιτροπὰς εἰς τὴν ἀδρανῆ καὶ νὰ ἀρχίσῃ ὁ φρενιτικὸς τῆς ἐπιπορώσεως. Ἡ ἐπιτελικὴ ἐπιπορώσις ἐπιτελεσθῆσθαι ἀχέων ποὺ εἶναι τὸ χρησιμοποίησιν ὅπως πρέπει, θὰ πείσωσιν καὶ τὸν πὸ ἀπαιτούμενον Ἀχιέων νὰ ἐπιτελέσῃ εἰς τὰς τάξεις του. Ἡ ἐπιτροπὴ αὐτὴ ἐπὶ τῆς ἀδρανῆς ἔχει τὴν ὑψίστην ἀποστολήν, θὰ εἶναι ὡς ἕνα Ὑποσηγεῖον Προεδριάρχου. Μὲ τοιαῦτον πρόγραμμα καὶ ὀργανισμῶν, ἡ ἐπιπορώσις τοῦ ἔργου ἐπιπορώσεται εἰς τὸ νέα σπύλα Περιφερειακὰ καὶ τῶν Τμημάτων. Ὁ γὰρ μόνος βεβαίως ὅτι ἀπὸ ὅσα ἤκουσεν καὶ εἶδεν ἀπὸ διαφόρων Τοματῆς, ἐβιαιώθη ὅτι ὅλα εἶναι πρόσθετοι νὰ ἀπεύσωσιν ἰδεολογίας καὶ νὰ θέσωσιν πύλιν τοὺς ὄρους των πρὸς ὁδὸν τοῦ ἄματός τῆς Ἀχέια διὰ νὰ κινήθῃ εἰς νέαν κατεύθυνσιν καὶ ἀντικειμενικῶς εἰς τὰς ἀπαιτήσεις τῶν προβλημάτων ὅλων τῶν μελῶν.

Ἐς χαιρετισμὸν λοιπὸν μὲ ἐνθουσιασμὸν τοὺς νέους δημοκρατικοὺς τροχοὺς τῆς Ἀχέια καὶ ὡς κρατησόμεν ψυχικὴν πίστιν πρὸς τὰ ἔργα τῆς, ἀδρανῆ πρὸς τοὺς ἡμεροὺς τῆς καὶ ἀδελφικὴν ἀγάπην πρὸς ὅλα τὰ μέλη τῆς.



Brooklyn Chapter No. 41

Ἀδελφέ,

ΕΝΙΑΥΣΙΑ DUES

Με τὴν ἑνωρξιν τοῦ Νέου Ἔτους οἱ νεοεκλεγέντες Ἀξιωματοῦχοι ἀρχίζουν νὰ ἐφαρμόζουν τὰς νέας ἀνορθωτικὰς μεταρρυθμίσεις καὶ πιστεύουν ὅτι ὅλα τὰ μέλη θέλουν ἐπιδοκιμαίει καὶ θὰ ἐφαρμόσωσι τὰς διατάξεις τοῦ Καταστατικοῦ (ιδὲ ἄρθρον 3, παράγρ. 37), τὸ ὁποῖον διατάσσει ὅτι τὰ ἐτήσια **dues** πρέπει νὰ προπληρώνωνται, ἀφ' ἐνὸς ὅπως τὸ Τμήμα ἔχει πάντοτε ρευστὸν κεφάλαιον καὶ πληρῶνει ἐγκαίρως τὰς ὑποχρεώσεις του, καὶ ἀφ' ἑτέρου ἵνα δικαιῶνται τὰ μέλη νὰ λαμβάνουν τὰ **Dues Cards**, τὰ ὅποια ταχυδρομοῦνται ὑπὸ τοῦ ὑπο τοῦ **Supreme Lodge**, τὰ μέλη δὲ οὕτω πράττοντα, δηλαδὴ προπληρώνοντα τὰ **Dues**, ὑποβοηθοῦσι τὸ ἔργον τοῦ Τμηματος καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι, ἔχοντες τὰ **Dues Cards**, ἐμφαίνεται ὅτι εἶναι ἐν τάξει μετὰ τὸ Τμήμα καὶ τὸ **Supreme Lodge**, παρουσιαζόμενοι δὲ εἰς τὰς συνεδριάσεις τοῦ Τμηματος τῶν καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ἀδελφῶν Τμημάτων γίνονται δεκτοί, καὶ τοιοῦτοτρόπος ἀποφεύγεται πᾶσα παρεξήγησις καὶ ἀδικα παρὰτονα.

Τὸ Τμήμα μας ἐφαρμόζον οὕτω τὸ νέον σύστημα ὑπὸ τὴν διεύθυνσιν τῶν νεοεκλεγέντων Ἀξιωματοῦχων, κατὰ τὸ ἐνεστώσ ἔτος, καὶ συμφώνως μετὰ τὸ Καταστατικόν, εἴμεθα δεῖξαι ὅτι ἐφαρμόζομεν τὴν θέλησιν τῶν μελῶν καὶ οὕτω πως ἀποφεύγομεν ἀδικαιολόγητα καὶ ἐξακολουθητικὰ παράτονα.

ΑΗΕΡΑ MAGAZINE

Τὸ Μηνιαῖον, Περιοδικόν, ἐκδιδόμενον τώρα καθ' ἑκάστην ἡμερίαν ταχυδρομεῖται τακτικώτατα εἰς τὰ μέλη, τὰ ὅποια ἐπροπλήρωσαν τὰ **Dues** των, ὅπου ἀτυχῶς δὲν ἐγένετο πρότερον. Τὸ Τμήμα τοῦ Περιοδικοῦ ἔπραξε τὸ πᾶν ὅπως ταχυδρομεῖται τοῦτο τακτικὰ πρὸς ἅπαντα τὰ μέλη, ἅτινα ἔχον πληρώσει τὰ ὀφειλόμενα **dues** εἰς τὸ **Supreme Lodge**. Τοιοῦτοτρόπος τὰ μέλη ὑποβοηθοῦν οικονομικῶς εἰς τὴν ἐκδόσιν τοῦ περιοδικοῦ καὶ διευκολύνουν καὶ τὴν πνευματικὴν ἀνάπτυξιν τῶν ἀδελφῶν **AHERANS**, ἐννοοῦμεν ἐκείνων τῶν μελῶν τὰ ὅποια λαμβάνουν τὸν κόπον νὰ ἀναγινώσκωσι τακτικῶς τὸ περιοδικόν, καὶ ἐντυφῶσιν εἰς τὰ ἐν αὐτῷ δημοσιουόμενα, διδασκόμενοι, ὠφελοῦμενοι πνευματικῶς, καὶ δὲν τὸ ὀλίπουν εἰς τὸν κάλαθον τῶν ἀρρήστων, ὡς ἀτυχῶς γίνεται συνήθως ἐκ μέρους πολλῶν, οἱ ὅποιοι λησμονοῦν κάποτε καὶ νὰ τὸ ἀνοίξουν, διότι δῆθεν εἶναι πολὺ ἀπασχολημένοι (*busy*)— καὶ οὕτω παρεμελοῦν τὴν εὐκαιρίαν νὰ ἐξηφώσωσιν τὸν ἑαυτὸν των πνευματικῶς.

Ἡ Διεύθυνσις τοῦ Περιοδικοῦ δημοσιεῖ ἐν αὐτῷ πολλὰ ἄρθρα καὶ εἰς τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν γλῶσσαν, θέλουσα νὰ σηματοφορῇ μετὰ τὴν ἐκφρασθεῖσαν ἐπιθυμίαν τῆς Νέας Γενεᾶς μας καὶ ἄλλων μελῶν, ἐκ τῶν ἀρχαιότερων, ὅτι οὕτω θὰ ἐβοηθηθῆσιν μεγαλῶς εἰς τὴν ἐκμάθησιν τῆς ὁραίας μητρικῆς μας γλώσσης, καθ' ἑκείνων ὅστινες δὲν κατέχουσιν αὐτὴν τελείως.

Ὁ Ἀνώτατος Γραμματεὺς, ἀδελφὸς Κωνσταντῖνος Γ. Οἰκονόμου, ὅστις εἶναι καὶ ὁ μόνος συντάκτης τοῦ Περιοδικοῦ, προσφέρει τὰς ἀνεκτιμήτους ὑπηρεσίας του εἰς τὴν σύνταξιν αὐτοῦ, ἐν ἄλλαις λέξεσι διαθέτει ὅλον τὸν καιρὸν του πρὸς τοῦτο, μετὰ τῶν ἄλλων συναφῶν καθηκόντων του, χωρὶς διὰ τοῦτο νὰ ἀποζημιώνεται ἰδιαιτέρως, ὡς ἄλλως τε ἐδηλώθη ἐν συνεδριάσει κατὰ τὸ τελευταῖον συνέδριον τοῦ Σικάγου, ὅτι εὐχαριστῶς θὰ ἀνελάμβανε τὸ βαρὺ καὶ ἐπίπονον ἔργον τῆς συντάξεως ἄνευ πληρωμῆς, μετὰ μόνην ἀποζημίωσιν τὸν μισθὸν τοῦ Γενικοῦ Γραμματέως τῆς Ὄργανώσεως, ὡς καθορίσθη ὑπὸ τοῦ Συνεδρίου. Τοιοῦτοτρόπος τὸ Τμήμα τῆς Ἀνωτάτης Στοιῆς δὲν ἐπιβαρύνεται μετὰ πρόσθετα ἐκτακτὰ ἔξοδα καὶ οὕτω γίνεται σημαντικὴ οικονομία πρὸς ὄφελος τῆς Ὄργανώσεως.

ΑΛΛΑΓΗ

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΕΩΣ

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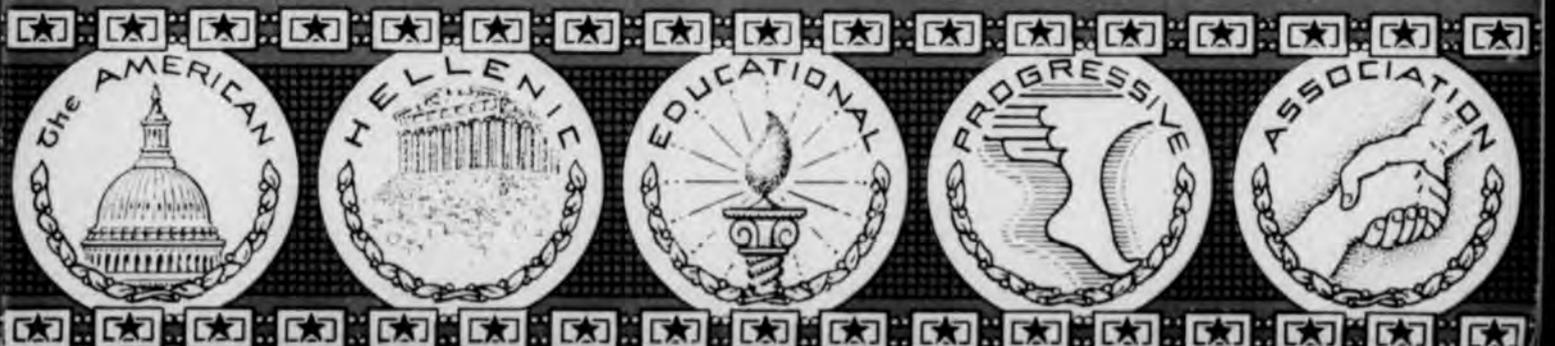
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Plans Under Way for Thirteenth Annual National Convention of the Ahepa

IN THE January-February issue of the AHEPA MAGAZINE, in presenting the organization of the Thirteenth National Convention Committee of the Order of Ahepa, I closed by saying that I would try to keep Ahepans informed of the progress of our plans in staging that convention in every issue of the magazine. That promise was made because we feel that this convention is not St. Paul's convention alone, but the convention of every Ahepan.

It can be definitely stated now that the Executive Committee has completed the organization of every sub-committee and that the entire organization is functioning smoothly and harmoniously towards the setting of the stage for an impressive Ahepan convention. It can be also definitely stated at this time that the beautiful and modern Lowry Hotel has been selected as the official convention headquarters and it is from this hotel that the convention plans will be further drawn and directed.

Incidentally, our General Chairman and good brother, Bill D. Kleason, is also the vice president of the Lowry Hotel, and we can rest assured that Bill will see to it that every convenience and accommodation of the hotel will be extended to the delegates and guests. Doubtless Ahepans are interested and entitled to know something about their convention city and State and we propose here to give them, briefly, the high lights of interest. I say briefly because it would take unlimited space to describe in detail the beauties and lores of the North Star State which is better known as the "Playground of the Nation" and the "Land of the Ten Thousand Lakes."

St. Paul, the capital city of the State of Minnesota, together with Minneapolis, its sister city, which are better known as the Twin Cities have a combined estimated population of 250,000 people. St. Paul with a population of 300,000 is the center of a billion dollars trade area serving one of the richest agricultural markets in the world. It has 960 industries engaged in foreign trade and enjoys as well a very favorable national distribution of their products. Transportation facilities are unexcelled through the nine railroad systems operating over 59,500 miles of railroad. It has an important transcontinental airport, and a terminus for established air lines.

"Thirty Lakes Within Thirty Minutes" is a promise and a fact of infinite recreation in the beautiful lake districts to be found in St. Paul's immediate vicinity. Situated on the 45th meridian, St. Paul is assured the perfect continental climate in warm, never too hot, summer days. There are 33 improved parks, the largest of which is Phalen Park; golf, boating, swimming, fishing and other sports are easily available; elaborate boulevard system; Mounds Park, interesting in historical Indian lore and the Mississippi River bisecting the city with numerous scenic advantages.

The three essential qualities a city must have to insure the comfort and pleasure of visitors are to be found here:

(1) Metropolitan environment (a many excellent hotels; (2) a wide variety of theaters and places of amusement; (3) good roads which are a part of the extensive highway system of State, county and city and which lead, within the city boundaries to parks and golf courses and, without, to nearby summer resorts. Summit Avenue has been noted in the past and still continues to be one of the most remarkable residential drives in the United States.

The Capitol commands a view of the entire city from one of the eminences upon which St. Paul is situated and has a beautiful Capitol approach. Designed by Cass Gilbert and built in 1904, the Capitol is one of the most striking edifices of its kind. The period of architecture is Italian Renaissance and the building is of Georgia marble. The main facade, which fronts southward, is mounted by six emblematic statues of heroic size and a chariot drawn by four horses abreast, in gilded copper, designed by the eminent American sculptor, Daniel Chester French. Murals by John La Farge are noteworthy. The State Office Building and the Historical Library complete the Capitol group.

St. Paul is the home of Pericles Chapter, No. 270, the host chapter of the 1936 Ahepan Convention, and the home of Eurydice Chapter No. 21, of the Daughters of Penelope, the ladies auxiliary of the Order of Ahepa, the only Greek-American organizations that meet and function regularly. St. Paul is, also, the home of numerous flourishing Grecian enterprises.

Minneapolis, the other sister of the Twins, is the largest city not only of Minnesota but of the entire Northwest. It has a population of over 500,000; is renowned as a city of beautiful homes, schools, lakes, parks, playgrounds and boulevards, and is the leading milling city of the world.

There is a flourishing Greek community which owns two modern churches, the St. George and the Assumption (St. Mary's) and a beautiful Greek school. Around the Greek community revolve several other organizations: the Mothers Club, the Fathers Club, the Bachelors Club, the University of Minnesota Greek Students Club, and Demosthenes Chapter, No. 66, of the Order of Ahepa, which is the largest chapter in the Northwest, Antioch Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope and the Olympus Chapter of the Sons of Pericles.

In the next issue of the AHEPA MAGAZINE I shall try to tell you something about the State of the Ten Thousand Lakes and the Playground of the Nation.

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

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Chairman,

1314 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

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Greece the Oasis in the Desert of Debtor Nations

(Extension of remarks of Hon. James A. Shanley, of Connecticut, in the House of Representatives, Wednesday, February 5, 1936, appearing in The Congressional Record.)

MR. SHANLEY: Mr. Speaker, on June 1, 1934, President Roosevelt addressed the Congress of the United States on the World War debts.

In that speech, which carefully reviewed the debt situation, the Chief Executive said:

"It is for these reasons that the American people have felt that their debtors were called upon to make a determined effort to discharge these obligations. The American people would not be disposed to place an impossible burden upon their debtors, but are nevertheless in a just position to ask that substantial sacrifices be made to meet these debts."

It may be said that the President of the United States used these two phrases, "determined efforts" and "substantial efforts", advisedly.

Almost prophetically he added later:

"The American people are certain to be swayed by the use which debtor countries make of their available resources, whether such resources would be applied for the purposes of recovery as well as for reasonable payment on the debt owed to the citizens of the United States or for the purposes of unproductive nationalistic expenditure or like purposes * * * that each individual nation has full and free opportunity individually to discuss its problem with the United States. We are using every means to persuade each debtor nation as to the sacredness of the obligation and also to assure them of our willingness, if they should so request, to discuss frankly and fully the special circumstances relating to means and method of payment."

Is it not the day of reckoning? May we not ask ourselves if it is not the time to pause and reflect on the statements of the President of the United States and remember that he said that "the final power lies with the Congress", though he, of course, could make recommendations from time to time.

Let us take a current news item as an index of what debtor nations are doing with their resources. We quote from a dispatch of today:

"PARIS, February 4.—With tacit approval and monetary assistance by Great Britain, France today arranged her biggest post-war loan in the form of a credit of at least \$67,000,000 to Rumania to strengthen the "steel ring" encircling Germany and to provide further guarantees of Austrian independence.

"Rumania, it was learned, will be required to pledge 'complete and automatic' military assistance should mobilization be necessary in maintaining Austrian independence. Austria, fearing a German Nazi attempt at 'Anschluss' or reunion, heretofore has relied on Premier Mussolini, of Italy, as her strongest guarantor of independence. In the present deal, groundwork has been laid to wean Austria away from Mussolini.

"Furthermore, France will undertake diplomatic negotiations to bring about a Russo-Rumanian mutual assistance pact, modeled on the Franco-Russian military agreement."

Must we stand aside and see these enormous military expenditures that are being made by these debtor nations?

Have we not a duty to once again point out, as the President did in his message, that—

"The money loaned by the United States Government was in turn borrowed by the United States Government from the people of the United States, and our Government, in the absence of payment from foreign governments, is compelled to raise the shortage by general taxation of its own people in order to pay off the original Liberty bonds and the later refunding bonds."

We are not demanding the impossible in a merciless way, but rather are we expecting that these nations will gird themselves with good intentions and make those "determined efforts" and "substantial sacrifices."

Our expectations are seemingly fulfilled by the news which today's press dispatches carried:

"The first break in the international impasse created by the wholesale war-debt defaulting by European nations 2 years ago came yesterday when the Treasury Department received an offer from Greece of a partial settlement of its two 1936 installments.

"Finland is the only debtor nation at present continuing to fulfill its obligations to the United States. Greece has expressed willingness to pay 35 percent of the coupon value of payments due May 10 and November 10. Demetrios Sicilianos, the Greek Minister, it was announced, has communicated to the State Department an offer to pay \$76,272 of the \$217,920 due on each of those dates.

"Total obligations due from war debtor nations amount to \$12,437,837,030.33.

"The State and Treasury Departments are studying details of the proposal, and so far the Greek offer is unanswered. * * *

Let us hope that this lesson which is offered by Greece today will serve as a fitting example for other debtor countries.

To the eulogies that have been paid to Finland for her splendid fulfillment of her debts we may well pay tribute to that land where the seeds of liberty were sowed over 2,000 years ago.

When the whole civilized world was plunged in a despotism which saw the cruel domination of class over class; the oppression of the weak by the strong and the dominance of the ignorant by the wise, it was the Athenian Solon, the most profound political genius of antiquity, that rescued the world from that universal degradation by a revolution that was easy, bloodless, and pacific.

It was he who introduced the idea that a man ought to have a voice in selecting those to whose rectitude and wisdom he is compelled to trust his fortune, his family, and his very life. But he knew man's weakness also and subjected all those who exercised power to the vigilant control of those for whom they acted. "It is the essence of democracy to obey no master but the law" might well be his contribution also to political thought.

Pericles followed him in that age that was the grandest movement in the profane annals of mankind, for—

"To it we owe, after the immeasurable progress of Christianity, much of our philosophy and far the better part of the political knowledge that we now possess."

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"BLENDING TRUE HELLENISM WITH GOOD AMERICANISM"



The Greek Independence

ARRANGEMENTS have been made by Greek communities everywhere to commemorate the 115th anniversary of Greek Independence and pay a fitting tribute to that galaxy of stars who raised the standards of revolt to redeem themselves from bondage.

The inevitable outbreak came on the 25th of March, 1821, when Archbishop Germanos unfurled the flag of independence and called upon the oppressed to rise and throw off the yoke of the tyrant. Armed with the ideals of self-sacrifice and self-determination and the righteousness of their cause, they revolted against a mighty empire. Despite the relentless and devastating attacks of the ruthless oppressor, they fought gallantly for a period of seven years to liberate the land to which we trace our spiritual and intellectual life.

The Greek Revolution had inspired the oppressed the world over and it became the forerunner that subsequently swept away despotism and gave a new expression of freedom. Although this was not a favorable moment for revolt, due to existing conditions in Europe and the fact that the heroes of 1821 were not prepared to wage war against a powerful nation, none the less they espoused the cause of liberty which was as yet far from being espoused or accepted by the European courts. But while European diplomacy, dominated by Metternich, was opposed to this movement, scores of Philhellenes, many of whom gave their very lives for the independence of Greece, aroused public opinion sufficiently and thus paved the way for the liberation of a small part of the fighting nation.

And while a deserving tribute is paid to the heroes of 1821, our minds reflect upon that wonderful array of Philhellenes who contributed greatly to the happy issue of the revolution. The Greeks will always remain grateful to the people of the United States of America who so spontaneously showed a deep concern in the outcome of the struggle for independence. The sympathetic references made by the Chief Executive of the nation, James Monroe, in his epoch-making message to Congress in the year of 1822 in which he expressed the hope that the Mother of Democracy would regain her equal place among the civilized nations, surely will not be forgotten. The names of congressional leaders, Daniel Webster and Henry Clay, and a host of others that

championed the cause of Greece during the struggle for independence, are indelibly written on the minds of the Greek people.

Eleutherios Venizelos

ELEUTHERIOS VENIZELOS, the grand old man of Greece, is no more. He has passed into the Great Beyond after a long and colorful career, but his passing leaves behind him a nation whose territories have been greatly extended during the time that this sagacious statesman was at the helm of the Ship of State.

Venizelos was born in Crete at the time the heroic island was fighting for independence. He felt the vicissitudes of the oppressed, resulting in what may have been termed as vivid imaginations that transformed the then young advocate to an apostle of nationalism destined to play the most important part in the drama of redeeming the Greek people who were still in bondage.

His efforts to liberate the island of his birth revealed the powerful and captivating personality, the towering and dynamic figure, and when his fame reached the mainland of Greece, that nation turned to him for the fulfillment of its destiny. The leaders of the military league who invited Venizelos to take over the reigns of the Government and their followers who demanded a new constitution, found in him a real leader when he took up the challenge and convinced them that there was no need for a new constitution but a revision of the existing one. He thus proved himself master of the situation. He visioned a greater Greece and devoted his entire life zealously to the making of the new nation. He fathered the Balkan pact and led the nation victoriously in all wars which resulted in territorial expansion of Greece and continued his efforts until he all but completed the task. But, like other great men of Greece, he, too, tasted the bitter with the sweet. At the very height of his success an attempt was made upon his life in France while on his way to Greece with a new map of the Nation secured at the peace conference of Versailles where he played an important role in the solution of international problems and subsequently he was repudiated by the people so faithfully served by him.

Now he belongs to the ages. History will speak of him as the greatest statesman of modern Greece—an outstanding figure of the world.

Our "A. E. F."—The Ahepa Emergency Fund

By SUPREME PRESIDENT V. I. CHEBITHES

THE similarity which the Ahepa Emergency Fund bears to the American Expeditionary Forces does not end with the initial letters of the respective words used to designate these two undertakings. The two movements have many more points in common.

Just as the historical one constituted a new experience in the life of the American republic, so does our own "A. E. F." constitute a new and as yet untried step in the life of our fraternity. And, just as America staked her honor, name and prestige upon the success of her expeditionary forces during the World War, so the Order of Ahepa today is risking her past, present and future upon the success of her Emergency Fund idea. During the World War America employed the system of selective conscription of men to serve wherever needed. The Ahepa has no such system or force—she relies wholly upon the loyalty and good sense of her members to subscribe to and support this plan. The American Expeditionary Force was launched "to make the world safe for democracy." The Ahepa Emergency Fund has been established to make the Order safe for its members—safe for them to live and die in the Ahepa with a guaranty that the actual cost—and more—for maintaining themselves in good standing during life will be returned to their families or beneficiaries at the end of the journey.

The plan of the Ahepa Emergency Fund is so simple that it is difficult to explain it further than it has been explained without bringing into it unnecessary complications. Every member of the Order who is in good standing with his chapter can file an application for his share of the benefits of the Emergency Fund and can be guaranteed these benefits by paying \$3 now and keeping himself in good standing with his chapter hereafter. The \$3 he pays only once—when he files his application. The entire amount that he pays is deposited to the credit of the Fund for the sole and only purpose of creating a reserve.

Upon the death of a member who has paid the \$3, and who at the time of his death was not more than 90 days in arrears with the payment of his dues to his chapter, his beneficiary will be paid, forthwith, from the Emergency Fund, the sum of \$150.

The amounts paid out from the Fund, as each death occurs, will be collected from the chapters and replaced in the Fund. So that the original amount accumulated by the payment of the \$3 subscription fees will remain intact, and will, of course, be the property of those who put it there.

This Fund is not charged with any administration expenses—there are absolutely no charges for rents, commissions, salaries, paper, printing or postage. All expenses connected with the administration of the Fund are paid from the general treasury of the Order. One hundred cents of every dollar collected for this purpose is deposited to the credit of the Fund, and nothing is paid out of it for any purpose other than to or for the beneficiary of the deceased.

That is all there is to it. Through this plan we are offered a benefit of \$150 at considerably less than cost. If our dues

are \$7 per year, and we lived and paid them for 21 years, we will not have paid more than we are offered by the Ahepa Emergency Fund.

It is barely possible that as time goes on some flaws will develop; if they do, we, or our successors, will correct them. I think that the benefit should be raised to \$250, and that in no case it should be less than the total paid in dues to his chapter from the day he subscribed to the Fund to the time that the member dies.

Others may think of more improvements or amendments to the plan, or they may not like the suggestion I am offering here. These things are not material. The important points are that the delegates composing the 12th National Convention adopted this plan for the entire Order, that the Supreme Lodge is bending every effort to establish and operate the plan for the benefit of the entire membership, that the plan is good, and that the further progress and usefulness of the Ahepa depend largely upon the success of this plan.

Many of our chapters have grasped the importance and benefits of the plan very readily and have paid the subscription fees of their members out of their treasuries; others have collected the \$3 from each of their members and mailed them to the headquarters together with the applications, and hundreds of individual members have filled out and mailed their applications with the subscription fee direct. Either way is good, it being sufficient only that every member of the Order becomes a subscriber and eligible to receive the benefits of the Ahepa Emergency Fund. It is for all good-standing Ahepans. It was not made compulsory because it was not thought necessary to compel any good and sensible Ahepan to avail himself of the opportunity to secure the benefits of this plan. The wonder is that there are still some who have not filed their applications or paid their subscription fees. I strongly urge them to do so without further delay, as we cannot be satisfied with less than a complete success in our "A. E. F."

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Hellenism—Past and Present

By MRS. EMANUEL APOSTOLIDES

President, Grand Lodge, Daughters of Penelope

BY "HELLENISM" is meant that attainment of each individual mind when a man has reached his individual dignity—the highest product of the Indo-Caucasian spirit. Hellenism had, and has, and will have forever, the ideals of Love of Justice, Love of Order, Virtual Equality, and the Love of the Idealization of moral and mental beauty.

Hellenism throughout the ages has been threatened by outside destructive agencies, to wit:

1. By the Persian Wars in the 5th century B. C. But it was not conquered, owing to the remarkable intellectual endowments of the Greeks, who prized mental freedom more than material wealth.

2. By Rome, in 146 B. C., at which time Rome conquered the land Hellas, and made the bodies of its best intellects slaves, but Rome never conquered the Hellenic spirit. On the contrary, Hellenism conquered Rome to such an extent that all we know of Rome today is nothing but a replica of Hellenism, transferred bodily into the land of the Caesars. The adornments of Rome's achievements may be Rome's, but the basis and core of Rome's civilization are Greece's! Rome subdued the vast northlands, but Rome, in turn, bowed to the superior Hellenic influence of ideals, for Hellas never succumbed to the vices of her conquerors.

3. In 1453 Hellas was overrun completely by the Moslems; for nearly 400 years the Turkish boot was pressed ruthlessly on the breast of the Hellenic world, but, again, even 400 years of slavery could not quench the fire of Hellenism—that profound unquiet desire of human nature for higher things!

In every instance in which Hellenism was struck a blow, with intention to kill, to exterminate, a minority of Greeks (but the best) rose up as one man, and shook off the shackles of imminent oppression from the shoulders of our Motherland. And yet, in every instance, be it noted deplorably, the greatest obstacle confronting the Hellenic spirit was internal conflict in petty affairs. Yet, in spite of this, the Hellenes won the day, and kept on in their march of civilization, so that Hellas never lost its name of "the fountain-head of civilization of Europe."

Ahepa, representing the Hellenic spirit in America, was founded with the idea of guarding and preserving that very intellectual endowment and individual dignity of the Greeks

in America and elsewhere. Again, a minority of Hellenes composed the first Ahepa Society, the founders of Ahepa. Those "fathers" of Ahepa, sensing the danger threatening the submerging of the Hellenic spirit, girded on their armor of American-Hellenic-Educational-Progressiveness, in order that

Hellenism might go on and on in its fight for the perpetuation of the individual's social, cultural and mental freedom. In the past 14 years Ahepa has been one of the chief, if not the chief, means of regaining the self-respect of Greeks in America and, through them, of the Greeks in other parts of the world outside the Motherland. In such a manner have the Ahepans proven themselves worthy of their heritage.

In Ahepa's spreading of Ahepanism the Order has been disseminating the Hellenic spirit, which, through economic pressure, immigration and emigration necessity, and many other factors that brought about circumstances causing an educational lethargy; Ahepa, through its efforts and results in establishing chapters to carry on its work, may be termed the Renaissance of Greek Thought in America.

It has been deduced that life is most livable, most tolerantly and most pleasantly livable, when Education and Peace, upheld by Logic and

Love, are the chief guests of the Home. Ahepa teaches these two principles: Education and Peace. These two dominant prerequisites must be in the lives of the men and women who compose the community, if we would carry out the ideals of Ahepa.

With these two ideals in mind, the Senior Women's Auxiliary was founded by an Ahepan.

Since it is only by co-operation of the makers of a home, fathers and mothers, that life can be made worthy of its creation, both men and women must, then, participate in the same social and cultural activities appertaining to their communities. By mutual understanding of any problem arising in our existence, we are better fitted and better able to cope with that problem, and can deal with it fairly, impartially, and for the good of the greatest number.

The Ahepa, and the Senior Auxiliary of Women, the Daughters of Penelope, representing mature men and women, who



Mrs. Emanuel Apostolides

have in their hearts and minds, ever present, the ideals of Hellas and America (a product of Hellenic civilization), can both be the greatest torch-bearers of Hellenism, if we do not lose sight of the original ideals of the Orders: if we never permit internal petty personalities to dim the vision of our ideals.

There were very few Greeks in the United States before 1900. There were some, here and there, of course; for instance, we can never forget that interesting character, Juan de Fuca (whose real name was Apostolos Valerianos), a native of Cephalonia, who came over in 1625, in the employ of Spain. But, collectively speaking, we cannot say that any great number of our people came before the 20th century opened its doors. At the present time there are nearly one million Greeks in the United States alone.

The Greeks are becoming Americanized: there is no doubt of that. By "Americanization" is meant that gradual, imperceptible, but positive means of divesting one's self of a certain deep-rooted patrimony of ideals, sentiments, traditions, and interests, and an acceptance of, and participation in, a certain new spiritual inheritance. We are becoming a part and parcel of the land of our adoption, an ingredient in the American "melting pot."

It has been said that "America was brought over in the Mayflower and in those frail craft which carried the founders of a new people." Those other founders who have been peoples of all nations, of all colors, who have come to this land and, finding all they expected to find and more, answering to their religious, political and economic needs, have made it their temporary or permanent home. The Greeks, among them, are helping weave the mighty web of "American culture"—the web which is still in the weaving.

No true "American type" has yet been produced—the land is young. Ahepa and the Auxiliary are young. But slowly, but very surely, a new people is being born, a people in whom the impress of the Hellenic spirit of individual dignity will leave its mark.

The "Hellenic Life" made possible all that we can say of the word "civilization"; it was the creator of a philosophy that makes religion intelligible; the creator of systematic thought that makes science attainable; the creator of the arts, which make life beautiful. Let us never forget that, and strive for what the "Hellenic Life" meant.

The "American epic" has not been written yet, for the national American hero and heroine are still in the making. But when the time does appear for America's epic to make its birth known, under some Homer, that epic may surpass in power, breadth of vision, and practical humaneness the odyssey of the Greeks, the Ramayana of the Hindus, the Roland of the Franks, or the Beowulf of the English—and when that time comes, for the epic of America to be noted down for posterity to learn of the mighty grandeur and the mighty nobility of this land of our adoption, may our people contribute in no little measure to the best, the noblest, the finest, and the most beautiful qualities of the characters of heroes and heroines of that American epic!

The Editor extends to the readers of The
Ahepa Magazine Best Wishes for
a Happy and Joyous Easter

Venizelos Is Dead

By PETER S. LAMBROS

Editor, The Greek Star

A GREAT personality and one of the world's foremost statesmen has passed away. The liberal leader of Greece, Eleutherios Venizelos, lives no longer. Woodrow Wilson called him the greatest man at the Peace Conference. Lloyd George said he "talked like a king off his throne." He was the liberator of his native land, Crete, and the maker of Greater Greece.

His political career began at the end of the revolution in 1909 and ended at the end of the recent revolution. No matter how he was fighting, he was fighting for the good of his country, to which his heart and soul have been devoted.

He made himself famous as the organizer of the Balkan League that brought on the Balkan War and the downfall of Turkey. He became a man of international renown when he revolted against King Constantine to establish an independent Greek government for the purpose of casting his lot with the Allies in the World War.

To the Greeks in America he wired after the declaration of war against Germany to "stand by the principles as symbolized by the Star Spangled Banner."

As the years roll by his name will become immortal and his soul will march in triumph in the Hellenic Pantheon.

The first time that I had the pleasure of meeting Venizelos was on November 22, 1922, when I greeted him at the Blackstone Hotel as chairman of a committee and spokesman of my fellow countrymen. I had heard of his gentleness and extraordinary ability as a statesman and I have found him a man backed by a brilliant intellect that was even more extraordinary. He was the Lincoln of Greece and he belongs to the ages now. When he was sentenced to death recently on account of the revolution of March, 1935, he said, "We are all sentenced to death, but nobody knows when the time will arrive for the execution."

His name goes down in history as a man of international renown. He was a statesman from Crete, elevated to the highest degree only by popular favor. He was a patriot and the heroic Cretan who dared to forbid the door of the Greek Chamber to the Cretan Deputies, pending the negotiations for the liberation of Crete.

No task is more difficult than that of speaking of the excellency of Venizelos, whose work still is in progress for greater Greece, with his spirit as the guiding symbol and the guiding star of the destiny of the Greek nation. His name must be written among the celebrities of the world.

A statesman, a patriot and a man of iron will has passed to immortality. His work and his dreams have met with glorious and complete fulfillment after the victories of the Balkan War and the World War.

Brilliant pages have been written in his days in the history of the land known as the "Glory that was Greece," and Venizelos will rank in history as the greatest Greek statesman since the days of Pericles.

Supreme Lodge of Ahepa Convened In Washington, Feb. 24

EDITOR'S NOTE: In connection with the Supreme Lodge meeting held during the week of February 24, 1936, and the Ahepa National Banquet, the following article was published in The New Age, the official organ of the Supreme Council 33° A. & A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

THE Supreme Lodge of Ahepa (the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) opened its regular annual meeting in the National Capital, Monday, February 24, 1936, and during that evening held its annual banquet at the Mayflower Hotel. Some 750 persons of Greek extraction, members of the Order, were hosts to more than 100 Senators and Representatives, and to federal officers and other prominent citizens.

Among those who spoke were Secretary of War George H. Dern, Senator William H. King, of Utah, and Mr. Demetrios Sicilianos, the Greek Minister.

In lauding the Hellenic "example of keeping the government close to the people," Mr. Dern stated that "democracy was born in Greece. Our New England town meetings are a direct descendant of similar meetings held in Greece. From the simple Hellenic democracy," he added, "we have evolved the representative democracy of the United States."

Secretary Dern also drew attention to the great heights that science, literature, art, architecture, jurisprudence, and eloquence had reached in Greece while Western Europe was yet inhabited by roving tribes of barbarians.

The membership of Ahepa comprises 50,000 naturalized Greeks and Americans of Greek extraction. It was organized July 26, 1922, in the basement of a candy store by eight naturalized Greeks. Today it has 317 chapters in the United States and Canada.

Its objects, set forth in its constitution, are, briefly, as follows: To emphasize loyalty to the United States; to instruct its members in the principles of government; to develop appreciation of citizenship under the State and Federal governments; to promote clean politics by upholding the ideal in civic and social matters; to keep before its members the evils of tyranny in all phases of human relationships; to inculcate an appreciation and understanding of Hellenic peoples, past and present; to promote moral ideas among its members by keeping before them the advantages of education, the strength and beauty of sacrifice, and deteriorating effects of selfishness; to uphold the public school system of the United States; to resist, by all lawful means and methods, any tendency toward a union between the Government of the United States of America and any Church or religion, and to repel the interference of any religion in governmental affairs, either state or national.

Mr. V. I. Chebithes is the Supreme President of the Order, and Mr. Constantine G. Economou is the Supreme Secretary. Its headquarters are in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Chebithes stated that Ahepa has the approval of all Greeks, and, being free from so-called hyphenated implications, may be regarded as among the most patriotic and progressive American organizations.

Certainly every intelligent American citizen, of whatever racial origin, welcomes the noble purposes of the Ahepa, and hopes—although Ahepa may not so dream—that from among its members will come, some day, great personages who will be no less eminent in affairs of state in this country than were their Pericles and Solon in affairs of Athens, and in philosophy than were their Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

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That was the Golden Age, and it set out three brilliant maxims in political philosophy:

"1. The object of constitutions is not to confirm the predominance of any interest but to prevent it.

"2. The preservation with equal care of the independence of labor and the security of property.

"3. Safeguards which save the rich from envy and the poor from oppression."

Has any nation in the world's drama presented equals in poetry and eloquence, in history, philosophy, and in the body politic?

Where is the equal of Socrates, the best of the pagans? Of Aristotle, the ablest moralist of antiquity, and of Plato, who had the vision of the Just Man crucified? What of most illustrious of the early philosophers, Pythagoras, of Heraclitus, of the Stoics, all makers of history and authors of its advancement?

Has the world in its profane arenas anyone to match Socrates? His method was essentially democratic. "He urged all men to bring all things to the test of incessant inquiry, and not to be content with the verdict of majorities, authorities, or custom; to judge of right and wrong, not by the will or sentiment of others, but by the light which God has sent in each man's reason and conscience. He proclaimed that authority is often wrong, and has no warrant to silence or impose conviction. But he gave no warrants to resistance. He emancipated men for thought but not for action."

May that race whose easy quickness, philosophic thought, independent belief and pursuit of unsubstantial grace and beauty be an example for other nations to follow.

"The isles of Greece! the isles of Greece!
Where burning Sappho loved and sung,
Where grew the arts of war and peace,
Where Delos rose, and Phoebus sprung!"

—From "Don Juan."

Bunkhouse Harmony

It's the right kind o' night fer a cowboy song,
Tune up the old guitar!
We both know all th' words, so keep hittin' them chords,
No matter how wrong they are!
Oh, it's bury me not on th' lone prairie-eee
(Finger yer strings, an' hum.)
We're at home on the range, safe indoors fer a change!
Yip-eee! Let th' blizzards come!
Git along, little dogies! Th' song we know
Ain't what them crooners croon,
But we've warbled the words to a thousand' night herds—
Out under th' prairie moon,
Tho' we might get the gong from city dudes,
Here, now, we're doin' fine,
I'll forgive you yer sin—sure I've no other choice—
'Cause you kin forgive me mine!

Gus C. COSTOS,

Sec'y, Pacatella (Alaha) Chapter,



Andrew Karzis

From Immigrant to Outstanding Business Man

BROTHER ANDREW KARZIS was born in Carpathia and at an early date moved to the city of Piraeus where he received the rudiments of education. In the year 1907 he came to the United States of America and devoted himself zealously with his brother William and Mr. Nomikos to the theatre business. Their initial success enabled them to become the owners of seven theatres in Chicago. The "Woodlawn," which was the largest at the time, was built by this enterprising group in 1917 and won the admiration of many celebrities who visited it, including the late statesman of Greece, Eleutherios Venizelos, who with Mrs. Venizelos were sojourning in the metropolis of the Middle West in 1922.

During the year 1922 Brother Karzis introduced in Chicago one of the largest dance halls in the world, the Triam, and in 1925 he established the Aragon dance hall, well known throughout the United States, both of which are admirable, artistic establishments, the wonders of our times, the miracles of the art of architecture.

Brother Karzis joined the Order of Ahepa in 1926 and is very active in Ahepa affairs, to the success of which he always contributes generously, as he does in every laudable undertaking.

Brother Karzis' success was not a mere chance but a constant endeavor and conscientious effort that transformed the immigrant of yesterday into a shining example of virtuous citizenship and an outstanding figure in the business world.

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Ὁ ΦΑΡΟΣ ἔχει καταστή τὸ Ταξιδιωτικὸν Κέντρον τῶν Αἰεπans κατὰ τὰ τελευταῖα δέκα ἔτη.

"Ἄν ἀπέπεσθε νὰ ταξιδεύσητε ἐφέτος, γράψατε μας διὰ πληροφορίας.

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Brother Harry Cokindes, the treasurer of Mary Washington Chapter No. 290 of Fredericksburg, Va., and one of the "live-wires" in the ranks of the Ahepa. If there is an Ahepa meeting anywhere, within a radius of 200 miles, Harry is there.



FRATERNITY NEWS



District No. 1 Activities

ON Sunday, January 26, the members of District No. 1 attended a joint meeting of District Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, which was called at Lowell, Mass., by Supreme Governor George K. Demopoulos. The officers of the five districts were present, even though they had to travel well over 150 miles. Following the general meeting, the officers of District Lodge No. 1 met and authorized Brothers Basbas, Vasilion and Tsialis to go ahead with plans to form a non-profit-making corporation to take over the control of the "Achilles Nassikas" Ahepa Boys' Camp. The stockholders of the corporation are Nick Nassikas, James Basbas and Vasilios Vasilion of Manchester, N. H.; John Dimtsios of Nashua, N. H.; Nicholas F. Colovos of Dover, N. H.; William Doukas of Keene, N. H.; John Lambros, Nick Chachamonti of Biddeford, Maine; Nick Petras of Bennington, Vt., and Leon Frangedakis of Lewiston, Maine.

Leon Frangedakis, in charge of the basketball league, reported that five teams are competing, those of Manchester, N. H., and Portland, Maine, appearing to have the outstanding teams.

Portland. On Saturday, January 25, the Manchester Ahepa basketball team visited Portland and played a splendid game, winning from the Portland Sons by a score of 31-24. It was only after the final whistle was blown that the visitors were sure of victory, so closely fought was the encounter.

Lewiston. A sport dance was given by the Ahepa basketball team of Lewiston, Maine, on Friday, January 31st. About fifty members of the younger generation of Portland motored over and helped make the affair a success. The relationship of the younger people of the two cities is so cordial that Portland and Lewiston are one, so far as the younger Greeks are concerned. A feature of the dance was the amateur hour, when a number of the young folks demonstrated their talents. Miss Bessie Zaimos of Portland was judged the best performer.

The Lewiston team consists of Peter Theodore and Arthur Barbalius, Charles and George Paraskevacos, Nick Barhontis, Veno Karagiannis and Leon Frangedakis, and they are the leaders of the Lewiston-Auburn Young Basketball League.

Dover. Preparations are being made for the 1936 convention of the First District which will be held in Dover, N. H., on June 28, 29 and 30.

Nashua. A new system is being tried out to induce members to attend meetings and to promote a general good feeling. After each meeting one officer undertakes to entertain the members. Refreshments are served and often the families of the Ahepans are invited to participate.

Manchester. The new administration of Manchester Chapter No. 44 is weighted down with immense responsibilities. The details of the opening of the Ahepa Boys' Camp are left to them. In addition, the new President, Brother Peter Tsialis, and the District Marshal, Brother James Basbas, have been authorized to make plans for a District Ball, to be held in Manchester some time in March.

The entire District Lodge is making plans to entertain the Supreme President during his coming visit to our District.

LEON FRANGEDAKIS,
District Secretary.

District No. 2

Boston Ahepa Patrol Dance Magnificent

ON January 29, 1936, at the magnificent State Armory Building, Cambridge, Mass., the Order of Ahepa and Hellenism of New England witnessed one of the most impressive spectacles ever presented in the annals of Ahepa history.

The glorious Ahepa Patrol of the Athens Chapter No. 24 of Boston made its first public appearance in its beautiful and historic Greek founstanella of Athenian style. These new uniforms were recently brought from Greece at a cost of over \$3000. Units of the Grotto and Shriners Patrols, as well as the Bugle and Drum Corps of the Samuel Gridley Howe Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, gave immensity and significance to the occasion. A throng of about 4000 people witnessed this grand Ahepa spectacle. Really, it was a magnificent revival of Ahepa spirit and accomplishment.

All this was made possible through the persistence and hard labor of the illustrious Commander, Brother John Stratis. He is really the spirit and example of true Ahepanism in these parts. He was the first to organize the Ahepa Patrol back in January, 1926. With his boys he participated in every important affair in New England. In 1930 the Boston Patrol accompanied the Ahepa Excursion to Mother Hellas. Ever since his return from Greece, Brother Stratis has bent every effort to clothing the Patrol with the uniform of the immortal founstanella. And he has indeed succeeded! Credit, honor, and praise all belong to him for his great services to Ahepa.

So the night of January 29 will long remain in the memory of the thousands who attended.

Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras, now President of the Athens Chapter No. 24, acted as chairman of the evening. He introduced the various dignitaries, among whom may be mentioned the following: Hon. Sophocles Venizelos; Hon. Panos Tringhetas, Greek Consul; Hon. George Democor, Past Supreme President; Mr. Nicholas A. Loumos, Past Su-

preme Vice President; Mr. George C. Elades, Past Supreme Councillor; Mr. James Athanasoulas, District Governor; Rev. Ethimion, of the Boston Cathedral; Rev. John Dorotheou, of the Greek Church of Somerville; Mr. Stephen Girdis, President of the Greek Community of Somerville, and Mr. Andrew Jarvis, Past Supreme Treasurer.

The occasion was also graced by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Polantz, of Chicago, who were visitors in Boston. This charming couple certainly made many good friends and admirers in their short stay in our city.

The Boston Patrol boys and Brother Michael Vrotsos, who worked very hard for the success of the affair, certainly deserve a bit of congratulations.

New England District Officers Confer at Lowell

HELLAS Chapter, No. 102 of Lowell, Mass., was host of the district lodge officers throughout the New England States, on Sunday, January 26th, at the Ahepa Hall. The session was opened with a banquet at the Cosmopolitan Cafe, at which District Governor James Athanasoulas of District No. 2 was host. At the Hall, the sessions were opened by Brother Athanasoulas, who gave over the chair to Supreme Governor George K. Demopoulos, of Providence, R. I. The re-districting of the New England area was taken up, the new set-up being as follows:

Dist. No. 7. Chapters in the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Springfield (Mass.) Chapter No. 85. 15 chapters.

Dist. No. 8. Chapters in the state of Massachusetts (except Springfield No. 85). 15 chapters.

Dist. No. 9. Chapters in the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. 10 chapters.

Plans were also discussed for the formation of a New England Ahepa basketball league.

Among those who were in attendance were: Governor William Doukas of Keene, N. H.; Lt. Gov. John Dimtsios of Nashua, N. H.; District Secretary Leon Frangedakis of Lewiston, Me.; District Treasurer John Lambros of Dover, N. H.; District Marshal James Basbas of Manchester, N. H., all of District No. 1. From this district: James Athanasoulas, governor; George N. Maravell, lieutenant governor, of Fitchburg; and Theodor K. Kourkoulakos, district secretary, were representatives. From District No. 3, came Peter Bell, district secretary, who is president of the Worcester chapter. From District No. 4: Governor Nicholas Koumaris of New Britain, Conn., and Theodor Scandalis, district secretary, of Danbury, Conn. Others in attendance included

Elias Stamoulakis, president of the Haverhill chapter, and Peter Tsialos, president of the Manchester, N. H., chapter.

It was also announced that Supreme National President V. I. Chebithes will come to New England soon, and will address open public meetings at every New England chapter.

Fitchburg Ahepans Hold Banquet

A BANQUET at which the families of members were guests was held on the evening of February 23rd by "Sarantos D. Bicoles" Chapter No. 266 of Fitchburg, Mass.

Stephen Bozicas, past president, was the toastmaster. Speakers included Brother George N. Maravell, Lieutenant District Governor of District No. 2; Charles Hantzias, president of the chapter; John D. Bicoles, Constantine Gelep and James Karis, past presidents, and Rev. John Michalides, pastor of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.

An entertainment was presented by Cynthia Baimas, Christine Nikitas, Alice Petalas, Dina Doulopoulos, Angela Maravell, Paul Baimas, Peter Maravell, William Maravell and Nicholas Nikitas. Music was furnished by children, or by brothers and sisters of Ahepans.

The committee on arrangements included Brother Bozicas, chairman; Fred Bicoles, Alex Swolis, J. D. Bicoles, Christ, Christodoulou and Nicholas Nikitas.

GEORGE N. MARAVELL.

District No. 3

An Interesting Report from the District Secretary

DURING the first part of December, 1935, our Supreme President, Brother V. I. Chebithes, visited the Connecticut and Rhode Island Chapters, including Providence, Pawtucket, Newport, and Fall River, which are in District No. 3 as constituted at present.

Your correspondent took the trip to Providence and met Brother Chebithes for the first time. He is undoubtedly one of the outstanding Greek-American personalities of the present time. As a platform speaker, he is probably unsurpassed among our countrymen. His thoughts, salted with rare good humor, seemed to impress everybody in the audience in the Providence Chapter. I shall look forward to the pleasure of meeting and hearing him again when he visits the Worcester and other Massachusetts chapters.

On December 29, the District Lodge members visited Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to carry out plans for reorganization of that chapter. Election of officers was held and I am informed that the reinstatement campaign is progressing satisfactorily.

The Providence Chapter, one of the most active in New England, has elected officers for 1936 who will undoubtedly keep it near the top. These are: Nick Vicari, President; Peter Salaman, Vice President; J. Koufoulakis, Secretary; and J. Georgiades, Treasurer.

On January 5, Brother Basil Panaretos, District Governor; Brother James Lampros, District Treasurer; Ernest Krallis, District Mar-

shal, and your correspondent, Peter L. Bell, District Secretary, went to Brockton, where we conducted the installation of the new officers, ably assisted by Past District Governor, Brother Colocousis. The ceremony was a perfect success and worthy of one of the best chapters in the United States. I have no doubt that Brother Peter Droukas, newly installed President, will carry on the good work of his predecessors.

On January 12, Brother Panaretos and the writer went to Newport, Rhode Island, where we conducted the installation of the officers of the Maude Howe Elliot Chapter No. 245. Officers elected were: Ernest Krallis, President; Angelo Fotelis, Vice President; George Sarrelis, Secretary; and A. B. Casembas, Treasurer.

On February 2, Brother Panaretos and your correspondent visited the Fall River Chapter and conducted a public installation there, which was preceded by AYIASMOS Service by the Rev. Parthenios Koumtenos. The one thing that impressed my mind on this visit, and others that I had made, is the resurging spirit of the Ahepa. There is no doubt that the chapters are going out of the doldrums in which they were thrown by the depression. This is due partly to the come-back in business, and partly to the new insurance fund instituted at the last Convention, but, mostly due to the faith and courage given to the brothers in our District by Supreme President Chebithes.

On January 28, the newly elected officers of the George Jarvis Chapter No. 80 were installed. They are: Peter L. Bell, President; George Alexander, Vice President; Arthur H. Lalos, Secretary; and Charles Chaprakas, Treasurer; and Nicholas Brusalis, Recording Secretary. The installing officer was our esteemed District Treasurer, James H. Lampros, former President of the Chapter.

PETER L. BELL,

Secretary, District No. 3.

District No. 4

Triple Installation at Bridgeport, Conn.

THE 1936 installation of the officers of Bridgeport (Conn.) Chapter No. 62 was combined with those of the Sons of Pericles Chapter and "Ermos" Chapter No. 41 of the Daughters of Penelope. The meeting was open to all Ahepans, their families and friends.

The retiring president, William Vlandis, opened the meeting at five o'clock and greeted the attendants on behalf of the chapter. The gavel was then turned over to the chairman of the evening, George Karikas, who welcomed the following distinguished guests: Rev. Joseph Anthopoulos, pastor of the Bridgeport Greek Church; the president of the Greek Community; the presidents of the local chapters of the Daughters of Penelope and the Sons of Pericles; representatives of societies, such as the G.A.P.A. and "Mirofari," out of town Ahepans, and, lastly, District Governor Nicholas Konnaris. All of them were presented by the master of ceremonies, Nicholas Kalymamides.

The chairman gave the gavel to the installation officer, District Governor Konnaris, who



The former Miss Catherine Cookis, daughter of Brother and Mrs. Peter Cookis of Waterbury, Conn., whose recent marriage to Brother Louis A. Caulis, a prominent Ahepa of Salem, Mass., took place at St. John's Episcopal Church, Waterbury.

began the installation. The following officers were installed for the Ahepa Chapter: James Zoubettas, President; Nicholas D. Farmassony, Vice President; James B. Conostas, Secretary; Aris Trifatis, Treasurer. Board of Governors: William Vlandis, Chairman; James Sentementes, Anthony Smith, Orestes Regas, William J. Morris. Appointed Officers: Sotirios Polyzoy, Chaplain; Constantine Geanourakos, Warden; Gus Kiamos, Captain of Guards; James Meroopoulos, Head Sentinel. The installation of the Daughters of Penelope and Sons of Pericles followed by the same installing officer.

After the impressive triple ceremonies of the Ahepan families, the Governor expressed his thanks for the honor that had been conferred on him, and turned the gavel over to the new president, Brother James Zabettas, who spoke briefly. He thanked the members for the confidence they had bestowed in him by elevating him to the presidency. "Without unity and cooperation, we can not progress," he said. Speeches were made by many officers. In their addresses was the assurance and plea for cooperation in attaining the ideals and aims of the AHEPA. Dancing, refreshments and entertainment were included in the program.

Officers installed for "Hermes" Chapter No. 41 of the Daughters of Penelope were: Mrs. Electra Halioris, President; Sofia Trifatis, Vice President; Miss Eve Politis, Secretary; Panagula Vender, Treasurer; Frossa Polizoy, Chaplain; Stavroula Zorzy, Warden; Georgiand Melligoni, Julia Nicias, Sentinels; Flag Bearers, Mary Koteas, Donn Demetrios; Board of Governors: Helen Papacoustantonou, Chairman; Helen Christ, Andriana Savas, Sofia Pappas, Mary Elliopoulos.

Those installed for the Sons of Pericles chapter were: President, Alex Vlandis; Vice President, John Koteas; Secretary, Chris Hiotakis; Treasurer, Theodoros Mellas.

JAMES B. CONSTAS,

Secretary.

District No. 5 Five Chapters Combine Their Installation at Watertown, N. Y.

Supreme Vice President Tsangadas Speaks

UPWARDS of 400 members of the Order of Ahepa and their families, representing the Fifth District and taking in the territory from Albany to Syracuse and northward to the border, gathered in Watertown, New York, for their annual public installation of officers, banquet and dance in the Hotel Woodruff. Chapters participating in the ceremony were those of Albany, Schenectady, Utica, Syracuse and Watertown.

The affair was one of the largest ceremonial and social events held in Watertown in many years and was marked by the presence of dignitaries of the Order and many prominent in public affairs.

Installation of officers from the five chapters began at about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon after members of the Syracuse Chapter arrived in Watertown about two hours late. Chartered buses carried the people from the visiting chapters to Watertown. The installation, open to the public, was ceremoniously conducted and marked the beginning of a year's term of office for some 60 men.

Preparations for the event were made by members of the local lodge of Ahepa, headed by Thomas D. Cook. The banquet got under way promptly at 6:30 and a turkey dinner was served to the 400 people present.

Brother Cook acted as presiding officer and introduced the toastmaster, Brother Daniel Pananicles of Syracuse, past district governor of the fifth district.

On behalf of the Watertown Chapter, the toastmaster presented Nicholas Anagnos, past district governor, with a combination cigaret lighter. Mr. Pananicles also introduced present and past officers of the Fifth District to the assemblage as well as the honored guests.

Those seated at the speakers' table included: Mayor and Mrs. D. D. Kieff, former Mayor John B. Harris, Supreme Vice President G. A. Tsangadas, Detroit, Mich.; Supreme Court Justice Edward North Smith, County Judge Henry J. Kimball, Frederick F. Bugbee, District Attorney Howard B. Donaldson, Rev. Neofitos Iosafalos, pastor of St. Sophia Church, Syracuse; District Governor George D. Geoney, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Gould, Alex Booras, Brother N. Anagnos, Senator Perley A. Pitcher, Rev. Condit N. Eddy, Thomas D. Cook, Mr. Pananicles and Assemblyman Russell Wright. Brothers Tsangadas and Geoney were also installing officers for the installation ceremony.

Mayor Kieff welcomed the members to Watertown and pointed out the interesting background of this city. "We are a progressive city and intend to be a progressive city," he said in inviting the Ahepa to Watertown again in the near future.

Brother Geoney, the district governor, said one of the reasons for all of the display and splendor such as was exhibited Sunday was "to give our great organization a greater recognition." He brought out that when Greeks

first left their native land to come to the United States it was with the thought in mind to accumulate money and to return.

"Greeks have come to think of America as their permanent home," he said, "and the possibility of returning is remote."

Mr. Bugbee, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was the next speaker on the program, and he said that "such an organization founded on such principles as yours is must bring us good."

Former Mayor John B. Harris spoke of the development of organizations such as Ahepa and said that "organizations similar to this can produce the greatest people this country has ever known."

Brief addresses were also given by Judge Kimball, District Attorney Donaldson, Senator Pitcher and Assemblyman Wright.

The principal address of the evening was given by Supreme Vice President Tsangadas. He told of the organization of Ahepa and spoke on the turmoil and unrest that dwells in every country of the world today with the exception of the United States.

Ray LaBounty and his orchestra furnished music during the dinner and for the dance.

The local committees in charge of the affair included:

Thomas D. Cook, General Chairman; N. D. Duscakas, Vice Chairman; Paul Vasil, General Secretary.

Executive, N. D. Duscakas, Peter Livos, Alexander Booras, Michael Vouklizas, Paul Vasil, Peter Gregor.

Entertainment, John Costes, Chairman; G. J. Duscakas, A. Binaxos, George Massars.

Publicity, Paul Vasil, Chairman; Thomas Gregor, Peter Ievas, G. J. Duscakas, W. Thoma-ris, Ladies society.

Reception, P. Zaferrides, Chairman; N. Pappas, L. Stomatris, Mrs. P. Gregor, Mrs. M. Vouklizas, Mrs. A. Binaxis, Mrs. J. Bizotis.

Officers of the district chapters installed were:

Albany, George Karas, President; John Bekkos, Vice President; Nicholas Stathis, Secretary; Peter Anagnostakos, Treasurer; Governors, George A. Mayakis, Peter Stacy, William Katras, George Doukas; Alonpis Triphon, Warden; James Karas, Chaplain; Peter Goutzias, Captain Guards; Steve Soulis, John Zappites, Sentinels.

Schenectady, John Manikas, President; C. Caranikos, Vice President; J. K. Contompasis, Secretary; Spiros Condos, Treasurer; Governors, Harry Koundes, George Blutos, George Benbidis, George Melas; H. Contompasis, Chaplain; N. Contompasis, Warden; John Starnis, Captain Guards; John Moskos, Inside Sentinel.

Syracuse, Costas Kanelis, President; Arthur Annis, Vice President; Thomas Papastavrou, Secretary; Harry Conostas, Treasurer; Governors, Nicholas Spinis, Don E. Macris, Peter N. Spyros, Daniel D. Pananicles; Theodore Katsivelis, Chaplain; Voris Scoliades, Warden; Peter Perlis, Inner Sentinel; Dennis Stameris, Outer Sentinel.

Utica, Thomas N. Cattris, President; Thomas Bantovanis, Vice President; Elias Gianatos, Secretary; A. Volaris, Treasurer; Governors, Harry Mutris, James Livadas, Carl Barth, Louis Colekotronis, James Gossolis; Zeharias Ambelas, Chaplain; James Peterson, Warden; George Georgules, Captain of Guard; George Changas, Inside Sentinel; Nick Economos, Outside Sentinel.

Watertown, Thomas D. Cook, President; Andy Benaxis, Vice President; Paul Vasil, Secretary; N. D. Duscakas, Treasurer; Governors, Alexander Booras; Benjamin Vouklizas, G. J. Duscakas, Peter Gregor, Angelo Delaportas; James Bibonis, Warden; Peter Zaferrides, Chaplain; Peter Kampas, Captain Guards; Ernest Cardinas, Sentinel.

District No. 6 Installation Ceremonies

THE District Lodge, headed by the ever popular Governor N. Nicholas, performed all the installation ceremonies with much finesse and interest to the vast audience that gathered for the occasion.

Delphi, Upper Manhattan and Hermes chapters had a combined closed installation, with Upper Manhattan as host. Bronx and Brooklyn chapters also excluded the public. The Coney Island Chapter held open ceremonies with the "Demetra" Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope. The public was also invited to attend Westchester Chapter's ceremonies. The greatest spectacle took place when the Long Island and Freeport chapters, together with the "Atris" Chapter of the Sons of Pericles and the "Athene" Chapter of the Maids of Athens, gathered to be installed in the presence of several hundred people. Dancing followed to the wee hours of the morning.

The strength of the District Lodge was proven when on February 15th all the elected officers of the District were called at a meeting to discuss the various problems confronting the District. The attendance was almost one hundred per cent and unanimous approval of the plans formulated by the District Lodge was a very encouraging sign.

Every chapter of the Sixth District was represented at the National Banquet and the unfortunate members who were not able to go received the results at the various meetings.

BROOKLYN CHAPTER'S BIRTHDAY

The twelfth anniversary of the Brooklyn Chapter was celebrated on February 29th. The



Miss Helen Pergammon of Newburgh, N. Y., who has distinguished herself in her scholastic career.



Brother Nicholas Nicholas of St. Albans, L. I., N. Y. Governor of the Sixth District, a dynamic and progressive leader whose untiring efforts have made the Metropolitan District an outstanding one.

auditorium of St. Constantine's Church was filled to capacity and refreshments were plentiful. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Past President's Jewel, by the District Governor, Brother N. Nicholas, to Brother George L. Bourney.

LECTURE AT DELPHI

A most interesting and enlightening lecture on Criminal Law was given on February 27th at Delphi Chapter by the prominent barrister, Brother Arthur Syran. The audience was very much pleased with the vivid description of the legal proceedings.

An unexpected but most welcome visitor was the Supreme Governor, Brother Thomas D. Lentz. He gave us a very clear picture of the Organization and answered questions for over an hour. The New Yorkers were very much pleased and impressed by the sincerity and frankness of Brother Lentz and were convinced that he possesses the finer qualities that make a leader.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

The "Estyklia" Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope on March 13th journeyed to Jersey City to install the officers of the newly formed

"Ikarion" Chapter. Under the Chairmanship of the Vice President, Miss P. Xenidis, the young ladies gave a splendid performance. The whole District is pleased with its auxiliaries and is expecting great things from the girls.

GALA INITIATION

On March 20th, at the Upper Manhattan Chapter, a gala initiation was given in honor of the excursionists. The Hermes and Bronx Chapters contributed many candidates. The initiation was performed by the Gerontia. The meeting proved a tremendous success not only in numbers but also by the presence of high ranking officials of the Order, led by Supreme President V. J. Chebithes and Supreme Vice President C. A. Tsangadas. After the ceremonies Brother Chebithes answered the many questions of the brothers present.

SOCRATES P. ZOLOVAS,
District Secretary.

Queensboro Flashes

QUEENSBORO Chapter No. 97 of Astoria, Long Island, held one of the most impressive installation ceremonies of 1936—

one long to be remembered and cherished in the memories of its members.

We were honored by the presence of more than 450 guests from Greater New York and the Most Reverend Athenagoras, Archbishop of the Eastern Orthodox Church, who gave an inspiring talk and a direct appeal to the laity to support such organizations as the Ahepa.

Many thanks are due our able District Governor, Nicholas Nicholas, and his officers, for their excellent execution of the installation ceremony. It was given added impetus by the presence of present and past district governors, present and past chapter presidents, and many other officers representing all branches of the Ahepa and local associations.

Queensboro Chapter is headed again by Brother John A. Kiamos, our young energetic President of last year who did so well that Queensboro honors him once more. He is ably assisted by John A. Kondoleon, Vice President; Peter Sideris, Treasurer; Nicholas J. Chaouy, Secretary, and Leonard Sannarchi, Financial Secretary.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND DANCE

The officers and members decided to hold a banquet and dance in order to fittingly celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Queensboro Chapter No. 97 and the 115th anniversary of Greek Independence. The celebration was given at the Villa Venice, 10 East 60th St., New York City, on March 25. Many notables from all walks of life were invited. The committee has been so active and has accomplished so many things thus far that it is safe to predict that Queensboro will once more uphold the right to its name, "The Perfect Host of the Metropolitan Area." Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras was Queensboro's toastmaster.

NICHOLAS J. CHAOUY.

SECRETARY.

District No. 7

"Bergen Knights" Shows Off New Officers at Public Installation

IN a colorful public installation, held at the Passaic, New Jersey, Greek Community School, the new administration of Bergen Knights Chapter No. 285 of Hackensack, N. J., proved itself capable of carrying the good name of Ahepa to even greater heights.

John G. Thevos, past district secretary of the Sons of Pericles, officiated as installing officer and showed us the wonderful training the Sons are giving to the Greek youth in this country. Brother Jean M. Kossarides, as the welcoming officer, introduced Brother Thevos who in turn proceeded with the installation.

Paul Bellevan was installed as President. Everyone knows Paul as a man who has the character to win and keep the leadership and respect of all the members. John C. Vasilion was installed as the new Vice President. Brother John needs no introduction as all knew him as the man with an Ahepa heart. Young Michael Grammas was inducted as the new Secretary. Much is expected of him by reason of his youthfulness. Brother Nick Sapio was honored with the Treasurer's position.

The following Governors of the Board were installed: Sam Morris, chairman; Gus Ellis,

Jean M. Kossarides, Tom Manias, and Mike Basile.

The following were also installed in their respective appointive offices: Captain of the Guard, Steven Malandris; Chaplain, Gus Lendribas; Sentinel, Gus Kossarides and Warden, John Bellias.

Among the prominent Ahepans present were: Spiros Pappayliou, District Governor of District No. 7; Brother Zervas, past president of "Hermes" Chapter of New York City; Gus Morris, past president of "Hudson" Chapter of Jersey City, N. J.; Arthur Nickas, president of Alexander Hamilton Chapter No. 54 of Paterson, N. J.; Andrew Soterotus, secretary of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, and many, many others.

President John Bellias, who is also president of the Passaic Greek Community, spoke on behalf of the community and extended its congratulations to the new officers.

From the very start, the new administration has shown a determination to make good and, if past performances can be taken as a barometer, "Bergen Knights" will lead the other chapters a merry chase. This may be taken as a warning to our neighboring chapters for Bergen Knights expects to be the leader before the lapse of another year.

MICHAEL P. GRAMMAS,
Secretary.

Camden's Crack Degree Team

THE Degree Team of Camden Chapter No. 69 was organized during the fall of 1929. Bros. Thomas G. Manos and Costas S. Throdoris taking the lead in its formation. It was due more to the efforts of Brother Manos, its President, that it had such a phenomenal rise in popularity and did so much good.

Much credit is due all the members of Camden Chapter No. 69, especially those who have served and those who are still serving on

the Degree Team, whose names follow: N. Houles, Harry Calogieris, and Angelos Zonis, Past Presidents; William Lagakos and Achilles Cocosis, Past Vice Presidents; Thomas Shissias, Past President and our late Brother Stanley Coster. By special invitation, the Degree Team has performed many solemn initiations throughout the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, as follows: Atlantic City, No. 169; South Jersey, No. 162; Trenton, No. 72; Raritan, No. 288; Spartan, No. 26; Hercules No. 226; Chester, No. 79; Wilmington, No. 95, and at the District Conventions held in Atlantic City and Paterson, N. J.

Supreme President V. L. Chelithes, Bro. James Veras, of Scranton, Bro. Nicholas Sakeios, of Baltimore, and many other officials of the Ahepa have witnessed on several occasions the work of the Degree Team and praised the manner and solemnity of the work exemplified by the officers of the team. It is real work and you must witness one of the performances in order to believe it.

A loving cup, donated by Brother Vasilion, of Paterson, was awarded to the Degree Team for the best performance of the work at the contest held among the chapters in the State of New Jersey.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Kurt M. Sinner Honored

Testimonial Dinner Tendered to Outgoing President

KURT M. SINNER, 10th President of Alexander Hamilton Chapter No. 54, of Paterson, N. J., was tendered a surprise dinner Wednesday evening, January 29, at the St. Athanasios Hellenic School's Banquet Room. Sixty-seven members of the Paterson, Hackensack, Newark and Jersey City chapters gathered to pay homage to an American of German

descent who headed an American organization composed primarily of Americans of Greek descent. The dinner was surrounded with a great deal of sentiment for the simple reason that Kurt Sinner was one of the first Ahepans in the State of New Jersey. He is a charter member of the local chapter and served as this lodge's first Secretary in 1925 and 1926 under the presidency of Peter A. Adams. He served as member and chairman of the most important Dues Committee for a successive stretch of five years. He was elected vice-president of the chapter in 1934 and during that year was appointed key members of the Convention Arrangements Committee serving as treasurer under Chairman August Rogokos and President John Pappas. In June 1934, he represented the chapter at the District Convention in Paterson, and was one of the most distinguished delegates at that session. His performance was recognized by his election to the Presidency in 1935 and as a delegate to the Asbury Park Convention. His year as president marked the end of the first decade of Ahepa history in Paterson with memorable and historic ceremonies. In April, under his leadership, a Charter Members' revival night was held at which much of the old savour and memories of April 2nd, 1925, and the institution of the chapter were re-lived by the membership.

In May and October the chapter held two social functions, one at the St. Athanasios' Ball Room and the other at the Temple Emanuel Ball Room. Both were social and financial successes. In November, the Supreme President of the National Fraternity was the principal guest at Past Presidents Night.

Wednesday night's dinner climaxed Mr. Sinner's career as well as being the occasion for his initiation into the Past Presidents Association. He was the recipient of a special degree prepared by John Cordug, Andrew C. Angelson, and John Theos. The Past Presidents, among whom were August Regokos, Sam Aros, Alexander Collis, James Bazotis, John C. Vasilion, and John Pappas, presented the honored guest with a bejeweled fraternity pin, and a diamond studded fez. The chapter and membership presented him with a beautiful Past President's Jewel and an engraved fountain pen.

He achieved the coveted diploma of the Past Presidents' Association in very impressive ceremonies, at which the solons of the district of New Jersey and the chapter participated. Among these were Peter N. Kussis of Orange, N. J.; Capt. Jean M. Kossarides of Cliffside Park; James N. Pappas and Elyseos Archontis of Newark; Paul Bellevan of Hackensack; Gus Morris of Jersey City and Nicholas Sarno of Elizabeth.

The members of the committee were Spiros Grammatikos, James Markov and Andrew E. Soterotus.

ARTHUR NICKAS,
President.

District No. 8

Wilmington Chapter Has Able Secretary

THE Wilmington Community and Wilmington (Del.) Chapter No. 95 are fortunate in having a member of the calibre of Zachar-



Officers of Bergen Knights Chapter.

Seated, left to right: John C. Vasilion, Vice President; Paul Bellevan, President; Michael P. Grammas, Secretary. Standing: Gus Kossarides, Sentinel; John Bellias, Warden; Steven Malandris, Captain of the Guards; Nick Saplos, Treasurer, and Gus Lendribas, Chaplain.

rias Kozamanis, for he is not only an excellent teacher but takes an interest in all the affairs of the city. He is a born leader and teacher and is admired by the pupils of the school and the residents of the community.

In the short time that he has been secretary of the Wilmington chapter, he has done some wonderful work. Brother Kozamanis was initiated in the Binghamton Chapter, where he was a teacher. As soon as he came to Wilmington, which was a little more than two years ago, he applied at once for a transfer to the Wilmington Chapter and has not missed a meeting since.



Brother Zacharias Kozamanis, Secretary of Wilmington Chapter No. 95.

Brother Kozamanis not only teaches the Greek boys and girls the Greek language but takes part in other activities also. Since coming to Wilmington he has established a fine church choir, composed of the children, and all of us feel proud of this accomplishment. He teaches the school children on week days, after public school hours, and on Saturday afternoons he instructs them in the playing of many kinds of musical instruments. In this he is very successful and some of the boys and girls are doing very nice work in this line.

The members of the chapter did wisely in electing Brother Kozamanis Secretary of the chapter for he is a live wire, indeed.

WILMINGTON CHAPTER NO. 95.

Minister Siciliano Speaker at Wilmington's Independence Day Dinner

THE bonds of friendship existing between the United States and Greece should be preserved, His Excellency, Demetrios Siciliano, Minister of Greece to the United States, said at the annual dinner of Wilmington (Del.) Chapter No. 95, held at the Hotel Dupont on the evening of March 24. "Modern Greeks should mark the occasion well and should never forget the Greek traditions which steeled their forefathers to rise up in spite of the most extreme hardships," he stated.

He pointed out that when Greece was fighting for independence, the United States gave you aid, helping morally and financially. He

recalled the work of Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, of Boston, who organized the medical service and later became chief surgeon of the Greek navy. Minister Siciliano declared Greece has been and continues to be deeply grateful for this aid.

The dinner was attended by 400 persons and was served in the gold ballroom of the hotel. Addresses praising Greece and its history also were delivered by Mayor Walter W. Bacon, Secretary of State; Walter Dent Smith, representing Governor Buck; Attorney-General P. Warren Green; Dr. Walter Hullihen, president of the University of Delaware; V. I. Chebithes, Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa; Achilles Catsonis, Past Supreme President; Charles Tarabios, President of the Wilmington Chapter, and John Govatos, who was toastmaster.

History Is Reviewed

The struggle of modern Greece, beginning May 29, 1453, with the collapse of the Byzantine Empire and the fall of Constantine in battle, was reviewed by Minister Siciliano. Through the long period that ensued until Greece emerged in the modern world an independent nation, the Greek people, he declared, retained their integrity and their ideals through sheer patriotism.

Secret societies were organized and the way was cleared for the revolt which was finally proclaimed by Archbishop Germanos, of Patrone, March 25, 1821, signaling the revolution against the Turks and proclaiming Greek independence, after 378 years of political servitude.

Citizenship Praised

Official greetings of the city were extended by Mayor Bacon, who praised Greek residents of Delaware for their contributions to the State's progress, declaring that Greece has given a high type of citizen to the community.

Best wishes of Governor Buck were extended by Mr. Smith. There are about 600 persons of Greek descent in Delaware, Mr. Smith said, and these people form a valuable part of the State. He referred to Mr. Govatos as the "dean of the Greek colony of Delaware."

"Ancient Greece fought the battles of all countries, including America," declared Mr. Green. "If the Greeks had not succeeded in turning back the Persian invasions," he explained, "history would have been written in the Persian language."

Much of American democracy, he continued, has its roots in Greek political thought. Indeed, he declared, before America was discovered "there was an America in the other world, and that America was Greece." He pointed out that democratic ideals had their first flowering in ancient Greece.

Nation Culture Center

Dr. Hullihen also praised the contribution of Greece to civilization.

"Most of our progressive thinking, that the best minds of today care for, had its foundation in Greece," he said.

"I sometimes like to think that Greece gave us many of our religious foundations." He quoted in classical Greek the words of Christ, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Even before the Christian era, Dr. Hullihen said, this idea had been expressed in another form by Socrates, who held that "knowledge is goodness."

Brother Chebithes denied the contention that modern Greeks are a people entirely different from the ancient Greeks. The Greek people, with their language and culture, have persevered through the centuries in continuity, though their history has sometimes been obscured, he insisted.



The Camden Degree Team

Front row, left to right: Thomas G. Mavros, President; William C. Logothetis, Vice President. Back row, left to right: Angelos H. Eoinis, Chaplain; Gustav S. Theodoris, Captain of the Guard; and Nicholas Healy, Warden.

"The old blood and the old spirit have been preserved through the centuries," he declared, "and that is what made the Greeks resolve to be free."

Brother Catsonis declared that America has taken the Greek ideals and has perpetuated them. "America," he declared, "is the magnified reflection of the dream that was conceived long ago."

Greeks in the United States, he asserted, should remember their contribution to America and should try in every way to make America's happiness their happiness.

Dancing Enjoyed

Jean Fardulli, baritone of the Chicago Opera Company, won several ovations for selections he sang, including an aria from "The Barber of Seville."

After the dinner there was dancing.

Among those at the speakers' table were: Mr. Tarabicos and Mrs. Tarabicos; Mr. Govatos and his daughter, Miss Marguerite Govatos; Mayor Bacon; Secretary of State Smith, Attorney General Green, Mr. Catsonis, Dr. Hüllihen, and Mrs. Hüllihen; Mr. Chébithes.

Mr. Govatos also introduced Gerrish Gassaway, manager of the Chamber of Commerce; Joseph H. Martin, William Mapel, Dr. George Boines, Miss Marguerite H. Burnett, director of adult education; Miss Barbara Miller, of the Americanization Bureau; Miss Elex Caros of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Mayor A. R. Bergstrom, of Coatesville, Pa., and members of Council of Wilmington.

A radiogram received from Peter Samios, of Hagerstown, Md., district governor, from the S. S. "Vulcania," en route to Greece, was read by Mr. Govatos.

Governor Buck sent a letter of regret that he could not attend. Telegrams of regret were received from: Councilman Otto H. Miller, former Governor Robert P. Robinson; George Papanicolas, district lieutenant-governor; Nicholas G. Lely, counselor of the Greek Legation, Washington; M. Constantine, editor of the *Atlantis*, New York City; Demetrios Callimachos, editor of the *National Herald*, also of New York City, and others.

The editor takes pleasure in reproducing the following editorial which appeared in the *Journal-Examiner Evening*, of Wilmington, Del., on March 26, 1936:

Greece and the United States

The bond between the United States and Greece, which has existed ever since our country became a nation, and the debt the English language and our arts owe to Greek culture, were emphasized at the banquet of Wilmington Chapter, No. 95, Order of Ahepa, in the Hotel DuPont Tuesday night.

The point was stressed by several of the speakers that there always has been, and now is, much in common between the two peoples. Both had a long and difficult struggle to free themselves from oppression. Both were determined, both were actuated by the love of liberty, and both won.

The sympathetic attitude of the United States toward the fortitude of the Greeks, in their years of battle against great odds, is demonstrated in quotations from public expressions of American Presidents, and also by the fact that distinguished Americans were participants in that long and bitter struggle of the Greeks for their freedom.

Since yesterday was the 115th anniversary of Greek independence, it was fitting that Wilmington Chapter of the Ahepa should time its annual banquet in accordance with the date of that anniversary.

It was ten years ago on the 14th of last month that Wilmington Chapter of the Ahepa was instituted. The purpose of the Order is to promote the cause of education, good citizenship, and love of the noble traditions which our two countries have in common. The Order is made up of citizens of Greek nationality in extraction. They are proving worthy members of the community and are contributing to the civic and material enterprises and progress of Wilmington.

District No. 9

Lancaster Installation

THE installation ceremonies of "Red Rose" Chapter No. 71, Lancaster, Penna., took place on the 8th of January. It was a splendid affair. The entire Greek community turned out. Ahepans and more Ahepans! The following officers were installed: Mavrotis Macrides, President; Theo. A. Kitsis, Vice President; Nick Harris, Secretary; and John Mountas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Emanuel Frangos, chairman; John Thomas, Steve Koutelis, Vasilios Yianes. Those appointed were: George Manuel, Chaplain; Christ Mandros, Warden; Peter H. Stathopoulos, Captain of the Guard and John Romanos, Sentinel.

Brother Macrides, the newly elected President, pledged to give his utmost in bringing a better understanding among the brothers.

On behalf of our chapter and community, I wish to congratulate our District Governor, Brother John Drouzatos, and District Secretary, Louis DeOlden, for the way they performed their duties in installing the newly elected officers. Brother DeOlden, aside from delivering an eloquent address, offered a bit of humor which delighted the crowd. After the installation, refreshments were served. Then came the dancing part of the program, with Greek dances of all descriptions performed by all of us.

We want to thank all who helped to make the affair a success and, on behalf of the newly installed president, we thank the past officers for their splendid cooperation.

The entire proceeds of the evening were donated to the Greek Orthodox Church.

NICK HARRIS,

Secretary.

District No. 10

Report of Activities

ON Sunday, January 5, 1936, at 8:00 p. m., at the Central Y. M. C. A. of Canton, Ohio, Philanthropos Chapter No. 71, and Andrew Nickas Chapter No. 289, of Massillon and Canton respectively, held a joint installation of officers. The following past district officers and chapter officers of the various cities in the vicinity of Canton were present: Past District Officer John Petrou of Akron, Ohio; Past District Officer Nick Economou of Akron, Ohio; and Brother James Georgeopoulos of Mansfield Chapter.

The District Governor, Peter Betchums of

Youngstown, Ohio, officiated as Installing Officer; Brother Steve Kondas of Massillon officiated as Captain of the Guard and Brother Angel Alex of Canton, Ohio, as Master of Ceremonies.

Some four hundred friends of the officers and members of the various chapters of the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, witnessed the ceremonies that took place. After the ceremonies a group of speakers gave us various versions of economic and social life in the nation. Others spoke on the qualities of the Order, its purpose, its functions and the results that the Order was formulating to the Greeks all over the country and abroad.

The first speaker was that well-known Ahepan who has served the Order in all respects that a devoted Ahepan can serve—John D. Petrou. Brother Petrou spoke on various reasons why we, as American citizens, were very fortunate in both social and economic strife, using Greece as an example. He spoke of the misery and poverty that existed in Greece and how Greece was not able to cope with its economic situation.

The second speaker was the newly elected president of Andrew Nickas Chapter, Brother Harry Nachies. Brother Nachies spoke on the activities of the chapter. He emphasized the purpose of the Order and the tremendous work that it has been doing in the past few years.

The next speaker was the newly elected president of the Massillon Chapter, Brother George Panis. His remarks were similar to those of Brother Nachies.

Brother Nick Economou was the next speaker and he discoursed on the necessity of supporting the Order in its mission and asked all members and non-members present to support the local chapter in its labors in the Order.

Next came Mr. Georgeopoulos of the Mansfield Chapter who spoke on the excellent work that the Mansfield Chapter was doing in that city and that its membership was one that any chapter should be proud of.

The next and chief speaker was to have been the Honorable Mayor and Brother Ahepan of the Andrew Nickas Chapter, but to our dismay the Mayor was taken ill and could not appear. However, in his stead Brother Angel Alex was more than satisfactory. He spoke on the wonderful work that the local chapter had done and proposed to do. He urged the assembly present to have faith in the achievements of the Order and to support it as much as they possibly could. Brother Alex has never failed to express the great needs of the Order for support, both morally and economically. He has never failed to produce that warmth that is present in all able speakers.

The District Governor, Brother Betchums, made a wonderful and interesting speech for the good of the Order.

Following the speaking program the social side of the evening began, and everyone enjoyed the music presented by the Greek talent that played the soothing Greek music. At the sound of music, the public took to dancing and there is no doubt that the evening was very much enjoyed.

Officers who were installed are:

Andrew Nickas No. 289, Canton, Ohio; President, Harry Nachis; Vice President, Gregory Pelay; Secretary, Nick Kakos; Treasurer, George Regas.

Board of Governors: James Cardasis, Chairman; George Tremontis, Emanuel Elite, Barry Pelay, Ernest Ventouras.

Sentinels: Peter Couris, Peter Andriustopoulos; Captain of the Guard: Angel Alex, Chaplain: E. V. Pefoulides, Warden: George Melas.

Philanthropos No. 74, Massillon, Ohio: President, George Panis; Vice President, Daniel Pavlos; Secretary, Steve Kondas; Treasurer, George Orphan.

Board of Governors: Nick Orpan, Chairman; Tom Panis, Peter Scouflos, Bill Moulos, Peter Petrou.

Sentinels: Nick Pappas, Tom Vratos; Captain of the Guard: Harry Corosidis, Chaplain: Peter Ssages, Warden: Louis Triandes.

NICK S. KEKOS,
Secretary

On Sunday, January 12, the New Castle Chapter No. 87 had an installation of officers at the auditorium of St. George Church. Over thirty-five members were present. District Governor Peter Betchumis from Youngstown officiated as installing officer. After the installation all new officers gave brief speeches for the good of the order.

On Sunday, January 26, an installation of officers took place in Lorain, Ohio, for the Elyria-Lorain Chapter, at the American Legion Building. The weather was bad, it was 18 below zero, but the Ahepa spirit was present in spite of the weather. There were over forty-five members present. The installing officer was our District Governor, Peter Betchumis, of Youngstown, who traveled 100 miles in stormy weather to be present. On the same day, eight new members were initiated into the mysteries of our fraternity. After the above ceremonies, the entertainment committee had prepared two roast laudis and plenty of wine and beer. All had a good time. The Elyria-Lorain Chapter is still going ahead, and all members have the zeal and they are very enthusiastic about the Ahepa.

NEWS FROM LINCOLN CHAPTER NO. 89.

Judge Clifford B. Woodside and Attorney William Spagnola spoke at the monthly party of the Lincoln Chapter No. 89, in St. John's Auditorium, Youngstown, Ohio. The party was given by Thomas Pappas and Mr. C. Constantopoulos acted as toastmaster. Mr. Peter Betchumis introduced the guests, including Rev. David Popovich and James Cooper, local attorney. Brother Betchumis expressed thanks to the members for the support given him during his two years as president of the chapter. There were 200 people present. They also had refreshments and later, Greek-American dances.

On February 12, Lincoln's birthday, the Lincoln Chapter held its 10th annual dance at the Hotel Ohio. James Chelekis was chairman of the committee in charge which also included John Stamatakos, Peter Cummings, George Andrew, and George Chelekis. The affair was very successful.

February 20, the public installation of officers took place at St. John's Auditorium. The presiding officer was District Governor Betchumis. George Chelekis was installed as President; John Stamatakos, Vice President; George Andrew, Secretary; Nick Zigoris, Treasurer; Jack Conjaman, Chaplain; Nick Nistas, Captain of the Guard; Peter Stasopoulos, Outside Sentinel; Tom Pappas, Inside Sentinel; Board of Governors, Dr. M. Zervos, Theodore Kalivas, James Bougas, and Emanuel Paul.

Out of town visitors were Lieutenant Governor Harry Kitchiner from Cleveland, Ohio, and others.

After these ceremonies refreshments were served and there were Greek-American dances until one o'clock in the morning.

On Sunday, March 1, after the regular meeting of New Castle Chapter No. 87, the District Governor, Peter Betchumis, presented the Past President's jewel to Dave Pappas who served as President for the year 1935. Brother Pappas expressed his appreciation. District Governor Peter Betchumis, John Borovilos, President of New Castle Chapter, C. A. Damis, President of Warren Chapter, and three members from the Warren Chapter were the speakers.

On Sunday, March 15, at 7:30, in Mansfield, installation of the Officers of Goodwill Chapter No. 303 took place at the Moose Hall. The following Past District Governors were present: John D. Petrou, Nicholas Economou from Akron, Ohio; Peter Delis, the District Marshal from Lorain, Ohio; James Geros and James Manos from Canton, Ohio; George Andrew from Youngstown, Ohio, and Peter Betchumis, District Governor, who officiated as installing officer. Over five hundred friends and members of the Order witnessed the ceremony.

After the ceremony our District Governor introduced the following speakers: James Georgopoulos, President, John D. Petrou, Nicholas Economou, Peter Delis, James Manos, and the distinguished guest, Earl A. McFarland, mayor of the city, who made a very brief speech, expressing his appreciation to the Goodwill Chapter for inviting him. He said: "I was watching very closely the ceremony of the installation and really I am surprised: you have a fine fraternity, my friends, the best I know among the Greeks. Keep up the good work and you do not make a mistake being a member of the Ahepa fraternity."

The last speaker was our District Governor who made a wonderful speech. He recounted the accomplishments of the Ahepa during the last 14 years. Ahepa contributed \$1,000,000 through its national treasury and several chapters. Ever since the day of its existence the Order has contributed largely towards the comfort, enlightenment and happiness, not only of its own members but of all humanity. Many congratulations to our worthy Governor; he made the right speech at the right time. It was really dynamic.

After the speaking program a gift was presented to Brother Georgopoulos on behalf of the Chapter. The affair was later turned into a farewell party for Brother Georgopoulos who sailed with his family to our homeland, Greece, with the Ahepa excursion.

JOHN BOROVILOS,
District Secretary.

District No. 12

Entire District Visited by Supreme President

DISTRICT No. 12 was accorded the rare privilege of serving as host to the Supreme President, Bro. V. I. Chebithes, on the occasion of his visits to all the chapters of the district. In every city visited by him the members and the general Greek citizenry turned out en masse to hear his message.

Brother Chebithes was accompanied throughout his trip by District Governor C. G. Paris and on several occasions, Bros. C. J. Pappandreon, C. A. Abbey, and Richard Kassolis, District Secretary, District Treasurer, and Dis-



Miss Fannie Velousaki, whose engagement to Mr. Menelaos Venotoulis of Bath, Maine, has been announced. Miss Velousaki, formerly a teacher of Greek in Danville, Va., now teaches in Tarpon Springs, Florida. She is active in all Ahepa affairs.

trict Marshal, respectively, had the good fortune to be with him.

On one particular trip, the visit to the Richmond, Virginia, chapter, Brother Chebithes had with him the Supreme Counsellor and the Supreme Treasurer. The program of the Supreme President was as follows: March 1st, Richmond; 8th, Newport News and Norfolk; 9th, Danville and Roanoke; 10th, Bluefield, W. Va.; 11th, Lynchburg; 12th, Hopewell and Fredericksburg, Va.

The meetings and gatherings were marked with utmost simplicity and a pervading spirit of congeniality and fraternalism by those attending.

C. J. PAPPANDREON,
District Secretary.

District No. 14

Atlanta Chapter Entertains Supreme President

IT WAS with much pleasure that Atlanta Chapter No. 1 entertained our Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, on Friday night, February 7. Though the attendance was not what we expected it to be, many members and their friends and families braved the unusual weather to hear the one and only V. I. He gave us more of a friendly talk than a speech and it was very interesting and inspiring. The only fault we could find was that it was not half long enough. There is some indefinable quality about the Supreme President that makes the time of his speaking seem so much shorter than it really is and leaves you wondering if that is all—when you had thought you would hear a nice long speech. There was so much new life in the inspiration we derived from his visit that we feel we are going to do great things in the future.

After the meeting at the Community Hall, the officers and many members and their wives entertained the Supreme President at a supper.

Brother N. J. Regas, president of the chapter, had charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Regas planned a little special entertainment by way of a drawing of comic valentines for the ladies. There was a great deal of fun in the reading of the comics and drawing of the little prizes later on. After this, each Ahepan was called on for a few words and Brother Chebithes told us another story, which calls to mind an amusing remark passed about the Supreme President, by one of the ladies, who said that he told as many stories as a preacher. Well, he can preach for us any time he wishes—we liked it that much.

BEAUTY QUEEN VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

It is with sorrow and regret that we inform our readers of the untimely death of Miss Helen Pefines, the Beauty Queen of the Atlanta Chapter during 1935.

Miss Pefines was crowned Queen at the Grand Ball, which climaxed the fourth annual district convention of District No. 14, held in Atlanta last May. Her loss is felt deeply by all who knew her, for she was as lovely a personality as she was beautiful and her graciousness and charm endeared her to the entire Greek Community of Atlanta. But, though she has departed this life and we miss her sorely, we do find consolation in the thought that she is still with us in spirit.

N. J. REGAS,
President.

**Daughter of District Governor
Winner in Beauty Contest**

THE double honor of playing the leading feminine role in the play and of being judged the winner in the beauty contest went to Miss Sophie Pappas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Carellas, in the twelfth annual show and dance of Solon Chapter No. 5, Savannah, Ga., Wednesday evening, March 4, at the Municipal Auditorium.

Miss Pappas, by winning the contest, will be known as "Miss Ahepa of 1936" for Savannah, and will enter the contest at the district convention in July, the winner of which is entitled to enter a national contest later in Minneapolis.

That Miss Pappas' selection by the judges was a popular one with the large crowd was evidenced by the enthusiastic applause with which the announcement was received. Announcement of the winner was made in a few appropriate remarks by Kenneth E. Palmer, who, with Andrew A. Smith and Abe Tenenbaum, acted as judges. The judges had a hard job choosing between the Grecian beauties and recalled several of them for observation before determining the winner. Among these was a visitor, Miss Pina Kontos of Waycross, whose father, George Kontos, is a member of the local chapter. The other contestants included the Misses Theresa Tassopoulos, Andy Eliopolo, Marope Christodoulo, Mary Tassopoulos, Mary Kogklis, Theresa Choboucas and Lily Eliopolo.

Nick Mamalakas was master of ceremonies for the performance. A brief talk was also made by Charles Lamas, chapter president. Chairman of the committee on arrangements was Mr. Carellas, district governor for Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama. Among the popular young women in attendance at the dance were three of Mr. Mamalakas' sisters and Miss Pauline Constantine who was pro-

hibited from entrance in the beauty contest because of having won in a previous one.

Music for dancing was furnished by a well known orchestra. The two-act play, "Moshomage of Paris," directed by Aristides Parrissa, was all in Greek and was much enjoyed by those who understood it, which included most of the audience. Between the acts the Apollo Mandolin Ensemble played, with Miss Mary Tassopoulos singing. The cast of the play follows:

General Morenos, Arthur Kogkalis; Amedeos (Morenos' son), Charles Feangou; Mrs. Morenos, Mary Kogkalis; Narrios; Mrs. Maina, Kalliopi Kogkalis; Eliza (Maina's grandchild), Sophie Pappas, Joseph, Harika Donkar, and Vioso (family friend), Aristides Parrissis.

Mr. Mamalakas presented past president's letters to Nick D. Parris and to Mrs. Nick D. Athanas for Mr. Athanas who was not present.

There was a large attendance, including the Rev. Gerasimos Elias, rector of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church.

District No. 17

**Columbus Chapter Holds
Combined Public Installation**

ON SUNDAY, January 26, the Seventeenth District held its combined installation at the Desler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The officers of Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope took part. At 3:00 p. m., despite the zero weather, people began to arrive from all directions, and at five o'clock the installation began. Brother Steve Vaseley, past president of Columbus Chapter and present District Lieutenant-Governor, opened the meeting. After welcoming the guests, he turned the gavel over to the District Governor, Fred Maroulos, who acted as the installing officer. The following officers were installed for Columbus Chapter No. 139:

Gus B. Pappas, President; George Pappas, Vice-President; George Petropoulos, Secretary; William Petrakis, Treasurer; Steve Vaseley, Chairman, Board of Governors; A. J. Nel-



Brother Gus B. Pappas, President of Columbus Chapter, No. 139.

son, Angel Trifon, Theodore Manos and George Athan, Governors; George Vayian, Chaplain; Dan Angel, Warden; Gus Phillis, Captain of the Guard; John Poulos, Sentinel.

The installation lasted until eight o'clock, and the time was certainly well-spent, for educational and stimulating speeches were given by some of our prominent Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope. The principal speaker of the evening was Brother Leo Lamberson, Governor of District 19, who in his convincing manner, explained the benefits that have been derived from the Ahepa by the Hellenes throughout the United States, and urged all Greek-Americans to join the ranks of the Ahepa.

At 9:30 o'clock, the fun opened with the beginning of the dance. Not since the National Convention held here two years ago, has there been such a large and merry crowd. The fine ballroom of the Desler-Wallick Hotel was filled to capacity and it would take no keen observer to note that everyone had an enjoyable time. To the strains of music played by the best orchestra that Columbus could offer, the dancing continued until early the next morning. Brother George Zavakos of Dayton, Ohio, with his private bar-room, played host, as usual, to his many friends.

I know that all who attended this dance will join with me in saying that no better time could be had by anyone, at any place.

JAMES KAPPAS,
District Secretary.

**Meeting Hall of Columbus
Chapter Destroyed by Fire**

THE last meeting held in I.O.O.F. building, Columbus, Ohio, before it burned to ruin was that of the Columbus Chapter No. 139, which broke up at 11:30 p. m., Tuesday, February 18, the blaze occurring in the early morning. About \$600 worth of paraphernalia belonging to the chapter was destroyed by the fire and, unfortunately, it was not covered by insurance.

We sympathize with the members at Columbus but feel grateful that none suffered injury.

District No. 18

Fruit Belt Chapter Installs Heads

THE "Fruit Belt" Chapter No. 292 of Benton Harbor, Michigan, held a public installation of newly elected officers.

In the absence of Peter Magas, district governor, due to bad weather, the district secretary, Tom State, of the local chapter performed the installation, assisted by the past-president of the chapter, Nick Dorotheou.

The ceremonies were very impressive. Families of the members and many visitors were invited to attend. Lunch was served afterwards, and the meeting concluded with dancing. Everyone enjoyed the affair.

The following officers were installed: Peter Kerhulas, President; Peter Moutsaton, Vice-President; John Gioxatos, Secretary; George Andrews, Treasurer; Nick Dorotheou, Chairman of Governors; Tom State, John Kanalis, William Convelis, and James Sutravatos, Governors; John Kanalis, Warden; Tom State, Chaplain; John Anderson, captain of the guard; Nick Baltas, Inow-Sentinel; John Alex, Outer Sentinel.

Able Officers to Guide Jackson Chapter

ON JANUARY 12 the Jackson (Mich.) Chapter No. 293 held its installation of officers. Brother Charles Preketes of Ann Arbor conducted the exercises and was assisted by District Governor Peter Magas of Kalamazoo. The following officials will lead the chapter during the coming year:

Nicholas Bartz, President; Napoleon Mondes, Vice-President; William Nicolau, Secretary; Thomas Kosmet, Treasurer; Thomas Beakles, Chairman, Board of Governors; Nicholas Kakuris, James Preston, John Savoufis and Peter Voumelis, Governors; John Cecil, Chaplain; Gus Alexander, Warden; Harry Patages, Captain of the Guard; James Turpin, Sentinel.

Miss Hetsula Alexander of Jackson, Michigan, who is six years old, recited poems in Greek and refreshments and dancing completed the program.

WILLIAM NICOLAU,
Secretary

District No. 19

Tribute to a Loved and Faithful Member

The sun is in the west,
Across the bay,
Another perfect day,
Has passed away.

JUST as the waning sun was setting in the far west, and the dim shadows of the coming peaceful night were slowly descending on this peaceful community, word was quietly sent out from a dimmed room in the loyal hospital to the many waiting and saddened brothers, relatives, and friends, that Brother Michael A. Drake passed quietly into the beyond. He died of bronchial pneumonia, January 29, 1936. He had been ill only six days.

Brother Michael A. Drake was born in Kantanika-Kornitis, Messinia, 43 years ago. He came to this country when only eight years of age, and first made his home in Chicago, Ill. Then he settled in Wabash, Ind., where he resided for over 20 years, before moving to Muncie about seven years ago. During the great war, Brother Drake served with the American forces in France. In this country, he was connected with the restaurant profession, and was also a machine specialist. His death was unexpected, for great hopes were had for his recovery until the final few hours. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Drake, and one son, Junior Drake.

Brother Drake was a member of the Muncie Chapter for many years and served as secretary of the chapter for two terms (1933-4). During the past year he served as president, a duty which he performed ardently and faithfully. He was also a member of the Eagles and Moose Lodges, American Legion, and the United Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Brother Drake was not only loved and praised by the brothers and his friends, but even the smallest child enjoyed his company and friend ship. With a kind heart and living soul, his memory will be cherished in the minds and souls of his brothers and friends forever.

With tearstained eyes and weary hearts we wish to express our sincerest bereavement and regret to his widow and son. But I am sure

Brother Drake would want us to proceed on life's short journey with strong hearts and glad smiles, and would want no tears shed on this final journey.

May he rest in everlasting peace, and our dear Lord and Saviour above keep vigil over his soul.

Therefore, I cease writing these saddened farewell lines with the expressive words that he would have wanted quoted:

Sunset, and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning at the bar,
When I put out to sea.

THEODORE MENTIS,
Secretary

District No. 20

Fond Du Lac Chapter Seats New Officers at Public Ceremonies at Greek Church

PUBLIC installation of officers for Fond du Lac Chapter No. 49, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, was held Sunday night, January 19, in the parlors of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in the presence of many members, their friends and families.

District Governor Andrew Zafropoulos of Milwaukee acted as installing officer. He also headed the list of speakers, his address commenting on the rapid growth of the chapter since its reorganization two years ago.

The Rev. Chrysostom Trahadias in a talk related the principles of religion and fraternity ideals, and other speakers were Denis J. Stateson, Past President, James Mologianes, newly elected President, Peter Apostol, retiring Vice-President, Peter Liacopoulos, Nick Karras, Harry Poulos, Anist Drankus, Chris Katsoulas, Sam BeKeatis, President of the Sons of Pericles, Spyros Kallis, Paul Diamond, George Scocos and Marinos Kallas.

Other officers seated were Peter Liacopoulos, Vice-President, Anist Drankus, Secretary, Peter Apostol, Treasurer, George Scocos, Warden, the Rev. Chrysostom Trahadias, Chaplain, Nick Karras, Captain of the Guard, and Paul Diamond, Inner Sentinel.

Denis J. Stateson is Chairman of the Board of Governors which includes Spyros Kallis, Andrew T. Scott, Harry Poulos and Chris Katsoulas.

Pre-Lenten Costume Party Staged by Fond Du Lac Chapter

FOND DU LAC Chapter No. 49 entertained more than two hundred persons Sunday night, February 23, at the Holy Trinity Church at their annual pre-Lenten costume party, an outstanding event in the calendar of social gatherings for the Hellenic community of Fond du Lac.

Andrew Zafropoulos of Milwaukee, district governor, was present and spoke briefly on the social duty Greek people have toward the country which received them so warmly. He was introduced by James Mologianes, president of the chapter.

Prizes for costumes were awarded to Nick Passis, Peggy Stateson and Helen Passis and

a special prize went to Gust Aposketes. Dancing was enjoyed to music furnished by an orchestra of three pieces and refreshments were served.

Michel Kallas was chairman of the entertainment committee and was assisted by Nick Nickolas, Peter Liacopoulos and Nick Bangal.

The members of the Fond du Lac chapter wish to extend their appreciation and thanks to District Governor Andrew C. Zafropoulos of District No. 20 for his untiring efforts and fine cooperation since the reorganization of our chapter in 1934.

ANIST DRANKUS,
Secretary

District No. 21

Activities of Chicago Chapter No. 46

ON TUESDAY evening, January 21, Chicago Chapter No. 46 of the Ahepa sponsored a debate given by the members of the "Hellenic Hellenic Students Society," Chicago Chapter of the Delta Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

The question for debate was: Resolved, "The Hellenic American Youth Are Brought Up Properly." Brother Harry Andrews, President of Chapter 46, introduced Dr. Joannides, chairman of the Educational Committee, who, after a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, introduced Brother Constant, an alumnus of "Hellenic." After analyzing the subject, Brother Constant presented the speakers of the evening; Mr. Gus Askounis and Mr. George Moultras for the affirmative, and Mr. Petros Patrianakis and George Askounis for the negative. The speakers were well versed in their subject and presented their arguments in an unusually interesting manner. Immediately following, a vote of applause was taken to determine the winners of the debate. The negative side received the greatest applause.

The chairman of the Educational Committee, Dr. Joannides, thanked the visitors on behalf of the chapter, also Dr. Zaph, former Supreme Governor and past chairman of the Educational Committee who was instrumental in arranging the debate. Brother Harry Andrews, president of our chapter, thanked the members of "Hellenic" for giving the debate and congratulated them for their organization.

In outlining the program for the current year Brother Andrews stated that we have harmony, enthusiasm—Chapter 46 is "going places"; there will be entertainments and educational talent that will make our meetings outstanding in Ahepanism.

Among those who attended the debate were District Governor N. G. De Dakis; Lieutenant Governor Chris Ganas; Miss Marjorie Harvalis, president, and Miss Constance Gavares, corresponding secretary of the Greek Women's University Club. Even though the Daughters of Penelope held their installation of officers on the evening of the debate, representatives of the Daughters of Penelope attended the debate. Officers and members of "Pindaros" Chapter of the Sons of Pericles were also present.

On March 17, Chicago Chapter No. 46 celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a card party. The committee included Brother Harry Andrews, George Nickolson, Adam Porikos, and Dr. D. T. Galanos. This being leap year the

members of No. 46 are not taking any chances, so all arrangements for the card party were made by the men themselves. Prizes were awarded and refreshments served.

FRANK LADEAS,
Secretary.

District No. 22

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Installation of St. Louis Officers Supreme President Guest of Chapter

THE installation of the new officers of the St. Louis Chapter was held on January 25 at the auditorium of our church. The affair was open to members of the Ahepa and their families and there was a satisfactory attendance. The District Governor of the 22nd District, Brother John Karzin, was the installing officer. The officers installed are: George Mertis, President; Peter J. Damos, Vice-President; Dr. C. B. Johannides, Secretary; Nicholas Papadimitriou, Chairman, Board of Governors; Anthony Cassimatis, George Magafas, Mike Demmas and John Jameson, members of the Board of Governors; Vasilios Lambros, Chaplain; Steve Petros, Warden; John Tatsis, Captain of Guard; George Fotinos and Gus Chiucl, Sentinels. The ceremony was carried out in a solemn and impressive manner and following its conclusion appropriate remarks were made by the installing officer, Brother Karzin, the President, Brother Mertis, and the Vice-President, Brother Damos. The retiring President, Brother Papadimitriou, before relinquishing his office, presented appropriate presents for meritorious services to the following brothers: Anthony Cassimatis, Mike Demmas and Cleanthis Pappas. The evening wound up with a buffet supper and dance.

On Sunday the 2nd of February, the Supreme President, Brother V. I. Chebithes, visited our chapter. On the occasion of his visit, there was an open meeting in the afternoon at the auditorium of our church which was largely attended by members and non-members. Brother Chebithes was introduced by Brother C. B. Johannides. With convincing arguments for more than an hour, he discussed the Ahepa question and made an appeal for a more sympathetic understanding of our Order by the public and urged the members of the Ahepa to work with increased enthusiasm in order to secure more members and bring back to our ranks those who have dropped out.

There followed excellent remarks by Brother Gus Theodorou, Reverend Vainikos and Prof. George E. Mylonas of Washington University.

Brother Chebithes, upon arriving, was received by the officers and a group of leading members of our chapter and entertained at luncheon at the Black Cat restaurant, operated by our good Brother, George Mayromatis. In the evening a banquet was tendered in his honor at the Washington Restaurant, operated by our past president, Brother Harry Stathis. More than one hundred Ahepans and their friends attended. The banquet over, Brother Chebithes attended a dance given by our Greek School where he spoke again in Greek, dwelling upon the necessity of preserving our Greek language and religion and urging the support of our school and church. To the large gathering



Miss Sylvia Pappan

attending the dance, he was introduced by Brother Alex Spanos, member of the school committee.

The Ahepans here were very glad that Brother Chebithes visited our chapter again. Eleven years ago, as Supreme President, he visited us and guided our chapter in its initial steps. It is to be hoped that the stimulation he gave us will result in renewed efforts in behalf of our fraternity. Our Supreme President left the following morning for Memphis, Tenn., carrying the best of impressions from his visit to our city.

The St. Louis Chapter follows with interest the progress that the children of our Ahepa Brothers make at the schools and colleges they are attending and always takes pride in their scholastic accomplishments. We are pleased therefore, that we have occasion now to congratulate Miss Sylvia Pappan, talented daughter of Brother Nicholas Pappan, who has re-

cently graduated with honors, with the Bachelor of Arts degree, from the Emmanuel Missionary College, at Berrien Springs, Michigan. Miss Pappan has specialized in modern languages and has made an excellent record in all of her studies. She won the rare distinction of having her biography published by the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." This publication publishes the detailed biographies of students who are chosen from each university or college as outstanding scholars, the selection being made on the basis of leadership, scholarship, service and extra-curricular activities. Only one-half of one per cent of the students are chosen from each institution. Miss Pappan is now taking additional studies, leading to the Master of Arts degree. We congratulate her, and wish her continued success.

C. B. J.

District No. 23

Andrew Jackson Chapter Greet Supreme President

THE members of Andrew Jackson Chapter No. 133 of New Orleans, La., were greatly honored on January 16 and 17 by a visit of our Supreme President and beloved leader, Brother V. I. Chebithes. As the news of his arrival reached his many friends, they hastened to the New Orleans Hotel to welcome him back to New Orleans, his last visit to the city being three years ago.

On the evening of the 16th an open meeting was held at the Hall of the local Hellenic School. Not only every member of the chapter but the entire Greek Community flocked to hear the message of Brother Chebithes. The meeting was addressed by Rev. John Zografos, Priest of the New Orleans Hellenic Church; G. S. Gabriel, President of the local Greek Community; C. Pellas, Past Supreme Governor and I. J. Gauthier, Past President of the Andrew Jackson Chapter. They were followed by the Supreme President who spoke for more than an hour. In his masterful manner he traced the history of the Ahepa since its founding, outlined the work of the Chicago National Conven-



Supreme President V. I. Chebithes (front row, center) with Ahepa leaders at New Orleans, La.



When Old-Timers Meet

Standing, left to right: Ernest Couloheras, New Orleans; G. M. George and P. N. Andrews, Los Angeles, and Gus Catsalis, San Pedro, Calif. Seated left to right: V. I. Chebithes; A. N. Collias, Oak Park, and A. Papadakis, Seattle.

tion and discussed the future problems that the Order will meet for the benefit of its members and Hellenism of America in general.

Among those present were many Ahepans from far-away chapters in the states of Washington, California, Texas, Illinois, Tennessee, New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Louisiana.

ERNEST COULOHERAS,
Secretary

District No. 24

Tulsa Members Hear Inspiring Address

TULSA (Okla.) Chapter No. 13 had the honor and pleasure of having Supreme President V. I. Chebithes as its guest recently. A large crowd gathered to hear his speech and everyone was well pleased. The President's oration was of common and vital importance. He dwelt on three vital subjects: The Insurance; Death Policy, Institutions and Aids of the Ahepa, and Uprising of Hellenic Youth. Brother Chebithes mixed his jokes with his important subjects so smoothly that his audience was keenly attentive and interested. The speaking program was followed by an officers' banquet at the Bliss Hotel Coffee Shop.

The first meeting in December found Tulsa Chapter electing the following officers: President, Nick Johnson; Vice-President, Christ Economou; Secretary, Theodore J. Berolos; Treasurer, Nick Boulos; Chairman of the Board of Governors, Stephen Praxianis; Governors, George Nickolas, C. C. Beach, Tom Parsons and Nick Kelamis.

The above officers were installed on January 9, with Brother C. R. Nixon acting as the installing officer, and he did a fine job. A supper followed the installation ceremonies.

We are happy to report that Brothers Theodore Zuppas and James Penos, who have been seriously ill, are recovering and, we hope, will soon be back with us at the meetings.

THEODORE J. BERILOS.

An Encouraging Report from Oklahoma City Chapter

ON THE 27th of January, Oklahoma City Chapter No. 240 held a public installation of newly elected officers in the chapter hall. Past President Tony LaReece, installing officer, gave the oath and all took their respective places. With these efficient officers and our good Ahepan members, we have reason to believe that the chapter will come to the top this year.

Brother Pete Vlahakis, newly elected President, is an old-timer Ahepan and has served in several capacities for the Order. John Liber, Vice-President, has held many important posts and has always been an active member. Peter Anthony, Secretary, is a well-educated officer, a good worker and is regarded very highly in the lodge. John Yanakopoulos, a well-thought-of Ahepan, took his oath as treasurer. Tony LaReece, Past President of 1935, automatically takes his place as Chairman of the Board of Governors. Nick Stamatis, Gus Samouris, James Kiriopoulou and Dan Rallis were elected to the Board of Governors. They hold the important position of rounding up all the Greeks to make full-fledged Ahepans out of them.

George Apostoles, Captain of the Guard, is six feet tall, full of pep, and has served the Ahepa on previous occasions. George Kaplanis (Dascalos), Chaplain, is our chapter's poet and philosopher and has previously served twice in the same office. Peter Mathios, Warden, is a good Ahepan on whom the members know they can always depend. Tony Kiriopoulou, Inside Sentinel, and James Diamond, Outside Sentinel, are good Ahepans and will perform their duties well.

SUPREME PRESIDENT COMES TO OKLAHOMA CITY

Brother V. I. Chebithes honored our chapter with a visit on January 28. The committee met the Supreme President at the station. Brother Peter Vlahos, newly elected president, then invited the committee and the honor guest to his beautiful home where favorite Greek foods and delicacies were served. Present were the Supreme President, Brother Chebithes; James Demoplos, Past District Governor; Tefton Papahronis and Tony LaReece, Past Presidents, and Peter Anthony, Secretary. At eight o'clock a public meeting was held at the Hellenic Church. The entire community turned out to hear the Supreme President, who spoke fluently in both languages. Many expressed the sentiment that if Brother Chebithes were to talk all night, they would certainly be there to listen. The Supreme President has certainly given us food for thought and created a new spirit for the Ahepa. Again we thank him.

DEATH TAKES BROTHER GARD

On the 28th of January, Brother Sam Gard, our secretary during 1935, passed away in St. Anthony's Hospital. The members mourn our beloved Brother's death for Brother Gard was loved by all; he served the chapter for two years as secretary and worked faithfully. In him we have lost one of the best Ahepans and fellow-workers we ever had. Brother Gard left surviving him a five-year-old motherless boy. Until definite arrangements can be made for the care and education of the boy, the Oklahoma City chapter will care for him.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Wichitans Meet with Supreme President

THE Air Capital Chapter No. 187 of Wichita, Kansas, was host to Brother V. I. Chebithes on January 30, the first Supreme President to visit our chapter since four years ago when Brother Bootas came to see us, so it was a joyful occasion. In the evening Brother Chebithes was guest of honor at a dinner at the Allis Hotel; later he spoke to the assembled members and guests of the chapter at the Ahepa Hall. As one person put it: "I enjoyed listening to Mr. Chebithes so much that I really hated to have him close his speech and was surprised to discover that he had spoken for more than an hour and a half." The meeting was open to all, Ahepans and non-Ahepans.

Such a policy as this, of visiting the chapters, deserves the highest commendation and should well serve to unite the chapters in a better-cemented union. The newspapers of Wichita cooperated enthusiastically in receiving the Supreme President.

ALEX G. LEBER.

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The Ahepa National Banquet

OUR National Banquet, held in Washington, D. C., on the 24th of February this year, was unquestionably one of the most outstanding events in the social life of our organization. The spacious and beautiful ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel was filled to capacity. More than 600 participants made up the colorful gathering. Hon. George Dern, Secretary of War; Governor Tingley, of New Mexico; scores of Senators and Representatives; His Excellency, Demetrius Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States, with the staff of the Legation; newspaper representatives, leaders in industry, and numerous other celebrities honored the affair by their presence.

We were also privileged to have with us the illustrious son of an illustrious father, that modest gentleman and distinguished scholar, Col. Sophocles Venizelos, who, although he had made arrangements to leave for Europe two days before the banquet, cancelled his reservation to be with us.

The toast-master, Past Supreme President Dean Alfange, of New York, a prominent member of the bar of that State and an orator of distinction, was introduced by the Banquet Committee, George C. Vournas. Brother Alfange was at his best and acquitted himself admirably. With very appropriate remarks he presented the speakers of the evening, beginning with that great Philhellene, Senator William H. King, of Utah.

The brief remarks of Senator King were a sincere tribute to the people of Greek extraction in the United States for their contribution to this great nation of ours. He extolled the purposes of the Order of Ahepa and expressed the hope that from this group there will emanate great men like those of ancient Greece.

The next speaker was His Excellency, Demetrius Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States, who said:

MR. TOASTMASTER, Mr. Secretary, Honorable Senators and Representatives, ladies and gentlemen:

To be here in this symposium of the greatest American-Hellenic organization and in the midst of such an eclectic gathering is a privilege indeed. To say a few words to an assembly of Americans of Hellenic descent and representatives of this great democracy is an honor that I value highly.

We all know of the untiring zeal with which the Order of Ahepa has worked ever since its organization to exalt the name and fame of the Hellene as a person and as a citizen of the United States and of its efforts to better the lot of both, so that credit might be reflected on the Hellenic race in the American environment.

On this occasion, I shall not touch upon the ties of affection and gratitude that have united Greece to America from the time Greece was waging a war for her independence, although America, the fair daughter of Greek classicism, was among the first to extend a helping hand to the struggling Greek nation.

I shall also omit discussing the valuable assistance of recent years rendered by America to Greece when hundreds of thousands of Greeks were expatriated and thrown upon the shores of Hellas, seeking refuge, although in this instance American generosity was displayed in all its grandeur.

I intend to confine my few remarks to the Ahepa, whose members have united themselves with the great American Commonwealth and are a part of it.

You came to this prosperous country without riches and without training, but you brought with you lofty traditions of an ancient and beautiful civilization and the determination derived from a glorious ancestry to succeed in your new environment. In this hospitable country where you have established yourselves, you have progressed and prospered collectively and individually. With your characteristic industry, perseverance and honesty of purpose, you have labored not only for your own selves, but also for the increasing prosperity of the country of your adoption, whose assets you augmented as you increased the ranks of her army during the late war. Most of you, if not all, have lost the nostalgia to return to the land of your birth and you and your children will remain here to continue to work for the greater glory and prosperity of your adopted country, demonstrating thereby your gratitude to America who received you with open arms.

I know that all of you retain affection and devotion to Mother Greece whose blood runs in your veins. That you love Greece reflects honor upon you and it should be a source of great pride.

The country of your birth and the country of your adoption maintain most cordial relations. By this I do not mean spiritual relations solely, but commercial relations as well, so vital to modern States. During the last year, the American exports to Greece rose by forty-four per cent, while Greece during the same period exported to the United States fourteen per cent more than the previous year. The few products of Greece are welcomed here and Greece's purchases in the United States are limited only by her capacity to pay.

The Greek Government, in a gesture of true friendship, offered to the American Government, on a capacity-to-pay basis, thirty-five per cent on the serving charges of the loan of 1929 which had its origin in the World War commitments. The American Government accepted the offer in its true spirit and thus another link was added to a long chain of friendly acts uniting the two countries. These may appear to be small matters, ladies and gentlemen, but they are quite essential in maintaining cordial relations between countries.

Personally, I am very happy to be in this charming country, where hospitality is so sincere and life is so pleasant, and I rejoice in seeing created additional ties of friendship for the benefit of both countries."

The next speaker introduced was none other than the Secretary of War, Honorable George Dern.

TWO MEET and dine with this gathering of American citizens of Greek origin or descent is a great privilege. I was somewhat disappointed that ambrosia and nectar were not on the menu, but I suppose such Olympian delicacies are reserved for those who journey to the classic shores of Greece for their repasts.

The debt the world owes to Greece should be acknowledged by far more eloquent words than I can utter. The history of

that small country is packed with deeds that have won such universal acclaim as to make Greece a synonym for glory. Science, literature and art were cradled among the ancient Hellenes. Architecture, sculpture, history, drama, poetry, philosophy, jurisprudence and eloquence flourished there centuries before our northern European ancestors began to till the soil. Ideals of true sportsmanship originated in Greece and are commemorated in quadrennial Olympics in which the entire world joins in paying tribute to the athletic prowess of the ancients.

One shudders to think what type of civilization we might have today if Greek culture had not survived. We all unite in praising the triumphs of Greece in every field of cultural activity. Let us also add a word for those Greek patriots who fought at Thermopylae and Marathon against overwhelming odds, and kept blazing the flame of inspiration that has lighted the way for countless generations that have trod the path so clearly marked out and so gloriously preserved.

It is only natural that the members of this society should foster and promote loyalty, patriotism and devotion to duty. The children of Athens, Sparta and Thebes could do no less.

Democracy was born in Greece. Our New England town meeting was a direct descendant of similar meetings of the city states of Greece. From the simple Hellenic democracy we have evolved the representative democracy of the United States. The successful development of the American nation is due, I think, very largely to the fact that we have followed the Hellenic example of keeping the government close to the people. To all intents and purposes we have abolished our electoral college and we now select our Presidents and Vice-Presidents by the direct vote of the people of the several States. We have transferred the election of United States Senators from the State legislatures to the people. In many States we have the initiative and referendum and the recall. Progress in our government has been toward rather than away from the Greek democracy.

In art and literature we have at times toyed with so-called modern schools, and have developed innovations, but we have never surpassed, and have seldom equalled the classic simplicity of style that we learned from the early Greeks.

We are proud of the courage and sacrifice of our American heroes of every generation of our relatively brief national existence, but we have never exceeded the unconquerable zeal and fortitude of the Greek soldiers, who fought and won against overwhelming odds, to save the Western World from a debased Asiatic civilization.

Throughout our American history we have had a few Greek immigrants, but they have arrived in considerable numbers only during the last half century. However, when we entered the World War in 1917 60,000 of the 500,000 sons of Greece living in the United States entered the service of their adopted country, and were represented in every battle in which our troops were engaged. No other nationality had so high a percentage. Their valor, their loyalty and their restless energy proved them to be true sons of the ancient heroes whose exploits ornament the pages of the world's history. I pay my tribute to one of our greatest World War heroes, George Dilboy, born of Greek parents, whose exploits are well known to you.

Your society does well to perpetuate the memory of both ancient and modern Greeks. I hope that we will never be so engrossed in the utilitarian pursuits of the moment as to forget our obligations to our forebears. I trust that this society, and others like it, will continue to instill in the rising generation that pride of ancestry, love of country and zeal for service that should be the common heritage of all Americans irrespective of origin.

To those of you who are directly descended from the ancient Greeks there must come a pride of origin that is the envy of all of us. At the same time there is imposed by this descent a commensurate obligation to strive to live up to the high ideals that animated the ancients. The members of this society are alive to this obligation, and, by precept and example, are



making the young people of Greek descent aware of the special requirement of loyalty to the traditions of their ancestors. At the same time, they are taking the leadership in informing the youth of the great privileges and high responsibilities of American citizenship.

We are peculiarly fortunate in America in having among our citizens men and women of every national origin. Our culture comes not from any one particular group or geographical location. Flowing into America are cultural streams from every people and from every section. Without in any way deviating from our own ideals and aspirations, we can select the best of the world's cultural contributions, and Americans of diverse origin or descent can aid us greatly in attaining that high destiny for which our country seems foreordained. In a very special way the members of your society are making America in truth the heir of all the ages.

When ancient Greece repelled the Persian invasion, her sons, at great sacrifice, saved her civilization for the modern world. In the vicissitudes of time, Greece was stripped of power, and was absorbed by the Roman Empire. But the conquering Romans adopted, extended and preserved Greek culture. When at the dawn of the modern era Greece fell before the invading Turks, she retained her civilization, and kept alive under the most distressing circumstances the love for independence. This love of liberty resulted in the great Greek Revolution which finally brought at a heavy cost the precious freedom.

It is interesting to note that during that struggle the Congress of the United States expressed sympathy for the little nation fighting for liberty. This action was taken despite the arguments of some members who contended that we ought to mind our own business and not interfere with the quarrels of other nations. Congress declared that the United States, as the great modern exponent of democracy, had the right to give its sympathy and moral support to a people actuated by the same ideals that brought forth our own independence. The revolution succeeded and Greece again became a free nation. Many

years later, during the great World War, the people of Greece gave moral and material aid to the Allies with whom our country became associated in the prosecution of the tremendous struggle. Thus our admiration for ancient Greece becomes supplemented by our close association and comradeship with modern Greece.

You are not here as Greeks and I do not address you as such. You are Americans and you have demonstrated your devotion to American principles. The United States, for many of you, is your native country; for others it is your adopted country. At all events it is now your home, and has the first claim on your loyalty and affection. It is fine for you to have a sentimental attachment for the land from which you sprang. I have lived in Utah more than 40 years and I love the State and its people above all others, but that does not prevent me from having a fondness for my native State of Nebraska. Immigrants and descendants of immigrants of foreign origin are in the same situation. I would not trust them far if they did not retain a little of that natural tie of affection that binds them to their mother country. It does not interfere with their attachment and loyalty to the country which now nurtures them, and from whose government they derive greater liberties and opportunities than would have been afforded them in any other land.

I understand that one of the objects of the Ahepa Society is to give its members a better understanding of the American system, to encourage them to take an active, intelligent interest in public problems, and to do all that is expected of a good citizen. In this program you deserve and should receive the unstinted encouragement and the cooperation of us all. I give you mine with all my heart."

And last, but not least, the toastmaster introduced the man whom the delegates at the last Convention again elevated to the Supreme Presidency—V. I. Chelithes. The Supreme President, in his inimitable, oratorical expressions, blended with his usual witticism, held the interest of his listeners to the



last, but since anecdotes are to be heard and not read, we have taken the liberty to omit them from the address, which follows:

"Mr. Toastmaster, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is as high an honor for me to be as I know that it must be a pleasure for you to learn that I am—"the last, final and closing speaker" on this extraordinary program of brilliant eloquence. Everyone here enjoyed beyond compare the music and the dinner, the speeches and the company, the toastmaster and his tasty and timely wit and humor. Albeit and withal, we cannot but feel a rejoicing note in our hearts that our very excellent toastmaster has rediscovered his erstwhile lost terminal facilities; that he is about to terminate his dictatorship of intellectual skirt-dancing; that this spacious hall will soon be cleared of chairs and tables; that the "free for all" sign will be hung on the walls, and that the "toe-busters" will begin their deadly work just where the "brain-trusters" left off.

I said that everyone here enjoyed the brilliant sense and eloquent delivery of the speeches—yes, everyone but the "last, final and closing speaker." I came here with a carefully prepared, well learned and perfectly practiced speech. But, as each successive speaker surrendered the "mike" and resumed his seat amid the roar and din of your hearty applause, I was compelled to erase my choicest paragraphs. One by one, I listened to my pet stories, favorite topics, and blazing epigrams lifted from the pages in my pocket and served to you—I admit, in better style and fancier garnishments than I could have served them. Now, robbed of all chance for a decent impression, I stand before you—the Niobe of this banquet—in speechless, mirthless and almost voiceless woe—a pitiful victim of that ancient, immutable and cruel law of nature which decrees that "all great minds must run in the same channel." That, however, is a poor consolation to the "great mind" that is delegated to the rear end of the gay flotilla, is the last to come, or to attempt to come through the channel, and finds it as dry as a W. C. T. U. resolution. It is only when fate and the toastmaster play such tricks as this one that I almost wish I didn't have such a "near-great" mind; then no really "great mind" could come anywhere near to even guessing what I was going to say—and say it for me.

This plight of mine has brought about the extraordinary coincidence of the audience and the would-be speaker thinking about the same thing—you are wondering what I'm going to say next, and so am I.

This is a truly great occasion—a spectacle that no other country or people can present—the highest exponents of the youngest republic sitting around these festive boards holding close communion with the direct descendants of those illustrious men who were the first to conceive and put into practice the principles and precepts of democracy in the earliest days of classic antiquity, indulging not only in the physical festivities that are designed to satisfy the appetites of the body, but in a symposium of ideas and ideals for the gratification and enrichment of the soul, the heart and the mind of progressive peoples. We are here to review—and have very faithfully reviewed—the history and achievements of the greatest factors in the world's civilization—the American and the Hellenic.

America's entire history is one of progressive and successful pioneering. It is a history of intrepid courage, inflexible perseverance, enduring hardihood, and priceless sacrifice of ad-

venturers, soldiers and patriots who carried the banner of a young and struggling republic across trackless forests, blazing deserts, perilous streams and over hostile mountains in order that the broad acres of democracy's newly acquired dominions may be brought under the protecting folds of its starry emblem, and that the vast opportunities and rich resources embraced thereby may be laid open to the use and enjoyment of those who chose to make this their home and country. America's is also a history of



Supreme President V. I. Chebithes

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pioneering in the higher and nobler fields of thought, science and gigantic enterprises. Not satisfied with his heritage of beasts of burden, the American subjugated steam and hurled the thundering locomotive o'er its girded tracks of shining steel; he has reached into the heavens, and from the brow of the angry storm-cloud snatched the lightning and reduced it to a ready, willing, obedient and useful servant; his fleets are in the air, and glide with majestic splendor over and under the deep.

These, and the countless other wonder-achievements which you and I contemplate tonight, we accept as matters of course, and, being deeply engrossed in their use and enjoyment, and in the pursuits of our own selfish interests, we are, too often, prone to forget that they had their beginnings in the labors, misery, privations and death of those pioneers that have gone before us. It is wholesome and salutary, therefore, that we remember tonight the costly price at which these privileges have been secured for us. It is wholesome for us to recall that the march of humanity up the slopes of the ages has been no holiday parade; that every foot of the ground—from the dismal valleys of serfdom to the lofty peaks of freedom which we now

occupy—has been gained at the expense of treasure, the shedding of blood and the sacrifice of human life. The trail has been long and toilsome, and is deeply tinged with human wretchedness and human despair. The trail had to be cut through the strata of times and ages when there were emperors and kings, barons and potentates, serfs and slaves, but no citizens. The trail was blazed through times and ages when not only man's limbs were fettered but also his thoughts and his emotions; through times and ages when the "divine right of kings" was more than a lightly spoken phrase—when imprisonment, torture and death were the penalties for nonconformity.

In the blazing of this trail to freedom, in the endurance of the hardships which the long and toilsome march required, in the evolution of the genius that perfected this model of human liberty, and in the struggle to hold, enrich and perpetuate the gains of civilization, the Hellenic people played no small part.

Just as there is a river in the ocean, the Gulf Stream—whose fountain-head is in the Gulf of Mexico and its mouth in the Arctic seas, a river whose current is swifter and its volume thousands of times greater than that of any that flows over any land, a river which no drought has ever caused to shrink and no flood has ever caused to overflow—so there is a stream running through the ever-changing ocean of mankind. The mightiest storms of human temptation have never caused it to overflow, the scorching droughts of the most impassioned human cruelties have never caused it to fail. Its fountain-head is traceable to the traditional dark hours which preceded the dawn of history, and its mouth lies somewhere beyond the vast and incomprehensible shadows of the furthest future. That stream, that river, is the immortal Hellenic race, of whose continual existence we are here to bear witness, and whose perpetual continuity, from everlasting to everlasting, the Order of Ahepa is here to guarantee.

Through the fretted years of the long-drawn ages the crests of that stream have often been crimsoned with the blood of patriots. Ever and anon it has been overwhelmed and submerged by the infuriated and maddened billows of barbarism, bigotry and fanaticism, but it has rolled proudly, majestically on—repulsing every attack, spurning every temptation, undismayed by distress, undiscouraged by oppression, unchanged by the mutations and vicissitudes of times and fortunes. Our oppressors came, spent their fury, sank into morbid decrepitude and disappeared into eternal oblivion. The spider weaves his web in their castles, the owl hoots his dismal wail from their



Dian Alfange, Stephen Stefano, Nicholas Lely and S. Gregory Taylor, chatting after the banquet.

watch towers, and the jackal suckles her young in the palaces of their kings. While Hellenism, every phase and concept thereof—its nationality, language, traditions, literature, arts, sciences, ideas and ideals—remains preserved and intact. And as long as human interest in human affairs shall endure Hellenism and its contributions to world civilization shall continue to stand, towering proudly eminent high above the steep slopes of time, defying every attack that any force may devise and inflict upon it.

Tempting as is the desire to dwell upon the manifold and masterly nature, type and character of the Hellenic gifts to and influences upon the world, I must pass them by, due to the lack of time—these are themes so enticing that, were I to enter upon their story, I would not know where or when to terminate—for I have already been charged with the crime of not knowing the difference between time and eternity.

The Hellenic people were the first to make the great transition from mass to individualized thought and action; the first to conceive, organize and enforce a democratic form of government wherein the governing authority sprang from the governed; the first to acquire a due appreciation of the physical strength and beauty of man; the first to realize that the chief glory of a state is the universal education of its people; the first to turn from idle speculation to practical science, from vagaries to fixed purposes, from superstition to the development of character, and from the miry ruts of deformed selfishness to the lovely paths of glorious sacrifice. In their literature can be found all the elements of inspiration—the live coals that kindle emulation in the heart of man, fire his enthusiasm, impel him to action and cause him to rise to the loftiest ambitions of his mind. Their works of art—the sublime colonnades of fluted pillars, the vast and solid structures of solemn grandeur, the monumental edifices, the brilliant friezes, and the statues which stand flushed and vivid as if endowed with the breath of life—not only reveal the consummate skill and unerring judgment of the artists, but are also emblematic of the courage, endurance, enterprise, freedom and immortal faith of the people. In these works, which have defied the corroding tooth of time, are portrayed and preserved the broad and varied experiences, the ideals and virtues, the romance and development of the Hellenic race.

We, the sons and daughters of those self-same people, claiming to have in us that nobility of heroism, that "iron in the blood," which inspired them to undergo the darkness of sorrow, to endure the years of strife, and to rise to every occasion of patriotic devotion, faith and sacrifice, have organized this great Order of Ahepa, The American Hellenic Education Progressive Association, that through it we may "marshal into active service for America the noblest attributes and highest ideals of true Hellenism." We found that Americanism is nothing more nor less than Hellenism transplanted to these shores, where it has found the opportunity to grow and flourish, as our forefathers dreamed that it would grow and flourish when they first winnowed the seeds of liberty from the summit of the Acropolis. We hold that Americanism is predicated upon the state of the mind—upon the attitude that one has toward the American system of government, the American history and traditions, the American laws and loyalty to the Constitution, the American spirit of individual merit and enterprise. Here in America we can live together in a democracy and can enjoy the common endearments of life under circumstances and conditions which are excellently suited to our ideals and ambitions.

Through the Order of Ahepa we have dedicated our lives and



William Esaris, John Mantas, Sophocles Venizelos, V. I. Chebithos, Dr. Demetrius Callinagos, Van Namikas and G. Contemanolis.

fortunes for the fullest measure of whatever devotion, love, loyalty and sacrifice the preservation, enrichment and glorification of American institutions may require. To the great treasure-house of American principles, ideals and traditions we bring our own—among these are our heritage of honesty, frugality, perseverance and law-abidedness; our faith in God, respect for elders, reverence for parenthood, and our high regard for kinship and family ties; and, beyond and above all, the unexcelled spirit of patriotism which has distinguished the Hellenic race throughout the ages. All of these—and a great many more—enviable qualities and attributes of heart and head, we have pledged ourselves to practice and promulgate in America.

We have not been here long, but long enough to prove our worth as American citizens, as well as our claims of kinship with those who in the morning age of the world conceived, developed and practiced the fine thoughts, the beautiful arts and the useful sciences upon which our present civilization is built. We, the American citizens of Hellenic descent, proved our value to this country's body politic by entering, wholeheartedly and unreservedly, into the current of American life, adapting ourselves as speedily as possible to the good and wholesome usages of the nation, by inculcating upon our children the fundamentals of Americanism, and, last, but by no means least, by our noble response to the country's call for military and naval service during the recent World War. More than 70,000 Hellenic Americans, most of whom had not been here long enough to complete the requirements for American citizenship, volunteered their services under the Stars and Stripes. All of them served faithfully and well; many of them distinguished themselves on the battlefields with extraordinary feats of heroism over and beyond the call of duty, as the records of the War and Navy Departments certify. Thus it is that we have had the opportunity to, and did, purchase our rights of citizenship with our treasure, with our services, with our blood, and with life itself.

Finally and in conclusion, we pledge to you, to the entire country, to our glorious ancestry, and to ourselves and posterity, that, should this, our American Ship of State, piloted by a Godless pilot and manned by Christless seamen, its sails stained and smeared with the blood of patriots shed in holy wars, freighted with the moans and groans and bitter cries of our people oppressed and persecuted, is headed toward the tempestuous seas of anarchy, tyranny or despotism, we, rehearsing within our souls the awful tragedies of our own race,

and mindful of the noble part played by our people in the grand drama of history, shall be the first to rise and demand that the course of the old ship be changed e'er she goes to pieces upon the rocks and reefs of revolution. God of our fathers, forbid that such a day of trial be ever visited upon us! God grant that the coming days of America shall be more peaceful, more prosperous and more radiant than those through which she has passed; that from the trials and tribulations which have beset her, she shall emerge proud, ennobled and exalted more than ever, and shall march on to brighter glory as the honored guardian of human liberties and the regenerator of mankind—this be our earnest and fervent prayer."

We were fortunate in having with us Mr. Jean Fardouli, baritone of the Chicago Opera Company; Mr. Nicholas Mavrikes, noted violinist, and Madame Stamb-Milonescu, coloratura soprano, who rendered selections during the banquet.

In closing, we wish to extend to all those who contributed to the success of the affair our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Past Supreme Counsellor, Soterios Nicholson, has prepared a manual on Parliamentary Procedure. It may be procured by applying to Brother Nicholson at 1424 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Price, 50 cents per copy.

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District No. 25

New Administration Installed at Cedar Rapids

AT THE regular meeting, on the evening of January 9, at the Moose Hall, Cedar Rapids Chapter No. 194 of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, installed its 1936 officers. Paul Costas, Past District Governor of the 25th District, and Past President of the chapter, was the installing officer. He was assisted by Brother Mike Bellas, District Treasurer, John Thomas and Samuel G. Poulos, all Past Presidents of the chapter. The installation ceremonies were very impressive.

The officers installed were: Louis E. Manos, President; Mike Zervakis, Vice-President; Tom Siamis, Secretary; Mike Thomas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Gus Asimianakis, Chairman; John F. Currell, James N. Chukas, Christ Michalio and Tom A. Thomas.

The following officers were appointed: George Miller, Chaplain; James Pappas, Warden; Jim Bellas, Captain of the Guard; Nick Kiriakos and Louis Sames, Sentinels.

The past president's jewel was presented to the retiring President, Gus Asimianakis, by Brother John F. Currell.

The newly elected President appointed the following committees for 1936: Sick, Christ Muggas; Entertainment, Tony Siamis; Naturalization, Mike Bellas; Publicity, William Haritakis; Grievance, Paul Costas, John Thomas and Gus Asimianakis.

All the officers and a majority of the members were present. The program included talks after which refreshments were served. It was a very satisfactory evening as well as an enjoyable one.

WILLIAM HARITAKIS,
Chairman Publicity Committee,

Waterloo Installation

ON Sunday, March 15, the Ahepa Chapter of Waterloo, Iowa, held its installation of officers at the K. P. Hall. About three hundred members, families and guests gathered to witness the beautiful ceremonies and participate in modern and Greek dancing. And we say nothing of the splendid refreshments which were served by the committee in the next room.

The Past President, Bro. William Argytos, opened the meeting and announced the program of the evening and its purpose. He then ordered the Captain of the Guard to escort the leader of our faith, Father Panous, to the President's station.

The beautiful ceremonies then took place, with the master of ceremonies, Brother Zarifis, together with his well trained guards armed with swords. The American and Greek colors were escorted to the altar, the guards standing at attention with "present swords" and Miss Katherine Kontos played "America" and the Greek anthem. The Chaplain then invoked the blessing of Almighty God.

The master of ceremonies then escorted the installing officer, received and introduced him under an arch of steel formed by his guards. This was executed most beautifully and I wish such tactics could be adopted for all the chapters. I want to congratulate Brother Zarifis

for his ability. This goes for all the brothers up there—they are small in numbers but big in deeds.

I want to call their attention to one particularly nice thing they did, and that was to omit the tiresome speeches which seem to be a general complaint on such occasions. Knowing that I was to be the installing officer, I asked if there would be speakers to present and the answer was "No," only The Pappas was to be called upon, who spoke to us in our native tongue.

However, I disobeyed orders and called upon the new President, who congratulated the outgoing President, Brother Zarifis and his officers for the splendid work they had rendered for the Order. The new Secretary also pledged his utmost for the betterment of the chapter. This Secretary is none other than that "Little, but oh, my!" Brother Nick Prevas.

As the main speaker we had one of our American friends who was picked from the audience by myself, Mr. James Robinson, who said he did not have a speech prepared, but after he had concluded his five-minute talk I made a resolution never to call upon a speaker that had a speech prepared beforehand. Mr. Robinson told us we must no longer call ourselves Greeks, although we can be proud of our nationality, but we are all Americans. He also told us that he hoped that more of these kind of meetings could be held and that we would make it our business to see that more of us come and become acquainted and understand one another better. We want to know such patriots and law-abiding citizens. We want you to work with us to make a bigger and better country of these United States.

He said that we must feel proud of our organization and that he was very much impressed to see that the American Flag was displayed upon the altar—that is patriotism!

Then he told a story about the time when he used to be a foreman in a machine shop, how he had the Greek boys *numbered* because he couldn't call their names and they couldn't speak English. Now he thoroughly enjoys long visits with them.

The meeting then closed and everyone present enjoyed dancing and refreshments.

The newly installed officers are: President, Paul George; Vice-President, Lewis Mystiades; Secretary, Nick Prevas; Treasurer, Toney Netty; Chaplain, Peter Zarifis; Warden, Gust Pateras; Captain, James Xydeos. Board of Governors: Mike Zarifis, chairman; Mike Mescheldes, Nick Leapakes, William Argytos.

JOHN ZANIAS,
Past President, Des. Moines Chapter.

District No. 26

Enthusiasm

A MESSAGE TO ALL AHEPANS IN DISTRICT NO. 26 BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR, GEORGE M. THEODOSEN

YOU can do anything if you have enthusiasm—you can promote better fellowship; you can learn your ritualistic work so that you can open and close the lodge and go through the entire procedure without having to make any reference to your ritual—you can learn to be appreciative instead of showing discontentment; you can look with clearer vision toward any decisions your officers may make for the good of the order; you can learn to be

cheerful instead of peevish—if you have enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hope rise to the stars. Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eye. It is the swing in your gait—the grip of your hand—the irresistible surge of your energy to execute your ideas. Enthusiasts are fighters. They have "intestinal fortitude," if you'll pardon my enthusiasm for saying so. They have staying qualities. Any one can take a poke at the bag and run. The real enthusiast is no "Hit-and-Runner." He keeps at it—he goes on fighting and he fights to win. Even the "No-Man" offers no obstacle to him.

Enthusiasm is at the bottom of all progress. With it there is accomplishment; without it there are only alibis. Your new officers need your enthusiasm and support so that they may make your play-ground more beautiful for you and yours.

What is your answer? We have no scarecrows in the Ahepa family, so do your utmost for your fraternity and your fellow men today and everyday.

GEORGE M. THEODOSEN,
District Governor.

Fargo's New Administration Makes Rapid Progress

THE Gate City Chapter No. 279 of Fargo, N. D., under the direction of its new officers, Gust Pappas, President, and Andy Christ, Secretary, has improved the activities in the lodge work very noticeably. Six new members were initiated on February 9. The Secretary has been right on the job and has succeeded in building up the chapter. The brothers who have been neglectful, or on account of some grievances have not attended the meetings, have been reinstated. Brothers Pappas and Christ have created good will and fellowship among all the chapter members. They should be called true Ahepans for the good work they have done thus far, and the members are most grateful to them for their noble work. They will try and make 1936 a banner year for the Gate City Chapter.

MEYERS-CURTIS NUPITAL VOWS AT WILMAR, MINNESOTA

MARRIAGE vows were spoken by Miss Mabel Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Curtis, and Gust Meyers of Fargo, N. D., at the home of the bride's parents at Wilmar, Minnesota, on Thursday, February 20. Rev. Kastikinas of Minneapolis officiated. Brother Meyers is a prominent figure in the Ahepa, having served the Gate City Chapter as President the past two years. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Meyers will make their home in Fargo.

STEVE G. PAPPAS.

District No. 27

A Resume of Denver Chapter's Activities

ON JANUARY 9 District Governor James G. Dikeou installed the 1936 officers of Denver Chapter No. 145 in conjunction with those of Athena Chapter No. 10 of the Daughters of Penelope and the local chapter of the Sons of Pericles, at the Odd Fellows Temple. Visiting members from Pike's Peak Chapter No. 160 of Pueblo, Colorado, and Cowboy Chapter

No. 211 of Cheyenne, Wyoming, were among the attendants. After the ceremonies sandwiches and coffee were served by the newly installed officers. Upon adjournment everyone wished the new administrations a very successful year.

On New Year's eve a party was given by the Denver chapter at the Rainbow Bread Hall. The party started at 11:00 p. m. and lasted until five the next morning. Over three hundred attended and welcomed in the New Year with noise-makers and other "nuisances." American and Greek dancing followed. A luncheon consisting of roast lamb, Greek cheese, olives, wines and coffee was served in real New Year's spirit. The committee on arrangements consisted of Brothers James G. Dikeon, Gus Baines, Emanuel Zourides, James Diamantopoulos and Harry Economy.

On December 29 the Fifth Annual Children's Party was sponsored by the Denver Ahepans. It was held in the Chamber of Commerce Building and attended by an estimated two hundred and fifty persons. Greek children gave an entertainment consisting of music, singing, dramatic readings and dancing. Wrestling matches by the Sons of Pericles finished the program. Sandwiches, cake, and ice cream were served. Upon departing, each child was given a bag containing toys, candy and fruits.

The needy were remembered at Christmas-time when Brothers John W. Theodore, Chris Politis, James G. Dikeon, Sam D. Ellis and Gus Baines of the Denver Chapter No. 145, along with Mrs. Gus Baines and Mrs. James Dikeon, representing the local chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, visited Greek patients in various hospitals, Greek orphans and Greek families in need, and presented each person with money donated by our membership and a Christmas basket.

GUST KATSON and SAM D. ELLIS,
Publicity Committee.

District No. 28

District Governor Evangel Gives an Interesting Report

OUR visit to Gallup left upon our minds an indelible impression of what perseverance and loyalty can do for a chapter in spite of lack of funds and small membership. A small group of miners, a few restaurant men and the Honorable Mayor of Grants, N. M. (Bro. George Ade), constitute the Gallup Chapter. Every member is a true Ahepan in mind, feeling and action. Among them is Bro. Pete Blatsios, a "Prince of the Order," a loyal and beloved Ahepan, whose devotion to the cause knows neither time, energy nor money.

Accompanied by District Lieutenant Governor Louis Carellas and District Secretary P. C. Dakis, we visited the Gallup and Albuquerque Chapters for the installation of the newly elected officers. At Gallup, a sumptuous banquet and entertainment was given in honor of the visiting District officers and their families.

The visit to Albuquerque was another stimulant for a "Forward March." First, we witnessed the picturesque installation of the

Sisters of Penelope, with Mrs. Louis Carellas as the installing officer. The new officers, dressed in white silk gowns of Grecian style, gave the ceremony a solemn and impressive appearance. Mrs. Tony Pavlantis, one of the most active members of this chapter, is the new President.

The installation of the Ahepan officers followed, with Bro. Bob Katson (who needs no introduction) again in the "front line" as the new President. After the ceremonies both sisters and brothers had a delightful time, being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Souris at their home.

My report would be incomplete if I fail to mention that the installations at Albuquerque were honored by the presence of our illustrious brother, Pete Matsoukis, of Woodland Chapter, Chicago. Our "Sunshine State" has won another victory, for Bro. Matsoukis is here to stay. We are happy and honored to have with us this good soldier of the Order of Ahepa.

Returning home, the District officers carried with them new hope and new faith for the success of our great cause. The district officers are planning another trip in the near future to distant chapters at El Paso, Texas, and Walsenburg, Colorado.

About the Santa Fe Chapter—that's my home chapter and you have probably heard a lot about it. The trips were pleasant indeed, but now we must talk about our duties. New officers in every chapter; new ideas, new leadership and new ambitions are on the way. From all appearances the new officers are proud to be elected in their respective offices and each one promises to do his utmost in making his chapter the best in the district, and, if possible, the best in the realm of Ahepa.

The new officers of our district are capable of fulfilling their promises, but in the past it has been observed that most officers act as if their only duty to the Order is to attend the lodge meetings and, aside from that, all activities are left to the President and Secretary of the chapter. Regardless of rank, every officer of a chapter is a leader. He is elected for potential leadership and therefore he is equally responsible for the welfare and progress of his chapter. Having this in mind, we ask every newly elected officer to consider the following:

1. To take upon himself the initiative to think and formulate means and ways to help his chapter.
2. Not to get discouraged if his efforts meet with stumblings blocks. It takes a good man to fulfill his duties and carry on his responsibilities when everything goes wrong, and, as our Past District Governor, George Ade, says: "It takes a good and courageous captain to sail his boat through the stormy seas."
3. To respect his brother Ahepans for what they are and try to understand their motives.
4. To speak well of his fellow officers and always offer them his cooperation.
5. To realize that his cooperation with the District and Supreme Lodge Officers is imperative and valuable to the Order. Any chapter's strength and success depends upon the strength and success of the whole Order of Ahepa. The Supreme Lodge is the nucleus of our fraternity as the sun is the center of our universe.
6. That Ahepa needs action from every officer. It does not need "figureheads." Don't stay idle during your term; do your part for the good of your fraternity.

C. E. EVANGEL,

District Governor, District No. 28.

Gallup, a Gallant Little Chapter of the Southwest

OUT here in Gallup, New Mexico, the "Indian Capital" of America and a city of no more than 6,000 people who earn their daily bread peacefully, thirty Hellenes, descendant of that glorious ancient Greek race, are busily engaged toward the unselfish end of making Gallup Chapter, No. 265, of the Archontic Order of the Ahepa the model chapter of the Union. Gallup is situated 7,000 or more feet above sea level and it is quite natural that these Hellenes should have high ambitions, for they live high and see high, as do all true Greeks.

One has but to mention the word "Ahepa" and he is instantly O. K., as far as the Greeks of Gallup are concerned. They would die for Ahepa. They love the Order just like their own flesh and blood. Ahepa to a Gallup Greek is self-identification. It foretells what is to come—a state of eternal friendship and brotherly love, as preached by the great philosophers who roamed the sun-kissed hillsides of beautiful Hellas.

It was on February 11th that a modern Hellenic exodus took place from Gallup, destined to cross some 450 miles of desert sand over New Mexico and enchanting Arizona. This caravan across Indian land stopped at Kingman, Arizona. Then and there the gallant Gallup Greeks initiated into the sanctified domain of Ahepdom the leading Hellenes of colorful little Kingman. Please, brothers, stand up and take a bow. Here they are: From left to right—the neophytes of Southwestern Ahepdom—George Labro, Brother Matsos, Brother Klotzas, Brother Pantages, Brother Gallas and Brother Mavrogenis. It was a beautiful ceremony—a ceremony under Southwestern skies, a beauty altogether unique, something that Greeks especially seem to appreciate, and that is why they settle in the Southwest.

Gallup stood up and took notice of those fine specimens of Hellenism. That is why they took them into their fold. Under the aegis of some leading Southwestern brothers who are prominent in the work of the Ahepa, as well as in the cultural life of the people of the Southwest, the ceremony and all the mysteries of our Order were administered to the neophytes. Again, from left to right, we present the leading Southwestern Ahepans: Bro. George Ade, Mayor of Grants—just leave it to Barba George to go out in the desert and hunt up Greeks and there inform them that it is their duty to join with the rest of us. Next is the big boy from Gallup, Bro. Peter Blatsios. Blatsios is such a good fellow that one man bet another a five-spot if he could find someone who would say an unkind word about Big Pete. The bet is still on. Nobody has collected. Brother Pathos, who is an outstanding merchant of New Mexico—operator of the beautiful Grand Cafe in Gallup—was there and did his bit. And so did Bro. Charles DePalma, the "brain trust" of the Gallup Chapter. He is the ever-faithful and efficient Secretary, Nick Totos, night police chief of Gallup, whom laborers and bankers, bad and good men, know as just "Nick," the man who never did anyone a wrong.

These people did the work in the initiation. It was truly a marvelous performance. It was that way because of its honesty. No Bitz-Carlton meetings for these boys, but simple Western, open-hearted fashion. The sentiment is there even though the finger bowl is missing. And the whole ceremony was under the complete charge of George Karras, President of the Gallup Chapter. He is the most popular man in the Southwest, both among the Greeks and Allophytes. He is known everywhere as "Papa George," and both the young and the old know him. Brother Karras operates the Independent Club in Gallup, a most exclusive affair in New Mexico.

With only thirty Greeks residing in Gallup permanently, we are here to tell you that the Gallup Chapter has a membership of over fifty. That sounds a bit impossible, I know, but wait—once a Gallup Ahepan, always a Gallup Ahepan. Greeks who have once been initiated by the Gallup Chapter never desert it, although they may desert the town. Take, for example, Pete Theodore. He is in business at Santa Fe but Gallup is his Ahepa town. He never misses a meeting, even though the distance between the two cities is some three hundred miles. Peter always manages to get there and meet with his brothers. And so does John Caravanos, another Santa Fe business man. Incidentally, Caravanos is the Greek "Hercules" for he has been acclaimed the strongest man in the Southwest. And it is this spirit of absolute faithfulness to the chapter that keeps it going strong, depression or no depression. In simpler terms, the membership of the Gallup Chapter is composed of Greeks from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. Yes, all roads lead to Gallup.

And all attention is stressed on Gallup from the official domain of our esteemed District Governor, Bro. C. E. Evangel, who is employed by the Federal Government as an engineer. He is a true Greek and a distinct credit to Hellenism because, with his fine education and keen insight into things, he has attained the seemingly impossible—banding together a group of Greeks who, until the Ahepa came, were separated like the four winds.

Additional activity is threatened in the Southwest Ahepadom with the arrival of Peter Matsoukas, the "daddy" of the Sons, who is now a permanent citizen of the Southwest. Brother Matsoukas, one of the earliest members of North Shore Chapter, No. 94, of Chicago, is very active here, as he has always been since Ahepa stretched out and offered all Hellenes equal opportunities to organize themselves and practice brotherly love.

D. C. KARAMOZIS.

El Paso Chapter, No. 273, Awarded Third Prize in Texas Centennial Year Parade

OUR city attracted wide interest on New Year's day, which was officially set to inaugurate the Texas Centennial Year. Tourists came by the thousands from many States, along with many officials and notables. The hotels were literally crowded and the city was brimming with excitement and activity. The big event of the day was the San Carnival

Parade, in which more than one hundred costly floats took part, each portraying a different aspect of the historical, industrial and social development of the city.

Our chapter, in collaboration with all the members of the Hellenic community of El Paso, entered a float in the form of a towering beacon, symbolizing how Greece, by her masterly conception of the processes of human thought—called the Greek Miracle—has guided the world to real civilization, as a lighthouse guides a captain sailing over uncharted seas. The float also portrayed a few of the chief contributions of Greece to America, such as arts, sciences, drama, etc. We were awarded third prize, in the form of a check for \$15.

On January 17 our chapter held its installation ceremonies for the following officers: Thomas S. Vallos, President; George D. Caraneros, Vice-President; Andrew G. Beys (elected for the third consecutive year), Secretary; Sam J. Anagnostou, Treasurer; John G. Beys, Chaplain; Marion T. Savage, Warden; Pete Broomis, Captain of the Guards; John Gregory, Inner Sentinel; Gust Pappas, Outer Sentinel, and the Board of Governors, consisting of Ernest Pappas, chairman; Tom Angeles, M. T. Savage, P. Broomis and Const. P. Nicholson. The retiring President, Ernest Pappas, was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers.

On January 1, 1936, our chapter's Sentinel, John Gregory, decided to act as a life sentinel to Miss Josephine Hotis. Best of luck to the newly weds.

Santa Fe Chapter Acquires New Members from Roswell and Carlsbad, New Mex.

ALTHOUGH District Governor C. E. Evangel made two special trips to Roswell, New Mexico, for the purpose of initiating members, due to unforeseen circumstances, he was unable to initiate them. However, under his instructions, the Secretary of our Santa Fe Chapter, Tony Chamas, and the undersigned went to Roswell and Carlsbad and conducted the initiation of the following members: J. S. Rallis, J. M. Laskou, I. V. Matsoukas, of Roswell, and Stergios Demetriou, of Carlsbad, all prominent business men.

We also took the transfer application of Alex S. Berry, of Aler's Cafe, of Roswell, an ardent Ahepan, who for so many years was a member of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, chapter.

Through this magazine we would like to convey to our new members in Roswell and Carlsbad our sincere thanks for their kind hospitality to us during our stay. We are also grateful to Bro. Andrew Meletis, a member of the Albuquerque Chapter, who now resides in Carlsbad, for his many kindnesses and his help in securing applications and conducting the initiation of Bro. Stergios Demetriou. We appreciated the opportunity of visiting these brothers and the privilege of making the acquaintance of many other people in this very beautiful spot of New Mexico.

P. C. DAVIS,

Secretary.

District No. 29

"Bright Star" Chapter Elects and Installs

ARIZONA CHAPTER, No. 275, the "Bright Star" of the Southwest, on Thursday, December 5, 1935, held their election in the Odd Fellows Hall, Tucson, Ariz.

Bros. A. L. Peters and Paul Seimenis were unanimously elected to serve the chapter for the third year as President and Secretary. Spiro Kontas was elected Vice-President; Louis Charonhas, chairman of Board of Governors; George Diamos, Tom Makres, Jack Polson, Wm. Christopoulos, Governors. The following officers were appointed: Geo. Makaronis, Chaplain; Arist. Nikas, Warden; John Apostolopoulos, Captain of the Guard; Tom Diacoumis and John Karvoumis, Sentinels.

On January 20 installation of the officers took place in the presence of two hundred people or more. Again we were fortunate in having with us our good District Governor, Bro. Chris G. Baros, of Los Angeles, to install the newly elected officers. We also had with us Bro. John Zenos and his charming wife, and Bros. Stasis and Psaros, all from Imperial Valley, Calif. Our Past District Governor, Bro. George Polos, from Calexico, Calif., being unable to attend, telegraphed his congratulations.

The large Odd Fellows Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers by Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Louras and their son, Peter. After the ceremony, an entertainment took place which included Greek and American dances. Refreshments were served under the supervision of Brother Tom Makres.

PAUL SEIMENIS,
Secretary.

News from San Diego Chapter

Installation

ON THE 11th day of January, when Imperial Chapter had their installation of officers, San Diego Chapter, No. 223, chartered two large busses and journeyed to Imperial Valley to be present for the installation, at which our Illustrious Governor, Chris Backos, officiated. The busses arrived at El Centro about 11:30. The refreshment committee of Imperial Chapter, headed by James Psychos, saw to it that the boys had plenty to eat. After the installation dancing followed. The boys had a good time. When the busses were ready to leave for San Diego our Past District Lodge Treasurer, Johnny Zenos, insisted that all the boys visit his palatial home at Boltsville, Calif., fourteen miles distant. After arriving at the Zenos home the boys were royally entertained in his famous bar room, with more food and drinks. At 4 A. M. everyone was back in San Diego.

Married

On the 16th of February two Ahepans of San Diego Chapter were married. First, the charming young lady, Miss Eugenia Hayite, became the bride of our Past Warden, Louis Giannoulis, who operates two restaurants in San Diego. The ceremony was solemnized at the Greek Church by the Rev. Stamatiadis, after which a banquet was held at the elegant residence of the groom. A good time was enjoyed by all until the wee hours of the morn-

ing. About 50 telegrams were received, wishing the newlyweds prosperity and happiness.

Later the same day, the charming young lady, Miss Maria Angelo, became the bride of Bro. John Canaris, formerly chef at the famous Agua Caliente resort, across the border.

Diad

The members of San Diego Chapter officiated at the funeral of Manuel Kostisikous at the Greek Church on February 18th. Brother Kostisikous was a charter member of Imperial Valley and a World War Veteran. The American Legion also took part in the services.

Social

San Diego Chapter decided at its last meeting, March 12th, that every second meeting of the month should be a Social. The first one took place March 19th and was crowned a real success. Many members were present with their wives. Dancing and refreshments continued until early in the morning.

District Convention

On March 19th the President, George Chironis, appointed the committee for the coming convention and gave me the honor to serve as General Chairman at the Convention. Owing to the fact that the Exposition is still in progress, this should turn out to be one of the largest conventions yet held by the 29th District.

GEORGE KALLIBIS,
Past District Governor.

District No. 30

A Refreshing Report of the District's Activities

JANUARY 8 a special meeting was held by the Green River Chapter, No. 182, in Evanston, Wyo. The purpose of this meeting was to get together the members of Green River Chapter with some of the members residing in Evanston. Over 100 members were present at the meeting from Green River Chapter, Salt Lake Chapter and Ogden Chapter. Bro. Spiros Kozas, President of Green River Chapter, opened the meeting with a short speech. Among the many good Ahepans who spoke for the good of the Order were P. S.

Marthakis, Christ Athas, H. Metos, N. J. Kontromaine, George Kazias, Sam Kanoulis, Pete Othos and Bill Kagias, all of Beehive Chapter, Salt Lake City; also Bro. E. Liapis, Lieutenant-Governor, John Bokos, Gust Countroubis, of Ogden Chapter, and Bros. Pete Argetis, Tom Vrittas and Steve Nitsis.

District Governor Nick Salevourakis, who was invited by the Green River Chapter, was present and made an interesting speech concerning the constructive work that the National Convention did in Chicago last summer. He also paid tribute to Supreme President V. J. Chelithes for his excellent record as a leader of the Order of Ahepa, and the only thing that he asks from the members of the organization is their hearty support and cooperation. Brother Salevourakis also explained the emergency fund and the reinstatement plan, appealing to the brothers to take an active part in all the activities of their chapters.

Refreshments of wine and beer were served, credit for which should be given to Steve Katsiray and Steve Koumas and others who were on the entertainment committee.

Pocatello Chapter, No. 238, held the installation of officers on Sunday, January 5. All of the members with their families were present. Nick Salevourakis, District Governor, of Price, Utah, was the installing officer, and was assisted by Lieutenant Governor E. Liapis, of Ogden, Utah, and Bro. Nick Binaris, Marshal. District Governor Salevourakis spoke briefly, explaining the principles and ideals of the Ahepa, and urging all the brothers to support the newly elected officers of their chapter. He also explained the new reinstatement plan and emergency fund. Brother Liapis made a few remarks on the good of the Order. The newly elected President, Bro. James K. Morris, and the Past President, G. Sakelaris, also spoke. Bro. George Kagias, of Salt Lake City, who accompanied the District Governor, made a splendid talk, as did Bros. N. Binaris, Kordopatis, Doudounakis and others.

The following officers were installed: James K. Morris, President; Louis B. Kartas, Vice-President; Gust Condos, Secretary; John Kalamitias, Treasurer; Nick Benaris, Chaplain; Tom Chipros, Warden; Sam Lambrou, Captain of the Guard. Board of Governors: George Sakelaris, chairman; Pete Kordopatis, Gust K. Morris, Jim Lambrou, and John Chifas; Sam Calles, Sentinel.

Refreshments were served after the installation.

On January 12 Price Chapter, No. 185, held a joint installation with the Ariadne Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, at the American Legion hall. District Governor Salevourakis was the installing officer. After the installation ceremony he explained the principles of the Order of Ahepa and the benefits that both lodges get in joint efforts and cooperation to promote the welfare of the Hellenes of this country. The newly elected President, George Karras, made a brief speech, as did Past President Nick Bikakis. Gust Saridakis, Nick Sermos, John Daskalakis, Mike Marakis and Nick Malekos also made short talks.

Mrs. Nick Kosmas, newly elected President of the Daughters of Penelope, made a commendable speech; also Past President, Mrs. Helen Palios. Other speakers were: Miss Vera Xenakis, Mrs. Gregory Lendaris, Mrs. M. Marakis, Miss M. Makris, Miss H. Frangis, Mrs. J. Protopoulos and Mrs. J. Juganos.

The newly installed officers for Price Chapter, No. 185, are as follows: George Karras, President; Nick Sermos, Vice-President; Gust Saridakis, Secretary; John Daskalakis, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Nick Bikakis, chairman; Harry Rellias, Mike Morakis, Steve Zoulis, Angelo Piperakis. Manos Salevourakis, Captain of the Guard; Nick Malekos, Chaplain; Jim Papacostas, Warden; Steve Diamanti, Inside Sentinel; Kosmas Androulakis, Outside Sentinel.

Officers of Ariadne Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, are: Mrs. N. Kosmas, President; Mrs. M. Morakis, Vice-President; Mrs. J. Juganos, Secretary; Mrs. N. Galanis, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Mrs. T. Palios, chairman; Mrs. J. Protopoulos, Mrs. Steve Zoulis, Mrs. John Mellon, Mrs. H. Vergakis, Miss M. Makris, Captain of the Guard; Mrs. P. Liapis, Priestess; Miss J. Makris, Warden; Miss H. Frangis, Guard; Miss Vera Xenakis, Sentinel.

Refreshments were served after the installation.

Beehive Chapter, No. 146, of Salt Lake City, Utah, held a joint public installation with the Sons of Pericles, on January 16, the installation taking place at the magnificent President's room of the Hotel Utah. Nick Salevourakis, District Governor, was the installing officer for the Order of Ahepa, and Louis Athos, Supreme Governor of the junior order, for the Sons of Pericles.

After the installation, a banquet was held in the banquet room, followed by a dance. The banquet was well attended by members of the



A view of the convention of District No. 30 held at Pocatello, Idaho.

Beehive and Ogden chapters, together with their wives and friends. Bro. John Georges acted as toastmaster and performed his duties in an excellent manner. P. S. Marthakis, Past Supreme Vice-President, made a short speech, as did also the Past Supreme Governor, Chris Athas. Other speakers were: Harry Metros, Past District Governor; N. J. Kotromaines, Past District Governor; Sam Kounalis, newly elected Secretary; Hon. H. Wolfe, Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, who made a wonderful speech concerning the Greeks of the State of Utah and their activities, and praised the Ahepa for the splendid work performed. Nick Salevourakis, District Governor, was the last speaker of the evening. He urged the members to cooperate for their benefit and for the good of the country in which they live. Brother Salevourakis also congratulated the newly elected officers and extended thanks in behalf of the district lodge, the past officers, and all who were present.

The following officers were installed: P. S. Marthakis, President; N. G. Cotromanos, Vice-President; Sam Kounalis, Secretary; S. Stauro-poulas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: John Gorges, chairman; Peter Kairo, Christ Athas, John Tsakas, John Kirikas, Harry Fardellos, Captain of the Guards; John Bragastes, Chaplain; Gust Papacostas, Warden. Officers of the Sons of Pericles who were installed are as follows: William Athas, President; Cosma Cairo, Vice-President; Andron Stauroopoulos, Secretary; John Sargetrakis, Treasurer.

On December 6 District Governor Nick Salevourakis celebrated his birth and name day, and baptized the baby boy of Past President Nick Bikakis, giving the child the name Charles.

On January 19 Ariadne Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, held a social affair at the hall of the church. The affair was very successful. We congratulate the committee, consisting of Mrs. N. Kosmas, Mrs. N. Galanis, Miss V. Xenakis, Mrs. T. Pallios, and Mrs. G. Lendaris.

Installation and Banquet of Ogden Chapter

ON February 6 Ogden (Utah) Chapter No. 184, held its annual installation of new officers at the Hotel Ben Lomond. E. T. Liapis, Lieutenant Governor of District No. 30, officiated, in the absence of District Governor Salevourakis who was originally scheduled to perform the installation but was unable to get through the heavy snows. The new officers are: Gus J. Cutrubus, President; Peter B. Dokos, Vice-President; Peter J. Gannos, Secretary; Peter P. Prepares, Treasurer. Board of Governors: William Sarandos, Tom Gallanis, James Bobolis, John Cosmos and Sam Vetas, Sam Vetas, Chaplain; William Sarandos, Captain of the Guard, and Harry Markos, Warden.

A banquet and dance followed the ceremonies. The principal speaker at the banquet was P. S. Marthakis, Past Supreme Vice-President and now a member of the Utah State Legislature. The toastmaster was N. J. Cotromaines, Vice-President of Salt Lake City Chapter. The address of welcome was made by Gus J. Cutrubus, Chapter President.

Brother Marthakis stressed the desire for a more united organization, to be effected through tolerance and cooperation, and asked

for an "amalgamation of new and old citizens." "The spirit of the Ahepa organization, established in more than three hundred units throughout the United States and Canada, comprises education and progress. We are proud to be American citizens and proud to fight for the flag of the United States." Brother Marthakis also presented a brief history of the heritage of the Greeks and urged them to continue in their aims as an educational unit, formulated for a more harmonious citizenship. Other Ahepa members who spoke briefly reiterated the desire of the organization for progress and betterment.

Responding with brief remarks were A. L. Glassmann, of the Ogden Standard-Examiner, Joseph E. Evans, L. D. S., bishop and attorney; Mayor Harmon W. Peery; Harry Metros, Salt Lake City, Past District Governor of Ahepa; City Commissioner Edward T. Saunders, and W. Karl Hopkins, Superintendent of Ogden City Schools.

Following the dinner the melodies attracted the lovers of dancing.

There were approximately 90 persons in attendance in spite of bad weather conditions.

PETER J. GANNOS,
Secretary.

Are You?

Are you an active member.

The kind that's liked so well,

Or are you just contented

With the button in your lapel?

Do you attend the meetings

And mingle with the flock,

Or do you stay at home

And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part

To help the work along,

Or are you satisfied to be

The kind that just belong?

Do you ever go to visit

A brother that is sick,

Or leave that work to just a few

And talk about the clique?

So come up to meetings often

And help with hand and heart;

Don't be just a member,

But take an active part.

Think this over, brother,

You know right from wrong;

Are you an active member,

Or do you just belong?

GUS C. COSTOS,

Sec'y, Pocastello (Idaho) Chapter.

District No. 31

Women Hosts at Dinner Party for Missoulians

MISSOULA CHAPTER, No. 239, Montana, recently held its big social gathering of the year at the Eagles' Hall, when the women entertained their husbands and the bachelor members of the chapter at the annual dinner.

The menu for the evening was made up of choice native dishes and the dinner was one of the popular events of the year for the members of the Order and their families.

Following the dinner a short entertainment

program was given and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. Ben Anattol was master of ceremonies for the evening and among the children who appeared on the program were James Caras, Jr., Grace Caras, Ethel Caras, George Gogas, Leo Lourbas, Helen Lambros, Kathleen Zakos, who appeared in a solo, and Eva Zakos, who gave an acrobatic number.

The committee of women in charge of the dinner party was composed of Mrs. Sam Caras, Mrs. John Gogas, Mrs. John Pappas and Mrs. George Pappantony. Ben Anattol assisted the women in the preparation of the dinner.



Miss Stamatoula Coutsogianopoulos, niece of Bro. Paul Laggis of the Billings chapter, who graduated with high honors from Itawood (Mich.) high school. She was the only Greek girl in a body of 270 students.

Billings Chapter Sponsors Party

BILLINGS Chapter, No. 237, Montana, held its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 22, at the Odd Fellows Hall, under the direction of Mrs. S. Ladas, Mrs. G. J. Kotsakis and Mrs. L. Antonopoulos. The program follows:

Greek Anthem—entire cast.

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag"—George Pappas.

"Silent Night"—Marjorie Kotsakis; Nellie Kotsakis at the piano.

Christmas Aerobics—Gus Xenia Antonopoulos, Helen Pappas, Emanuel Laggis, Sophia and Johnnie Petros, Alex, Nick and Johnnie Goumitanis and Gus Antonopoulos.

"Away in the Manger"—Angeline Ellis,
 "Greek Dance"—Mary Gountanis,
 "Piano Solo"—Marianne Kotsakis,
 Santa Claus,
 "Come, All Ye Faithful," by Mary Gountanis,
 Stella and Louise Ladas.

Bro. Jack Pappas acted as Santa Claus and distributed various gifts to the children. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Refreshments were served.

This, the third party of its kind, was a great success.

G. J. KOTSAKIS,
 District Governor, 31st Dist.

Our Duties as Ahepans

TODAY the Order of Ahepa is putting forth its best efforts to lift the Greek name in this country. We as members have a certain duty to perform. We may point to our ancestors who made history by their achievements, but are we a credit to them? After all, each of us is judged by his actions. America demands, and has a right to demand, the best from its citizens, and we can give our adopted country our best efforts by enlisting more soldiers in the ranks of Ahepa, give those high-minded men, our Supreme Officers, who so freely donate their time and money, our hearty cooperation, and so conduct ourselves in our everyday life and dealings with our fellow citizens that we will be a credit to our community and the nation as a whole.

WILLIAM ELLIS,
 Great Falls Chapter, No. 229.

District No. 32

Presidents' Dinner Show and Ball Given by Golden Gate Chapter, No. 150, a Brilliant Success

CLIMAXING a year of successful activities, the Mother Chapter of the West, Golden Gate, No. 150, of San Francisco, Calif., held its annual Presidents' Dinner Show and Ball on January 11th in the Fairmont Hotel Terraces Ballroom and Plunge. This affair is an annual one, given in honor of its Past Presidents and is customarily coupled with the initiation of some outstanding public official. This year, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of California, Hon. George J. Hatfield, was initiated and had conferred upon him the degree of Archon Politis.

The banquet room was uniquely centered by a swimming plunge and the tables were set under trees around the plunge, giving the room an appearance of tropical grandeur.

Prior to the serving of the dinner, the Hon. Lieutenant Governor Hatfield was inducted into the Order and, amidst a tremendous round of applause, was ushered to the speakers' table accompanied by his charming wife. The application of Mr. Hatfield was received by Bro. George C. Peterson, a bosom friend of the Lieutenant Governor. Brother Peterson incidentally has brought in the applications of many dignitaries, including former United States Senator Samuel Shortridge, Governor James Rolph, Jr., and Mayor Angel I. Rossi.

The speakers' table was situated at a strategic point, being slightly elevated so as to assure a full view of the proceedings. Sub-

sequent to the dinner, the chairman of the Social Activities Committee and master of ceremonies of the evening, Bro. George C. Peterson, introduced the newly inducted Brother Hatfield in eloquent and glowing terms, and brought the audience to its feet by referring to him as "the next Governor of the State of California." Whereupon the Lieutenant Governor arose and, in brief but brilliant elocution, stated his pleasure and gratification in being able to call himself a member of the Order of Ahepa.

Other speakers introduced by Chairman Peterson included the former Consul General of Greece and present Director of Greek Foreign office at Athens, Apostolos Macheras; the new Consul General of Greece in San Francisco, Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, and Bro. Peter J. Wallace, of Stockton, who is the Lieutenant District Governor of the 32d District and representing Bro. John Vellis, District Governor of the 32d District.

The guests of honor seated at the speakers' table included Bro. George C. Peterson, Past President of Golden Gate Chapter, No. 150, and Past Supreme Governor of Ahepa; Dr. Emanuel Apostolides, Past President and Mrs. Apostolides, President of the Grand Lodge, Daughters of Penelope; Past President and Mrs. William Petros; Past President and Mrs. Chris K. Katon, Vice Grand President, Daughters of Penelope; Past President and Mrs. John Andrew; President and Mrs. Louis A. Nicholson; President Elect and Mrs. Theodore A. White; Miss Marie Damianakes, Vice-President and District Treasurer, and Mrs. Basil Metropoulos, District Marshal and President-elect of Oakland Chapter, and Mrs. James Athens.

Brother Peterson graciously introduced every member of the speakers' table and an enjoyable time was had by all amidst the glamour of camera lights and beautiful surroundings.

Dancing ensued immediately after the dinner, until the early hours of the morning, in

the adjoining terrace ball room and the synchronization of an augmented 14-piece orchestra of national prominence kept every one happy.

Between intermissions the membership presented the retiring President, Bro. Louis Nicholson, with a token of appreciation for his term in office, and Brother Nicholson immediately took advantage of the opportunity to present the chairman of the evening, Bro. George C. Peterson, with a resolution of esteem and appreciation for his past labors in behalf of the Ahepa. The resolution was signed by all Past Presidents of Golden Gate Chapter, No. 150, and was masterfully prepared on a sheepskin. It contained a brief resume of the work of Brother Peterson, from the time he began to earn the title of Father of Ahepa, Supreme Governor and "Calvin Coolidge of the West," up to the present. It recalled how Brother Peterson founded thirty-two Ahepa chapters single handed in the western domain, how he served his own Golden Gate Chapter as its first President, how he subsequently advanced to the post of Supreme Governor of the Western jurisdiction of the Order of that period, and how he continued his work and sincere efforts even after this period, thereby exemplifying the true spirit of Ahepanism and fraternal loyalty.

Thus ended the most fascinating, most glamorous, and most colorful entertainment that any chapter of the Order of Ahepa ever attempted. It was an achievement that surpassed all previous attempts to reach the acme of grandeur and splendor, and will linger long in the memory of those in attendance.

MESSAGE OF HON. GEO. J. HATFIELD ACCOMPANYING HIS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mr. George C. Peterson, 111 Suter Street,
 San Francisco, California.

DEAR GEORGE:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I enclose my application for membership in the Ahepa. Throughout a long period of years



The Lieutenant Governor of California, after his initiation, and his brother Ahepans
 First row, left to right, seated: Chris K. Katon, Geo. C. Peterson, Hon. Geo. J. Hatfield, Peter J. Wallace, Dr. Emanuel Apostolides. Standing left to right: Theo. A. White, James Athens, Louis A. Nicholson, William Petros, John Andrew.

it has been my privilege to have intimate knowledge and association with the splendid work of the American-Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

The high ideals sponsored by the Ahepa have repeatedly brought forth many notable contributions on the part of the Hellenic people in America to the growth and popularity of our country.

I am sure that the year 1936 is going to advance and strengthen the principles and purposes of this great organization.

Please give my warm regards to the officers and members of the Golden Gate Chapter, No. 150, and tell them also how very happy I am to be permitted to apply for membership in this fine body.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE J. HATFIELD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Stockton Chapter Organizes Drum Corps

THE following officers were installed by Stockton (Calif.) Chapter, No. 212, at the chapter's meeting of January 6th:

Frank Vellis, President; George De Bono, Vice-President; George Dremalas, Secretary; John Karkaletsis, Treasurer; Chris Mariolas, Chairman of the Governors; Nick Seperas, Governor; Tom Pantel, Governor; Gust Deligiannis, Governor; Christ Hontalas, Governor; Gust Spanos, Chaplain; Andrew De Bono, Warden; Theodore Lourentzos, Captain of the Guard; Frank Kavoukas, Inside Sentinel; Gust Karas, Outside Sentinel.

1935 was a successful year, under the leadership of Bro. Chris Mariolas. We had a fine district convention, breaking all past records. It was a gala affair for Stockton. During the past year we initiated fifteen members and organized a Junior Drum Corps. Bro. George Dremalas is responsible for this accomplishment. He is now busy making arrangements to attend the district convention of District No. 32 at San Jose. The Junior Drum Corps assisted Stockton Chapter in celebrating George Washington's birthday. This was their first appearance and a very successful one indeed.

Lieut. District Governor Peter J. Wallis is surely doing his part, making it a point to visit all the chapters. He tells us that the chapters are in good spirit and looking to an exceptionally good year.

NICK SEPERAS,
Chairman Publicity Committee.

Garden City and Salinas Valley Chapters Combine Installations

IN THE presence of prominent Ahepans from the four corners of the State of California, 1936 officers of Garden City Chapter, No. 251, of San Jose, and Salinas Valley Chapter, No. 253, of Salinas, Calif., were installed at impressive joint ceremonies in the spacious upper chamber of the Knights of Columbus building of San Jose. Bro. Chris Caton, Past President of Golden Gate Chapter of San Francisco, was the installing officer. Assisting was a quintette of uniformed patrol members of Oakland Chapter, No. 171, led by Captain James Athens, district marshal and chapter President. Ceremonies seated all officers-elect, headed by Mike Giannopoulos of San Jose and George Cominos of Salinas.



A glimpse of the speakers' table at the banquet given by the Golden Gate Chapter.

In addition to the impressive ritual, skillfully handled by Brother Caton, the program included brief addresses by District Attorney Fred L. Thomas, Deputy Allan P. Lindsay of his staff, and A. H. Horrall, assistant city superintendent of schools. Singing of "America" by the audience followed. As the words rang out, uniformed guardsmen marched in with the American and Greek flags, side by side—the vivid Stars and Stripes, its fold-touching the crossed bars of snowy white and celestial blue of the Greek banner.

As their bearers stood, flags joined, Ahepans sang the Greek national anthem.

Two swords were laid on the altar, over flag and Bible—"This is the sword of Greece, the country of our fathers. May it always be drawn with honor," said one guardsman.

"This is the sword of the United States. May we always be worthy to follow its lead," said another.

Installation of officers, who marched in under guard to a stirring piano march, followed. As he proceeded with the ritual Brother Caton placed a glittering necklace, emblem of office, about each officer's neck.

Addresses followed by Gus A. Horton, Past President of the local chapter, and Theodore Andronicos, Past Supreme Vice-President and member of Pacific Chapter, San Francisco. It was announced that Ahepans would hold their district convention in San Jose this coming June.

Mrs. Horton, wife of the Past President, and herself Past President of the ladies' auxiliary, spoke on aims of the Order, and two small members of the Cominos family of Salinas played piano solos.

At the close of ceremonies Ahepans went below for coffee and sandwiches and dancing followed.

Army Commandant Joins Salinas Valley Chapter

AT A colorful and impressive ceremony of Salinas Valley (Calif.) Chapter, No. 253, on January 19th, Col. Ralph M. Parker, Commandant, 11th Cavalry Regiment, U. S. Army, became a member of the Order of Ahepa, in recognition of his outstanding record as an exemplar of good citizenship.

The initiation ceremony took place at the Hotel Cominos, Salinas, after which a banquet was served to more than 200 people, including city, county and State officials, leading business and professional men of Salinas, Monterey, San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose.

Impressed with the patriotic principles underlying the Ahepa, believing that the teachings of the Order will make for a finer America, the Colonel voiced deep, personal appreciation at the privilege of joining the Order. He said he hoped to become "a good Ahepan."

Colonel Parker declared he knew of no other organization that strove so diligently to live up to the ideals and principles of Americanism. "Your organization," he said, "sets an example for the rest of us. We can all profit by it. And America can, and no doubt will, be better because of it."

Where Colonel Parker took pride in joining the Ahepans, the Ahepa felt equal honor in welcoming him into the organization.

Colonel Parker has had a long and distinguished service in the Army and is an outstanding cavalry officer. Coming to the Presidio of Monterey four years ago, his boundless energy and constructive enthusiasm have made their mark. His accomplishments while Post Commander include not only the bringing of the troops to a high state of efficiency but as well a beautification and reconstruction of Post facilities. He has caused to be constructed a modern excellently equipped recreation hall for the troops, baseball and football fields and a new and pleasantly landscaped parade ground. His progressive works on the Post will long remain a tribute to his energy and enthusiasm.

Theodore C. Andronicos, Supreme Vice-President of the Ahepa and principal speaker at the meeting, extended to Colonel Parker the Order's blessings and declared that the chapter in Detroit, where the Army officer will soon be transferred, will be notified of the local initiation and will prepare to receive him there.

A gifted speaker, in command of the English language to an exceptional degree, Brother Andronicos forcefully made clear the purpose of Ahepa and impressed his hearers with its aims.

George Cominos, President of Salinas Chapter, also extended a welcome to Colonel Parker.

into the organization and wished him happiness in his new tour of duty.

Pete Bosom, chairman of the meeting, introduced numerous other speakers, all of whom paid tribute to the Ahepa ideals and the Order's program.

Among those who gave brief addresses were Mayor V. J. Barlogio, on behalf of Salinas; Senator E. H. Tickle, on behalf of the State of California; District Attorney Anthony Brazil; City Manager B. J. Pardee, of Monterey; Earl Wilson, president of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce; Ralph Hughes, former Chamber of Commerce president; Charles Rosendale, F. E. Dayton, Captain Courtney of Monterey; F. E. Heple, city clerk and captain of the 40th Tank Company; Fred McCargar, secretary of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce; Chief of Police George Griffin, Police Lieutenant Marcel Lapierre, F. E. Abbott, County Supervisor Earl McHarry; James Athens, District Marshal and President of Oakland Chapter; Gus Horton, Past President of Garden City Chapter; Sam Garvounis, Past President of Garden City Chapter; Mrs. Gus Horton, Past President of Dafney Chapter of Daughters of Penelope of San Jose; Mrs. Sam Garvounis, President of Dafney Chapter; Brother Giannopoulos, President of Garden City Chapter; Michael Cominos, Past President of Salinas Valley Chapter; Peter Crist, Past President, Salinas Valley Chapter; James Dravillas, Past District Marshal, and Brother George Cominos, President of Salinas Valley Chapter.

The committee in charge of the affair were Brothers J. Dravillas, George Vellis, C. Miller and M. N. Cominos, chairman.

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

We reproduce below an editorial which appeared in the *Salinas Index-Journal* of January 20, 1936, which will be of interest to our readers:

THE ORIGIN OF AHEPA

Every man and woman who wants to become a good American, or a better American, could profit from the Greeks who belong to the American Hellenic Educational Protective

Association. Yesterday the Ahepa, as the organization is known, held a meeting here to initiate Col. Ralph M. Parker, U. S. A., into the Order, and at that time the principles of the organization were made clear.

Members must be and are patriotic to the flag of their adopted country; they believe in the Constitution of the United States, in the American mode of life; they tolerate no derelictions among their membership; they are a foe to the criminal element and to any subversive influences. An organization of this kind does immeasurable good, and, as expressed by speaker after speaker yesterday, we can all benefit materially from examples set by the Order.

We wonder if most native Americans know as much about the United States Constitution, for instance, as do the Ahepans. They have taken this country and the American ideals warmly to their hearts; they are teaching Americanism, and, still more important, they are practicing it.

Justice of the Peace Harry J. King paid a great tribute to the association when he said that never in his capacity as a judge had he been confronted by a wrong-doer who was a Greek. Can as much be said of many a native-born American? The Greeks, apparently, can teach us much in giving respect to our own laws.

We cannot help but salute Ahepa. Long may it continue; may its good work go on for years to come.

District No. 33

Ninth Annual Banquet and Dance of Mount Hood Chapter a Glamorous Affair

THE ninth annual banquet and dance, honoring six Past Presidents of Mount Hood Chapter, No. 154, Portland, Oregon, was held on the evening of February 29th in the grand ballroom of the Multnomah Hotel. More than 300 members and their friends and families attended. Honored guests were Hon. W. L. Gosslin, personal secretary of Governor Charles

H. Martin, who represented the Governor; Hon. Joseph K. Carson, Mayor of Portland; Dr. B. F. Keezer, President, Reed College; Mr. B. F. Irvine, editor of the *Oregon Journal*; Dr. N. S. Checkos, Past Supreme Governor; Hon. Earl Snell, Secretary of State; Hon. James J. Crawford, Judge of Circuit Court; Hon. Hall S. Lusk, Judge of Circuit Court; Carl S. Donagh, U. S. Attorney; T. S. Griffing, U. S. Naturalization Examiner; Harry M. Niles, Chief of Police; R. Earl Riley, City Commissioner; O. R. Bean, City Commissioner; Palmer Hoyt, of *The Morning Oregonian*; Tom E. Shea of *The News-Telegram*; Chester E. McCarty, chairman, Republican Committee, and Blaine B. Coles, vice-president of the First National Bank.

Past Presidents of Mount Hood Chapter who were honored on this occasion were Bros. Alex. G. Saterian, John D. Damis, George Goritsan, Dr. N. S. Checkos, James Faturios and Thomas Georges. Bro. Chris Haleston was chairman of the banquet and dance committee, assisted by Bros. Tom Givas and Chris Maletis. Past District Governor John D. Damis was the toastmaster.

Mr. Gosslin, representing Governor Martin, spoke on Greek history, and Mr. Irvine, editor of the *Oregon Journal*, dwelt on the formation of early American history and the adoption in the American government of ancient-day Greece, stating that "The Hellenic empire began before 776 B. C. * * * The Greek civilization is nearly as old as the world itself. * * * And from Athens have come many fine principles of government, including liberty." Mayor Carson, speaking briefly, complimented the Greek race, declaring: "I have yet to hear a Greek belonging to any organization threatening to overthrow our government." Other speakers included Dr. Keezer, president of Reed College, and Dr. N. S. Checkos, formerly a Portlander but now living in Seattle.

Officers of Mount Hood Chapter for the year 1936 are Panos J. Lampros, President; Chris Haleston, Vice-President; John Panos, Secretary; Sam Manos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Thomas Georges, chairman; Sam Andros, Chris Pappas, Tom Volgas and Nick Flessas.



Past Presidents of the Mount Hood Chapter are feted.

Dancing to the strains of Babe Binford and his orchestra concluded an extremely pleasant and successful evening.

CHRIS HALESTON,
Vice-President.

(Editorial appearing in the March 3, 1936, edition of the Oregon Journal, Portland, Oregon.)

THEIR LOYALTY TO AMERICA

"To promote and encourage loyalty to the United States, allegiance to its Constitution and traditions, obedience to the laws, including the laws of the several States," is a splendid example set by American Greeks, well worth emulation by all aliens in America. This service is promoted by Ahepa, an organization of foreign-born Greeks. The name is formed from the initials of the words "American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association," which is another designation of the organization.

A banquet by Ahepa in Portland, Saturday evening, was attended by more than 300 persons, and in demonstrated Americanism and patriotism, as well as in numbers, was one of the most outstanding occasions of the kind held in Portland in years. Here are other objectives of Ahepa:

To instruct its members in the tenets and principles of democracy, in the methods and operations of political life in the United States and inspire the membership with a genuine reverence for the majesty of the law.

To instill in every member a sincere love for the United States, its history and traditions, a due appreciation of the privileges of citizenship and the sacred duties attendant therewith.

There could scarcely be finer rules for exemplary citizenship. They are in striking contrast with the group now plotting the overthrow of the governmental system of the country and the installation here of a Soviet system on the plan of the Moscow regime.

There was government by the people in what is now Greece 600 years before Christ. In the commonwealth of Athens, at that time, assemblies of the people made the laws, named the judges and officers of state, and elected the Council of Four Hundred. The archon, or executive officer, was elective and was the officer created at the passing of Calrus, the 17th and last king in written history of the area. At first, the archon was elected for life, but later his term was reduced to ten years.

By the middle of the sixth century B. C. royalty had become extinct in every Grecian state except Sparta. In some states the archons came to be called "prytans," or president. In early Grecian unity there was no central authority, merely a confederation such as came into being in the American colonies more than 2500 years later.

Authentic history of the Grecian states began in 776 B. C. Nearly 3000 years before, as revealed by archaeologists in their excavations, there was an earlier civilization that was overrun by barbarians from the north and east, and it was a civilization that rose almost if not entirely to the heights of modern systems. There were plumbing and architecture in Crete and Mycenae that approximated if they did not exceed modern achievement in the same lines. Pots and kettles around the fire-side, just as in use when the barbarians swept down over the land with sword, flames and destruction, were found by the excavators.

Thus, from an ancestry rich in freedom, traditions and progress, Greeks find in America a land and people to be exalted, prized and cherished."

Spokane Ahepan's Garden Brings Health and Fame

IN 1935 Bro. John Kakakes, of Spokane, Washington, entered the Spokesman-Review garden contest, and in September he was awarded the first prize. Early in February, 1936, news flashed across the continent through the Associated Press that Brother Kakakes' garden had been awarded first prize, class I, in the National Contest. Class I specifies that all work in the garden must be done by the family.

The Yard and Garden Contest Association, established for the purpose of making America a more beautiful nation, has headquarters in Davenport, Iowa, and covers the United

States in scope of interest, with such sponsors as Harry Flood Byrd, ex-Governor of Virginia; Mrs. Henry Ford, President Women's National Farm and Garden Association; W. M. Jardine, ex-Secretary of Agriculture; Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, president, Missouri University; Professor U. P. Hedrick, director, New York Experiment Station, and others.

Arriving in Spokane, he went to work as a section hand on a railway and later labored at other menial jobs. But he saved his money and soon had sufficient to establish a hat shop, John's Hat Shop, 512 Sprague, now grown to one of the city's largest establishments of its kind. Close confinement in business wrecked his health and brought on an illness that for two years left him almost helpless. One day, when taking a sun bath on the lawn of his home, the same home whose yard and garden won this year's national contest, two women passed and Mr. Kakakes heard one say:

"Poor fellow! I guess he is done for."
That remark is responsible for Brother Kakakes' garden. He decided he would show these women that he wasn't done for. Unable to walk but a few steps, he forced himself to undertake a program in which he would walk a bit farther each day. And gradually he supplemented his walks with gardening. And, little by little, his gardening brought back his health. And he demonstrated to these unknown promenaders who pronounced sentence upon him that he was not "done for."



Luxuriance characterizes the foundation, planting and garden of Brother John Kakakes.

The gold honor of merit certificate was conferred upon Brother Kakakes at a luncheon of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce by President J. I. Kitman.

Brother Kakakes, whose home and garden are located at E. 3202 Thirtieth Street, Spokane, is the 1936 Treasurer of Mount Olympus Chapter, No. 180.

There is more of a story in the garden of John Kakakes, which received first place in the national yard and garden contest association than the fact that his beautiful grounds received this notable distinction.

Brother Kakakes was born in Nevea, State of Corinth, Greece. His father was a prosperous merchant who loved to garden. And from



1936 Officers of Juan de Fuca Chapter No. 177, Order of Ahepa, Seattle, Wash., and the Officers of its Junior Organizations, The Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athens, with their Advisory Board.

And now comes the triumph. With the announcement, carried throughout the nation, Brother Kakakes' garden achieves fame throughout the land.

This achievement marks an outstanding milestone in the American adventure of Brother Kakakes—the sort of adventure out of which America is built.

Brother Kakakes' garden is his business rival. He works among his flowers from 5 o'clock in the morning until noon and then goes to his shop. And of interesting coincidence is the fact that his partner, James Papanone, is as rabid a gardener as himself and won second place in the city's contest. And while Kakakes gardens mornings, Papanone attends to the shop. When Kakakes arrives at noon at the shop, Papanone goes home to garden.

Since 1930, every year that *The Spokesman-Review* conducted a contest, entered in the national. Spokane has won first place, with many honorable mentions.

Throng Witness Seattle Ceremonies

An outstanding joint public installation was staged by Juan de Fuca Chapter, No. 177, at Seattle, Washington, on Sunday, January 19, for the Ahepans, Maids of Athens and Sons of Pericles.

The Venetian room of the Olympic Hotel was jammed to capacity with an estimated attendance of over 700. It was made up of Ahepans and their families from nearly every part of the Northwest as well as a great many of their non-Greek friends. Several dignitaries, including Mayor Charles Smith and County Commissioner Jack Taylor, were present. The audience contained, in addition, many prominent citizens and civic workers of the city.

Bro. Mitchell Angel, retiring President, opened the meeting and after a few remarks turned the gavel over to Bro. Nick Zofkelis, who acted as chairman for the evening. The

latter introduced the installing officer, Supreme Governor Thomas D. Lentgis, of Seattle.

With business-like precision and with an air of dignity becomming his high rank in the Order of Ahepa, Brother Lentgis proceeded to induct into office Dr. George Chatalas and the other officers by presenting them with the jewels symbolic of their office.

The huge crowd was commendably quiet and intent on taking in every bit of the fascinating ceremonial.

Dr. George Chatalas, young Seattle dentist and new leader of the Juan de Fuca Ahepans, left a fine impression with his very able explanation of the component parts of the word "Ahepa."

Retiring President Mitchell was presented with a Past President's jewel, awarded him by the chapter for his excellent work.

Bro. James Sakis, acting as Captain of the Guards, upon whom most of the work attached to the ritual evolved, evoked a great deal of praise by the excellent handling of his job.

Mayor Lauds Ahepa

Supreme Governor Lentgis concluded the formal Ahepa participation with an address to the audience in which he outlined the scope and high ideals instituted by the Order. His candid and matter-of-fact treatment of the subject elicited the praise of the Mayor, who, in responding to the Chairman's introduction, rendered a tribute to the aims and the work of Ahepa and urged the members to support wholeheartedly their new officers and to remain steadfast in their devotion to their civic duties.

Young Officers Shine

As someone in a four-star picture usually caps the show, so Miss Maxine Manousos, of Tacoma, District Secretary of the Maids of Athens, stole the show at this affair. The execution of her task in installing the Maids' leaders for 1936 was superb.

Young Victor Carkonen, District Governor

of the Sons of Pericles, made a fine picture in installing the Sons.

Miss Elenie Pi-shue, Worthy Maid, gave an excellent talk in behalf of her Seattle Sisters. Chris Shilaou, President of the Sons, promised his elders a year of untiring effort to establish the Aristotle Chapter as one of the best in the land.

Entertainment Offered

Mr. Jack Constantine, well known baritone of the Seattle Greek colony, and Miss Constance Stephens, supplied the vocal talent during the program. They received a warm round of applause for their efforts.

Dancing followed until 1 A. M., with music furnished by the well known Ahepan, Bro. Pete Dontos and his boys. The crowded floor and the beaming faces told only partly of the wonderful time had by all attending this event.—From the *Ahepa Mentor*.

District No. 34

District Governor Kalyvas Takes Up Residence in Montreal

RECENTLY our District Governor, Bro. Peter Kalyvas, had to leave for the city of Montreal, due to change of business. It is needless to say that everyone of us in Winnipeg miss him greatly.

On the occasion of his departure, the brothers in Winnipeg had a gathering at the home of our President, Bro. J. Vlassis, when we presented Governor Kalyvas with a token of appreciation for his fine work as Governor for District No. 34.

We are certain of one thing—wherever our District Governor goes he will be 100 per cent Ahepan. Although we miss him in person, I am sure that the organization will benefit, regardless of where he might be located.

JAMES PASKALIS,

Secretary.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Baltimore's Plato Players

A DRAMA portraying the consequences of leaving home and loved ones, called "Mother Earth," by Peter Papaleas, made its appearance at Lithuanian Hall, Baltimore, Md., on Sunday evening, March 8, before an indulgent and enthusiastic audience. Plato Chapter, No. 80, of the Sons of Pericles, proved to the older generation that we, the younger, intend to perpetuate the traditions they have handed down to us. The superb performance of this tragic drama should be prophetic of future good patronage by Baltimore's Hellenes of any social affair sponsored by the Plato Players.

The audience was enriched by the presence of Dr. and Mrs. David M. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. N. Bryllion Fagin, and Mrs. Gardner of the International Centre. Dr. Robinson, philhellene and professor of Greek and Archaeology at the Johns Hopkins University, who excavated the ancient city of Olynthus, was overly enthusiastic about the success of the play. Dr. Fagin, professor of Drama at the same University, and Director of the Homewood Playshop, one of Baltimore's oldest dramatic groups, claims that "Mother Earth" is a milestone in the rejuvenation of Greek drama in world literature.

The rôle of Spyros, whose tragic end should awaken from their lethargy the Greeks who

leave home and forget those they leave behind, was proficiently enacted by Bro. Theodore D. George. George Thomas George, of whom Dr. Fagin said, "I have never seen a more natural comedian," played the part of Dimitri exceptionally well. The rôle of the aged mother, enacted by Miss Maria Perentesis, was so well done that complaints were registered by many in the audience, who claim it to be quite an ordeal to weep so profusely and then to try to enjoy dancing. Miss Barbara Poolase was Annoula, the sister of Spyros. The supporting cast included Bros. George Anderson, George Mesologites, Louis Karangelen, Nicholas Anderson, and the Misses Alexandra Cardiges, Betie Pamfilis, Katherine Mentis, and Mary George. They are all to be congratulated for performances contributing to the general success of the evening. Alike to be congratulated are Bros. Gus Krometis, George Mesologites, and Nicholas Anderson for the excellent rendering of monologic prologues.

The Plato Players wish to extend their appreciation to the former Greek teacher, Mrs. Maria Nikoloudi, whose guidance inspired the success of the drama; to Mrs. Amelia Nicholson, Past President of the local Daughters, whose adeptness as mistress of ceremonies shall be remembered; to Bros. Jerry Van Dora and George Charles George for property and stage handicraft, and to the Misses Helene and Ar-

mis and Mr. Nick Cassis, which trio entertained with selective Greek music.

After the many encores taken by the cast of the play came dancing to the strains of The Southerners until 2 o'clock.

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Chapter of "Daughters" Organized at Jersey City, N. J.

THE latest addition to the steadily growing Order of the Daughters of Penelope is Icarus Chapter, No. 48, sponsored by the Jersey City Ahepa Chapter.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by the officers and members of Evryklia Chapter, of New York City. In the absence of the President, Miss Helen Botsacos, Miss Phroso Xenides, the Vice President, presided.

The following are the members of the new chapter: Mrs. John A. Vallas, President; Mrs. George Pyle, Vice President; Miss Alice Vlantes, Secretary; Mrs. Theodore Antonopoulos, Treasurer; Mrs. Viola Callas, Mrs. John Deodousis, Miss Mary Karavitis, Mrs. Ernst Lailas, Mrs. Marcopol, Mrs. James Nonas, Miss Emily Panoulas, Miss Elle Panoulas, Mrs. Angelos Partos, Miss Alice Vallas, Mrs. Nicholas Stathakis, Mrs. Sophia Vlantes, Miss Anna Vlantes.



Officers and Members of "Alcmena" Chapter No. 27 of the Daughters of Penelope, Baltimore, Md.



Retiring officers and other members of "Alethea" Chapter No. 8, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Alethea Chapter, No. 8, Cedar Rapids

ALETHEA CHAPTER, No. 8, Daughters of Penelope, ever since its organization, April 14, 1934, has been trying by either small or large social affairs to raise money both for the lodge and for the benefit of the Greek Community of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

The chapter was organized by Mrs. Alex Asoumanakis, with the assistance of Arete Chapter of Dubuque. Not long after its organization, December 5, 1934, to be exact, Alethea Chapter assisted Arete Chapter to install Cassandra Chapter, in the Tri-Cities. The ladies became very interested in the organization, and gave their full support to Mrs. James Chukas, their President. This chapter had and has many drawbacks. At that time Daughters of Penelope had not been recognized by the Ahepa Lodge, and there were many Cedar Rapids Ahepans who did not approve of the idea of organizing a chapter here. But through the determined efforts of many of the ladies and Ahepans of Cedar Rapids, and also the support of some of the superior officers of the Ahepa lodge who believed that at the next National Convention of the Ahepa the Daughters would be recognized (and so they were), the chapter was begun here. The Greek Community of Cedar Rapids is not very large, and if at any time the Ahepa, Sons of Pericles, or the Daughters of Penelope lodges wish to hold a social affair they must depend on the surrounding territory to assist them in making it a worthwhile affair.

On May 5, 1935, Alethea Chapter, under the able direction of Mrs. Asoumanakis, motored to St. Paul and installed Eurydice Chapter. June 22-24 the District Convention of Ahepa District No. 25 was held in Cedar Rapids, and the Daughters of Penelope assisted and participated in the second District Convention to be held in Cedar Rapids. By this time the chapter was pretty well established, and interest turned to the better development of the lodge, and also to assist the Greek Community in whatever way possible. Not quite a year yet, but our Community has been lucky to rent a church, and Bishop Callistos sent an able priest to conduct our church services for us.

On January 26, 1936, the Daughters of Penelope

sponsored their first play, for the benefit of the church, which proved a success. Though the temperature was 25° below zero, over 100 of our people gathered in the Roosevelt Room of the Roosevelt Hotel to witness the play, "O Xartopektis." The players were well chosen, and the play made a fine impression on the people. The players and the characters they portrayed were: O Xartopektis, Mike Zervakis; O Ahepans, Mrs. Mike Petrakis, Mrs. Georgenna, Mrs. Mike Zervakis; and Mrs. Kristopoulos, Miss Sophia Siamis. Other characters were Miss Anthoula Miller, who played the part of Maria, daughter of Mrs. Kristopoulos, and sister of Nick, the Ahepan; and the messenger boy was played by Vern Hedges. The story was about the Xartopektis who spent his years in America gambling, and never thought or ever wrote to his mother. His friend, the Ahepan, finally persuaded the Xartopektis to join the Ahepa lodge, and he became a better American and Greek citizen. At that time the story leaves the Xartopektis and his friend and takes us to a small village not far from Athens where poor Mrs. Georgenna, mother of the Xartopektis, is weeping bitterly Christmas eve, at the thought of her only son forsaking her. Her neighbor, Mrs. Kristopoulos comes to comfort her and invites her to spend Christmas with her, for she has just received a letter and some money from her son Nick. When the story continues again, Nick has somewhat persuaded the Xartopektis to visit with him and some of the other Ahepans their native land. They leave and arrive in Athens where they are greeted by their mothers and Nick's sister, Maria. As the play finishes we see Nick giving his sister Maria as a bride to the Xartopektis, who is a Xartopektis no more.

After this sad play, the Daughters had a short comedy acted by Miss Mary Santas and Miss Anthoula Miller. The comedy dealt with a cafe-keeper who had left America and gone to Athens to earn his living, with no luck whatsoever. Finally a nursemaid comes to his cafe; he becomes very interested in her, and is on the verge of proposing, when the maid, not liking the cafe-keeper's advances, gives him a blow and walks out. Miss Santas was the cafe-keeper and Miss Miller the nursemaid.

On January 9 Alethea Chapter held closed installation, with Mrs. Gust Gringos as pre-

siding officer. The officers installed were: Miss Sophie Siamis, President; Mrs. Gust Gringos, Vice-President; Mrs. Nicholas Kanellis, Secretary, and Mrs. Wm. Raftis, Treasurer. The Board of Governors consists of Mrs. James Chukas, chairman; Mrs. T. A. Siamis, Mrs. John M. Costas, Mrs. George Fotiou and Mrs. Tom Panagos, Captain of the Guards, Miss Mary Santas; Warden, Mrs. Mike Thomas; Priestess, Mrs. Louis Sames; Guards, Mrs. Mike G. Bellas, Mrs. Louis Manos, Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. Mike Zervakis; Sentinels, Mrs. Wm. Santas and Mrs. Mike Petrakis. The retiring officers appearing in the picture are Mrs. Chukas, President; Mrs. Kanellis, Vice-President; Miss Siamis, Secretary; and Mrs. M. G. Bellas, Treasurer; Chairman of Governors, Mrs. Cringos; Governors, Mrs. Nick Mousolite, Mrs. Santas, Mrs. M. Thomas and Mrs. Zervakis; Captain of the Guards, Miss Chrisynthia Mousolite; Warden, Mrs. Siamis; Priestess, Mrs. Sames; Guards, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Raftis, Miss Santas and Mrs. Bessie Pappas; Sentinels, Mrs. Costas and Mrs. L. Manos.

At the meeting on January 23 the newly elected President, Miss Siamis, was presented with a corsage by the chapter, the outgoing President, Mrs. Chukas, was given a corsage by Mrs. Bellas and Mrs. Sames. She also was presented with her Past President's pin with a chain and gavel in behalf of the chapter by Miss Siamis. Mrs. Sames and Mrs. Bellas served tea after the meeting and Mrs. Chukas poured.

MISS SOPHIE SIAMIS,
President.

Helen of Troy Daughters, Albuquerque, N. M., Attend Art Ball

ON February 5 the University of New Mexico gave an Art Ball, and it was a glamorous affair and should contribute to the success of its director, Nick J. Matsoukas. Mr. Matsoukas is one of our ambitious young men.

The ball was given in the Carlyle Gym, and was sponsored by the "U" and the artists from nearby art colonies. There were prizes given for the most unique and complete costume,



Miss Fanny Pavlantos and her brother, George, who received first prizes at Art Ball of University of New Mexico.

and I am happy to say that first prize went to Miss Fanny Pavlantos and her brother George. They were dressed as Grecian peasants and looked extremely nice, and their costumes were well worth the honor. They are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pavlantos, who have lived in Albuquerque for the past seventeen years. Mr. Pavlantos is one of Albuquerque's leading business men and is Past President of Ahepa Chapter No. 174, as well as a Past District Governor. He and Mrs. Pavlantos have a host of friends, Mrs. Pavlantos being known and liked for her wonderful hospitality and charming manners. She was honored this year by being elected President of her chapter, Helen of Troy. She is an untiring worker and the chapter attributes its growth to Mrs. Pavlantos.

On February 13 the Daughters held their first meeting of 1936 in Santa Fe, N. M. We had a very successful meeting and balloted on five new members, who will be initiated at our next meeting. Afterwards we were invited to the home of Mr. Pete Pomonis, where Mrs. Pomonis had a lovely surprise awaiting two of our sisters, "stork showers," and everything was carried out very nicely. After enjoying ourselves we decided it was time to start our 65-mile drive back to home and Albuquerque.

We are hoping that the coming year will more than double our applications, and our new members from "35" are getting more enthusiastic at every meeting. Each and every member is trying to make this small chapter a worthy one.

Mrs. TONY SOURIS.

Benton Harbor Daughters Install

ANDROMACHE CHAPTER, No. 14, Daughters of Penelope, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, installed their officers for the ensuing year. The installation was held at the

I. O. O. F. Hall, February 26, with Mr. Tom State, Secretary of the 18th District of the Ahepa, officiating. The following were installed:

President, Miss Jane Smith;
Vice President, Mrs. Tom State;
Secretary, Miss Stella Burgams;
Treasurer, Mrs. John Kanolos;
Warden, Mrs. William Mamos;
Priestess, Mrs. James Smith;
Captain of Guard, Mrs. Nick Katsoulos;
Flag Girls, Mrs. Peter Moutsatson, Mrs. Theo. Shenias;
Inside Sentinel, Mrs. Alex Gust;
Spear Girls, Miss Genevive Smith, Miss Mildred State.

At the close of the ceremonies speeches were given by both the old and new officers, after which a lovely corsage was presented to our retiring President.

The following Saturday (St. Theodore's Day) we were entertained at the home of our good sister, Mrs. Theodora Smith. After a three-course dinner, games and dancing followed. Mrs. Smith was presented with a lovely cake dish. Although we are small in number, we do not lack in spirit, and we hope to have a bigger and stronger club.

STELLA BURGAMS,
Secretary.

Ifigenia Chapter, Kalamazoo, Installs

ON January 19, Ifigenia Chapter, No. 25, of the Daughters, held its annual installation at the Knights of Pythias Temple. We were very happy to have with us our sister, Mrs. Tom State, Vice President of Andromache Chapter, No. 14, of Benton Harbor, Mich. The newly installed officers of the Ifigenia Chapter are: Mrs. Chryssie Morakis, President; Mrs. Beatrice Katsakos, Vice President; Mrs. Jennie Karametros and Mrs. Thora Koropoulis, Secretaries; Mrs. Dina J. Magas, Treasurer; Mrs. Theodora Lambesis, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Mrs. Irine Mouras, Mrs. Ethenia Skoumbis, Mrs. Katherin Vlachos, Mrs. Sophia Manolis, Governors; Mrs. Margaret State, Priestess; Mrs. Cornilia Dussas, Captain of the Guard; Mrs. Foteni Nikitas, Warden; Mrs. Helen Dallas and Mrs. Christine Skoumbis, Flag Bearers; Miss Helen Georgiow, Sentinel.

Mrs. C. MORAKIS,
President.

Hold Annual Ball

Ifigenia Chapter, No. 25, of Kalamazoo, Mich., held its first annual ball at the Pythian Hall, on Sunday, February 23. Approximately 250 persons thronged the beautifully decorated hall.

The dance was a great success and even exceeded our expectations. During intermission refreshments were served.

Our President, Mrs. Chryssie Morakis, spoke on the sacrifices Penelope and Ifigenia made, stating that Ifigenia sacrificed herself to save her country, Penelope suffered to save the honor of her home. And that we, the Daughters of Penelope, stand ready to sacrifice everything for the benefit of our organization and community.

Thanks were also extended by our President to all members of our chapter for their help in making the event a success; also, to our

Brother Ahepans, their families and friends, for their generous support and attendance.

Mrs. THORA KOROPOULIS,
Secretary.

Aphrodite Chapter, Sioux City, Iowa

A VERY interesting and beautiful public installation of the recently organized chapter, Aphrodite, No. 37, of the Daughters, of Sioux City, Iowa, was held October 13 in the Ahepa Chapter hall. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Evyginia Bovis, a very deserving and capable lady to hold this office.

The gavel was then turned over to Mrs. Maria Asonmanikis, who acted as installing officer. After the installation the officers put on an impressive candle ceremony for the benefit of the chambers and guests. District Governor of the Ahepa, Bro. George Paradise, was the toastmaster, and presented the mammoth gavel to the newly installed President, Mrs. Bovis.

Mr. John Sarrise, Past President of the Sioux City Ahepa Chapter, gave a short talk and conveyed the wishes of the President of the Mother Lodge of the Daughters, Mrs. Emanuel Apostolides, for the success of our newly formed chapter. Other addresses followed and dancing culminated a very pleasant evening.

We, the sisters of the Aphrodite Chapter, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our installing officer, Mrs. Maria Asonmanikis, who we think is one great person.

The names of the newly installed officers are: President, Mrs. Evyginia Bovis; Vice President, Mrs. Louise Zanfes; Secretary, Mrs. Martha Vlahoulis; Treasurer, Mrs. Emorphia Bovis; Chairman of Governors, Mrs. Angelina Kazos; Board of Governors, Mrs. Alba Rorris, Mrs. Mary Paradise, Mrs. Vasalike Sarrise, Mrs. Marika Bakas, Mrs. Paraskve Margeas; Priestess, Mrs. Demetra Pappas; Warden, Mrs. Marie Kanelos; Captain of Guards, Mrs. Amelia Stavros; Flag Guards, Mrs. Katherin Tinnos, Mrs. Sophia Bovis; Spear Guards, Mrs. Mable Bitsos, Mrs. Katherin Siganos; Inside Sentinel, Mrs. Vera Petro; Outside Sentinel, Mrs. Mable Elides.

Mrs. MARTHA VLAHOULIS,
Secretary.

Nausicaa Chapter, Anderson, Ind.

NAUSICAA CHAPTER, No. 7, Daughters of Penelope, of Anderson, Ind., held their annual installation on February 12 at the Eagles Lodge.

The newly installed officers are: President, Mrs. Jack Mangas; Vice President, Miss Hazel Blassaras; Secretary, Mrs. John Lambros; Recording Secretary, Miss Bessie Cochifa; Treasurer, Mrs. Leonard Spirrison; Warden, Mrs. Nicholas Livieratu; Priestess, Mrs. Thomas Cochifa. Board of Governors—Mesdames Peterson, Pancol, Churchos, Anton. Inside Sentinel is Miss Anne Pancol and Flag Guards are Mesdames Prokos and Stavropoulos.

A program was presented with the cooperation of Mr. Alata, the teacher of the Greek School.

The lodge has progressed wonderfully during the past year, and, with the help of the new officers, hopes to have greater success.



SONS OF PERICLES



Elaborate Installation Dance at Philadelphia

PETROW AND TSOPELAS PRESENT

THE Atlas Chapter No. 10 of Philadelphia, Pa., under the direction of George Morphesis, Governor of District No. 8, sponsored its first annual district installation dance on March 5, at the Hotel Pennsylvania. This event marked the introduction of a new and novel affair in the East which should act as a precedent for the future.

To say that the occasion was not a complete success, because only two chapters of the district were able to participate under the adverse weather circumstances, would do a grave injustice to the evening's program and would be contrary to the consensus of opinion expressed by the some three hundred people present.

Dignitaries galore were present to add color and importance to the installation. To mention only a few there were Senior Brother Tsopelas, Supreme Advisor; Christ J. Petrow, Supreme Vice-President; Senior Brother Peter Carres, Deputy Supreme Adviser; George Morphesis, District Governor; Senior Brother Chris Tromazos, District Governor of Ahepa; and Senior Brother Spiro Morphesis, Chairman of the local Advisory Board. Many past District Governors and Chapter Presidents of the Ahepa were also in attendance.

Amid the plaudits of the enthusiastic crowd and to the march played by Pete Nichols and his orchestra, the dignitaries and officers were escorted into the beautiful hotel ballroom by Brother Solan, who acted as master of ceremonies. The oath was administered in unison to the kneeling officers-elect by Governor Morphesis. Brother Petrow installed the chapter presidents, and the remaining elective officers were installed by the District Governor. Short

speeches were later given by the Supreme Vice-President and the Governor.

Following the colorful installation ceremony, which was performed in a manner not unlike the renowned "Crack" Midwest Installation teams, Greek and American dancing was resumed.

The newly installed officers are: Philadelphia; Thomas Detskas, President; John Rekos, Vice-President; George Georges, Secretary; and John Mondros, Treasurer. Chester, Pa., chapter: James Mossou, President; William Kaporelos, Vice-President; Michael Kappos, Secretary and George Anastos, Treasurer.

The installation dance was a social and financial success, and much credit for this is due to the Morphesis family who labored very diligently in its behalf.

Pittsburgh Holds First Annual Dance

THE first Annual Dance of the Holy Trinity Chapter, No. 112, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was held on Sunday night, February 9, 1936, in the beautiful modernistic auditorium of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Senior Brother J. K. Steliotes, chairman of the Supreme Advisory Board, headed the list of notable guests present. Others were Brothers A. Karkalas, President of Aristotle Chapter of Ahepa; A. E. Camarinos, chairman of the Local Advisory Board; and C. J. Panagoulas, Secretary of the Aristotle Chapter. Senior Brother L. Kourakso, advisor and organizer of the local "Sons" chapter, was the very competent master of ceremonies for the evening's entertainment.

The music for this colorful occasion was furnished by the popular Jimmy Annis and his orchestra, which was composed of all young

Hellenes. American and Greek dancing were featured. A highlight of the evening was the singing of John Pappagolous, the golden-voiced tenor of the Sons of Pericles. He was tendered a great ovation by the audience who was thrilled by his beautiful voice. Some four hundred people braved the severe wintry elements to attend this highly successful dance which they will long number as one of their most pleasant recollections.

Members of the committees were: Executive Committee, Nicholas Costulis, John Retetegas, John Chapas; Ticket Committee, G. Chaconas, C. Kosmakos, P. Korones; Flower Committee, Mrs. John Retetegas; Dance Committee, A. Petrakis, G. Terzis, G. Rongos, B. Tass; Raffle Committee, B. Selley, M. Zappas, T. Cocheres; Refreshment Committee, G. Costulis, J. Economidas, P. Callog, P. Paras and B. Korinis.

Brevities from Jersey City, N. J.

THE newly elected officers for 1936, of the Thermopylae Chapter No. 118, of Jersey City, N. J., are as follows; members of the Advisory Board, G. Pyle, Chairman; W. Vallas, and P. Gonis; James Marose, President; Nicholas Tambakis, Vice-President; Gus Kyreakakis, Secretary; and Chris Pelioties, Treasurer.

At the first meeting of the new year, the new officers were duly installed. Plans were also made for a dance to be given in March. The basketball team captained by Vice-President N. Tambakis, is in the midst of a very successful season, and should have a banner year.

The chapter wishes to publicly congratulate their chairman of the local advisory board, Senior Brother Pyle, for his election as President of the National Athletic Association.



Dance and Installation of Officers of Sons of Pericles, District No. 8, held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, on March 5th.

News Reports from Washington, D. C.

SUPREME PRESIDENT GEANOPULOS SPEAKS

THE Pythagoras Chapter No. 9 wishes to report its activities since the beginning of the year.

The chapter elected the following officers: William Peratino, President; Louis Levathes, Vice-President; George Dematatis, Secretary, and Gus Plakas, Treasurer, as the new administration for 1936 at the first regular meeting in December.

The Washington Chapter, with a reduced membership, entered the new year with great zeal and enthusiasm to raise its standing as an active chapter in the fraternity. With action as their watchword, the members devoted much of their time to constructing a gymnasium in the back room of St. Sophia Hall. The room, obtained for our exclusive use from the Congress of the Church, contains equipment for boxing, wrestling, rowing, and other exercises that develop the mind and body.

A St. Valentine Dance, held by the "Sons" on Thursday evening February 13 at St. Sophia Hall, was a great social success despite a heavy rainfall that occurred that evening. A good time was had by nearly two hundred people who danced in the beautifully decorated hall to the fine tunes of the "Majestics." Many brought valentines for their friends and also two hearts filled with delicious candy were raffled.

Supreme President Charles G. Geanopoulos, Supreme Vice-President Christ J. Petrow, and Supreme Advisor C. G. Paris of the Sons of Pericles visited the Pythagoras Chapter No. 9 on Sunday afternoon, February 23.

An impressive initiation ceremony by the chapter's well known degree team was held in honor of the distinguished guests and the local Ahepans who had been invited.

The Supreme President made a short but eloquent speech after the ceremony emphasizing the fact that the Greek youth of America has been at a standstill.

"One of the reasons for this standstill," he continued, "is that we have not had a definite precedent to follow, as we are the first generation born in the United States. In view that our actions will serve as a precedent for others, it is imperative that we, as the organization of the Sons of Pericles, progress in such manner, as to leave a constructive and emulative policy for our posterity to follow. In living up to the principles and ideals of our fraternity we will have realized our primary obligation, that when the time arrives for us to impart to our successors the affairs of our country and community, they will have been in better condition than when we have found them."

Following Brother Geanopoulos's address, Senior Brother Paris made short comments in Greek, which was followed by Brother Petrow with a few appropriate remarks.

After the meeting, refreshments were served, with boxing and wrestling matches featured as entertainment.

GEORGE DEMATATIS,
Secretary.

Pulos Officiates in Florida

ON Thursday, January 22, the Jacksonville Chapter of the Order of Sons of Pericles held its first public installation of officers. An enthusiastic crowd, which taxed the Ahepa

Hall to capacity, viewed the elaborate ceremonies and then joined in the festivities.

The Jacksonville Chapter of the organization is one of the newest, yet conducted its ceremonies like a veteran lodge.

Mr. Tyke J. Louros opened the program with a welcoming address. This was followed by the introduction of Mr. Constantine Poulos, of Lynn, Massachusetts, the Supreme Governor of the Order who acted as Installing Officer. Mr. Poulos is the first member of any Sons of Pericles' Supreme Council to visit the South, and that night marked his first appearance at any public function there.

With an impressive candlelight ceremony, Supreme Governor Poulos installed Mr. Sam Felos as President of the Jacksonville Chapter, and then in succession the other officers. These were: Paul Lampru, Vice-President; Evangelos Pappas, Secretary; Peter Lenos, Treasurer; Peter Kalogerakis, Master of Ceremonies; Theodore Poulos, High Priest; James Megas, High Guardian, and Gabriel Caribaltas, Inner Guard.

Mr. Tyke J. Louros, the first president of the local chapter, assisted in the installation ceremonies, acting as Installing Master of Ceremonies.

Following the installation of officers, the many speakers were introduced by the Installing Officer. Among the speakers were Mr. George Stathis, President of the local chapter of Ahepa, and Mr. Leo Pierson, Chairman of the Jacksonville Chapter Advisory Board. There were also speeches by the new and retiring presidents, Sam Felos and Tyke J. Louros, respectively. Representatives of the Order from Tarpon Springs, Augusta, and Savannah also spoke briefly.

A highlight of the evening's program was the presentation of a Past President's Jewel to Mr. Tyke J. Louros, by the Supreme Governor.

With the completion of the program there followed refreshments and dancing until late hours. The preparations were in the hands of a committee headed by Pete Kalogerakis.

Massachusetts Sons Live Up to Hellenic Traditions

AS IN the olden days of Athenian supremacy, the Hellenic race still plays an important role in the world of sport. One also should note that of all the outstanding Hellenic athletes only a very few are not affiliated with the Sons of Pericles or with the Ahepa.

California has her Cleuzos and Pappas; Oregon has her Theodoratos; Cincinnati has her Kampouris; Missouri has her Londos; and New York has her Michel. Likewise Massachusetts has her matchless athletes.

From Holy Cross come Anthony Morandis and Charles Pataskis. Morandis proved to be an outstanding football center for three years at this college and was considered All-American by many sports writers. On the other hand, Pataskis, who is only a freshman, is considered valuable varsity material for the coming football season. Undoubtedly, Brockton must be proud of these boys.

Tufts College gives us Kyros, a star on both football and basketball teams. To his teammates he is known as "Greek," an appropriate name, I'm sure. This athlete is very typical of his ancestors for he possesses the "do or die" spirit which prevails in every true athlete.

From Lowell Textile College comes Louis

Athanasopoulos, stellar performer in all sports. Incidentally, this versatile athlete played with an eastern minor league baseball team not so long ago and at the present time is making a great bid for a major league berth. Another Lowell Textile College product is Charles Kelakos who majors in basketball and football.

In concluding this list of noteworthy athletes from Massachusetts, the name of Fanis Tzaniopoulos should be mentioned. Fanis, a popular pugilist of New England, is a prospective contender for the crown in his class. At the present time he is touring the states and all of us here wish him success.

Colleges of Massachusetts are not the only institutions in which to find athletes of Hellenic descent. As one travels throughout this state, he discovers that the major high schools are pregnant with Hellenes who constitute the nuclei of sports.

Starting with Peabody we have Routsos and Bittelari. Both these boys stand out because of their all-round ability in all sports. Routsos, by the way, captained Peabody High football team exceptionally well through a season of tough opposition.

From Brockton High School come the Kovatis brothers, Pericles and Theophilus. Pericles is a two-letter man, having been a member of both football and baseball teams, while Theophilus is the leading cross-country runner of the school and a 1000-yarder of the track team.

Lowell High School contributes Sideras and Kourkoulakos. Sideras excels in football while Kourkoulakos is a three-state swimming champion.

Last but not least, New Bedford boasts of Economou who showed unusual football ability in the past season.

In years to come, we will look forward for these athletes to enter college and gain distinction in their individual sport.

Thus in all these ways, they will have tried to restore the light of Hellenism to its former brightness not only athletically but possibly spiritually as well.

PERICLES KOVATIS.

Supreme Council and Advisors Present at National Banquet

HEADED by two members of the Supreme Council and four of the five members of the Supreme Advisory Board, the Sons of Pericles were well represented at the National Ahepa Banquet held at the Hotel Mayflower in Washington, D. C., on February 23.

Charles G. Geanopoulos, Evanston, Ill., Supreme President, and Christ J. Petrow, Fremont, Nebr., Supreme Vice-President, represented the Supreme Council, while the members of the Supreme Advisory Board present were J. K. Steliotis, Pittsburgh, Pa., Chairman; C. G. Paris, Quantico, Va., Petros Tsopelas, Philadelphia, Pa., and Van Nomikos, Chicago, Ill.

The above group had come to Washington for a Supreme Council meeting and simultaneously took advantage of the banquet.

Chapter representatives from Washington, D. C., Canonsburg, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pa., and Wilmington, Del., were also in attendance at the banquet and ball. It may truthfully be said that the Sons were far more conspicuous than the Ahepans at the ball.

Ἀφιερώνεται εἰς τοὺς ἀναχωροῦντας ΑΧΕΠΑΝΣ

Η ΝΟΣΤΑΛΓΙΑ

— Θυμιάζεις σάν τὸν ἥλιο σου
καὶ σὺ γλυκιὰ Πατρίδα
καὶ κάλλη σάν τὰ κάλλη σου
στὸν κόσμο ἄλλοῦ δὲν εἶδα

Πόση ἀλήθεια περιέχουν τὰ λόγια τοῦ ποιητοῦ αὐτοῦ καὶ πόσο βαθειὰ αἰσθάνεται αὐτὰ ὁ νοσταλγὸν μετανάστης!

Ἀλήθεια, Πατρίδα μου, καμιά ἄλλη χώρα στὸν κόσμο μὲ ὅσα κάλλη, μὲ ὅσα πλοῖτη, μὲ ὅσα θελήτρια κα' ἂν ἔχη δὲν μπορεῖ νὰ παραβληθῇ μὲ σένα καὶ νὰ σοῦ μοιασῇ!

Χρόνια μακριὰ σου! μὰ ζωὴ! καὶ ὅσο τὰ χρόνια περνοῦν, ἀντὶ ὁ πόνος νὰ γιαιρεύεται, ὅπως συνήθως γίνεται σὲ κάθε πόνο, τόσο ὁ πόνος μεγαλώνει καὶ θεωρεῖται γιὰ σένα, Ἑλλάδα μου.

Νοσταλγῶ τὰ βουνά σου, τῆς βουσοῦλῆς σου, τῆς θαλασσῆς σου τῆς καταγάλανης, τὴν εὐτυχισμένη σου ζωὴ, τὸν εὐχάριστο κύκλο σου, τῆς ἀγνῆς σου διασκέδασεως καὶ κλαίω καὶ κλαίω, γιατί ἔμα μακριὰ σου.

Μὰ ὅσο τὰ χρόνια περνοῦν καὶ ὁ ἄνθρωπος ἐξελισσεται στὸν ψευτοπολιτισμὸ του, τόσο σὲ σίδημαι καὶ βλέπω ὅτι μόνον διὸ ἐπιόλαμπτοι ἦμοι ἀποτελοῦν τὸ στερόμα του ἀληθινοῦ πολιτισμοῦ, ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ σοφία καὶ ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ τέχνη.

Καὶ γιὰ νὰ νοιώσῃ κανεὶς τὴ τελειότητά σου πρέπει νὰ ἴδῃ κοντὰ σου νὰ ἀντικρῶσῃ τὸν Παρθενῶνά σου, νὰ ἴδῃ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ Πραξιτέλη καὶ τοῦ Φειδία, νὰ ἴδῃ πῶς ἔχουν οἱ θεάνθρωποι αὐτοὶ χαρίσει ἡγεῖα σ' ἓνα κομμάτι χρυσοῦ μάρμαρου καὶ ὅπως ἔνας ζωγράφος γιὰ νὰ μετρήσῃ τὴν ἀξία τῆς πινελιάς του πρέπει νὰ ἴδῃ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ Raphael, τοῦ Michelangelo, τοῦ Da Vinci καὶ νὰ ἴδῃ τὴν ἀξία τῆς τέχνης του, εἶται κα' ὁ ἄνθρωπος γιὰ νὰ μετρήσῃ τὸ ἔπος τῆς μορφωτικῆς του, πρέπει νὰ ἴδῃ νὰ μετρηθῇ ἑμπερὸς στὴν τελειότητά σου.

Γι' αὐτὸ, ὅσοι μορφωμένοι ξένοι σὲ ἐπισκέπτονται ἀποκαλύπτουντὰ πρὸ τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς σου τέχνης καὶ σοφίας καὶ γονατίζουν στὰ μάρμαρά σου ἑμπρὸς καὶ ὅπως ὁμολογοῦν οἱ ἴδιοι, ἀντιλοῦν μὴ μυστικὴ δέσφα μὲ τοὺς κάνει νὰ βλέπουν πρὸ καθαρά καὶ φρέγγουν μὲ τὴν ἰλιδα νὰ ἰδοῦν Ἑσένα μὴ φορὰ ἀκόμη.

Πατρίδα μου γλυκιὰ! ποῦ μὲ τὴ νοσταλγία σου, τὴν εὐγενικὰ σου ἀφρόσφεια κάνεις νὰ ξεχειλίξῃ ἡ καρδιά τοῦ νοσταλγοῦ ἀπὸ ἀγάπη γιὰ κάθε πατρίδα ξένη καὶ εἶται χαρίζοντας ἀγάπη στὴ ξένη πατρίδα, μεταβάλλεται ὁ πόνος γιὰ σένα, Ἑλλάδα μου!

Εὐτυχισμένοι οἱ νοσταλγοὶ ποῦ θὰ ἴδθουν σὲ σένα, νὰ σὲ ἰδοῦν καὶ νὰ σοῦ φέρον ἄλλες εἰχῆς καὶ φιλιὰ, ἀπὸ τὰ ἄλλα σου ξενιτεμένα παιδιὰ. Ἀχέλα εὐλογημένη! Τὸ μεγαλύτερο καλὸ ποῦ ἔκανες εἶναι τὰ ταξίδια σου στὴν Ἑλλάδα. Ἦναι ἓνας φόρος ἀγάπης, ἐκτιμῆσεως, ἐδνωμοσύνης στὴ γηραιὰ καὶ περήφανη ἐκείνη μητέρα ποῦ ἐποίησε χωρὶς τοιχοκονιά τὰ φῶτα τοῦ πολιτισμοῦ τῆς, σὲ ὅλο τὸν κόσμο.

Εὐτυχισμένοι οἱ Ἀχέπανς ἐκείνοι ποῦ γυρίζοντας θὰ εἴδθουν τοὺς γέροντες Ἰωντανούς, γηραιότερους πρὸ ἀπὸ τὰ χρόνια καὶ φάρμακα τῆς ξενιτείας, νὰ τοὺς περιμένουν στὸ λιμάνι καὶ νὰ ἀπλόκωνον τὰ τοιχοκονισμένα τοὺς χέρια, μὲ μῆτιν πλημμυρισμένα ἀπὸ δάκρυα νὰ τοὺς λέγουν: «Παιδί μου, ξε-

νιτεμένο μου παιδί, εἶσὲ εἶσαι, ἤλθες λοιπόν; δὲν εἶναι ὄνειρο.»

Ἦ στιγμὴς θεϊκῆς! Ἦ στιγμὴς εὐτυχίας, ποῦ δὲν ἐξαγοράζονται μὲ ὄλο τὸ χρυσὸ τοῦ κόσμου!

Μὰ καὶ γι' αὐτοὺς ποῦ δὲν ἔχουν τὴν τύχη νὰ εἴδθουν τοὺς γέροντες Ἰωντανούς, ἄς ἐπισκεφθοῦν τοὺς τάφους τους, ἄς τοὺς στολισοῦν μὲ ἓνα μαρμαρίνο σταυρὸ καὶ ἄς χύσουν δάκρυα λήπης ποῦ δὲν τοὺς εἶδαν Ἰωντανούς καὶ δάκρυα χαρῆς καὶ ἀνακουφίσεως ποῦ τοὺς ἀξίωσε ὁ Θεὸς νὰ φιλήσουν τὸν τάφο τους καὶ νὰ εἶναι βέβαιος, ὅτι ἐκείνη τὴν ὥρα ἡ ἡγεῖα τῆς μάνας καὶ τοῦ πατέρα, θὰ φερασηεῖ γέφυρα τους γιὰ νὰ τοὺς δώσῃ τὴν τύχη.

Ἐπιστρέφοντας δὲ καὶ οἱ μὲν καὶ οἱ δέ, μὲ τὸ καλὸ, θὰ ἔχουν μὴ ἱκανοποίησι, ἓνα κουράγιο, ποῦ ἐξεπλήρωσαν τὸ μεγαλύτερον καθήκον στὸν κόσμο.

Ἡμεῖς δὲ ποῦ θὰ μένομε, ἄς τακτοποιήσομε τὴν ἐποχρῆσοί μας αὐτὴ εἰς τὸ ἄλλο ταξίδι τῆς Ἀχέλα, καὶ ἄς ἀφήσομε τὰ ὄνειρα τοῦ πλοῦτου, γιατί ἀρχίζει ὁ χρόνος νὰ μᾶς χαρίζῃ τῆς πρώτες γυφίτες γραμμῆς στὸ κεφάλι μας, σάν νὰ μᾶς λέγῃ: «Μετανάστη πάντα θὰ εἴῃς μὲ ὄνειρα! ἕως πότε.»

Ἦταν λοιπόν καὶ γιὰ μένα ἴδθῃ τὸ καρδί καὶ ἀποχαιρέτησω τὴν φιλόξενη αὐτὴ χώρα τῆς Ἑλευθερίας, ποῦ Σὺ, Πατρίδα μου, τὴν στολίσες μὲ τὴν ἰδίαν αὐτὴ γιὰ νὰ τὴν κινήσῃ πρὸ ὁμορφῆ καὶ μὲ πᾶρη τὸ καρδί καὶ μὲ φέρε κοντὰ σου καὶ ἀντικρῶσῃ τῆς πρώτες ραχοῦλῆς σου μὲ τὰ φρεσκοσφιστομένα σπιτάκια σου, τότε θὰ ἀρχίσῃ ἡ ἀφρόσφεια μου νὰ γιαιρεύεται καὶ ὅταν φθάσῃ τὸ καρδί καὶ μ' ἀξιώσῃ καὶ φιλήσῃ τὸ χῶμα σου, τὸ χῶμα ἐκεῖνο ποῦ σκαπάζει ἓνα κομμάτι ἀπὸ τὴν καρδιά μου, τὴν μονοῦλά μου, καὶ ὅταν σφίξω στὴν ἀγκαλιά μου τῆς ἀγαπημένης μου ἐπάξεις ποῦ κρατᾶς κοντὰ σου, τότε θὰ εὐχαριστήσῃ τὸ Θεὸ καὶ σένα, Ἑλλάδα μου, γιὰ τὸ ἀνεκτίμητο φάρμακο τῆς νοσταλγίας ποῦ μοῦ χάρισες.

Καλὸ ταξίδι Ἀχέπανς καὶ θὰ σᾶς περιμένομε εἰς τὸ Convention τοῦ St. Paul νὰ μᾶς φέρετε τὰ νέα τῆς Ἑλλάδος.

Λάδι νὰ εἶν' ἡ θάλασσα
καὶ ὁ μπάτης νὰ βοηθῆσῃ
νὰ φέρε τὸ καρδί σας
γρήγορα στὴ στεργιά
καὶ κατεβῆτε μὲ καλὸ
φιλήσετε τὸ χῶμα
φέρετε σποὺς γέροντες τοὺς γαρηούς
λέγῃ παρηγοριά.

Πᾶστε δὲ τὴν ἐκχοῦλά τους
διαν γυρίστε πάλι,
εἶναι τὸ μόνο στήριγμα
σ' ὄλη σας τὴ ζωὴ
ποῦ θὰ σᾶς δίνῃ δέσφα
παρηγοριά κουράγιο
σὲ ὅ,τι ἀνεμοστρόβιλο
σᾶς φέρε ἢ Ἀμερικῆ.

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Ο ΠΑΤΕΡΑΣ

Ὁ χρόνος μου ὁ πατέρας μου γιὰ μένα λαχταρᾷ
κι' εἶναι στήριγμα ἀπὸ πλῆτι, περιφάνεια καὶ χαρά,
τὸ πρῶτό μου θὰ φέρῃ γιὰ τὴν πύξιν αἰὲ δουκιά
σοφία καὶ ἄλλον κοινῶν καὶ μὲ δίνει δύο χιλιά.

Μὰ καὶ γὰρ ὅταν γυροῦν κοροσσοῦν καὶ παλὴ
τρέχω μὲς τὴν ἀγκαλιά του καὶ τοῦ δίνο ἕνα χιλιά.

Τὴ μεγάλη εὐτυχία εἰς τὸν κόσμο εἶν' αὐτή
ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ πατέρα μὲ τὴ νόστιμ καὶ γλυκιά.

ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Ἄχ τὸ πρῶτό μου σχολεῖο ὅσο γιὰ τὴν ἀγαπᾷ
καὶ γι' αὐτὸ μὲς τὴ καρδιά μου ὅσο γιὰ τὴν αἰὲς ἔτι.

Συαῖρες, ὄρνιθα, θρωπὴ μὲ παιχιδιὴ αἰὲν μὲλλ
χαῖρες, γίμνασι, μὴλια καὶ διασκεῖσι καλλή.

Ἐδῶ μὲσα κεκοιτῶν τὸ παιδιὸν αἰὲν τὸ παιδιὸν
κι' ἐντὶ τρέχοντι ποικιλῶν γέλιο, ἀγάπη καὶ φιλική.

Ἐδῶ μὲσα ἡ διασκέα αἰὲν μετῶν ὁ ἀγαπᾷ
καὶ ποιεῖ στίλια, στίλια τὴ καρδιά μου τὸν καυτῆ.

Μὲ παιδῆματα ὁραῖα τοῦ καθένας εἰς τὴν
τὰ τὰ ἔχει γιὰ θεμελίον ὅσο γιὰ τὴν αἰὲς αἰὲ.

ΠΡΟΟΡΙΣΜΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΣΜΟΣ

Υπό Τ. ΠΡΑΚΑ, ΣΤΑΜΠΟΛΑ

ΕΙΣ τὴν παγκόσμιον πολιτικὴν κίνησιν εἰσελθὼν πρὸ πολλοῦ ὁ κοινωτισμὸς, ἤρχισεν ἤδη ν' ἀποτελῇ ἀναπόσπαστον αὐτῆς μέρος. Καὶ εἰς τὸ ἐξῆς διὰ νὰ δώσῃ τὴν σαφῆ ἐμφανείαν τῆς πολιτικῆς θέσεώς ἑνὸς λαοῦ, πρέπει νὰ λογαριασθῇ ὄχι μόνον τὰς λαμπρότητας τῆς παλαιᾶς πολιτικῆς, ἀλλὰ νὰ εἶναι καὶ κοινωτισμολόγος.

Ὁ κοινωτισμὸς δὲ ἐκείνους ποῦ δὲν ἐσπούδασαν τὴν ζωὴν, οὐδὲ τὰ δικαιώματά ποῦ ἔχει ὁ ἄνθρωπος ἐπ' αὐτῆς, ἀλλ' ἐξῆσαν τὴν ζωὴν τῆς συνήθειας, φαίνεται κατὰ τι παράλογον καὶ ἐξωφρενικόν. Σήμερον ὅμως ἡ ζωὴ σπουδάζεται, αἱ κοινότητες ἐξελίσσονται, συγκροτοῦνται, ἀλληλογνωρίζονται, αἱ συνειδήσεις καθαρίζονται, αἱ παλαιαὶ ἀντιλήψεις δοκιμαζόμεναι εὐρύτερον ἀποδεικνύονται ψευδεῖς.

Οἱ πόλεμοι δημιουργοῦν ἀνάγκαν, καὶ αἱ ἀνάγκαι δημιουργοῦν τὴν σκέψιν, καὶ αἱ σκέψεις ὅταν γεννηθοῦν στὸν νοῦν, τότε φέρουσι τὸν ἄνθρωπον εἰς τὸν ἐαυτὸν του.

Ἡ παλαιὰ συνήθεια ἀποβάλλεται διὰ νὰ λάβῃ τὴν θέσιν ὁ προορισμὸς. Μόνον δὲ εἰς αὐτὸν ὁ κόσμος εὐρίσκει τὴν ζωὴν ἰσορροπημένην, τὰ εὐθῆματα ἀποκακαθαρμένα, τὰς συνειδήσεις ἀνέψαις ν' ἀνοίγουν ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ νέους οὐρανοὺς ἀγνωστούς καὶ ν' ἀναεὶδίζουσι τὸν ἄνθρωπον ἐπὶ τοιοῦτου ἡθικοῦ ἐπιπέδου, ἀπὸ τοῦ ὁποῦ ἔλατομένη ἡ ζωὴ φαίνεται ὄχι ἀνάξια, ἀλλὰ κατὰ ὄψην, εὐγενικὴν καὶ παρδείσιον.

Διὰ νὰ γίνῃ ὅμως πράγματι ἡ ζωὴ ἀνταξία τοῦ προορισμοῦ τῆς, πρέπει ἕκαστος κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῶν δυναμῶν του, νὰ μὴ ἀφίεν ἀνεκαταλλεῖται τοὺς δύο αὐτοὺς ἀνθρώπινους θεσχυρούς, τὴν καρδίαν θελαδὴ καὶ τὸν νοῦν του. Διότι μόνον κατ' αὐτὸν τὸν τρόπον θὰ κατορθώσῃ οἱ ἄνθρωποι νὰ μὴ ἀπεγρῶν ὁ εἰς ἀπὸ τὸν ἄλλον, μόνον κατ' αὐτὸν τὸν τρόπον θὰ γεννηθῇ ἀπὸ τῆς τῶν ὁ ἱερός πόθος διὰ τὴν προοδευτικὴν πρὸς τὰ ἔμπροσ παρεῖαν τὴν ἀδελφότητα εἰς τὸν ἀπόλυτον ἀνθρώπινον προορισμόν, ὅστις βεβαίως ὡς τοιοῦτος δὲν ὑπάρχει σήμερον. Ὑπάρχει ὅμως κάποιος ὑποκαθήμενος, κάποιος ὑποσυνειδητός προορισμὸς, ποῦ δὲν γίνεται νοητὸς παρά κατὰ μείζονα χρονικὰ διαστήματα καὶ δὲν εἶναι ἔργον παρά ὀρισμέναις ἡμέραις πολλές φορές δὲ καὶ ὀρισμέναις ἀτόμας.

Αἱ μεγάλαὶ μάζαι περνοῦν σιωπηραί, καὶ ἀνόπιστοι πρὸ αὐτοῦ χωρὶς νὰ προσφέρωσι τίποτε τὸ συνειδητόν. Ἐπειδὴ ὅμως ὀρισμένα ἡμέρας καὶ ὀρισμένα ἀτόμα δὲν δύνανται νὰ συγκληθῶσι τὴν ζωτικότητα ἡλικιωμένων κοινωτισμῶν, δὲ αὐτοὶ ὁ προορισμὸς αὐτὸς μαρτυρεῖται καὶ ἐπιβεβαιώνεται. Σπανίως δὲ ἀνεργεῖται διὰ νὰ ἐπιβάλλῃ μιὰ θετικὴ τροπὴ εἰς τὴν καθόλου ζωὴν. Ἐάν δὲ σμῆθ' ἡ ἀνέστη αἱ μεγάλαὶ μάζαι τραυνοῦνται πρὸς αὐτὸν μὲ ἀγάπην καὶ αὐταπαρνήσιν, ἀλλ' ἀπροσόντες καὶ ἀπειθαρχήτως ὅπως εἶναι, ποτιπᾶναι ἀπὸ τὸ ψεῦδος καὶ τὴν κακίαν τῆς ἡλιετικῆς καὶ διεφραμένης σημερινῆς ζωῆς, ἐκκόλλου καταλαμβάνονται ἀπὸ εὐγχοῖν καὶ θουσιδήτως καταστρέφου τὸ ἔργον του, ἐνῶ νομίζουσι ὅτι ἐπιτελοῦσι τὸ ὑπερτέον.

Αὐτὸ τοῦλάχιστον ἐγένεν εἰς ἕλας τὰς μάζας τοῦδε κοινωτισμῶν ἀναστασεις. Ὁ ὑποσυνειδητός ὅμως αὐτός ὁ προορισμὸς, ὦν καὶ δὲν ἐνεργῆθῃ ὡς τὴν ὡς ἔνεχαε πνευματικῆ, ὡς ἡθικῆς δόξασι ὅμως ἐκέρδιε μεταξὺ τῶν μεγάλων μαζῶν.

Σήμερον αἱ μεγάλαὶ μάζαι ἤρχισαν νὰ συγκληθῶνται, νὰ ἐνδιαφῆνται διὰ τὴν ζωὴν, διὰ τὸν προορισμόν των. Αὐτὸ ἀκριβῶς τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον τῶν μεγάλων μαζῶν, διὰ τὴν ζωὴν των, διὰ τὴν χεῖραφῆσιν των εἰς τὸν μέγαν ἔρακον τοῦ προορισμοῦ ἔλθεν ὁ κοινωτισμὸς νὰ ἐνδυναμώσῃ. Διὰ τοῦτο καλλίστα δυνάματα νὰ εἴπωμεν ὅτι αἱ δύο λέξεις κοινωτισμὸς καὶ προορισμὸς, αἱ ἐπιτελοῦ-

κονται τὸν ἴδιον σκοπόν, τὴν ἀγάπην θελαδὴ ὅλων καὶ τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον διὰ τὴν ζωὴν, εἶναι ταῦτόσημοι.

Ὁ κοινωτισμὸς — ὅπως ἐξ ἄλλου ἡ λέξις τὸ δηλοῖ — διδάσκει ὅτι ἀνεξαιρέτως ὅλοι πρέπει νὰ κοινωνοῦν ἀπὸ τὸ ποτήριον τῆς ζωῆς. Ὅλοι πρέπει νὰ μαζεύωνται νὰ τὴν γνωρίζουν καὶ ὄχι νὰ στέκουσι μακρὸν αὐτῆς. Οὕτως ὥστε νὰ εὐρυθῇ ἡ ἀντίληψις, ἡ ζωὴ νὰ ἐξέλθῃ ἀπὸ τὸν σημερινόν της φραχτῆν, νὰ γίνῃ ἐνιαία, νὰ ἀνοιχθῇ πρὸς ὅλους τοὺς ὁρίζοντας. Πρέπει ἡ ζωὴ νὰ εἶναι ἐν εἶδος χορδῆς, ποῦ ὅταν πᾶλλει νὰ συγκληθῇ τὰς καρδίας.

Μόνον δὲ μὲ τὴν ἀμοιβαίαν κοινωσίαν ὅλων τῶν ἀνθρώπων θὰ κατορθωθῇ ἡ ἐναρμόνισις αὐτῆς τῆς ζωῆς. Οὕτω πως ἡ ἀνθρωπότης θὰ νοιωσῇ τὸ αἰσθημα ἐκεῖνο τῆς ἀγνῆς καὶ βελτίως συγκληψῆς ποῦ γεννᾷ εἰς τὴν ψυχῆν τὸ λίκνισμα τῆς παγκοσμιοτήτος.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ

*Θέλω αἰμιτία ἰερά ὅτι γῆ αἰὶ νὰ λάμψη
μὲ τὰ γλῶσσά σου χροῖματα Ἑλλὰς πατιῶ νὰ γράψης.*

*Νὰ σὲ χαιδεύῃ ὁ ἔαυρος, νὰ σ' ἀνεψίῃ ἡ αἶθρα
νὰ γίνῃ κόσμος μιὰ φορὰ γιὰ σὲ Ἀγία Λαῖρα.*

*Κε' εἶαν σὲ ξένη γῆ ἄροειῶ σὲ βλεῖω σὺν λαμπάδα
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Convention Parade Program Formulated Prizes to be Awarded

THE Executive Committee of the Thirteenth Annual National Convention of the Order of Ahepa is preparing a program for the entertainment of the delegates, alternates and guests which makes it appear as if this will be THE CONVENTION in the history of the Ahepa. But we reserve the details of that program for the next issue of the magazine. However, it is necessary to let the Chapters in on the convention parade program now so that they may be prepared to participate on an equal ground.

Brother Nicholas B. Phillips, Chairman of the Parade Committee, has the following seven prizes to award to the seven best Chapters, in the form of beautiful trophies: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to the three chapters participating in that parade with the best floats; 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize to the three Chapters participating with the best dressed Drill Teams; and one prize to the Chapter having the largest attendance from the farthest place of the United States.

Another feature of the convention will be a Beauty Contest for the selection of the most beautiful Greek-American girl, who will be known as the Ahepa Queen throughout the Nation during the years of 1936 and 1937. Your efforts in selecting your favorite girl to participate in this contest will be greatly appreciated. The city of St. Paul will not take part, in order to avoid suspicious favoritism. Other details of the program will be given in the next number of the magazine. We are now going to fulfill the promise we made in the March-April magazine, that is, to tell the Ahepans something about the convention State, the Playground of the Nation, the state of the Ten Thousand Lakes.

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A Century of Archaeological Discovery in Greece

By PROF. GEORGE E. MYLONAS

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H. A. TAINE, the well known French Art critic and philosopher, in his "Philosophie de l'Art en Grèce" concludes his description of Greece with the following statement: "Greece is a beautiful country that turns the soul towards joy and pushes people to consider life as a feast." Indeed Greece was especially favored by nature and its creator. She is surrounded with the blue waters of the Mediterranean and is filled with mountains of unsurpassed beauty. Mountains and sea provided her people with ever-changing but always beautiful and inspiring landscapes which certainly helped to develop their love for beauty which became their racial characteristic. Her temperate climate and brilliant light, her azure sky, her crystal clear atmosphere, her sunrises and sunsets, ever present, helped her people to appreciate form and line, imbued them with that artistic feeling which was not the absolute possession of certain art critics, as we call them today, but which was a common possession of the poor and of the rich, of the learned and of the less educated.

The Greeks were very conscious of the natural beauty which surrounded them. They loved their mountains and sea and they peopled them with Gods, with nereids, and with nymphs. The tops of Olympus served for the palaces of the immortal Gods. Helikon became the abode of the Muses, Parnassos was sacred to Apollo, and the blue waters of the Mediterranean the shelter of Poseidon. The Olympian Gods became the ideal of their conception of beauty. They were made to dwell in their towns, in the beautiful temples which were constructed for their use. Cities rivaled each other in the construction of glorious temples for their patron Gods and in the dedication of votive offerings. Beautiful monuments were erected, statues were set up to immortalize the prowess and the achievements of their athletes. For centuries the people of Greece created artistically until the entire surface of the small peninsula was crowded with works of art. Indeed Greece was an enchanting Art Center when Plato was giving his philosophical discourses in the Academy and when Alexander the Great was carrying Greek culture to the heart of India.

The visitor of Greece today will again find the beautiful natural setting, the mountains and the sea, he will find a thriving modern culture and art, but he will seek in vain for the temples and the statues of old. Ruins, broken marbles, and fallen columns will meet him everywhere, while beautiful statues, the work of the Greeks, will stare at him as he wanders through the rooms of the European and American museums. And the question naturally will arise in his mind, what factors brought about this destruction and dispersion of the treasures of Greece?

The beginnings of this destruction and dispersion are to be found in the old days. When the Romans came in touch with Greek culture, they were seized with the desire of possessing Greek works of art and these they used to embellish their public and private buildings. We hear that entire ship-

loads of statues were carried to Rome from Macedonia and Aetolia alone, from two of the less cultured sections of the Hellenic World. And when works of art could no longer be carried away from Greece, because it had become a Roman province in 146 B.C., then sculptors began to produce copies of famous originals to fill the Roman demand. Then were created the well-known statues that fill the museums of Italy today. These copies now help us to form a good idea of the sculptural achievements of the Greeks.

The building of Constantinople in 330 A.D. caused another exodus of works of art from Greece. The new capital had to be embellished and Greece was the treasure box which could provide at short notice the artistic frills considered necessary for a metropolis. Even the gold and ivory statue of Athena made by Phidias and placed in the Parthenon was trans-

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Head of Apollo from the Temple of Zeus, at Olympia.



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Demertzis and Tsaldaris

IN the sudden and untimely death of Prime Minister Constantine Demertzis and Ex-Prime Minister Panayiotis Tsaldaris, Greece has lost two more of its outstanding statesmen in less than six months.

They entered the Chamber of Deputies about the same time and both had somewhat varied and colorful careers. Mr. Tsaldaris attached himself, from the very beginning of his political career, to the Popular Party, while Mr. Demertzis was first identified with the Liberal Party, having served as a member of a Cabinet headed by Mr. Venizelos but he later joined the Popular Party. Soon thereafter, however, he withdrew from politics and devoted his time to the teaching of law at the University of Athens. He was an authority on Civil law. In 1926 he was the choice of all political parties for the presidency of the Greek Republic but chose not to run when the then dictator, Theodore Pangalos, entered the race for the post.

Mr. Tsaldaris, on the other hand, remained in politics and in 1922 became the leader of the Popular Party. Mr. Tsaldaris possessed many attributes. Notably he was of a conciliatory nature and a stickler for parliamentary procedure. These attributes reflected in the attitude he took last year when the Government he headed crushed the revolutionary movement. He was accused by his own followers of showing too much leniency to those who instigated and participated in the civil strife. Although he favored restoration of the King, he declared himself against any movement of forcing upon the people a new form of government. He desired free and voluntary expression from the people concerning the form of government they wished to have. As a result, he was forced by a group of high officers to relinquish the reigns of the government. This followed a dictatorship by General Kondylis who set a date for a plebiscite which favored the return of the King. The King, however, imbued with the desire of national unification did not relish the idea of continuing Kondylis' government, for he saw that it was not conducive to the sorely needed national unity and, much to the disappointment of the General, he invited

Professor Demertzis to form a provisional government. Mr. Demertzis accepted the task with the understanding that he would follow such a policy and adopt such measures as tended to bring about a better understanding among the various political factions, declare a national election and turn the reigns over to those chosen by the people. However, the election gave no majority to any party and Demertzis was asked to remain and continue his efforts for the rehabilitation of Greece. His task was not an easy one. He found the road that he was called upon to travel full of thorny problems arising from the deeply rooted enmity of the various political factions and the unsuccessful revolution of March, 1935. At times the obstacles seemed to be insurmountable and threatened to destroy the very thing he was trying to build.

What developments will follow with the passing of these outstanding leaders is hard to foresee. Mr. Metaxas, the new Prime Minister, has thus far shined more as a general than as a statesman. From the very moment he became Premier, he made it clear that officers of the armed forces of the nation should confine their activities in their respective fields and that he would not tolerate their meddling in politics. If he succeeds in doing that, Mr. Metaxas will have the undying gratitude of the Greek people.

On to St. Paul

THE thirteenth national convention, taking place in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, will be under way the week of August 16. The committee has planned an elaborate program that will make the stay of the delegates, their families and friends a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

Moreover, the city of St. Paul is so advantageously situated that it offers splendid opportunities to spend an enjoyable week with thousands of Ahepans from every part of the United States of America and Canada. Do not lose this singular opportunity to attend the coming national convention where you will meet old acquaintances and form new ones.

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ported to the new capital. Of these works of art has survived only the spiral column, originally set at Delphi to commemorate the victories of the United Greeks over the invading Persians. It stood in the hippodrome of Constantinople and it is still standing in one of its central squares.

Then came Christianity. A war against statues and pagan buildings naturally followed the acknowledgment of Christianity as the official religion of the Eastern Empire. The fear of the charm and of the influence which these monuments could exercise on the minds of the new recruits to the Christian faith imposed this destruction in Greece as in other parts of the world. Temples and architectural structures, spared thus far, were now destroyed or transformed into Christian churches.

With the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453 Greece fell in the hands of the aggressive but uncouth followers of Mohammed. The conquerors had no interest in the vast remains which they could not understand; no tradition bound them to the marbles of the pagan or even of the Christian world. For them the marble fragments were valuable material which could make excellent lime, lime to be used in the construction of their small homes. Many a statue and many a column found then their way to the lime kiln. In one of the central squares of Athens, on the square of Monastiraki, still stands a small mosque made of lime produced by the burning of the columns of one of the greatest temples of Greece, of the temple of Zeus at Athens. The destruction of the ancient monuments would have been complete were it not for the intervention of the Gods of Greece who guarded jealously the Hellenic heritage. A great plague that broke in the 17th century was attributed to the revenge of the spirits that dwelled in the old ruins. The Turks were perturbed. They promised not to touch ruins again if only the plague would stop. Strangely enough the plague did stop. The Turks kept their pledge and the ruins were saved. Left to their fate they were forgotten under the deep accumulation which the passing of centuries and the rain waters piled on them. Thus this wonderful art center, Greece, slowly and by degrees was transformed into a land of picturesque ruins. But the dispersion of her treasure was not completed yet.

In 1801 Lord Elgin visited Athens, Athens the violet crowned, then an Anatolian town, and removed from the Parthenon its most precious sculptures. The Elgin marbles were the first Greek originals with which European scientists came in contact in 1814. Then came the discovery, by two German and two English adventurers, of the pedimental sculpture of the temple at Aegina. The statues were sold as commercial commodities to the highest bidder, and were deposited in the Glyptothek of Munich. The discovery of the statue of Aphrodite of Melos and its imprisonment in the Louvre came next. This splendid statue was found in a small cave on the southeast side of the island, placed there by the faithful followers of Aphrodite to escape the fate that awaited it, in the hands of jealous Christians. These works of art exhibited in European Museums were more than enough to arouse not only the interest but also the enthusiasm of the European savants and naturally Greek art and archaeology became fashionable.

Meanwhile Greece was waging a fierce war that lasted for more than 10 years; a war for liberty that secured the interest of the whole world through the heroic action of her children and the sacrifice of men like Lord Byron and S. Howe. In 1833 she finally secured her Independence and took steps to

preserve her antiquities. Exactly one hundred years ago the Archaeological Society and Service of Greece was organized and this laid the foundations of the scientific study of antiquities. Scholars from all over the world flocked to her shores, archaeologists began to unearth the hidden treasures, students to study the art and the history which was coming out of the ground. It was due to this international effort that such a rich harvest was obtained in the last hundred years.

A number of ruins were above ground and visible and these were the first to be investigated by archaeologists. People never lost sight of the Parthenon although they surrounded it with medieval buildings. The great temple dedicated to Athena always towered over these humble homes. On the island of Aegina and on top of one of its hills the remains of another temple of Athena were preserved above ground. The site commanded the most beautiful and picturesque view of the Saronic gulf and for that quality it was picked by the ancient inhabitants of Aegina. The area around the temple was uninhabited and the temple could not have served a utilitarian purpose. The temple at Sunium was dedicated to the old man of the seas, to Lord Poseidon. The columns on this promontory with the exquisite sunsets, drew the admiration of the early and the modern visitors, became the haunt of Lord Byron, who like a common tourist scratched his signature on one of its columns. In the midst of the Arcadian mountains at Bassae, a short distance from modern Andritsena, we find another Doric temple dedicated to Apollo, serving again no utilitarian purpose, but completing nature's work of beauty and grandeur. This temple was partly visible and it was raided by merchants of antiquities even before the days of scientific research. It was a comparatively easy job for the archaeologists to clear these ruins and to give us some of the most beautiful and better preserved architectural monuments of Greece.

But there were other monuments deeply buried in the earth that were entirely unknown to the scientific world and to the discovery of such monuments archaeologists devoted most of their time. The ancient authors became their chief guide. Naturally Athens was the first site to be excavated and this was accomplished by Greek archaeologists. The excavations at Athens revealed among others the Theater of Dionysos, where the first theatrical performances of the European world were given, where the plays of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and the comedies of Aristophanes were played. On the Acropolis itself, buried under deep debris, were found statues forming the most complete series of Archaic works of art.

Eleusis, the famous pagan sanctuary of Demeter, the Goddess of earth and agriculture, was investigated next by Greek scientists. Her ruined temples, the immense hall within the walls of which the famous mysteries were held, the ruins of the palace of her rulers, the renowned well where the Goddess rested in her wanderings, are now once more under the brilliant light of the Attic sky. The life-giving rites have remained a mystery, but visitors today can stand on the stone steps from which the initiates of old followed the divine initiation.

Olympia, the famous birthplace of the Olympic sports, naturally attracted the early efforts of scholars. A German expedition began the task of clearing the sanctuary, which was entirely hidden under a deep layer of river mud. The area is now entirely cleared. The remains of the great temple, of the sacred altar, the famous Gymnasium are exposed, even the gate, through which victorious athletes returned from the Stadium to the sanctuary to be crowned with the much coveted olive wreath. Among the ruins were found some of the statues with which they were once peopled. We can feel that exaltation of success in

every line of the famous Nike by Paonius. Poised upon a triangular base against a blue sky the Victory actually floated through the air bent on her mission of awarding the greatest honor coveted by youth. We can feel the essence of the Greek way of life expressed by the two Delphic maxims "Know thyself" and "don't exceed" in the glorious figure of Apollo in the West pediment of the temple, which reminded the exultant victor that restraint and moderation is more worthy than excess, that prudence, as the Greeks had it, is more permanent than pride. "Pride," wrote Aeschylus in his *Persae* (v. 321-326), "flowers and then bears as fruits a crop of ruin, wherefrom it reaps a harvest of utter misery. And when you see such are its results then turn your minds to Athens and to Greece; do not despise your present good fortune, nor hanker for other things and cast away your great happiness." In marble the sculptor set these words and truths before the eyes of the victorious athlete whose exultation and success might bring him to ruin. And then came the crowning success of the German Expedition, the discovery of the *Hermes of Praxiteles* in 1897. The statue is so well known that it does not need any comment, but I could scarcely avoid mentioning its discovery and emphasizing its importance to the study, to the understanding of Greek art.

The results of the German expedition were duplicated by those obtained at Delphi by French scholars. The Oracle of Apollo, the famous seat of Pythia, the Castalian spring, "the Paga Laleousa," the stadium where the Pythian games were held were again brought to light and along with them a wealth of art objects in stone, in bronze, in clay. The Stone Athlete attributed to Lysippos, the master sculptor of the fourth century; the Bronze Charioteer expressive of the art of the age that preceded that of Pheidias, and until recently the only bronze original statue of its period; the Bronze Charioteer, personifying the ideal Greek youth, confident in his own powers that were tested by successful wars against the invading Persians. The oracle of Apollo at Delphi is entirely explored but also his famous sanctuary at Delos where even the cave in which the god was born is cleared.

The site of Corinth was entirely hidden under the filling brought by rain down the slopes of the Acrocorinth, and a village was constructed directly over its ruins. The Americans are working still to clear the site. The famous temple of the town, one of the earliest Doric temples of Greece, is again relieved of its debris; the market place, one of the busiest of the ancient world, was found filled with beautiful statues and vases; examples of the best achievement of the Greeks in decorative ornamentation. Her theater is relieved of the deep accumulation that filled its pit. To the south of Corinth lies Sparta, the capital of the Dorian tribe. The British excavators brought again to light that famous center of military achievement. Among the ruins of its civic center they discovered the statue of Leonidas, the hero who in "obedience to the rules of Sparta" sacrificed his soldiers and himself at Thermopylae, in an effort to stop the southward influx of the Persian hordes of Xerxes.

Greek scholars shared in the honors of achievement. Pausanias, the ancient guide of the modern archaeologist, described in detail a sanatorium, staggeringly modern, that was established at Epidaurus in the 5th Century B. C. and which was directed by Asklepios, the God of healing, and run by his priests who were very competent doctors. The site of the sanatorium was entirely filled in and even I remember the wild slopes of its hills overgrown with bushes and thorns. The same hills under the touch of the excavator's spade yielded among other remains, a large hotel, an astonishing record of cures inscribed on stone,

a splendid round building of unknown purpose and the most wonderful marble theater in the world. Built about 350 B. C., it is in excellent preservation and possesses the most astounding natural acoustics that can be imagined.

And so one after another important cities of the ancient world were revealed and reputed centers of Greek culture were investigated. Our knowledge of the art and culture of classical Greece increased and became fuller almost daily. But all these cities and monuments belong to the historic period beyond which stretched the heroic age, rich in traditions and tales. The wonders of that age were immortalized by myths and were sung by the greatest of bards, by the blind poet of Smyrna, by Homer. They were ignored by the trained scholars for years but were revealed, thrown at them we may say, by a business man of great enthusiasm and vision, by Heinrich Schliemann. His implicit faith in the person of Homer and in the truth of his Homeric poems led him to excavate the site of Troy, become famous by the long battle between its inhabitants and the Greeks. He found the walls before which the Greeks encamped for ten years; the burnt city of Priam; the treasures, as he believed, of the old king; the jewels of the old queen, which in his enthusiasm he made his Greek wife wear. Troy and the Trojan war became a reality.

Encouraged by his success, Schliemann followed the Homeric heroes to their home. He arrived at the Lions' Gate of Mycenae, which gave access to the citadel of Agamemnon. He excavated in the citadel and discovered the royal graves which he believed to belong to Agamemnon and his followers. Dress ornaments in gold covered with elaborate designs, necklaces, gold goblets and inlaid daggers, weapons and utensils were piled high in these unpretentious graves. They revealed to scholars a new art entirely different from that of the historic period, but they also added centuries of history to the life of Greece.

The search for the source of this art revealed by Schliemann at Mycenae, led the late Christos Tsountas to reveal the Stone Age of Greece and Sir Arthur Evans to the discovery of the marvelous civilization that flourished in the island of Crete in a very remote period. Crete occupies a high position in the mythology of Greece. In that island Zeus was born and to that island he returned to die. We hear that there was created the first flying machine, and even the first mechanical man, the first robot. And the work of Sir Arthur Evans and others revealed the immense palaces of its rulers, the mythical labyrinth, with its complicated ground plan, but with its most modern architecture. We can see the cellars of the Cretan kings crowded with jars, and we can admire their wall paintings, their frescoes with which they covered the interior of their buildings. We even have a good portrait of the people who produced this culture in the famous cupbearer, and we wish we could read their literature, perhaps their poems, preserved in clay tablets that are still unintelligible to us. We can see them at play leaping over wild hulls, or boxing in a most modern fashion. A truly wonderful art has been revealed to us shortly after 1900 and what is of equal importance, 3000 years were added to the life of Greece.

I do not want to end this survey of discoveries in land without mentioning the excavations of the Greek scientists at Messene, Thermos, Thebes, Thessaly and Macedonia; of the Americans at Eutresis, Nemea, and the Argive Heraeum; of the British at Perachora, and Sparta; of the Germans at Tiryns, Argina, and Leucas; of the French at Delos, Tegea and Philippi; of the Italians at Lemnos; of the Swedes at Midea and Assine. Their results have filled our Museums with works of art and have completed in great detail the picture of the

Glory that was Greece. But I must briefly dwell upon the work conducted now by Americans in two major sites. For the last four years American excavators are engaged in revealing the ancient market place of Athens. Thus far the remains of the important public buildings, the famous Stoas of the Athenians, their Bouleuterion and Prytaneion have been cleared. Thousands of coins were discovered, hundreds of inscriptions redeemed and deciphered, piles of vases and fragments obtained, and scores of statues found. The work under the direction of Professor Th. L. Shear, of Princeton University, is continued with great success and before long the famous market place of Athens with its historic archives and artistic treasures will be brought back to life.

In the north of Greece American scholars were active during the past century. In Macedonia, Professor D. M. Robinson of the Johns-Hopkins University, has cleared an entire town, the town of Olynthos, with an amazing regular town plan, and straight streets. We can wander in these streets, examine the remains of the stately mansions that flank them, picture to ourselves these houses as they stood in the fourth century B.C., and above all admire the beautiful mosaic floors which they possessed. They are made of natural pebbles of black and white color set in white or often reddish stucco; they are supposed to be the earliest figure mosaics in the world, and they prove decidedly that even this artistic decoration was entirely developed by the Greeks. Mythical scenes are represented on most of them, among which perhaps most interesting is the representation of a mythical hero, killing a mythical animal—of Bellerophon killing Chimaera. The prototype of our Christian St. George killing the dragon, of the emblem placed on the English sovereign.

Our survey thus far brought to us the results obtained on land by archaeologists. But the sea of Greece with its blue and sparkling waters was not left unmolested. We have already seen that the Romans filled entire ships with Greek statues which were the first to be carried away from Greece. Almost daily Roman ships plied their way in Greek ports to call for their precious cargo. It is strange to think of how Poseidon allowed such highway robbery, and suffered the treasure bearing ships to return safely to Roman ports. But every now and then the great God would wake from his slumbers, his trident would transform his watery realm into one of foam and whirl and then the treasure ships instead of reaching Ostia and home, found a soft bed in the sandy bottom of the Aegean. These ships and their cargo remained unknown for ages, but the playful God every now and then allows a messenger to come back to us to tell us of the hidden treasures that await discovery.

In 1900 a group of sailors fishing for sponges in the bay of Anticythera, the reputed birthplace of Aphrodite, emerged from the blue waters not with piles of sponges but with fragments of statues. The first archaeological exploration in sea soon followed and a number of statues were discovered, the most important of which is the bronze statue of Paris. Paris handing to Aphrodite the golden apple in recognition of her divine beauty (the earliest beauty contest on record).

In the autumn of 1928 and in 1929 in another section of the Greek sea off the coast of Artemision a second wreck was located and thoroughly explored by Greek excavators. Among other things from the wreck of Artemision was redeemed a statue of Zeus of heroic size. It was found in pieces covered with seaweeds and shells. After patient labor it was cleaned and put together and now sheltered at the National Museum at Athens. It represents Zeus brandishing his thunderbolt.

The majestic figure of the father of man and of Gods, his benevolent but austere face, his grandeur, are rendered with exceptional brilliancy. The strong torso like the powerful but subtle shaft of a doric column is capped by broad shoulders and powerful neck and the whole figure is animated by the breath of life. In this statue we can now enjoy the work of the master of Phidias, and of Myron, that of Ageladas of Argos.

To the south of Artemision and in the bay itself of Marathon in 1925 fishermen found in their nets a bronze statue from a Roman wreck. A jewel, this Youth of Marathon, graces with its presence the National Museum at Athens. It represents an athlete weighing in his left hand the discus which will be used in the coming competition and raising his right in a gesture of satisfaction. The statue is a little below life size. It comes from the workshops of Praxiteles, although it was not done by that great master, and possesses all the excellencies that work of that school possess. Must I point them out to you? They say of Timanthes, the great painter of the classical period, that in his picture of the sacrifice of Iphigenia he expressed a different intensity of pain in the faces of the spectators in accordance to their relation to the victim. When he came to the father he represented him pulling his garment over his head. He allowed the spectators to picture for themselves, to imagine the paternal grief. Words fail me to characterize this statue, but, in the style of Timanthes, I will let you see for yourselves the life that can be expressed in bronze.

Alexander the Great was asked why he received the news of his father's victories with tears and not with joy. He replied that he was afraid his father would leave nothing for him to conquer. And the archaeologist who surveys the work conducted during the past hundred years has the same feelings. Alexander was wrong in his feelings and fears. And the archaeologist of today is equally wrong in his despair. The Greek soil is still rich in art treasures and many a surprise is held back under its green surface. Scores of important sites are awaiting the trained archaeologist, ready to yield their treasures, and to these must be added the works of art jealously guarded by the sea. Right across Eleusis and at a short distance from Athens itself lie the straits of Salamis. In 480 B.C. a number of Persian ships were sunk by the Greeks in the famous naval battle. They were filled with works of art, the booty taken from destroyed Greek cities. They and their cargo are still in the bottom of the straits. And I can see modern archaeologists in a diver's suit away in a strange world opening up this treasure box, bringing back to life and the brilliant sun of Greece, the statues of the eternal Gods which were taken from their sanctuaries by the Persians and which laid for centuries in a watery grave. It is not hard to predict that when the list of results obtained in the second century of archaeological research in Greece will be drawn in the future, it will again include discoveries of equal importance to the ones surveyed today.

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Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Works of Kostas Palamas

MORE than 500 persons, including a number of Columbia University officers, attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the works of KOSTES PALAMAS, poet laureate of Greece, held on April 27th at the Casa Italiana of Columbia University.

The affair was sponsored by the Modern Greek Section of the Department of East European Languages and the Hellenic Society "PNYX" of Columbia University. It was the first Greek literary symposium ever given at Columbia University with the purpose of introducing to the American literary world Modern Greek literature as it is represented in the name of our great poet, KOSTES PALAMAS.

Among the speakers were Hon. John Dyneley Prince, Professor Clarence A. Manning, Mr. Emanuel S. Athanasiades and Hon. Nicholas Tserepis, Consul General of Greece. Mr. Kleon Tsibikas, vice-president of the "PNYX" Society acted as chairman and Mr. A. Mitsopoulos, president of the "PNYX" Society, said the closing words. Readings from the works of Palamas were presented by Miss Evangeline Maragakes, who read in Greek, and Miss Margaret McEnerney, who read English translations of Palamas poetry by Phoutrides and Gianakoulis. Mme. Thalia Sabanieva, soprano of Metropolitan Opera, sang poems of Palamas set to music, and was followed by Leonidas Coroni, barytone, and C. Callinicos, pianist, who greatly enriched the program. The benediction was made by Rev. Athenagoras Cavadas of the Greek Archdiocese.

The following is the address of Professor Manning:

Palamas and His Role in Modern Greek Literature

By PROF. CLARENCE A. MANNING

Columbia University

"It is a truism to say that the son of a great man has a double task before him, if he would make his way in the world. The first struggle which he has in common with all of his fellows is to secure approval and recognition for his own work. The second task which is his alone is to overcome that opposition which compares him to his great father and of course to his own disadvantage. That is true of nations and of art as well as of men and it explains many of the burdens that have lain upon modern Greece and her authors. No one would venture to compare any of the authors of to-day in Greece with Homer and Sophocles and Plato but in what country in the world can we find the equals of the Greek classic writers? The rest of the nations accept that and with a more or less affected scorn they refuse to look at the ancient writers or in some other way they avoid comparison. It is only Greece and the Greeks who are confronted with the monuments of their past literature and art at every turn and who are then attacked for not being on the same level.

When we think of the small amount that is known in America about modern Greek literature, we must remember this fact and we must visualize it not against the masters of the past but among the literatures of its own class and rank.

We must view it as one of the modern literatures following the great tendencies and movements of the recent centuries with innovations of its own, with an independent personality and with a uniqueness that springs out of its own past, its ever-present consciousness that it is Greece which did produce the great authors of the past and that they are part of the conscious tradition of the nation in a way that they cannot be elsewhere, for Athens is still Athens, the mountains still stand in their ancient sites and the agelessness of Greece remains even under the modern changes.

Under such circumstances, we can fairly estimate Kostas Palamas as one of the outstanding authors of the present day. It is now fifty years since he commenced to write and during that period he has witnessed many changes in the spirit and form of Greek literature and much of what has happened has been due to him.

First, there is his influence upon the language. When he began to write, there was a definite struggle going on as to the form of the language that should be used. How far should the popular language as it had developed or retrogressed throughout the centuries be taken as the standard form of modern Greek? Should the purists be encouraged to revive as much of the classical language as possible in an effort to re-establish and make more definite the relationship between the old and the new? A mere glance at the writings of Palamas and at the editorial articles in many Greek newspapers will show the difference in the two languages. Yet it is perhaps true that Palamas has succeeded in steering a wise course between the more undeveloped forms of the folk dialects and the demand for a definite return to a bookish language that would have little in common with the speech of the educated man. In a problem of this kind, it is not merely knowledge or science or political skill that must be the guide but a poetical sense which will know how to consider rhythm and harmony as well as scientific accuracy and technical skill.

Then, too, in the course of the history of modern Greek literature, Palamas has worked vigorously to increase the understanding contacts with the contemporary literatures of Europe. If we read his works, as for example "The Poitiki Mou," we will discover how often and how understandingly he quotes French poets such as Verlaine and the others who set in motion the movements connected with Symbolism about the time when he began to write. The influence of Palamas has been consistently used to enrich the literature of modern Greece with all that was best and most striking in the modern world. But on the other hand he is not one of those unbalanced individuals who sought to destroy or to deny the past in the belief that only the present was of any significance.

Besides this, Palamas is truly a philosopher and a poet of a philosophical temper. This does not detract a particle from the vividness of his descriptions but it separates him from the great mass of poets, even among Symbolists, who lose themselves in vague descriptions and in vaguer forebodings. Palamas is able to find his way through the intellectual as well as the physical world and whether he is writing on philosophy

or on literary history, discussing his theories of poetry or the art of Goethe, he is always the same talented thinker.

He belongs to that small number of authors who are able to extract from reality its inner meaning, who are able to express this in terms of the general and the abstract and it is for this reason that he has secured such general acceptance among the Greeks of to-day. His themes are cast against eternity, and he appreciates the value of freedom of thought and of action, in so far as such are possible in the life of the world around us.

On the other hand, his zeal for the universal never leads him to deny the significance of the present. Along with his admiration for the newer authors and the writers of the past centuries, remains his still greater esteem for the great Greek classic writers and his love for the atmosphere of his own country. He recognizes that if the poet and the author must rise above the conflicts and the boundaries of the present, yet he cannot escape the eternal influence of his own land, he does not attempt to do so.

Thus, in the "Dekatetrstiha," he says, "The immortal Greece, the immortal Love," etc. He praises Greece and in such a tragedy as the "Triseugene" he emphasizes the nature of the country, not only as a background, but he brings into it all the beauty and the charm of the Greek landscape which is so alien at first sight to the person who is familiar with the atmosphere of northern Europe or America. The palette contains entirely different colors and yet on closer examination we discover a similar scale which can serve as a measure for the two.

But above all is the devotion of Palamas for poetry. He realizes that this is not a simple thing. He realizes the various elements that appear in it, that there must be personal elements, temporal and passing elements, but that there must exist also human, pan-human, elements which will appeal to the human race in all climes and in all ages. There is and there must be these three sides. They will differ in different works. The emphasis laid upon each will vary at different times, but if a work of art is to be more than the singing for an empty day, the poet must think of these elements and consciously or unconsciously seek a balance. Poetry alone remains: whether it be pure or tangled with other elements, it is poetry and poetry itself that makes itself worthwhile.

That is the goal of Palamas. Perhaps he has exercised his influence more upon scholars and writers. Many of his works are abstruse and abstract and perhaps would not appeal to the general public, but nevertheless he has won a permanent position among the Greek writers and he deserves to have his influence extend beyond the boundaries of his own country.

In America he is not so well known as he should be, although the late Professor Phoutrides published translations of some of his works directly after the World War, when it looked for a while that there might be again created an atmosphere in which the great authors of all nations would find the means of exchanging their ideas and their aspirations. At the present time it is sincerely to be hoped that some way may be found to translate and publish more of the writings of Palamas. Here is a man who has been duly recognized as the outstanding poet of his country. It is surely to be hoped that all who believe that the Greek genius was not definitely and finally exhausted in the ancient world and that it still can play a part in the complicated and confused century in which we live will find the way to do something to place as a world figure in the field of literature the great and austere and intelligent name of Kostas Palamas.

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All of the Same Human Family

By JOHN HERCULES STAMPOLIS

All Nations belong to the same human family and are united by the universal bond of brotherhood as enunciated by the prophets and wise men of all lands. The majority of men are equally constituted, physiologically, morally, mentally, and, if given same opportunities under the same social and climatic conditions, develop the same characteristics and propensities; nature, however, abhors monotony and the aim of evolution is to attain differentiation and diversity blended in unity.

No Nation could claim a prerogative over other Nations, for all have more or less contributed to the present day civilization in a manner corresponding to their character, their geographical position and the plan of evolution, and, if some have been successful in certain lines of development, others have progressed in other directions.

I say that no particular Nation equally important, can claim superiority over others, for the same eternal problem is still sphinx-like, facing man wherever he may be born, and the riddle of the universe still remains and shall remain unsolved so long as discontent, hatred, war, disease, death and dissolution have the ascendancy over man in spite of the most astounding discoveries ever yet affected in the material world.

Humanity is still in a fallen state and man still wanders in the wilderness, expelled from Paradise while no salvation is complete until the last man is saved and drawn out of dissolution and illusion along with the rest of humanity.

All Nations are subject to the universal law of rise and fall, grandeur and decline, but all serve as rungs in the ladder of evolution of that ideal polychromatic and polyphonic symphony, which shall be humanity in its redeemed state as heralded by the prophets of all ages.

Greece, owing to her excellent geographic position, serves as a link between the hoary civilization of the East and that of Europe, and while historians and philosophers are divided as to whether Greek civilization was indigenous to the classic country, or an evolution of the mighty civilization of Egypt, Babylonia, Chaldea and India, the fact remains indisputed that the world owes debt and gratitude to her, for she was the mother of civilization. The accomplishments of Greece in art, philosophy, poetry, literature, religion and political science, are too well-known to be repeated here.

Owing to the exiguity of Greece, proper colonization of nearby or distant lands, commenced at the dawn of Greek history and by the Fourth Century, B.C., Greece extended her colonies throughout all the shores of Asia Minor, Thrace, Sicily, Southern Italy, etc.

In all of these colonies the Greek language was spoken and written and renowned schools of thought were flourishing, such as the Ionian, Heliac, Pythagorean and others, that later prepared the way to Plato and Aristotle.

The Greek language, in its terseness and richness, expresses the most imperceptible nuances of thought, and as such, remains incomparable. In it, the greatest epic poems, the Iliad and the Odyssey, were written and the same was chosen by the inspired authors of the New Testament to bequeath to the world the grand teachings of love and self-sacrifice.

Greece never ceased to contribute to civilization until the invasion of Asia Minor and the fall of Constantinople by the Turks. At that time, learned Greeks fled carrying the torch of

Greek thought to Western Europe, there to be received and culminate in the Era of Renaissance. It is again owing to the exiguity of modern Greece and political discontent that the Greeks emigrate to foreign lands. Coming to this hospitable country, they are determined to do their best and to contribute their mite toward the upbuilding of the Republic as laborers, merchants, clerks, scientists, etc.

During the World War many volunteered their services in the U. S. Army and Navy and not a few Greeks fell in the battlefields of France in defense of the principles enunciated by the highest executive of the nation.

America has been selected to be the cradle of new civilization, free from the prejudices and racial hatreds of the Old World, where all shall share in the blessings of freedom and happiness.

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I PAUSE to write a few words in memory of our departed brother and bosom friend, George L. Pappas.

My eyes fill with tears, and my heart cries with emotion, over the realization that our beloved brother is no longer with us in the flesh. He has outdistanced us in the journey of life; the temple of clay in which he lived has been lowered to its last resting place; his spirit has passed the veil of mortal existence, into the Heavenly life of unending happiness.

And so, on the 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, without the slightest warning, unwelcomed and unexpected, there rushed forth into our midst that merciless destroyer—cold, cruel, relentless Death—and instantly cut down a most beloved and devoted father, and a most faithful and trustworthy Ahepan and friend.

George was born in the little town of Vassara, Sparta, in the year of 1895. His early days were spent amid the toils and blessedness of a Spartan farmhouse, favored by the teachings of intelligent and God-fearing parents. He received his early education in the little country school at Vassara, and at the age of twelve he was sent to Athens to work for his uncle, George Pappas, owner of the Splendid Hotel. Ever eager for adventure and success, George skipped from his uncle's employ in 1912, when Thessaloniki was captured by the Greek armies, and secretly repaired to that city to begin a career. He was soon found by the authorities, however, and was returned to Athens. But the adventurous youth was not deterred! He made his way to America in the year of 1913.

From this year he began a bright and fruitful career in the United States. He opened businesses in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, and finally in the fair state of Vermont. It was in Rutland that he settled in 1921, where he operated his most successful enterprise, the "Soda Spa." He also dealt most successfully in real estate in various cities in Vermont. In the summer of 1935 he opened in Rutland the "Silver Club"; perhaps the largest and smartest night rendezvous in New England.

Our beloved George was a prominent member of the following societies: Rutland Rotary; Rutland Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Scottish Rite (32d degree Mason); Order of Elks; K. of P.; Rutland Chamber of Commerce; Cairo Shrine; and organizer and president of Vermont Restaurant Owners' Association. He was wholly instrumental in organizing and maintaining a Greek school for three years in Rutland, Bennington, and Burlington, Vt.

Our deceased brother married in 1919, while a young man, and in his departure he leaves behind him his most devoted wife, Alice, a lady of high refinement, culture, and integrity; and his most beloved and charming children, Angelo, Louis, John, and Katherine. Our heartfelt and deepest sympathies go to his beloved family and relatives, who have been called upon to sustain so great a bereavement.

George was initiated into the Ahepa in 1929, when the Vermont Chapter was organized, and of which he became its first president. The fraternity has seen no more loyal and devoted worker than George L. Pappas. Even family and business were secondary to his untiring devotion and labor in the interests of the Order. It was on this account that in 1932 he was elevated to the office of Supreme Treasurer by the Baltimore Convention.

As a member of the Supreme Lodge he displayed ability, knowledge, and far-sightedness that has never been surpassed.

Oh, how I remember him, accompanied by his beloved family, going to Greece and Palestine, as co-commander with me of the Sixth Ahepa Excursion. His proud personality and his sincerity endeared him in the hearts of all the excursionists, and all the people of Greece. I recall his baptism in the holy waters of the River Jordan only two years ago, when he said to me: "Harris, this accomplishes the greatest dream of my life; I am now ready for my Creator."

There is a privileged and preeminent grief for those of us who were his personal friends and companions; but his death is a national loss to the whole of Hellenism of America. His Spartan simplicity, his unimpeachable honesty, his devotedness to his family, his kindness, moderation and magnanimity, his unsullied purity, his majestic grandeur, and his true Hellenic and Christian dignity in deportment will ever be cherished in the grateful remembrance of all who were privileged to know him.

So, on the 15th of March, 1936, the Choirs of Heaven were heard singing hymns of welcome; the Gates of Paradise swung open, and the soul of our beloved brother, George L. Pappas, took its place in the presence of its God and Creator.

H. J. BOGRAS.

"A Vision of Hellas"

SUCH was the enchanting title of a program recently given at the world-famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel by Diomedes Avlonitis (Don Avlon), noted Greek concert violinist and orchestra leader, founder and director of the radio Greek hour, under the auspices of the National Opera Club of America, Baroness Katherine von Klenner, president. The general subject of the afternoon was "The Music of Greece, Classic and Modern."

The program was a triumph for Greek art according to no less a critic than Mr. Nicholas G. Tserepis, Consul-General of Greece, who with Mrs. Tserepis was a guest of honor.

"It was the best Greek program I have ever attended, and I have attended many," said Mr. Tserepis.

The program consisted of old and modern Greek songs, dances and recitations, finishing with a well-staged scene from the Greek opera, "Marcos Botsaris," which included the picturesque Dance of Zalongo, performed perfectly by the Daughters of Terpsichore especially trained by Don Avlon, who played the touching violin solo in the "Greek camp," just before the "battle." Maria Buzenos sang the famous Nana-Nani soprano solo, followed by Emanuel Valourdos, who sang with great feeling "Yero-Dimos." His voice is truly remarkable. The scene closed with a striking tableau when Mme. Molinos, the well-known opera singer, supported by a splendid chorus and Don Avlon's orchestra, sang with true Greek fervor the beautiful Greek Hymn to Liberty.

One of the great attractions of the program was the appearance of the famous Athenian singer and diseuse, Mme. Nafsika Pantopoulou Meimaridis, who sang in native costume the appealing folk song, "Layiarai," accompanied by Don Avlon and his orchestra, winning a tremendous encore although sung in native Greek while the audience was largely American, the presidents of many prominent women's clubs being present. She proved herself an artist of the first rank. Mme. Anna

Miss Despina Karatzou, daughter of Brother Kostas Karatzou. We are indeed proud to have brothers with such talented children.
NICK SEATHES.

Greek Student Receives Award

We take pride in the record of George Andricopoulos of Springfield, Mass., a student in Syracuse University, who was recently awarded the slide rule award for high scholastic average during his first year in college.

District No. 6
A Report of Activities

Church of the Redeemer

DR. THOMAS LACEY, one of the greatest Philhellenes of our District and a staunch Ahepan, again this year invited the Hellenes of the Metropolis to gather on Sunday, March 22, and celebrate with him and his parish, the Greek Independence. The turnout was splendid and the large gathering was very much impressed by the remarks of Dr. Lacey. The guest speaker was the hard working Ahepan, Supreme President, Brother V. I. Chebithes, who gave us a very picturesque story of the fight for Independence. After the services Dr. Lacey invited all those present to stay and partake of the refreshments.

Ladies' Night at Upper Manhattan

The Upper "Manhattanites" believe that once a year they should reward their "better halves" by holding an informal dance and on March 23 such an event took place. The Upper Manhattan Chapter is one of the best hosts of the District and the members spared no effort to assure their wives and guests a rip-roaring good time. It is customary that at these affairs the Past President's Jewel be presented and, accordingly, one was presented by District Governor Nicholas to the "father" of the Upper Manhattan Chapter, Bro. Nicholas Botacos.

Greek Independence Day Services

Although completely exhausted from the hilarious time at Upper Manhattan, the next morning, with only a few hours of sleep, all the brothers gathered in the Auditorium of the Cathedral. The Holy Trinity Cathedral was filled to capacity as the Ahepans marched down the aisle, headed by the colors and banners of ten chapters. Bishop Kallistos of Chicago officiated and gave a very impressive sermon. The Greek Counsellor, Mr. Yserapis, spoke briefly and asked the Ahepans to continue their splendid work. Brother C. Critzas a hard worker of the District and Past District Governor, was the principal speaker. District Governor N. Nicholas also spoke and thanked the people who had assisted with this affair.

Governor's Night at Long Island

The ever-growing popularity of Brother Nicholas Nicholas was proven at this meeting which was given in his honor. Every chapter of the metropolitan district was well represented. An initiation was on the program and, under the supervision of the Governor, it proved to be very impressive. Brother Nicholas' speech stirred the members of the district to strive for greater heights. He expressed thanks to the brothers for their sup-

port and cooperation, as well as for their presence. After the meeting roast leg of lamb and wine were served and everyone drank to the continued success of the District.

Lecture at Upper Manhattan

A very interesting lecture was given by Dr. Tchorbajoglou at Upper Manhattan Chapter on April 17. The subject was "The World Social Crisis and the Economic Greek Philosophy." The topic was very well covered. The Upper Manhattan is to be congratulated for taking steps to enlighten its members on current events.

Bronx Party

The chapter that boasts of having the biggest President gave its annual party on April 17. Beer and sandwiches were plentiful and everyone made merry. The District Governor presented the Past President's Jewel to Brother Tom Tsalos. Later in the evening a large delegation of the Evryklia Chapter, with many members of the Upper Manhattan Chapter, swarmed the dance floor. The affair proved to be very enjoyable and everyone left contented.

Delphi's Easter Glenti

A real Easter supper, with all the trimmings and plenty of retsina, was enjoyed by the Delphians and their friends. The affair was more or less restricted to the members of Delphi who gathered on April 18 at the "Excellent Goody Shop." This affair was a great success and it is still being talked about. Dr. Alexion was asked to say a few words in Greek. The master of ceremonies, yours truly, asked the diners to rise and sing Christos Anesti. The music was furnished by Nick Angelopoulos, a popular orchestra leader. Impromptu songs were rendered by several of the Delphians. The master of ceremonies asked the dignitaries present to rise and take a bow. The party broke up in the very wee hours of the morning, and everyone was feeling gay.

Ahepa, Sons and Maids

The Long Island Chapter, the "Altis" Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, and the Maids of Athens combined to give their annual dance on April 27. The Maids gave a very enjoyable comedy. The Long Islanders are very proud of the Maids and they have a right to be, for regardless of where you go you'll find them.

Freeport Dinner

It seems to me that our functions follow in sequence. On the night of April 28, at the Elks Club, the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter gave its annual dinner and dance. The "farmers" surely know how to entertain and the Toastmaster was the popular Brother Andromidas who did a fine job. Chairman Brother de Marco is to be congratulated for his wonderful work. The District Governor was the principal speaker. Many public officials were present besides the dignitaries of the district.

Hermes Dances

May Day was set aside for Hermes Chapter and its guests to make merry. Brother Coutsis acted as Master of Ceremonies and presented a wonderful program. The chapters of the district were well represented. Dance music was furnished by Nick Angelopoulos. A good time was had by all. President H. Theologou is to be congratulated for the splendid way in which he has revived the interest



Miss Magdaline Pastras of Astoria, L. I., an entertainer in her own right.

of the members and has put Hermes Chapter on the map.

"Demetra" Chapter's Spring Dance

The beautiful ballroom of the Capitol Hotel lent a magnificent background to the pretty Daughters of Penelope who gathered on May 8 for their Spring Dance. The affair was successful even though it was a very warm night. The program was excellent and Nick Angelopoulos' orchestra was just swell.

Albany Meeting

History was made on April 26 when the District Lodge officers of the Fifth and Sixth Districts met at Albany as guests of Brother Jeoney, Governor of the Fifth District, who is a magnificent host. The brothers of the Sixth District were very much impressed by the spirit and enthusiasm of the Upstaters. It was due to this meeting that the Sixth District consented to merge and have a combined district convention and preparations are now in full swing. The chapters have begun to elect their delegates.

The Leading District

The District, under the able leadership of Brother Nicholas, has been acclaimed the leading district of the Order for the last three months. It is the first time that the Sixth District has come through with flying colors. This fulfills the ambition of the District Lodge and, on behalf of the District Lodge, I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and members of our District for putting their shoulders to the wheel and placing the Sixth District where it belongs and where it must stay.

SOCRATES P. ZOLOFAS,
Secretary, Sixth District.



Kiriakos Lemodetis, Vice President of "Hermes" Chapter No. 186.

Hermes Chapter Back to Pre-Depression Days

ON MAY 1, 1936, Hermes Chapter, No. 186, celebrated its Eighth Anniversary with many Ahepans and their friends from New York and nearby chapters.

The District Governor of District No. 6, Brother Nicholas Nicholas, and the remaining District Lodge officers honored our affair; also, Brothers Constantine Ypsilanti, President of Bronx Chapter; Eustratios Polites, President of Delphi Chapter; George Dimas, President of Upper Manhattan Chapter; John Stevason, President of Coney Island Chapter; Chris Frangos, President of Westchester Chapter, as well as many other members and their friends.

Let's not forget Brother "Pop" Constantinos of the Brooklyn Chapter, who entered the gates first. The Gerantia was represented by the Protogeron Brother M. Louis. The Maids of Athens and Daughters of Penelope were with us as were also representatives from the "Atlantis" and "National Herald" Greek newspapers. The ballroom of the Cornish Arms Hotel was packed to capacity.

Thanks to Brother K. Lemodetis, Vice-President of our chapter, for the arrangement of such a marvelous show! The program included a song and dance act by Tad Sloane and his girls. This act was presented through the courtesy of Margaret Krimmel of the Broadway Studio of Stage and Radio Arts. Another fine act was that of the "Three Acrobats"—Madalaine Pastras, Muriel Murphy and John Behringer. Helen Tascalos presented American dances. Music was furnished by Brother Nick Angelopoulos and his orchestra.

During the evening District Governor Nicholas presented our Past President, Brother Peter G. Chingos, with the Past President's jewel.

Friday, May 1, will be long remembered by all who attended this wonderful affair.

Last Year's Entertainment

Last year's entertainment remains in the memories of most Ahepans. The testimonial

dinner held at the Hotel Astor, in March, 1935, by the chapter to one of its members, Brother V. I. Chebithes, in honor of his hard work for the chapter and for the Order, is still pleasant to remember. Brother Chebithes is now serving the Order as Supreme President for the third term.

"Ahepa and the Progress of Hellenism in America"

"Ahepa and the Progress of Hellenism in America," the title of the only Ahepa book printed in America, contains a glowing description of the romantic birth and development of the Order of Ahepa. There is also included a concise history of Hellenism in America, dating back one hundred and sixty years. Its author is none other than the Supreme President of our Order. This book is published by the Hermes Chapter, No. 186, and if you desire a copy just drop a line to the secretary at 225 West 34th Street, New York City, inclosing two dollars, and a book will be forwarded to you immediately.

The publication of this book gives honor to our Past President, Brother Peter G. Chingos, who so energetically and successfully conducted the chapter's affairs for three years, with Brother R. D. Curtis as Secretary, Brother H. Theologou as Treasurer, and Brother K. Lemodetis, Vice President.

Progress of Chapter This Year

Under the leadership of Brother Harry Theologou, as President of the Hermes Chapter, we are looking for more rosy days ahead. So far this year we have twelve delinquent brothers reinstated; three initiated and five waiting for the call to be initiated; two transferred from other chapters and two transfers are pending. Our attendance for the last five months is the best since pre-depression days.

ANTHONY N. KOITSOGIORGAS,
Secretary.

District No. 7

Ex-Presidents of Bergen Knights Chapter Feted

MORE than 150 persons honored three past presidents of Bergen Knights Chapter No. 285, of Hackensack, N. J.—Brothers Theodore Kiscaras, Jean M. Kossarides and Sam Morris at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the chapter, at the Elks Club, Hackensack, recently.

Congressman Edward A. Keeney, State Finance Commissioner Bernard H. Lamb and Mayor Douglas O. Moad of Rutherford were among the honored guests and speakers at the affair.

The past president's jewel was awarded to the three honored guests by Past District Governor Andrew Angelson.

Congressman Keeney lauded the fine work of the three past presidents in building up the Bergen Knights Chapter since its founding in 1931 and praised the Ahepa for its work in making its members conscious of their rights and duties as citizens of the United States.

Commissioner Lamb urged members of the Order to interest themselves in government, saying that there was "nothing closer to real Christian endeavor than assisting in the government."

Other honored guests and speakers included Brother Paul Belevan, president of the Bergen Knights Chapter; August Rogokos, Supreme Treasurer; Ulius L. Amoss, past president of Delphi Chapter No. 25 of New York City, and J. F. Stewart.

Supreme Governor George Demopoulos of Providence, Rhode Island, was the toastmaster. Felix J. Christ, chairman of the committee in charge, before introducing the Supreme Governor, expressed himself pleased that "the committee and I are able to undertake such a noble task and help to honor those who faithfully performed the work of Ahepa and managed the destiny of our chapter in its initial years."

Governor Harold G. Hoffman sent a telegram expressing his regrets at being unable to attend.

City Manager Wilder M. Rich of Hackensack was a guest during the early portion of the evening but was forced to leave.

Other prominent persons who were unable to attend included Judge Hamilton Cross of Ridgewood, Mayor Benjamin Franklin Turner of Passaic, Police Commissioner John Roegner of Passaic and former Senator Ralph W. Chandless.

Other members of the committee in charge were Gust Morris, Steven Malandris, Tom Manias, Andrew Andronis, Nick Stathis and John Bellias.

Paterson Greek Doctors Acclaimed

THE following article is taken from the Paterson (N. J.) Evening News of March 17, 1936, and I am sure our readers will read it with interest:

"Two young Paterson physicians, Dr. Arthur A. Allen, of 365 Park Avenue, and Dr. James S. Stokes, of 85 Park Avenue, are receiving nation-wide acclaim as a result of a case described by them in the March 7 issue of the American Medical Association Journal. Congratulatory letters have been sent them from heads of leading medical universities, outstanding surgeons, and hospitals in many states of the union.

"The doctors wrote a report on a case of



The one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Massas of Elizabeth, N. J. Mr. Massas is an outstanding member of Thomas Jefferson Chapter No. 280.

Diabetes Incipidus, which was suffered by a youth of this city late in 1934. When the case came to their attention, they treated him for the diabetes, and in addition to curing this, the medicine they administered caused increased mental alertness on the part of the child. Not only is his primary disease cured, but he is ranking near the top of his class, and has increased physical strength.

"When treatment was begun, neither doctor expected the mental condition to be remedied. This they stumbled upon purely by accident, but those who have become interested in their article say they have opened a new field of research.

"The journal in which their case was reported is the recognized official organ of the medical profession. It is circulated among 93,000 doctors in the country, and only 500 articles a year may be printed.

"Both young doctors came to this city a few years ago from Burlington, Vt."

Dr. Stokes is a member of Alexander Hamilton Chapter, No. 54, of Paterson, N. J.

Trenton's Initiation

TRENTON Chapter No. 72, of Trenton, New Jersey, held its annual public installation of officers on Thursday evening, February 13th, in the lodge rooms of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Despite inclement weather, quite a few attended the impressive ceremony. District Governor Pappaylion and a few of his friends from Ashbury Park and Long Branch drove through stormy weather for four hours in order to be on hand for the installation.

Dan Vafias, President for the year 1935, opened the meeting with a few words of welcome to the members and guests. He then turned over the gavel to Past District Governor A. E. Angelson of District No. 7, who presided.

Governor Angelson had the pleasure of introducing District Governor Pappaylion of District No. 7, who was to be the installing officer. Governor Pappaylion then ordered the

newly elected officers out of the lodge room and the ceremony began in earnest.

The officers for the year 1936 were marched before the altar to take their oaths of office. Governor Pappaylion placed the jewel of the President about the shoulders of President-elect William Jahos. Then in succession—Michael Dertorizos, Vice President; George Nicholas Manukas, Secretary; George Anthon, Treasurer; Michael Stamos, Warden; Anthony Lambros, Chaplain; Gus Chrissafis, Captain of the Guards; George Manglares, Sentinel. Board of Governors: Dan Vafias, Chairman; Michael Stamos, James Economopoulos, John Kalogrides, George Manglares.

After the officers were seated in their respective chairs, the newly elected President, Brother Jahos, was called upon to address the assembly. Speeches were also heard from the other officers and from the distinguished guests. The meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by Rev. Kesaris, the spiritual adviser of Trenton.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with entertainment and the serving of refreshments.

GEORGE N. MANUKAS,
Secretary.

District No. 9

New Life and Spirit in Scranton

THE new life and spirit taken on by members of the Order of Ahepa in the Scranton area during the recent visit of Supreme President V. I. Chelithes to our city, continues to manifest itself in the activities of the "Keystone" Chapter No. 84 and the newly instituted "Lackawanna" Chapter No. 304. Interest and enthusiasm are abundantly evident in planning and conducting all our affairs. The visit of the Supreme President, his sound talks, timely advice, good counsel and his strong, stirring pleas for cooperation and good will among us, have been an inspiration to the Ahepans of this locality. It has served as an impetus to the officers of both chapters. Those brothers are laboring

with greater fervor and effort than have been exhibited by any set of officers over a long period in our history.

Everything seems to point to a big year for Scranton members of the Order. There apparently are numerous bright spots on the horizon. With such outstanding members and citizens as Brothers Paul Kaldes and Michael Rovatsos, presidents of the Keystone and Lackawanna Chapters respectively, we are destined to play a leading role in the work, promotion and future building of our organization. These men are leaders in our community, they are beloved and respected by their fellow men, and can be counted upon to be of incalculable benefit and assistance in the successful carrying out of all undertakings of the local chapters and the Supreme Lodge.

The most recent business and social function we have the pleasure to report, was held in the parlors of the Hellenic Orthodox Church, our meeting quarters, on Sunday evening, March 22nd. It was a meeting of the Lackawanna Chapter, at which the members of the Keystone Chapter were guests. The session was presided over by Peter Kaldes, a past president of Keystone Chapter, Chairman of the Board of Governors and Corresponding Secretary of the chapter. It was a memorable meeting, inspirational, highly successful and undoubtedly will make history for the chapters involved. Two candidates were initiated, Brothers G. Haldes and S. Panagakos.

The session was extremely lively, many worthwhile motions and resolutions being adopted. Visitors at the meeting were Brother Francis of Syracuse, N. Y., and Brother Gus Bisakos of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Both addressed the meeting. Their offerings were nicely put over and were well received. After adjournment of this large and representative meeting, a social session was held. An excellent entertainment and the serving of refreshments comprised the program. Those participating in the entertainment were: Brothers George Bogdanas, Angelo Stapas, Theodore Rovatsos, Gus Portoglos, Peter Gabriel, George Gianakopoulos and John Fisekis.

The officers were ably assisted by the following committee which deserves commendation for arranging such a successful and pleasant affair: Brothers Steve Antoniadis, Peter Mideubas, B. Chrysoyannis, Peter Gabriel, John Pappas, Peter Karabatous, John Davis, James Gribas, Bill Scopia, Gus Portoglos and Professor Diaoglou.

PETER KALDES,
Corresponding Secretary, Keystone
Chapter No. 84.

Convention News from the City of Brotherly Love

THE new district, the largest of our Order, known as "Anthracite" District No. 4, will hold its annual conclave in Philadelphia on July 13, 14 and 15, at one of the most beautiful hotels of Philadelphia, the Bellevue Stratford. A committee composed of twenty "live wires" is working very hard and sincerely aspires to make this district convention a successful one.

The most promising and interesting event will be the banquet and dance on the 13th when the following distinguished and promi-



Officers of Trenton (N. J.) Chapter No. 72.

ment guests will participate: His Grace Athanasios, Archbishop of North and South America; His Excellency, Demetrius Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States; His Excellency, Governor George H. Earle, of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; the Honorable N. G. Lely, Counselor of the Greek Legation; the Honorable Mr. Wilson, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia; Past Supreme President Achilles Catsonis; our Supreme Secretary, Constantine G. Economou, and others.

The Chamber of Commerce, the city officials and the press are cooperating with the committee and those attending will witness a district convention equal to our National convention.

The program is expected to be completed very soon. Among other interesting features that will keep everyone on the "go" and entertained is a sightseeing tour to all historic points of interest in and near Philadelphia.

We hope that all the chapters of the district and those near by will be well represented.

PETER CARRIS,
General Chairman.

District No. 10 Proud of His Heritage

I AM A faithful and ardent reader of the AHEPA MAGAZINE and believe that no other organization of like character in America is doing a more useful and valuable service to not only its own citizens of Hellenic origin but also to all others in the United States. I feel very proud to realize that I am descendant and yet so modern.

Ahepa need not be ashamed of its present record of achievements in perpetuating the noble heritage bequeathed to it, for not only is the Order keeping alive the ancient ideals and precepts of a noble race within its own ranks but it is also acquainting the rest of America with the accomplishments of the past.

We are not resting on the laurels of our ancestors but are ever striving to prove that we are living in the present and not in the past; we are proving every day that Hellenes are still capable of leadership in the arts and sciences and other worth while fields of endeavor.

The thing that most impresses me about the Ahepa Organization is the respect that the leading men of our country pay and acknowledge to it.

May we continue to uphold these fine ideals.
GUS JICKSS,
Warren, Ohio.

District No. 12 District Lodge Starts School of Instruction

FOLLOWING the plan adopted for the inauguration of a school of instruction for the chapters in the district, District No. 12 began its second term on Wednesday, May 6th, at Roanoke, Va. These instructions are for the purpose of conducting meetings in an orderly, constitutional and efficient manner. The meetings are conducted by the District Lodge officers, the officers of the participating chapters alternating in the conduction of the meeting. Much satisfaction has been derived from these meetings for the chapters learn

how to expedite matters that come before a meeting, according to parliamentary procedure and without absorbing unnecessary time. At the Roanoke meeting, the chapters of Roanoke, Lynchburg and Danville participated. About sixty members were present. To add to the interest of the meeting, the initiation of a candidate from Lynchburg was held. After the meeting refreshments were served by the hospitable Roanoke Ahepans.

Jumping from one part of the state to another, the District Lodge found itself in Newport News, Virginia, for its second class in school instruction, on May 11th. This was similar to the first meeting and everyone was intensely interested.

On May 20th the District Lodge members went to Hopewell, Virginia, where the chapters of Hopewell, Richmond and Fredericksburg participated.

In bringing the chapters together for these instructional meetings, the District Lodge has brought about intra- or intersessions of the chapters also, the results of which are gratifying. The adoption of similar plans by other district lodges would help to bring about a greater union in Ahepanism.

CENSUS MOVEMENT

Gathering and compiling facts about the Greek citizenry of the State of Virginia is one of the many tasks assumed by District Lodge No. 12. Hundreds of questionnaires have been distributed to Ahepans throughout the state asking for the name of the citizen, date of birth and birthplace, family, education, business or profession, financial status and many other facts. The purpose of taking this census is to be able to determine the numerical strength of the citizenry and their financial status, so as to be able to contact them for their support in the welfare of their fellow citizens when occasion demands. This information is of inestimable value and it has been needed many times, and District No. 12 is going to meet that demand for the State of Virginia. Several sections of the state have already been canvassed and the work is steadily progressing.

ITEMS FROM LYNCHBURG, VA.

The "Hill City" Chapter celebrated the National Independence of Greece with a school program which was a brilliant success. Mrs. Agaiou, teacher of the local Greek School directed the exercises in her usual able manner.

Supreme President Chebithes and District Governor Paris visited Lynchburg and spoke before a gathering of the entire Greek colony.

"Hill City" Chapter announces a 100 percent subscription to the Ahepa Emergency Fund.

President Manos of the chapter has arranged for meetings to celebrate the name-days of the members by having entertainment and refreshments.

Rev. Brother D. Cassis, Pastor of the Roanoke Orthodox Church, held special resurrection services on Easter Sunday for the benefit of the Lynchburg people.

District Governor Paris seems to be the object in a contest as to who shall have the honor of serving as his host during his visits to Lynchburg, which was once his old stamping grounds.

Sam Petratos, son of Bro. Christ Petratos, Vice President of the Chapter, and Miss Carrie Howard were married recently.

BRIEFS FROM HOPEWELL

The Hopewell chapter has for a long time hoped to have a building of its own where they could hold their meetings and social functions and bring the community together. Now Hopewell says, "We have a building. It is ours. Come one, come all." Need any more be said? That in itself tells a story that would fill a book. We know the tremendous work that it entailed and will continue to take. We Ahepans can only say, "Well done, and best wishes."

The Hopewell chapter, in cooperation with the Society of Greek Ladies of Hopewell and Petersburg, celebrated Greek Independence Day with a school program. Mr. George Polyzoides, teacher of the Greek School, was in charge and presented a program highly enjoyable and entertaining. More than 30 children recited poems and presented tableaux depicting Greece and the United States. Brother Eliades spoke briefly. Refreshments were served by the President of the Society, Mrs. Kaparakis who was assisted by the other members of her committee.

NEWS FROM RICHMOND

The sum total of our efforts in the Ahepa is brotherly love and true fellowship. No more pertinent and effective method of promoting these can be had than by inter-chapter visitations. Always leading in noble undertakings of our fraternity, the Richmond chapter, headed by its enthusiastic and untiring president, Nick Bambacos, started the ball rolling by visiting, in a body, the Hopewell Chapter. The Hopewell boys were present 100 percent to greet them. Meetings in this manner are truly inspirational. Brother Bambacos expressed the hope that these visitations will become a permanent custom of the Order.

NEWS FROM NEWPORT NEWS

Woodrow Wilson Chapter No. 241, of Newport News, Va., makes no report that will place it in the limelight and on the honor roll by the publicity of this and that, but underneath it all there is that unassuming attitude that is so characteristic of the boys there for we who know them feel that if all their deeds of kindness were written it would take hours to do so. With this in mind, let us review some of the leaders of that chapter: President of the chapter and District Marshal, Brother R. J. Kassolis—a young man to whom time and money and energy mean nothing when put to the progress of Ahepa. It is difficult to describe some of the noble work he has done for the Ahepa but it can be truly said that he is one of the best workers that the ranks of the Ahepa has, barring none. Vice President Theodore Anas—another enthusiastic and energetic Ahepan, a cohort of Brother Kassolis and untiring in his efforts. Brother Arthur Grepotis is the perpetual secretary of the chapter. Always on the job, Brother Grepotis is serving his fourth consecutive term as secretary and has justly won the respect and good will of the members of his chapter. Brother Harry Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Governors Peter Steiffens and Stavros Lambros, all past presidents, are among the Ahepans of which Newport News is proud. Captain of the Guards, Emanuel Lambros, is a true son of Hellenic Crete. He is a born soldier. He wants order at his meetings and he gets it.

We are having a successful year and are looking forward to a grand and glorious gathering of all Ahepans, old and new, with their families and friends at our coming District Convention which will be held in Miami on July 5, 6 and 7.

SPERO G. PAPPAS,
District Secretary.

Palm Beach Chapter Holds Annual Dance

ONE of the largest crowds that ever attended a social function in this part of Florida was present at the ninth annual dance of Palm Beach Chapter No. 18, given on April 17 at the magnificent George Washington Hotel.

Hundreds of our American friends, to whom the Ahepa dance is the outstanding social event of the winter season, crowded the ball-room of the hotel, and danced to their hearts' content until 3:30 a. m.

The following distinguished citizens of the Palm Beaches attended: State Senator Beauchamp; State Representative L. R. Baker; County Sheriff W. H. Lawrence; County Tax Collector Campbell; County Solicitor Roebuck; former City Judge Phil O'Connell; Justice of the Peace T. M. Richards; Mr. Cornelius, member of the school board; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Youngblood; former chairman of the County Commission Mr. Anderson, and many others.

Brother Spero Pappas of the Miami Chapter lead a large delegation of Miamians.

Our dance this year, from a social and financial standpoint, surpassed all previous entertainments given by our chapter. The entertainment committee, composed of Bros. Nick Draze, Pete Pappas, Chas. Kerice, Albert Zakis, Geo. Vlahos and George Miller, is to be congratulated for this great success.

On April 30th District Governor Charles Kerice, accompanied by several members of the Palm Beach Chapter, visited the Miami chapter. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and well attended. Plans for the District Convention, to be held in Miami in July, were discussed. Brief speeches were made by District Governor Kerice; Presidents Pappas of Chapter No. 14 and Miller of Chapter No. 18; Bro. Adams, past president of Alexander Hamilton Chapter; Nick Draze and others. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Palm Beach Nearing 100 Per Cent for Emergency Fund

Palm Beach Chapter No. 18 stands almost 100% with its membership subscribing to the Ahepa Emergency Fund. Within the month we expect the subscriptions of the remaining three or four brothers, and thus our Chapter will be 100%.

Other good news is that the members of Palm Beach Chapter No. 18 have paid their dues for the entire year of 1936.

ALBERT ZAKIS,
Secretary.

District No. 17 Supreme Counsellor Installs Chapter at Zanesville

ZANESVILLE Chapter No. 305 was installed at Zanesville, Ohio, Sunday evening, March 22nd, with a membership of

twenty-eight leading Greek citizens of Zanesville and nearby cities. The installation of the chapter and the granting of the charter by Brother D. G. Michalopoulos, Supreme Counsellor, of Chicago, featured the ceremonies of the afternoon when the members of the new chapter were initiated.

The charter granted and the chapter formed, officers were elected with Brother Pete Massuros being named President. Other officers chosen were: Peter Batouxis, Vice President; Marcus J. Nickles, Secretary; Nick Politis, Treasurer; Gus Vlahos, William Massuros, Mike Zorzi, Peter Andreisers and Paul Katsampas, Governors.

The evening was featured by the installation of officers, a banquet and social hour during which time dancing and other amusements were enjoyed. Music throughout the evening's entertainment was furnished by a Greek-American orchestra from Akron.

Among the out of town visitors for the occasion were: Leo J. Lamberson, of South Bend, Ind., District Governor of District No. 19; Fred J. Maroules, Fort Thomas, Ky., District Governor of District No. 17; Steve C. Vasely, Columbus, Lieutenant District Governor of District No. 17; George Stellens, Columbus, past District Governor, 17th district; Louis P. Maniatis, Louisville, Ky., editor of the district publication; A. C. Delinanos, Springfield, Ohio, past district governor, 17th district; George Johnson, Portsmouth, Ohio, past district secretary.

The affair was attended by a number of city and county officials and leading citizens of Zanesville.

District No. 18



Miss Katherine Pappas, "Miss Ahepa" of Toledo for 1936.

Toledo Ahepans Sponsor Popularity Contest

MISS KATHERINE PAPPAS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Pappas, was pronounced Miss AHEPA of Toledo for 1936 after winning this year's popularity contest, conducted by Ypsilanti Chapter No. 118. A dance in the Chamber of Commerce Ballroom marked the conclusion of the contest.

Miss Pappas won first honors with 14,150 votes and was awarded a loving cup and many other prizes. Miss Jeanne Fushanis was a close second with 10,825 votes and Miss Sophie Stavrou captured third place with 6575 votes, followed by Bessie Moulropolis 4850 votes, Helen Boubouris 4200 votes, Sophie Pappas 2000 votes, Henrietta Zeleles 675 votes and Bessie Kaloger 550 votes. Nearly 1200 people attended the ball.

Brother Pappas is a prominent member of the Ahepa, and Mrs. Pappas, as well as Miss Pappas, are members of the Daughters of Penelope Chapter.

Brother George Theodore acted as Chairman of this very successful affair and was assisted by Brothers Thomas Fisher, Gus Papoulias, Louis Alex, Anthony Adams, Mike Zartos, James Markos and Charles Poulos.

Officers Installed at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

THE 1936 installation of officers of the "Hiawatha" Chapter No. 291 was combined with that of the "Sparta" Chapter No. 138 of the Sons of Pericles. The meeting was open to all Ahepans, their families and friends. Brother Anthony Booth, the retiring president of the Hiawatha Chapter, called the meeting to order and greeted the attendants in behalf of the chapter.

The following officers were installed for the Hiawatha Chapter of Ahepa: James Catel, President; John Venios, Vice President; Anthony Zervas, Secretary, and Nicholas Moutsatson, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Anthony Booth, Chairman; D. Booth, Frank Kritselis, Sam Mouroufas and Harry Karras. James Bouvoukis, Chaplain; William Karras, Warden; Nick Kolovos, Captain of the Guards and Mike Yournakis, Inside Sentinel.

The officers installed for Sparta Chapter of the Sons of Pericles are: Steve Catel, President; Peter Tampas, Vice President; Peter Giamakura, Secretary; Dino Sinigos, Treasurer; George Venios, High Priest; Paul Poulakos, Inner Guard; Theodore Kolovos, Outer Guard and Mike Tampas, Master of Ceremonies.

After the impressive double ceremony the retiring president expressed his thanks for the honor which had been conferred on him and then turned the gavel over to the new president, Brother James Catel, who spoke on the affairs of our beloved lodge. He thanked the brothers for the confidence they had placed in him by electing him to the presidency and said that we must cooperate to the limit because without unity we cannot progress. Brother Catel also stressed the fact that the members must work towards attaining the ideals and aims of the Order.

After the meeting, refreshments were served and dancing followed.

Our third annual Valentine dance was a complete success. Much of the credit goes

to Brother Nick Kritselis, who was general chairman; to Brother Anthony Booth and Brother Constantine Booth, our past secretary, who has done all in his power for three consecutive years for the Order; last but not least, all the members should receive credit for their wonderful cooperation in making this dance a success. The profits from the dance were donated to our church.

The Sparta Chapter of the Sons of Pericles in the first year of their existence organized a basketball team and won second place in the Junior League Basketball Series of the city, through the efforts of the coach, Brother Nick Kolovos; and Manager, Anthony Booth. The boys have done all they could to uphold our good name. In approval and appreciation of what they have done, the president and brothers of the Ahepa lodge are going to entertain the boys at a banquet the latter part of June.

According to the advance reports, our 13th annual national convention is going to be one of the greatest and we are going to have our representatives there at St. Paul.

JAMES CATEL,
President, Hionantha Chapter No. 291.

Jackson Holds Its Third Annual Banquet

AS THEY walked out of the hall, the Greeks said, "Pofle oronmegaleon," while the Americans voicing the same sentiment in the American vernacular said, "swell." They expressed just what they thought, more than 400 of them, and they were referring to the third annual banquet given by the Jackson (Mich.) Chapter No. 293.

Seated at the speakers' table were the following Greeks and Americans: Orville E. Atwood, Secretary of the State of Michigan; Nicholas Bartz, President of the local Ahepa chapter; Barney E. Brower, City attorney and toastmaster of the evening; Attorney Leo J. Lamberson, District Governor of District No. 19, from South Bend, Ind.; Vice Mayor William R. Riley; John Demos, General Chairman of the banquet, and Circuit Judge John Simpson.



Left to right: John Demos, General Chairman, Jackson's third annual banquet committee; Barney E. Brower, City Attorney and toastmaster; Orville E. Atwood, Secretary of State; Leo J. Lamberson, District Governor of the 19th district; Nicholas Bartz, President of Jackson chapter; Past Supreme Treasurer Charles Preketes of Ann Arbor, Mich. (rear).

Brother Leo J. Lamberson, principal speaker of the evening, explained the purposes of Ahepa. "The Order of Ahepa, founded some 14 years ago, is designed to help the Greek people to become better citizens and to more fully realize their duty to the country and flag," he said.

"Ahepans may be classed in three categories. There are the 'zero' members who are as derelicts, without purpose or ambition, a liability rather than an asset. The lodge tries to improve them and make of them worthwhile citizens.

"There are the 'hero' members who see things in a neutral sense, somewhat useful, yet getting nowhere—just milling about in the sea of life. We try to help that group to progress and become more valuable.

"There are the 'hero' members who never cease working or stop fighting for the Order, the state or the nation. That is the type of man all Ahepans should be and the kind we want—a distinct asset to this country." Mr. Lamberson urged all citizens to exercise their right of franchise, pleading with them never to refrain from voting in every election.

Secretary of State, Mr. Orville E. Atwood, spoke on the operation and administration of his department.

Brother John Demos introduced the distinguished guests to the audience.

The Rev. Carl Winters, pastor of the First Baptist Church, gave the invocation and benediction. Dancing to the music of Cate's orchestra followed until the wee hours of the morning.

Everyone who attended our banquet admitted that they had the most wonderful time of their lives, and in my estimation the name "Ahepa" will linger in their memory for a long time.

Speaking on behalf of Brother John Demos, I wish to take this opportunity to thank our neighboring chapters, namely, Toledo, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, for their splendid cooperation and the support given us in making this banquet such a tremendous success. I also wish to thank the members of the Jackson chapter for their untiring efforts in working with me.

JACKSON MEMBERS OBSERVE GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Jackson Ahepans, their families and friends gathered in the Ahepa Hall Wednesday evening, March 25th, to celebrate the independence of Greece. More than 150 persons attended. A dinner, patriotic exercises by children, addresses by John Cecil and John Demos and dancing made up the program.

Nicholas Bartz, president of the Jackson chapter, introduced those taking part in the program.

Among out of town guests at the dinner were William Notis of Adrian and Louis Spillson of Clinton. Mike Cecil was chairman of arrangements for the dinner and program, while James Turpin served as assistant chairman. A large committee worked with the chairmen to make the affair a success.

WILLIAM NICOLAU,
Secretary.

Ahepa Activities in Michigan

MARCH was a month of many activities of the Ahepa chapters in celebrating the Independence of Greece.

Alpha Chapter No. 40 of Detroit held a banquet and ball on March 21st in the Grand Ball Room of the Book Cadillac Hotel. His Excellency, the Minister of Hellas, Demetrios Sicilianos, honored the Ahepans and Hellenic citizenry by accepting the invitation to attend. Unfortunately, he met with difficulties on his trip from Washington to Detroit, the train taking almost 48 hours to get to Detroit, on account of the flood. At any rate, we were very happy to receive His Excellency about 11 o'clock in the evening, in time to be welcomed by some 300 citizens attending the banquet. Many high officials—City, County and State—were present, as well as Federal representatives. The address of our Minister will be remembered for many years to come. It was a sincere address, in the form of fatherly advice to all citizens for mutual understanding. He praised Ahepa highly.

The Corporation Counsel, Mr. Raymond Kelly, represented the city; State Highway Department officials represented the State; Wayne County Treasurer, Mr. Jacob P. Suteracki, represented the County. The Federal Government was represented by Philhellene and Ahepa's real friend, Mr. John L. Zurbrick, District Director of Immigration.

After the banquet a dance was enjoyed by all and the Minister was entertained by the Reception Committee of all organizations—Brothers Louis Christopoulos, Charles N. Diamond, Ernest Pappas, Charles Pappas, Basil Considine and representatives of the three communities.

In the Minister's suite there were several large baskets of beautiful flowers sent by his admirers, the compatriots of his Thessalians, the Ladies' Society of West Side Church, the East Side Community, the Laconians, and others.

The following day a long program was in order from 10 A. M. until late in the evening. His Excellency, under special escort of police, and members of the Hellenic Post American Legion, headed by the Commander, Charles N. Diamond, and the civic committee, visited the East Side Church where his attendance brought tears of joy in the eyes of some 1000 or more citizens attending services. He spoke

in brief, congratulating the Rev. Father Dulgerakis for his excellent work, the officers and members of the East Community and, in brief, spoke on the independence of Greece. From there he was escorted to Central Church where over 2000 persons were waiting for his arrival. His address there was a master piece and he was received with great enthusiasm. He then attended a real Grecian style luncheon with his compatriots, Thessalians, and with Charles Diamond, as chairman. Brief addresses were made. After the luncheon he received many citizens in his suite and at 6 p. m. attended a school program of the West Side Community where he again delivered a real fatherly talk to parents and school children. A dinner given in the Minister's honor by the Laconians Society.

The following day, accompanied by Brother Charles Diamond, Charles J. Pappas, Rev. Dougerakis, Thomas Kidas, Brother Apollo, and others, he drove to the city of Ypsilanti, Michigan, where the statue of General Demetrius Ypsilanti stands and there he paid his respects to the hero of 1821 and spoke in high respect to the Ahepa for placing the monument there. From Ypsilanti we drove to the city of the famous Michigan University, Ann Arbor. We paid a visit to Brother Charles Preketes, past Supreme Treasurer of Ahepa, and from there called at the Greek Church which is almost completed now, a real monument of our Greek citizens of Ann Arbor. We visited the University Buildings and returned to Detroit. Then we paid a brief visit to the great industrial city of Henry Ford, Dearborn, Michigan. Luncheon was served by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Christopoulos at their beautiful home. From Detroit, His Excellency left for the East again as guest of the Ahepa in Delaware.

It cannot be forgotten by the committee on arrangements for this great banquet and program that they met with several upsets. First, the Supreme Vice President, Brother Tsangadas, was called to take charge of the Ahepa excursion to Greece; second, after receiving a telegram from Supreme President Chebithes that he was to arrive by airplane Saturday evening, the committee waited at the airport for him when a belated message came informing them that he could not come . . . and then the train of His Excellency, being late over fifteen hours. However, everything went very well.

The Alpha Chapter held an initiation several weeks ago and the Toledo Chapter was in charge with the old guard, Brother Pappas, as Master of Ceremonies. Twenty-five members from Toledo attended.

After the initiation a real entertainment was held in the Ahepa Temple dining hall. There were plenty of refreshments and brief talks were given. Mr. Telemachos Mastos of Washington, D. C., honored us with his presence and although not an Ahepan, he spoke about Ahepa's activities in such a spirit that his talk was received with great applause and real enthusiasm. Mr. Lambros from Fiat Ware, Indiana, and Brother Thomas Fisher of Toledo and several others spoke. Brother Ernest Pappas, President of Alpha Chapter, was toastmaster at the banquet and a real good one.

At the time of this writing word was received from our Supreme President, Brother Chebithes, that he is expected to be here in

May 24th. He is welcome. We need a little of his revival medicine for some of the lost "sheep," especially those old guards—past officers—who, after receiving the honors, forget their duties to continue as good soldiers of Ahepa. Sister chapter, "Icaros," needs the advice and counsel of Brother Chebithes to bring back the members from their long sleep, so we shall await our Supreme President with open arms.

District No. 19 Gary Ahepans Hold Annual Dance

ABOUT two hundred fifty Ahepans, their friends, and wives attended the 11th Annual Dance of the Gary Chapter No. 78, at the Hotel Gary Crystal Ballroom, Sunday, May 10th, 1936. Dancing began at 9:00 o'clock p. m. and continued to 1:00 o'clock a. m.

The atmosphere of the ballroom, with its lovely colored lights, was intensified by the beautifully gowned women, and men in their new spring attire, who danced to the soft strains of Eddie Pripps and His Eleven Piece Orchestra.

At this dance the Ahepans' main attraction was the presentation of the Amateur Show, which commenced about 10:00 o'clock p. m. and ended at 10:45 p. m.

The Ahepa Amateur Show was presented through the efforts of Brother George Turpa, member of the Sons of Pericles of Gary, Indiana, who also acted as Master of Ceremonies for the show.

The following amateurs took part in this presentation:

Mildred Herr and Paul Chait, a guitar and harmonica solo; Gertrude Rodis, songs; Joyce Charmaine Foran, songs and tap dancing; Janic and Charles Respee, two youngsters, ages four and seven, did an adagio acrobatic number.

The winner acclaimed was Joyce Charmaine Foran, who received the Ahepa Amateur Trophy in behalf of the Gary Chapter.

The second acclaimed were Baby Janic and Charles Respee.

All contestants received passes to the Family Theatre, owned and operated by Brother John Lincoln.

Jerome Kaplan joined George Turpa throughout the amateur program with his jokes—which amused the audience.

All in all, the dance was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

JAMES A. MEKOS,

First District Governor.

Muncie Chapter Celebrates Greek Independence Day

WITH anticipated success the Muncie Chapter No. 210 celebrated Greek Independence on Sunday, March 22, at its lodge quarters. Within an hour before the program began the auditorium was filled to capacity. At exactly 3 o'clock the festivities started. President Tom Chamas welcomed the huge audience and wished them a most pleasant day. He then introduced the chairman of the entertainment committee, Bro. Chas. Peterson, who spoke briefly on Greek

Independence. Bro. Peterson then introduced an instructor of Greek from Indianapolis, Mr. Moskopoulos, who delivered an impressive speech on the history of Greek Independence. It was well received by the appreciative throng.

The students of the Ahepa Greek School of Muncie then presented a group of commemorative poems which met with enthusiastic applause. Children taking part in the recitations were: Jimmie and Ruby Livieratos, Lakis Liakos, John and Louis Costas, Amelia and Jerry Peterson, and Theodore, Constantine, Sam, and Pota Printzos.

To climax the celebration, a Greek farce comedy was presented for the enjoyment of the vast populace. It was entitled "The Three Penniless Gentlemen" and may I state at this time, that if there were any theatrical producers in the audience at the time this was given, the gentlemen taking part would have had long contracts in their pockets. With only one practice session, the play was presented without a line being forgotten. Those taking parts in the comedy were Bros. Nick Rigas, Nick Mentis, Christ Liakos, Ted Mentis, and Mr. Peter J. Costas.

At various intervals, music was delightfully played by Chris, Catherine, Ted, and George Mentis, among which were solos sung by Ted Mentis and the ever popular Yero Dimos. Violin selections were rendered by the talented violinist, George Mentis.

Following the affair various visiting chapter officers of the Ahepa were introduced, among which was former District Lieutenant-Governor Nick Mentis.

Refreshments were then served after which the multitude danced to Greek and American music provided by the aforementioned musicians. Visitors attended from Anderson, Marion, Kokomo, Newcastle, Indianapolis, Richmond, and Dayton, Ohio. The auditorium was very beautifully decorated by our good working brothers Christ Liakos and Nick Mentis.

The "SMALL BUT MIGHTY" chapter again scores successfully!

TED MENTIS,
Secretary.

District No. 21 Comments in "New Age" Appreciated

IN THE last edition of the AHEPA MAGAZINE, on page 7, there appeared a reproduction of an article which was printed in the "New Age" Magazine, the official organ of the Supreme Council of the 33rd and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. An article of this nature, appearing in so responsible a magazine, bearing so much weight, and having a circulation the world over, deserves more than passing note.

Any number of Greeks, members of the Masonic Fraternity, and members of the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, must have read this article in the "New Age," but probably few knew that the editor, Mr. John H. Cowles, of Washington, D. C., the Supreme Grand Commander, is a Philhellene of first magnitude. In 1927 he visited Greece, where he was received and entertained by the then living past Grand

Masters of Freemasonry in Greece, Bros. Alexandros P. Alexandropoulos and Panagiotis Kalogretopoulos, and others, with whom he formed an ardent friendship, and before leaving Greece he donated to the relief of the Asia Minor refugees the amount of \$10,000.

Furthermore, Mr. Cowles has contributed priceless services to the Greeks of Illinois and I sincerely hope that some day they may be heralded from Hemisphere to Hemisphere.

PAUL L. ALEXANDER.

Quincy Man Receives Award of Purple Heart

THE Honorary Badge of Military Merit or the Purple Heart, the military honor award founded by George Washington, has been awarded to Harry B. Rumas of Quincy, Ill., for meritorious service and valor in the World War. The beautiful medal, authorized by the secretary of war, and revised this year after nearly a century and a half of disuse as a tribute to its founder on the occasion of his bicentennial, was received this week by Mr. Rumas.

Notice of the award was received by Mr. Rumas several weeks ago from the adjutant-general's office, the medal, duly engraved with Mr. Rumas' name, following this week.

The action which has won for Mr. Rumas the Purple Heart occurred near the end of the war, on October 26, 1918, in the Meuse-Argonne sector. Mr. Rumas, private in the medical detachment of the Eighteenth Field artillery, brought two wounded men back to safety during a brisk action, being wounded himself in the course of carrying the second man back to shelter.

Exposing himself to bring the men to safety Private Rumas got the first man safely back. The second died in his arms as he carried him to shelter, and Rumas was wounded. Loss of hearing in his right ear resulted.

First American Decoration

The revised decoration of the Purple Heart consists of a heavy heart-shaped medal, its face gold-bordered, and its center of purple enamel. In the center of the gold-bordered purple enamel is a gold bas-relief bust of George Washington in the uniform of a general of the Continental army. The reverse side is gold, with the inscription "For Military Merit," and the engraved name of the person to whom it is awarded. The Washington coat of arms is incorporated in the ring which attached the medal to a heavy purple ribbon, bordered with white.

The Purple Heart, as founded was the personal tribute of George Washington, and was the first American decoration for distinguished military service, gallantry and bravery. It was founded when the commanding general of the colonial armies, writing a routine order of the day after seven years of war, deviated into an historical paragraph by creating and describing a service decoration which he named the "Badge of Military Merit."

So far as the surviving records show, Washington's "Badge of Military Merit" was awarded to but three men during the Revolutionary war, all of them non-commissioned officers: Sergeant Daniel Bissel of the Second Connecticut regiment, Sergeant Daniel Brown of the Fifth Connecticut regiment, and Sergeant Elijah Churchill of the Second Connecticut dragoons. Subsequent to the Revolution

the award fell into disuse and vanished from public sight.

Washington's Decoration

In recent years interest in the rare decoration was aroused by the publication of articles calling attention to its existence, and its revival was projected in 1930. The bicentennial of Washington's birth was deemed an appropriate time for the re-instatement of the award, and consequently the new medal was devised for the old award.

Of the decoration, General Washington made the following entry in his order book, at Newburgh, N. Y., August 7, 1782, thus creating the award:

"The General, ever desirous to cherish a virtuous ambition in his soldiers as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, edged with narrow lace of binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward. Before this favor can be conferred on any man, the particular fact, or facts on which it is to be grounded must be set forth to the Commander-in-Chief accompanied with certificates from the commanding officers of the regiment and brigade to which the candidate for reward belonged, or other irrefragable proofs, and upon granting it the name and regiment of the person with the action so certified are to be enrolled in the book of merit which will be kept at the orderly office. Men who have merited this last distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinels which officers are permitted to do.

"The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all—this order is also to have retrospect to the earliest stages of the war, and to be considered a permanent one."

District No. 22

Moline Chapter Loses a Good Member

IT IS with regret that we announce the death of one of our members, Brother George Basil Stavros, who passed away on March 25th after suffering one week from pneumonia.

Brother Stavros was born at Avlon, Metchia, Greece, on December 15, 1898, and came to Moline in 1916. In 1933 he was initiated in the Tri-City Chapter No. 120 of Moline, Illinois, where he has been an active worker. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Governors.

His passing is keenly felt not only by his Brother Lodge members but by his many friends in the Tri-Cities.

T. N. TERTRES,
Secretary.

District No. 23

Galveston Ahepans Invite You to District Convention

THE Fifth Annual District Convention of the 23rd District will be held on June 21, 22 and 23, at the Hotel Buccaneer, on the famous beach front, at Galveston, Texas.

Galveston Chapter, No. 276, which is mightier in deeds than in size, has kindly consented to be host to this year's convention again. The local chapter had the honor of having the first District Convention in Galveston four years ago, which was a huge success from every angle.

Our esteemed veteran Brother, John Metaxis, president of our chapter, has appointed energetic John Economides chairman of the committee on arrangements. It is well known that any event in which Brother Economides has had a hand, proved nothing short of a great success; so we may look forward to an outstanding convention. This does not mean, however, that our proper cooperation is not essential and necessary for a successful outcome.

The convention headquarters will be the Hotel Buccaneer, one of the finest hotels in our city and where every courtesy will be extended by the entire force and management of the hotel.

A banquet-dance has been arranged for Sunday evening. Everybody is welcome.

On behalf of the officers of the District Lodge and the chapters in District No. 23, I extend this open invitation to all Ahepans to participate in this gala convention, Galveston, Texas, on June 20-22, 1936.

D. A. CARAVAGELLI,
Convention Secretary.



District Governor P. V. Pappas of District No. 23, Houston, Texas, an energetic and ardent worker of the Ahepa.

District No. 24

A Challenge from the "Oil Capital" Chapter

TULSA (Okla.) Chapter No. 14 challenges any chapter in the Ahepa domain when it comes to aggressiveness among its leaders, number of members in good standing, Emergency Fund subscriptions secured and brotherly cooperation. We have at the present time 92 per cent of our members in good standing;



Tripton B. Papahronis. He is very diligently serving the Oklahoma City Chapter No. 240 in his capacity as secretary.

45 per cent of them have subscribed to the Ahepa Emergency Fund; new members have been taken in, and we cooperate together like bees and their honey.

We are now arranging for the biggest South-west picnic ever held. We anticipate a large crowd and members of the entertainment committee tell us that there will be a ball game, games of horse shoe and other sports, with a dance in the evening.

The chapter, through Brother Breteolos, is organizing a youth entertainment program as one of its summer activities. He also pledges to have a chapter of the Sons of Pericles established by next October.

The Tulsa chapter is featuring an attendance contest where the members are divided into two groups. The losing team produces the refreshments. This contest has increased our attendance over 150 per cent.

Our beloved Brother, Gus Geramons, passed away. A large body of Ahepans attended and took part in the services.

Brother Theodore Zappas has left for Hot Springs, Arkansas, to regain his health.

Brother James Pinos is doing well in blending the out-of-town members with the local members.

Brother Nick Roilos, the local treasurer, has recently brought his mother and sister over from Greece. We wish them luck and success in our grand old U. S. A.

THEODORE J. BRETELOS,
Secretary.

District No. 25 Demosthenes Chapter Gives Program

THE 115th anniversary of Greek Independence was celebrated by Demosthenes Chapter No. 66 of Minneapolis at a dinner on the evening of March 25th at the Hotel Radisson. Greece was proclaimed one of the few countries of the world which has made lasting con-

tributions in science, literature and arts. Her people were praised as industrious and worthy citizens to the "melting pot" of America.

Speakers included the Rt. Rev. M. Kestekides, pastor of the Greek Orthodox Church, who gave the invocation; Thomas N. Christie, President of Demosthenes Chapter; Mayor Thomas E. Latimer; Herbert J. Miller, President of the Civic and Commerce Association; William D. Kleason, general chairman of the 1936 national convention of Ahepa; Attorney General Harry H. Peterson; Judge Paul Carroll; Peter Kokinopoulos, Secretary of the Greek Community; Judge Vince Day; Mrs. D. N. Karalis, President of Antigone Chapter, Daughters of Penelope; John Demakis, first President of Demosthenes Chapter; the Rev. Charles Fox Davis; Nicholas B. Phillips, commander of Hellenic post of the American Legion; Marianne Strenglis, President of Eurydice Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, St. Paul; Thomas Kalogerson, Secretary of Demosthenes Chapter; A. A. Frangos, District Secretary; Judge Luther W. Youngdahl; James Dimopoulos, President of Pericles Chapter, St. Paul, and Christ Mavrelis, President of Sons of Pericles, Olympus Chapter. Christie Geankoplis, District Governor of the Order, presided.

Following the dinner and speaking program, there was dancing and entertainment, in charge of a committee headed by Nick Pettas. Others on the committee were George Chandler, George Sampanis, James Demos, John Daskalos, George N. Boosalis, D. Basdeka, John Pantezes, Frank Adams, Chris Deckas and George Casper.

Governor Unable to Attend Demosthenes Chapter's Banquet

ALL of us regretted very much that Governor Floyd B. Olson of the State of Minnesota could not be with us on the evening of March 25th but we received a splendid letter from him which we take pleasure in reproducing.

"March 24, 1936.

"Mr. Thomas N. Christie, President,
"Demosthenes Chapter No. 66,
"Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Dear Friend:

"I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to attend the banquet of your Chapter tomorrow evening at the Radisson Hotel. Other engagements will make it impossible for me to be with you.

"May I not take this opportunity of extending my best wishes to my many friends in your organization and to pay tribute to Greece and her people on this occasion of the 115th anniversary of Greek Independence.

"Greece was one of the few nations of history that made a creative contribution to civilization. In literature and art, in philosophy and in science, the work of the Greeks is so well known as hardly to need more than a mention. It is not too much to say that the heritage left by Greece to civilization and to culture is the richest contribution ever made by any people.

"Through the ages the name of Greece has stood for quality rather than for quantity, for refinement rather than coarseness, for the mind and spirit making the flesh their instrument and servant. Balance, rhythm, grace, beauty and delicacy—these are the values which Greece symbolizes. How much these supreme values are needed in the United States today with its feverish commercialism, its emphasis upon efficiency and its blind worship of size and magnitude! You Greeks have a contribution of the greatest importance to make to the melting pot of the United States and you are making it in a worthy manner. I pay allegiance to Greece of the free spirit and the enlightened mind. I honor the Greeks who carry forward the great tradition of liberty in this country.

"Sincerely yours,

"Floyd B. Olson,
"Governor."
THOMAS KALOGERSON,
Secretary.



A picture taken on the occasion of the celebration of Greek independence by Demosthenes Chapter No. 66. Left to right: Boy Scout James Phillips; Christ Bozikes; Captain of the Guards James Demos; Spiro Boosioles and Louis Nichols.

Activities of "Hippocrates" Chapter

HIPPOCRATES CHAPTER No. 230 of Rochester, Minn., has never been idle since it was organized about seven years ago.

When all the members pay their dues for the year, its good standing membership will be about 55 strong. It has kept up with the times in fraternal, social, political and community welfare.

Our chapter is one that is sound financially and we can proudly boast that it has been prompt in its obligations to the Supreme Lodge, prompt in answering its correspondence from other lodges, the Supreme Lodge officers, or parties of our great fraternity and, at all times, every member of our chapter has performed his duty to instill the great spirit of our organization of good fellowship.

Socially, we have on several occasions during the past year, given many entertainments, not only for our members but for friends and their families, all of which has helped us immensely to bring together our members and their families with our American friends, so that each might understand one another the better.

In the political affairs of our community and our state generally, we are coming to the point of interest and different parties commence to realize that the members of Ahepa are not only citizens, entitled to all the rights and privileges as much, but they are a noticeable factor, and if the unity of the membership continues, as it is hoped that it will do, in the very near future it will be a still greater factor and will be recognized and sought in all political activities.

This year Ahepans of District No. 25 have been honored with the privilege of entertaining the Thirtieth National Convention of our great fraternity. The National Convention will be held at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 16-23, 1936.

It is indicated by the determined efforts of our District officers and the Ahepa chapters of the "Twin Cities," that plans have been under way for some time and that the 1936 National Convention will be a great success. We are particularly proud to have in our membership and consider that the 25th District is fortunate to have at its head, men with the qualities of heart and head that are possessed by our District Governor, Brother Christ Geanakoplis, and District Secretary, Brother A. A. Frangos. They stand head and shoulders above us all in their uniform kindness, patience and unswerving fidelity to the interest of the 25th District. I can say that the one who has his hands full is Anastasios A. Frangos, Secretary of this District.

Never in the history of Ahepa has there been a greater need for spread of the spirit of fraternalism and brotherly love. Such a spirit is not taught in the market places, in politics or in coffee houses. Nowhere, I claim, can it be found taught by precept and example as it is within the lodge room. The proud boast of Ahepanism is that within the chapter room we meet upon the level; we recognize neither differences of political opinion, differences of religious opinion, differences in finance, or differences in social action. No differences are recognized within this room save differences of worth and merit. For the orderly dispensation of work, officers are required, but in this the lodge is supposed to

choose, and generally does choose, those who can best work and agree.

In enumerating the various benefits which we derive from the Order of Ahepa, I will enumerate but a few because time does not permit me to go into detail. Through the Order of Ahepa we learn to be loyal citizens, we learn to cooperate in business, we learn to improve our American speech, we learn to say good things only. Through this Order we are able to teach our traditions to the American public; we exchange ideas and thereby enrich our knowledge and, most of all, we make better friends and keep away from bad company. We can derive all these benefits when we begin to practice and apply in our every-day life the useful lessons we learn in our meetings. When we do that we become like a child in its mother's arms. We wish nothing more, we fear nothing, we yield ourselves to this pure attachment—we are not anxious as to what others think of us. We do not judge ourselves; we do not fear to be judged. Let us strive for this lovely adherence of goodness that comes only through the lofty ideals of Ahepa. Let us seek the path that leads to these manly virtues so that we may reap the bountiful harvest of useful benefits.

The Hippocrates Chapter No. 230, Order of Ahepa, is keeping abreast with every forward movement for the betterment and progress of its membership and the community and the cause of the Ahepa generally. Our membership has been 100% behind every worthy endeavor we have undertaken and which we shall undertake in the future. We can proudly say that if all other chapters in this and in the other districts will emulate the noble principles of our Order, and endeavor to live up to its teachings, that our fraternity will henceforth march forward triumphantly.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED

Under the auspices of Rochester Chapter No. 230, and in the presence of over 100 persons of local and surrounding towns, National Independence Day was celebrated in the spacious room of A. O. U. W. hall Sunday night, March 29th.

The program started at 8:30 P. M. Brother Chris Margollos, president of the local Chapter, opened the ceremonies with prayer, acted as the chairman of the meeting and delivered the introduction. Preceding the dinner the American and Greek anthems were sung. The hall was decorated with Greek and American flags.

"The anniversary of Greek Independence is celebrated every year by people of Hellenic extraction all over the world, and friends of Hellas observe this day with due ceremony," said Sam C. Francis, Secretary of the Chapter of Ahepa. Continuing, he stated:

"When the Hellenic race made its appearance far back before the dawn of history, about fifteen centuries B. C., it spread southward into the Balkan Peninsula. Gradually, through the years, they came to acquire a religious zeal to build cities and to widen their intellectual and physical horizon.

"The advance of the power-hungry Darius, head of the far-flung Persian Empire, came to be ignominiously defeated in the memorable year of 490 B. C. on the field of Marathon at

Athens. This glorious battle for a time saved the Greek civilization and made possible the full development during the age of Pericles."

Brother John Pougiales in discussing the meaning of Greek Independence stated, "The Independence of Greece did not mean the birth of a nation or the attainment of Freedom of an unknown people, but it meant the resurrection of the Glory and Majesty of renowned Hellas with all its traditions and grandeur.

"It was the struggle of a little enslaved country of less than one million against a barbarous military nation of more than twenty-five millions. It was a war of race and religion rather than one of political principles and it was marked by most inhuman atrocities ever recorded in the annals of history.

"But in the streams of her sacred blood, flowing for four long centuries, her indomitable spirit remained alive, and when the hour of her deliverance arrived, her loyal sons, young and old, came forth with sword in hand and proclaimed her resurrection."

Brother Andrew Chafos was introduced and he explained the liberation of Greece impressively in the Greek language. Brother John Andrews of Faribault, who is a commander of the American Legion Post at Faribault, was also introduced and spoke.

Other speakers included John Pougiales, Jr., representing the Sons of Pericles.

"At no time in the records of American History is there recorded a greater feeling of sympathy, devotion and sentiment than is portrayed for the cause of Hellas," said John Pougiales, Jr.

"European monarchs of the time looked with horrified wonder at the boldness of the Greek people and characterized their actions as throwing a firebrand into the Ottoman Empire."

Miss Helen Zootis and Myron Poulos concluded with Lord Byron.

SAM C. FRANCIS,
Secretary.

Mason City Ahepans Work Incessantly

MASON CITY CHAPTER No. 207 of Mason City, Iowa, are never satisfied with present results—the best must be attained. We hold open meetings along with the Daughters of Penelope and Sons of Pericles who are under our supervision and we find this method a great success. Last year, at the District Convention in Cedar Rapids, we hired a special train which was decorated in great style with Ahepa banners and the like and we named it the "Ahepa Special." With 117 people aboard it travelled a distance of 225 miles. Past President Alex Garulis and I were well pleased with the results of our efforts in putting the "Special" over. This year President Basil Papanonis and the Secretary will arrange for similar transportation for even more people to attend the district convention in Fort Dodge, Iowa, June 14th. Last year we taught the railroad train-master Ahepanism; this year we intend to teach it to the locomotive engineer and fireman, and when the National Convention comes along, let us hope for something even better. You can see, my dear readers, that there is plenty of life in this chapter.

Local activities are well and carefully done.

The statue donated by our chapter and placed on the Court House grounds has brought the people of our community a great harvest of fruit.



Peter Farmakis, who has distinguished himself as a violinist.

Past President of "Sons" Chapter Noted Violinist

THOSE who will attend the district convention of District No. 25 at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on June 14th, will have the privilege of hearing Junior Brother Peter Farmakis render violin selections. Although but 18 years of age and not quite through High School, we believe he is one of the best violinists in the State of Iowa. He was recently the winner in a contest held in Iowa City and has won in many other contests throughout the State. On any occasion the boy is there to entertain us in both Greek and American music.

Peter is a charter member and a Past President of the local chapter of the Sons of Pericles and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Farmakis, natives of Filiatra, Greece. Mr. Farmakis is a charter member of the local Ahepa chapter and Mrs. Farmakis, a charter member of the Daughters of Penelope organization, so you see all of them are extremely active.

J. A. WOODS,
Secretary.

**District No. 26
Able Officers Lead Omaha Chapter**

THE readers of our magazine will be glad to know that President Peter C. Katsura of Omaha (Nelr.) Chapter No. 147 has recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to send in a report of his chapter which is coming along so nicely under the able leadership this year of the following officers: President, Peter C. Katsura; Vice President, George Angelacos; Secretary, James Sideris; Treasurer, Gregory Svolos; Chaplain, Gus Sideris; Warder, Paul Stakos; Captain of the Guard,

John Fillis; Board of Governors, George Blactus, Chairman; John Petrow, George McMann, Thomas Drevos and George Petros.

The Omaha chapter is first endeavoring to rebuild the chapter through membership and they feel they can accomplish this because the nucleus of the chapter is loyal and sincere and will attract the proper men to do that which is necessary for success. "After our house has been put in order, we shall then proceed to activities outside the chapter," writes the President.

In early June the Omaha chapter of the Ahepa and the local chapter of the Sons of Pericles will give a "Father and Sons" picnic, followed later by a dramatic play. The fall season will consist of balls and banquets, of which we Hellenes are so fond. A definite program at this time is difficult to outline as one activity is contingent upon the conditions surrounding it and the activities preceding it.

I feel sure that before long we will hear of the accomplishments which the Omaha chapter has set out to attain and that nothing will be left undone to build up the chapter by way of initiating new members and reinstating any delinquent ones. We wish you success, Omaha.

C. G. E.

**District No. 28
El Paso Secretary Reports Activities**

OUR Chapter may be likened to a sturdy oak that branches out. Our Chapter's Branches extend all the way to the Pacific Coast, where we have a member in San Diego, Calif., to New Mexico, where we have a member in Carlsbad, N. Mex., and over two hundred miles east of El Paso in the State of Texas, where we have 5 members in Pecos, Texas. At our next meeting we are going to initiate a member who makes his living in Juarez, Mexico. Few chapters in the realm of Ahepa can boast of active members in three States and two countries.

On March 15th a delegation consisting of our President, Thomas S. Vallos; our Secretary, Andrew G. Bess; our Treasurer, Sam J. Anagnostou; our Past President, Ernest Pappas, and John Dimmis, made a goodwill tour to Pecos, Texas, and Carlsbad, N. Mex. Our mission proved entirely successful. Christos Stephanatos, Jerry D. Cummings, Andrew Theodote, Angelo Mazos and Pete Saras, all of Pecos, Texas, were initiated on that trip as members of our Chapter, and Bro. Dan C. Constat, a member of Shreveport, La., Chapter, No. 8, since 1922, was reinstated and transferred to our chapter.

A great part of the credit for the success we have had is due to the efforts of Bros. Geo. Ade, Anthony G. Pavlantos and Pete C. Dakis, who had made previous trips to these towns, had contacted all the Greeks residing there and had convinced them of the importance and noble aims of Ahepa. The rest of the credit goes to Bros. Andrew D. Meletis, John Droutsas and Dan C. Constat, who had done everything in their power to entertain us, to help us in approaching and winning over for Ahepa the boys we initiated, and who assured us that they will continue their efforts in inducing every Greek in their town to join the Ahepa.

Initiate Members at Carlsbad Caverns

RECENTLY a delegation of El Paso members made a second good-will trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico, where, in the Big Room of the famous Carlsbad Caverns (750 feet underground) several members were initiated for their chapter. It was a momentous event. Never before in the history of the Ahepa have initiation ceremonies been performed in such a magnificent setting. The Grand Cafe and La Caverna Hotel in Carlsbad City, New Mexico, were our headquarters. Leaving Carlsbad City at 9:30 in the morning of May 18th, we arrived at the Caverns at 10:00. At 10:30 we went down into the Caverns with the regular tourist group and then at the end of the trip, after lunching in the restaurant of the Caverns, our group was separated and given the exclusive use of the amphitheatre in the Caverns for our special ceremonies. This was really an unusual, rare and precious opportunity.

In the amphitheatre the Ahepans of New Mexico, El Paso and West Texas staged a 2500-year-old pageant of homage to the Olympian god, Zeus. It was the first time in America that the pageant was acted in authentic manner. It depicted the ceremonies in which Zeus was honored within the Caverns of Olympus, 2500 years ago. Costumes were imported for the spectacle which was held in the "Rock of Ages" and "Palaea" rooms of the Carlsbad Caverns.

Brother A. Evangel, of Santa Fe, district governor of Dist. No. 28; Peter Dikeou of the Denver chapter, and United States Commissioner A. J. W. Schmid of El Paso led their respective state delegates to the ceremony.

ANDREW G. BESS,
Secretary.



Peter C. Katsura, President of Omaha Chapter No. 147, under whose leadership the chapter is attaining greater heights.

District No. 29 Strong Officers Lead Phoenix Chapter

ON FEBRUARY 16th, Phoenix (Ariz.) Chapter No. 219, in a very elaborate ceremony, held its installation of officers and the following members were installed to their proper offices by our Deputy District Governor, Brother George Diamos, assisted by Brother Steve Palmer, Secretary of San Diego Chapter No. 223: N. G. Amos, President; John Contos, Vice President; Thomas J. Katsenes, Secretary; Tony Georgousses, Treasurer; Board of Governors: S. C. Colachis, Chairman; James Georgousses, Paul Plumis, William Berzman and John Dages. Floros Mitchell, Chaplain; John Velonis, Warden; Frank Anderson, Captain of the Guards, and Paul Gaidios, Inner Sentinel.

The ceremony was witnessed by the entire membership of our chapter as well as the majority of officers and members of Arizona Chapter No. 275 of Tucson, by a large group from our community, and many distinguished citizens from the Capital City of the State of Arizona.

After the ceremony, and the presentation of the Past President's Ahepa jewel to Brother Sam C. Colachis, who has served our chapter well since 1933, a dance with a floor show took place and refreshments were served.

On Tuesday evening, March 17, we were honored by the presence of Past Supreme Governor, Brother Peter Boudouris, a member of Pacific Chapter No. 235 of San Francisco. Brother Boudouris very eloquently addressed the assembly. We hope that we will be honored again by his presence and have a chance to hear his instructive remarks.

On April 3rd, the small Phoenix Hellenic Community was greatly honored by the presence of His Grace, the Most Reverend Archbishop Athenagoras, who stopped in Phoenix on his way to San Francisco. He offered his blessings and performed evening services, assisted by his Archdeacon and Reverend Palibronis. After the evening ceremony, His Grace addressed the church assembly in a very religious and fatherly manner. Our small community was benefited immensely by the visit of His Grace and we hope and pray that he will visit us soon.

THOMAS J. KATSENES,
Secretary.

District No. 30 Things Done in District No. 30

BROTHER Nick Salevurakis, District Governor of District No. 30, of Price, Utah, attended a regular meeting of Ogden (Utah) Chapter No. 134 on Tuesday, March 10th. He was accompanied by the president of the Price Chapter, Brother George Karras, Nick Bikakis, past president, and Mike Marakis and Gust Platis, of the Price Chapter, along with the president of the Green River (Wyo.) Chapter, Brother James Demopoulos. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and formulate plans for the coming district convention which will be held in Ogden on July 14th to the 16th. The meeting was well attended. The District Governor appealed to the Ogden members to participate in the meetings and activities of their organization and to support their officers and he explained the provisions of the Emergency Death Benefit Fund and the new

reinstatement plan. Brother Karras assured them of the full support and cooperation of the Price Chapter in making the fifth annual district convention a success. Nick Bikakis, Mike Marakis, Gust Platis and James Demopoulos spoke also. After the meeting refreshments were served by the members of the Ogden Chapter. Brother G. Cutrubus, president of the Ogden Chapter, opened the meeting and closed by expressing his appreciation to the visitors for their good will trip to his chapter.

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Motion pictures of various activities at the Nashua Manufacturing Company were shown by J. E. Houds. Refreshments were served by a committee including John Dimtsios and Costas Gerassis.

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The Sons Relate Their Case

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We hoped for better winds to blow,
And finding our very hopes to ashes turn,
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And, then, as charity's tots we became,
Receiving sustenance and aid on every hand,
Never taking a step but what in grand
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Buffeted, torn, and in sorry state,
We sought no petition nor grant, yet
Squared bent shoulders, and with mind set
To a goal, distant, we traveled straight,
Unto our re-visioned ideal.

They needed us, so two could be as one;
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And, together, associated in life eternal,
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The ceremony was witnessed by the entire membership of our chapter as well as the majority of officers and members of Arizona Chapter No. 273 of Tucson, by a large group from our community, and many distinguished citizens from the Capital City of the State of Arizona.

After the ceremony, and the presentation of the Past President's Ahepa jewel to Brother Sam C. Colachis, who has served our chapter well since 1923, a dance with a floor show took place and refreshments were served.

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On April 3rd, the small Phoenix Hellenic Community was greatly honored by the presence of His Grace, the Most Reverend Archbishop Athenagoras, who stopped in Phoenix on his way to San Francisco. He offered his blessings and performed evening services, assisted by his Archdeacon and Reverend Palibronis. After the evening ceremony, His Grace addressed the church assembly in a very religious and fatherly manner. Our small community was benefited immensely by the visit of His Grace and we hope and pray that he will visit us soon.

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MARY E. THOMPSON,
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"Ifigenia" Chapter Celebrates Greek Independence Day

THE members of "Ifigenia" Chapter No. 25 of the Daughters, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and members of the Ahepa and their families celebrated Independence of Greece, Sunday evening, March 29th, at the Pythian Hall. The celebration was a huge success. The hall was beautifully decorated and approximately 250 people from Kalamazoo and nearby towns thronged the hall.

The program started with our President, Mrs. Chryssie Morakis, dressed in Greek costume and followed by children who were also dressed in Greek costumes of white and blue, marching into the hall carrying the Greek and American flags. The children recited poems and sang songs befitting the occasion. Malama Nikitas, representing Greece, was dressed in a native costume and carried the Greek flag. She recited a poem, "Mother to her Children," John Skoubis was dressed as an American Army officer, representing America, and he carried the American flag.

Our President, Mrs. Chryssie Morakis, delivered a speech on the significance of the Independence of Greece. Mr. Peter Evans, an Ahepan, also spoke. The Brother Ahepans marched in the hall singing patriotic songs. Blue and white ribbon souvenirs of Independence Day were presented to the guests. The event ended with a dance.

MRS. THEORA KOROPULAS,
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Sparta Chapter, No. 18, Increasing in Membership

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Mrs. Mafalda Dremalas, President;
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SONS OF PERICLES



New Chapter in Dover, N. J.

UNDER the direction of George Skokos, Governor of District No. 7, a new chapter of the Sons of Pericles was established in Dover, N. J., on Monday evening, March 16, 1936. The initiation of the thirteen candidates was very ably conducted by the Paterson Degree Team in an impressive and colorful ceremony. The Morris County Ahepa Chapter No. 300 are the sponsors of the new "Sons" chapter.

Following the installation, Governor Skokos introduced the many fraternal dignitaries present. Among those who spoke were: August Rogokos, Supreme Treasurer of Ahepa; Andrew Angelson, Supreme Advisor of the Sons of Pericles; Spiros Pappaylion, Governor of Ahepa District No. 7; Andrew Fillias, Lieutenant Governor; Michael Loupassakis, past Lieutenant-Governor; Sam Coutor, organizer of the new chapter; and Jay Pappas, President of the Morris County Chapter.

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Refreshments were served after the ceremonies.

Michigan Chapter Holds Joint Installation

THE Flint Michigan Chapter No. 100 held a joint public installation of officers with the Ahepa Chapter No. 141 of the same city, on Wednesday evening, February 13, 1936. A large and appreciative crowd witnessed the impressive ceremony. Many Ahepans and their families from the surrounding cities were also present. Among the visiting officers in attendance was Senior Brother James Stamos, Past President of the Flint Chapter, who now holds that same position in the Saginaw Chapter No. 216.

Following the installation timely remarks were made by many of the newly installed officers of both orders. Refreshments and dancing were then enjoyed until the early hours of the morning.

The following "Sons" were installed as officers: Charles Manos, President; Nick Kitsonas, Vice-President; Christ Lambropoulos, High Priest; Louis Lambiris, High Guardian; Gust Chuleas, Master of Ceremonies; Jack Stamos, Inner Guard, and Peter Connellis, Outer Guard. Brother George Politis acted as the installing officer for the evening.

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WILLIAM MANTIOS.

Marathon Chapter No. 46 Holds Game vs. Alumni, and Dance

ON FRIDAY, February 21, 1936, Marathon Chapter No. 46, of Paterson, N. J., gave a revival basketball game vs. Alumni, and dance at the City Hall Annex.

It is the first time in the history of the "Sons" that any chapter has ever played the alumni. Since the alumni are the former Eastern States champions, the several hundred spectators present had the opportunity to watch a very interesting and exciting game. The Marathon Chapter was victorious over the Alumni in the battle with a score of 24-22.

At 9:30 P.M. dancing to the excellent music furnished by Phil Haddad and his orchestra began, and was enjoyed until an early hour of the morning.

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Nashua Installs at Ahepa Meeting

AT A joint meeting of the Ahepa, the officers of the Nashua Sons of Pericles Chapter were installed by John Dimitsion, Lieutenant-Governor of District I. The meeting took place on the evening of January 16, at the American Hellenic School in Nashua, N. H.

Officers installed were as follows: President, George Floras; Vice-President, E. Floras; Secretary, James Papachristos; Assistant Secretary, James Stergiou; Treasurer, George Coutsonikas; Master of Ceremonies, Peter Lafazanis; High Guard, John Lafazanis; High Priest, James Kilonis; Inner Guard, Christ Gatsas; Outer Guard, Steve Gimopoulos.

Rev. Christos Papachristos of St. Nicholas Church was the speaker of the evening. Other speakers were: George Stergiou, President of the local Ahepa Chapter; John Dimitsios, Costas Getassis and George Floras.

Motion pictures of various activities at the Nashua Manufacturing Company were shown by J. E. Houde. Refreshments were served by a committee including John Dimitsios and Costas Getassis.

Norwich, Conn., Very Active

UNDER the direction of Brothers Nick Phillips, Pete Vervenis, and Peter Kapsalianis, effective bylaws for the Rose City Chapter of Norwich, Conn., were drafted. These bylaws were unanimously accepted by the chapter at its meeting on February 17.

Among the many rules drafted by the committee were: a penalty of five cents for dues paid over thirty days late, and suspension of a member after the ninety-day deadline; smoking, card playing and other games of chance prohibited in the chapter room, and any member not complying with said bylaws to be subsequently suspended.

These new laws have proved very successful to the Norwich Chapter, and at present it is one of the few chapters which can boast of a 100 per cent attendance at all its meetings. Furthermore, all of its membership is in good standing with national headquarters. Accord-

ing to the chapter's Publicity Committee, the new bylaws are the secret of the chapter's success.

Plans are also under consideration for a full social and athletic program for the ensuing year.

The Sons Relate Their Case

From time early we were renowned,
Saying, we made ourselves into what we are,
Shooting for the very star,
But that we might fall short, we disavowed.
For we had an ideal.

We fancied ourselves pioneers of a sort,
And heading into sharp winds that, booming,
Did rock and reel our skiff, and we, fearing,
Covered down, in a sense, deserting the port.
We were losing our ideal.

We hoped for better winds to blow,
And finding our very hopes to ashes turn,
Lost heart, until within us a soul had burr
With shame, for courage ceased to flow,
We had lost our ideal.

And, then, as charity's tots we became,
Receiving sustenance and aid on every hand,
Never taking a step but what in grand
Fashion, *THEY* did help revise our fame—
Fame, all that was left of an ideal.

Buffeted, torn, and in sorry state,
We sought no petition nor grant, yet
Squared bent shoulders, and with mind set
To a goal, distant, we traveled straight,
Unto our re-visioned ideal.

They needed us, so two could be as one;
They welcomed us in as brothers fraternal,
And, together, associated in life eternal,
We stand, Father and Son,
United, in one great ideal.

GRACE J. LEHR,
Wichita, Kans.

Attention Chapter Editors

Only fifteen chapters out of the whole fraternity have been contributing regularly to our publication. The Editor would appreciate hearing from more chapter editors. Remember the MAGAZINE is our medium of public relations.

All articles should be typed, double spaced, and sent to Periclean Headquarters before July 2, 1936, in order to be published in the next issue of the AHEPA MAGAZINE. Address all communications to Christ J. Petrow, 1009 North Broad St., Fremont, Nebraska.

ΤΟ ΒΡΩΜΙΚΟ ΚΟΥΡΕΛΙ

ὑπὸ ΗΛΙΑ ΤΖΑΝΕΤΗ

Ο ΣΤΡΑΤΙΩΤΗΣ Σαλάμης Γεωργίος, τοῦ Γβου Λόγου Προσεκλήθητος, ἦτο ἡ σὰρα καὶ ἡ μακρά καὶ τὸ κακὸ συν-
απάντημα. Κοντὸς καὶ ἀτακτὸς μὲ μεγάλη καὶ καμπυρωτὴ
μύτη, μὲ τὴν παλιὰ καὶ ἀταίριαχτὴ στολή του καὶ τῆς πελώ-
ρης ἀρβύλας του, ἐμοίχευε τὴν γελοιογραφία φαντάρου.

Ἐίχεν εἶθαι ἀπὸ τὸ Μικρασιατικὸν μέτωπον καὶ προσεκλή-
θητὸν Λόγον μας. Ὅλοι οἱ φαντάραι τὸν εἴλεπαν μὲ κά-
ποιο εἰρωνεῖσθαι καὶ ἤρχισαν νὰ τὸν παρὰζουν. Ἐκεῖνος στὰς
ἀρχὰς ἔκανε τὸν κλιθὸν κ' εἴλεπαν ὅλους μὲ κάποιο βλεμμα-
τικὸ καὶ περιφρονητικόν. Στὶ λίγας μέρας ὅμως λήθησαν ἡ
γλυκύτητά του καὶ ἤρχισεν νὰ εἶθῃ ἐξυμνας ἀπαντήσεις πρὸ ὅλους τοῦ
τὸν παρὰζον. Δὲν ἀρνήσομαι νὰ καταλάβωμαι ὅτι δὲν ἦτο οὐτε
ἡσυχία οὐτε κωτὸς. Μὲ τὰ ἀκαίριστα καλαμπούρια του καὶ τὰ
παρὰζατά του, ἀπὸ ἀρμονικῶς ἐγένετο ἐπιθετικὸς καὶ κατέστη
ἡ πλέον ἐνδιαφέρουσα προσωπικότης τοῦ Λόγου.

Τῶς καλοντυμένους φαντάρους τοῦ κατώρθωναν νὰ μείνουν
μακριὰν τοῦ μετώπου τοῦς ἔλεγε «καρτιζόλας». Ὅσοις ἤρχοντο
ἀπὸ τὸ ἐξωτερικόν νὰ ἀπηρετησοῦν τὴν πατρίδα τοῦς ἔλεγε
«γκυρῶς καρτιζόλα», τοῦς ἔλεγε καὶ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς τοῦς ἔλεγε
«Τζαχάρας» κ' ἔλεγε μὲ βέβαιον «Μίστερ Ντόλλερ». Τύπος
ἀνέλιχος καὶ ζωηρός, δὲν μποροῦσε νὰ καθήσῃ ἤσυχος οὐτε ἐνα-
λαπτόν. Κάποιον ἔπρατε νὰ εἶχῃ στῆλον τὸν παρὰζατόν του.
Τὸν ἔνα ἐπιτιμῶν καὶ τὸν ἄλλον ὄνεια. Γιὰ ὅλους εἶχεν ἐπιθετικὴ
ἰσχύς τοῦ ἐμπνεύσεως, μὲ κ' οἱ φαντάραι τὸν φοβόταν χυσι-
κλή, μάρτη, ἀλάτι, μωτάρ, φούγι, σκολιόρα κ. τ. λ. Ἦτο μω-
στέρου τοῦ τὴν εἰρήνην τὴν ἔραβεν νὰ εἶναι πάντοτε εὐχαρῶς
καὶ ἄνεμος πρὸ μωστέρου, πῶς οὐ κατώρθωναν, ἔνοι τοῦ εἶδον
ἐλλείπον πορείας γιὰ τὸ μέτωπον, νὰ ἐπιστρέψῃ ξαντικὰ πρὸ
τρῆς μέρας στὸν Λόγον μὲ νέαν διαταγὴν προσεκλήθητος.

«Πῶς τὸ κατώρθωναι βρὲ μάρτη καὶ γυρίζεις πάντα πίσω»
τὸν ἠρώτησε μὴ μῆρα ὁ ἐπιλοχίας τοῦ Λόγου.

«Ἐγὼ ὁμοίως κ' ἀρῶται γιγνῶν» ἀπάντησεν ὁμοίως ὁ
Σαλάμης.

«Καλῶ. Ἀπὸ εἶναι ἔτσι, θὰ σὲ σταίλω στὸ βαπτὸρ συνοδείου».

«Καὶ τί μ' αἰτέῖ; Ὁμῶς ἀντεταρπύλλικον στὸ ἀνεκτὸ πύλα-
γος νὰ μὲ γέρῃ πίσω».

«Σκατοῦς, μάρτη» τοῦ λέγει μὲ προσποιητὸν θυμὸν ὁ ἐπι-
λοχίας.

«Ἐγχαριστῶ στρατάρχα μου, ἐπίσης ἀπάντησεν ὁ Σαλάμης,
ἐνῶ ὁ ἐπιλοχίας προσποιηθεὶς ὅτι δὲν ἔλασε τὴν ἀπάντησιν,
μῆκε μὲτα στὸ θάλασσον γιὰ νὰ κρυφῇ τὰ γέλια του.

Στὸν Λόγον μας ὑπεραπέδον ἕνας νεκρὸς Ἑβραῖος ὀνόματι
Ζαχαρίας. Εἶχε κερυθθῆ ὀνίκωνος ἐκτραπέτης λόγῳ τραυμα-
τιῶν καὶ περιέμενε τὴν ἀπόλυσιν του. Ὁ Ζαχαρίας ἦτο μορφομέ-
νος καὶ εὐγενὴς νέος καὶ λόγιος τῶν τραυματιῶν του τοῦ τὰ εἶχε
λάβει εἰς τὸ Μικρασιατικὸν μέτωπον καὶ λόγῳ τῶν καλῶν του
τρόπων, ἀπελευθερώθη ἕνα ἡμερῶν πρὸκατόν. Ὁ Σαλάμης τὸν
ἐρέβετο καὶ τὸν ἀνεπαύει, διότι τόνον ἔγω ἔσο καὶ Ὁ Ζαχαρίας
εἶμεθα οἱ μόνον τοῦ τὸν πέρασμα μῶς μας καρμὰ σταρ στὴν
ταξίδια καὶ τὸν κερυθότατα καρμὰ μωτάρ. Εἶμεθα δὲ καὶ οἱ
μόνον ἐναεσταὶ του. Τοῦ ἐναεσταρ πῶς πάντα καὶ πῶς εἶχε
Ἀρχαίος, ἀλλὰ πάντοτε μῶς πλῆθυναν. Ἦτο ὅμως καὶ ὑπερ-
φανος διότι ἔγω μόνον ἐπίστευον τὸ θαντικὸ ἀλλὰ καὶ ὅταν εἶχε
μαρτυρῆς Ἀρχαίος, ἐπίστευον νὰ μῶς κερμὰ εἰς ἀνταπόδοτον τῶν
ἰστικῶν μας κερμῶντων.

Ὁ Ζαχαρίας τοῦ ἦτο νέστιος Ἀθηναῖος, ἀνεκαλύφεν ὅτι ὁ

Σαλάμης ἦτο ἀπὸ ἐκλεκτῶν οἰκογενειῶν, ὁ δὲ πατέρας του ἦτο
ἕνας καλὸς ἔμπορος καὶ κύριος καθὼς πρέπει.

«Ἦρὲ Σαλάμη, Δὲν εἶσαι γυῖος τοῦ Σαλάμης τοῦ ἔμπορου»
τὸν ἠρώτησε μὴ μῆρα ὁ Ζαχαρίας. Ὁ Σαλάμης διεμαρτυρήθη
μὲ κάποιο ὀποπτον ὄργην.

«Τὶ λές βρὲ Ζαχαρία» τοῦ ἀπάντησεν. «Ποῦ νάχω γὼ τέ-
τοιον πατέρα. Ὁ Σαλάμης ὁ ἔμπορος εἶναι ἀπὸ τὸν Βόλον.
Ἐμένα ὁ πατέρας μου ἦτο κωλοκωρτίζης στὴν Πόλι, κ' ἐγὼ εἶμαι
γέννημα καὶ θρέμμα τοῦ Ψορρῆ».

Ὁ Ζαχαρίας ὅμως ἰσχυριζομῶς μὲ ἐβεβαίωσεν ὅτι εἶναι γυῖος
τοῦ Σαλάμης καὶ ὅτι τὸ ἀποκρύπτει ἀπὸ σκοποῦ γιὰ νὰ μὴ ραζι-
λεῖ τὸ ὄνομα τῆς οἰκογενείας του.

Ἦτο ἡ ἐποχὴ τοῦ τὰ πολιτικὰ πῶθι εὐρίσκοντο εἰς μαγὰ-
λην ὀδύνην καὶ παραμοναί τῶν ἔλλησων τοῦ 1920. Ὁ Σαλά-
μης ἦτο ἀπόδρα Ἀντιβενζελικὸς. Ὁ Βενζελὸς ἦτο ὁ στόχος
τῶν πολιτικῶν του ἐπιθέσεων, πῶς οὐ ἀστέια καὶ πῶς οὐ
ἐραρ.

Εἰς τὸν Λόγον μας προσεκλήθητὸν προσωρινῶς προερχόμενος
ἀπὸ τὸ μέτωπον Πρωτοστῆς ἕνας λοχίας ὀνόματι Ἑμμανουὴλ Μπε-
νάκης. Διαδέθη ὅτι ἦτο ἔγγονος τοῦ μεγάλου Ἑθνικοῦ Ἐλευθέρου
Μπενακῆ, ἀλλὰ οἱ φαντάραι δὲν ἤθελαν νὰ πιστεύουν ὅτι ὁ ἔλι-
οκαρμῶνος καὶ ἀπλῶς ἐκεῖνος λοχίας ἦτο δυνατόν νὰ εἶναι μέ-
λος τῆς μεγάλης οἰκογενείας τῶν Μπενακῆδων. Ὁ Σαλάμης
ὅμως μὲ τὴν πολυετὴ στρατιωτικὴν πείραν του ἔλεγε:

«Ἦρὲ παιδί. Αὐτὸς διαφέρει ἀπὸ τοῦς ἄλλους λοχίας. Αὐ-
τὸς οὐτε ροντίζει, οὐτε θυμῶναι, οὐτε βρίζει καὶ μὴ φαίνεται
πῶς θάνατι Μπενακῆς. Φαίνεται πῶς εἶναι ἀπὸ πῆτι».

Στὶ λίγη ὄρα, ὁ λοχίας Μπενακῆς, καθῆσε στὰ σκαλοπάτια
τοῦ θαλάμου, ἤρχισεν νὰ διατάξῃ τὴν Βενζελικὴν ἀρχιμαρτῆ
«Πατρίδα» καὶ κατόπι ἀρχαίως τοιγαρῆτος νὰ κωπῆσῃ. Ὁ Σα-
λάμης τοῦ βόληθη νὰ ἀνακαλύψῃ τὴν ταυτότητά του καὶ παρα-
κολοθεῖσαι τὰς κινήσεις του, παρὰχθηκε μῆρὸς στὸν λοχίαν καὶ
τοῦ προσέφερε σπῆρα γιὰ νὰ ἀνάθῃ τὸ τοιγαρῆ του. Ὁ λοχίας
τὸν κῆρυθίσθησεν εὐγενῶς, ὁ δὲ Σαλάμης, λαθὸν θάρρος, τοῦ
λέγει:

«Κύριε λοχία, τὰ παιδιὰ λένε πῶς εἶσαι ἔγγονος τοῦ Μπε-
νάκη καὶ μωτάρ νὰ σὲ ζητήσω 25 Ἀρχαίος γιὰ τοιγαρῆτα νὰ
τὰ πῶμα εἰς ὄφειλον τοῦ Βενζελίου».

«Καὶ γιατί εἰς ὄφειλον τοῦ Βενζελίου»;

«Ἐπειδὴ εἶσαι Βενζελικὸς».

«Ἀθῶς κάνεις. Δὲν εἶμαι Βενζελικὸς».

«Τότε τὰ πίνωμα εἰς ὄφειλον τοῦ βασιλῆδων».

«Μὲ δὲν εἶμαι οὐτε βασιλικὸς».

«Τότε λαιπὸς, τί εἶσαι»;

«Δὲν εἶμαι τίποτα. Εἶμαι ἕνας λοχίας».

«Αἱ ἔλα κ' ἔλα. Ἐγὼ εἶμαι ὁ Σαλάμης ὁ Βενζελικὸς καὶ
Βασιλικὸς. Ὁ Βενζελὸς πῆρε τὴν Μικρὰν Ἀσίαν, ὁ Κωνσταν-
τῖνος θὰ πῆρῃ τὴν Μεγὰλην Ἀσίαν καὶ ὁ διαδόλος θὰ μῶς πῆρῃ
ὅλους ἀπὸ τὴν Ἀρασίαν».

«Δὲν μοῦ λές Σαλάμη, ἔκαμα εἰς τὸ μέτωπον» ἠρώτησεν
ὁ λοχίας χαμογελῶν.

«Στὸ μέτωπον λέει: Στὴ Ρωσσία ὄνεια τρεῖς γυῖοινας
πῶχον ξετραλλεθῆ γιὰ τὴ μύτη μου. Στὴ Ρωμανία εἶλας
τρεῖς. Στὴ Μακεδονία κῆτοκόνησε μὴ Ἑγγλέζα νοσοκόμα
γιὰ τὴν ἀγάπη μου. Γιὰ τὴν Μικρὰν Ἀσίαν, πῶν τὰ μωτάρ κῆ-
ριε λοχία. Ἀδελφῶν τὰ χαρῆμα τῶν μῆρῶν γιὰ μῆνα. Ἐξήντη
χονομῶτατες ἔτραχαν πίσω ἀπὸ τὸ Σύνταγμα μου φωνάζοντας:

«Ασίκη ντερμπεντέρη Σαλάχη Ιστιόρουμ». «Αμά τί νομίζεις; Για τίς κατακτήσεις μου μ' έδειωξαν από τό μάτωπον».

«Όλοι οι φαντάροι έμπηξαν στό γέλοιο, ό δέ λοχίας γέλοοτε μέ τήν καρδιά του και έβλεπε μέ άχόρταγο γούστο τόν περιέργον τύπον του φαντάρου που του μιλούσε μέ τέτοιο θάρρος και χιούμορ. Έν τέλει ό λοχίας του έβωσε τίς 25 Δραχμές και μπήκε μέσα στό γραφείον του Λόγου γελών, ό δέ Σαλάχης γεμάτος χαράν ήρχισε νά ρωτάξη:

«Είναι Μπενάκης βρέ. Δέν σ'άς πώλεγα γω! Βρέ τόν τενεκέ!! Άντί νά καθεται στό παλάτιο του νά ξηνοκαλλήξη τίς λίρας του, ήρθε νά ύπηρετήσ η κακιά πατρίδα». Κοίμα νά μην έγω γω τίς λίρας του που ξέρω νά ζήσω». Ο Σαλάχης έφυγαν έν θριάμβω νά πά η νά μάς φέρ η τσιγαρόττα, αλλά άπέστρεψε τήν άλλη μέρα άπάνταρος.

«Ένα μεσημέρι, ό Μπενάκης, ό Ζαχχαίος κ' έγω, πήγαμε στό ταβέρνα κοντά στό Λόγο νά φάμε. Σέ λίγη ώρα ήλθε κι' ό Σαλάχης, ό όποιος άπερλιώς μάς παρακολουθούσεν. Ο Μπενάκης τόν είδε και τόν προσεκάλεσε μέ εύχαρίστησιν στό παράμας.

«Έλα δω Σαλάχη» του λέγει. «Κάθησε νά φάμε. Πενιάδες».

«Πενιά λέει; Έχω νά φάω από τής δημαρχικός έκλογές». Σκεντήριμα για τό Λόγο μετά τό φαγητόν. Ο Σαλάχης διαπάρωσε τόν Μπενάκη και έξηκολούθη: τά καλαχπούρια του και κατόπιν του λέγει:

«Κόριε λοχία. Θέλω νά μου δανείσης 100 Δραχμές. Είναι ζήτημα μεγάλο. Άν δέν εδρώ σήμερα αυτό τό ποσό, κινδυνεύει ή τιμή μου».

«Γιά τή γκόμενά σου βέβαια θά τίς θέλεις».

«Όχι, όχι. Νά, σου όρκίζομαι στό παρθένα μου. Έγω νά ξοδέψω για γκόμενα; Έχω μόν' στην Άθήνα κακιά νουδιάνα αλλά τίς άφήνω μιάμιά μαξ δέν καταβαίνουν χαρτζελίνα. Όλα κι' όλα. Όποιος πιθερός θέλει νά καη τόν Σαλάχη γκαμπό, πρέπει νά μετρήσ η γενναία προίκα. Φιλικάτζης έγω δέν είμαι. Η προίκα πρέπει νάνα σέ λίρας ή σέ δολάρια ή καμιά δέν θά χαρ η τόν Σαλάχη».

«Καλά. Τί έγγύησιν θά μου δώσης»;

«Έγγύησιν; Θά σου δώσω ένα γραμματίον και θά βάλω από κάτω τήν ύπογραφήρα μου φαρδύ πλατύς — Γεώργιος Σαλάχης».

«Τί τόκον θά πληρώσης»;

«Τόκον; Όσον θέλεις. Πενήντα, εκατό και χίλια τίς εκατό άν θέλεις».

«Καλά. Με καλύτερες. Πάρα 150 Δραχμές, αλλά νά μή μου ξαναζητήσης άλλα» του είπεν ό Μπενάκης και μπήκε μέσα στό θάλαμο του Λόγου.

Ο Σαλάχης εύρεθείς ειρηνήδιως μέ 150 Δραχμές, έγινεν έξω φρονών από ένθουσιασμόν. Ηρχισε νά γουρνε και νά πηδά και νά παρδίζ η τούς άλλους φαντάρους. Ξαφνικά όμως στάθηκε και ήρχισε νά τυφλών η τά μούτρα του και νά ρωτάξ η:

«Νά, βλάκα Σαλάχη, που κάνεις και τόν έξυπνον. Νά άλλη μιά τύφλα! Άκούε έκαί νά του ζητήσω μόνον 100 Δραχμές! Του ζήτημα 100 και μούδωσαν 150, άν του ζητούσα 10,000 θά μούδω 15,000. Νά, βλάκα Σαλάχη!» και έξηκολούθη νά τυφλών η τά μούτρα του από τούς γέλωτας όλων.

Έν τώ μεταξύ έγω άπεπαθήκα στό Φρουραρχείον Άθηνών. Μιά μέρα έφταν τόν Σαλάχη έκαί και τόν κατεδικάσαν εις δεκαήμερον φυλάκισην άπειδή έβω στην βρόμα τραγουδάσε «Τ' άητού τόν γου» και φιλούσε κάποιαν εικόνα του Κωνσταντινού και βρίζ η τόν Βενιζέλον. Τόν κρατούσαν στό έλασινό μπουβρόμα του Φρουραρχείου. Πήγα νά τόν βλώ και τούβειτα κ' ένα πακάτο τσιγαρόττα. Όταν μέ είδε, νόμισε πώς είδε τόν Θεόν του. Με παρακάλεσε νά πάω στόν πατέρα του που είχε τό καταστημά του στην Όδον Άκαδημίας για νά φρονισ η νά τόν βγάλ η από

τό μπουβρόμα. Ήτο ή πρώτη φορά που μαρτύρησε πώς ήτο πραγματι γιος ένος διακεκριμένου έμπορου.

«Πάς του του πατέρα μου, πώς άν δέν φρονισ η νά με βγάλ η από δω μέσα, θά χαρ η τόν γίόκα του».

Πήγα εις τό κατάστημα του πατρός του. Ήτο ένας κύριος πρώτης τάξιος. Του είπα τόν σκοπόν τής επισκέψης μου, μέ παρακάλεσε νά καθήσω και μου προσέφερε καφέ. Όταν του είπα ότι κατεδικάθη 10 ήμέρας, έκίνησε περίλυπος τήν κεφαλήν και μου είπα:

«Παιδί μου. Άν μούφανε τήν αίθριον ότι κατεδικάθη δέκα χρόνια θά σέ φιλούσα και θά σουδω τό καλλίτερον δωρόν».

Δέν μου είπα λεπτομερείας, αλλά κατέλαβα ότι ήτο πτέρας πολύ πικραμένος από τό παιδί του και θά ηύχαιριεσάτο άν έμάνθαν ότι κατεδικάζετο εις πολυατή φυλάκισην. Φαίνεται ότι ή διαγωγή του παιδιού του ήτο καμώς και πάθος διά τήν οικογενείαν του.

Έπέστρεφα και είπα εις τόν Σαλάχη τήν άπάντησιν του πατέρα του. Δέν είπεν ούτε λέξιν. Μού έζητήσε μόνον νά ιδώ τήν μητέρα του κρυφά από τόν πατέρα του αλλά ήρνήθηκα. Τόν λυπήθηκα όμως βαθιά διότι ήτο πολύ μελιχχολιός. Όταν έφυγα, μέ παρακάλεσε νά μην πώ σέ κανέναν ότι ό έμπορος Σαλάχης ήτο ό πατέρας του.

Έν τώ μεταξύ έγιναν κι' έκλογαί μέ τήν τραγικήν άποτυχίν του Βενιζέλου. Έγένοντο πανηγύρεις επί πανηγύρεων από τών Βασιλικών. Η Άθήνα έπλεον εις ένα όικανόν ένθουσιασμού που θά επανήρχετο ό βασιλεύς Κωνσταντίνος. Είς μίαν παρελασιν είδε τόν Σαλάχη νά ηγκών η στους όρους του ένα όλόκληρον έλαιόδενδρον και νά ρωτάξ η: Έληά-Έληά! Έρχεσαι! Έρχεσαι!

Μετ' άλλων επανήλθεν ό Κωνσταντίνος και όλοι οι παλαιό άποτακτοι αξιωματικοί επανελθόντες κατέλαβον όλας τας στρατιωτικας θέσεις, επιδεικνύοντες ένθουσιον κύστηρότητα, οι δέ Βενιζελικοί κατώτεροι αξιωματικοί και στρατιώται άπετίλλοντο στό μάτωπον. Είχα άποπαθήσ η από έμπεδα του Ρούρ. Έκαί βρήκα άποπαθμένον και τόν Σαλάχη. Ο ένθουσιασμός τής μεταπολιτείας άκόπατον, ή δέ άγθαική στάσις τών Δωδύμεων άπέναντι του Κωνσταντίνου, είχε δημιουργήσει μίαν άτμόσφαιραν φόβου μέλλοντικών τυφρών. Όλοι οι πεπεισμένοι άνωτεροι αξιωματικοί διοικηταί μονάδων του ματώπου άνακαταστάθησαν από τών επανελθόντων άποτακτων. Οι στρατιώται όμως κατό πλειονοψηρίαν τούς Βενιζελικούς αξιωματικούς, ταύτοχρόνως όμως άνεγνωρίζ η άτιζήσ η τήν κηθείσαν εις τά πεδία τών μαχών πείραν των. Οι Βενιζελικοί στρατιώται δέν ήθελαν νά πών στό μάτωπον, ίσχυρίζομενοι ότι οι νέοι διοικηταί λόγω τής άγνοίας τών νεωτέρων πολυμικών μεθόδων, θά τούς ώδηγούσαν εις τήν σφαγήν. Οι βασιλικοί άγ' έτερου στρατιώται και κατώτεροι αξιωματικοί ήρνούσαν νά πών στό μάτωπον, ίσχυρίζομενοι ότι έπρεπε νά παραμείνουν εις τας Άθήνας προς περιφύλαξιν του νέου καθεστώτος. Ο όρίζων έφαινετο πολύ σκοτεινός. Οίσοδήποτε στρατιώτης έθεάτο διαβάζων Βενιζελικην έφημερίδα έπέλλετο στό μάτωπον. Τά πάθη και τό μίση είχαν αύξηθ η εις τόν ύπερτατον βαθμόν. Όπως παραδόξως ό μόνος που έθεάτο διαβάζων Βενιζελικας έφημερίδας και μάλιστα επιδεικτικώς ήτο ό Σαλάχης.

Πανεύξ φίλοι Βενιζελικοί στρατιώται, κάναμεν παρά και ήρακρυφώς λόγια μέ τόν πόνον μας. Ο Σαλάχης προσεκαλλήθη στό παράμας. Είχε γείνει Βενιζελικός! Μας έκανε έκλήξ ην κι' γλώσσ ης του παρι τών διαφόρων άνωτατων αξιωματικών. Έγνωρίζ η τας ικανότητες ένος έκάστου και τούς βλαπτικούς ανάλους. Ήτο σφόδρα έναντιον τής άντικαταστάσεως τών διοικητών μονάδων και προϊέτατε τυφρώσει. Ο στόχος τών άποθεσών του ήτο ό Γούναρης. Τού έπίδειξε νά είναι προσωπικός εις τας έκδηλώσεις του. Είς άπάντησιν έταχεν από τή τούπη

του ένα Πόστ Κάρτ με την εικόνα του Βενιζέλου και ήρχισε να την φιλά.

«Πρέπει ναρθω πίσω ό γέρο ροκκάς, εί δ' άλλως πάμε χαμένους έφώναζε. Λόγω των τολμηριών εκδηλώσεων του τον απειλούσαν. Έκείνος όμως είχε την τάχην όταν εύρίσκτο πρό όπώτων προσώπων, από Βενιζελικός μετατρέπετο εις Βασιλικόν. Ένα βράδυ κατεβαίνωμεν από τας Άθήνας με το τρέμ για τους στρατώνας. Το τρέμ ήτο γεμάτο στρατιώτες. Ο Σαλάμης εύρίσκτο έμπρός δίπλα στον ίδηόν και ήρχισε να τραγουδή τον Γυτό του Ψηλορείτη. Ο όδηγός του τρέμ που έταχε να είναι Βενιζελικός έμεινε έκπληκτος από την τόλμη του φαντάρου και ήρχισε να του λέγει: «Μπρόβο παλληκάρη μου. Σε συγχαίρω για τα αίσθηματά σου. Μόνο ό γέρος θά μάς σώση. Πρέπει να τον φέρωμεν πίσω».

Οι άλλοι στρατιώται παρεκλούθουν σιωπηλά το τραγούδι του Σαλάμη και τους άπειρους του όδηγού. Κατά κακήν όμωσ τάχην, εις το όπισθεν μέρος του τρέμ ήτο ένας ύπολοχαγός εκ των άπικελθέντων, ό όποιος έφορούσε επίσημικώς Γερμανικού τύπου πηλίκιον, δείγμα των πολιτικών του φρονημάτων. Ο ύπολοχαγός πρόδωκε προς τα έμπρός για να ίδη τον τολμηριαν που τολμούσε να τραγουδή το απειροεμένο τραγούδι. Ένας στρατιώτης ειπε προς το Σαλάμη ότι κάποιος άξιωματικός τον παρακλήθει. Ο Σαλάμης άντελήθη ότι ό άξιωματικός έστέκετο πλέον από πάνω του και σταμάτησε το τραγούδι. Αμέσως κατόπι βγήκαμε στα Ρούφ. Ο Σαλάμης άντελήθη ότι ό άξιωματικός τον ήκούσθη άγριοπώς και με άπειληκώς διαθείσει. Ήρχισεν άμέσως να τραγουδή «Τ' άντου τον Γυτό» και να φωνάζη «τόν θέλαμε και τον φέραμε» και το τραγούδι έξηκολούθη ζωηρόν.

Μόλις μπήκε στην κόλη του στρατώνος, ό άξιωματικός τον σταμάτησε και κατόπι τον όδήγησε στο Πάθηναρειόν. Σε λίγα λεπτά άνακαμει τις φωνές του Σαλάμη από το άγριο έπιλοκόπημα που έπαυσε. Την άλλην ήμέραν τον είδα εις άλλην κατάσταση. Τα μούτρα του ήσαν έλε σκαβίτα από τις βουρδουλίες που του έβουαν ό γενναίος άξιωματικός! Του έδωσα μερικά τσιγαρόττα και δέκα Δραχμές που μου έζήτησε άνακίς. Σε δύο τρεις μέρας, ό άτυχής Σαλάμης άπεστάλη στο μέτωπον. Δεν τον είδαμε πλέον.

«Άθανασι Σαλάμη» λέγαν οι φαντάραι πολλές φορές. Όσοι τον έγνωσαν, έπιστήθηκαν κατακαρδα για το πάθημά του. Έχάρημε τον Σαλάμη και μαρθηράμεν. Η παρά μας χωρίς αυτόν ήτο νεκρή και χωρίς όρση. Ο άμνηστος και ιδιόρρυθμος κώτης τύπος, ό άριστοτάχηνς καλαμποριστής, ό άκακός μέρτης, ό αίσθηματίας κώτης άνθρωπάκος που φιλοσοφούσε το της ζωής, που έχλιούζε τους πάντας και τα πάντα, παρέμεινε μία άσάνητος ζωική στη ζωή μας. Κανείς μας δεν τον ήστανόησε ούτε θά τον ήστανόησε ποτέ. Όσοκις συναντώμεθα με άλλους παλιούς συστρατιώτας μας την άποστράτευση, ό Σαλάμης ήτο για όλους μας το κύριον θέμα συζητήσεως.

Ύστερα από 8 χρόνια, στο 1929, πήγα στο Άθήνας ως άρχηγός της Άγαιτικής Εξόρσης. Πήγα στο Πρακτορείον ό «Φάρος» με τον διευθυντή αυτόν κ. Πάσαν Δραμιάνον. Άναδείκνυντοσ στοσ σκάλας, είδα ένα άνθρωπον να στυγακρίζη το πάτωμα. Μόρριζε με μάτια και μου φάνηκε πως ήτο ό Σαλάμης. Μπήκα κατόπι μέσα στο γρασειόν κ' έστυγακρίζη. Τον ξανακώταξα κ' είδα ότι ήτο ό Σαλάμης άλλα σε κακή χάλια. Η μύτη του ήτο το πλέον άφραλές γνωρισμα. Ήρώτησα τον κ. Δραμιάνον και μου άπάντησεν ότι είναι κάποιος άλλτης χειροσότης.

Πήγα και στάθηκα από πάνω του, «Γατά στο Σαλάμη του λέγω. «Δέν με χωρίζεις; Είμαι ό Μίστερ Ντόλλερ».

«Δέν ξέρω κανένα Μίστερ Ντόλλερ». «Άχθος κανείς» μου λέγει χωρίς να σηκώση τα μάτια του να με ίδη.

Όταν έφρουα τον ήρωα στο διαβρομον να στυγακρίζη, «Άντε βρέ Σαλάμη! Κάνεις πως δεν με θυμάσαι» και του

προσέφερε 100 Δραχμές για να πιη ένα κρασί. Ήρνήθη να τις δεχθή και τις έδωκε στη τσέπη του. Πήρε το καστούριχο με κάποιον διατηρητόν και μου λέγει:

«Χάλασε το να σου δώσω 10 δραχμές που σου χρωστώ! Τον λησθήκα. Τείδιωσα άκόμα 200 Δραχμές και του είπα να περάση από το Ξενοδοχείον να τον ίδω. Όταν έφρουα μου λέγει:

Ήθελε να του χαλάσω το φιλοδωρημά μου για να μου δώση τις «Σε γνωρίζω Μίστερ Ντόλλερ, είδα και τη φωτογραφία σου στις έφημερίδες, μα δεν ήθελα να σου μιλήσω, γιατί είσαι κύριος κ' είγα είμαι ένα βρώμικο κουρέλι». Έφρουα λυπημένος. Του είπα ναρθω να με ίδη. Μου ύπασχέθη πως θά ήρχετο μα δεν ήλθε. Ήθελε να του χαλάσω το φιλοδωρημά μου για να μου δώση τις 10 Δραχμές που θυμώνταν πως μου χρωστούσε.

Έφρουα κ' έλεγα από μέσα μου. «Κακόμοιρο Σαλάμη. Και μέσα στην άθλιότητά σου, διατηρείς το γούμφο και τα καλαμπούρια σου και κάποις ίχνος ύπερηφάνειας, έστω και άν κατήντησες ήρώμικο κουρέλι».

Fitchburg, Mass.

ΚΑΤΑ πρώτην φοράν εις τα χρονικά της παρουσίας Fitchburg, Mass. μάς έπισκεψθη ό άναίτατος Άρχων της κραταίας Όργανώσεως Αερα. Την έσπίσαν της της Άπριλίον, άρχής της Μεγάλης εβδομάδος, ή Έλληνική παρουσία της πόλεως μας ήσθάνθη διελών την Έλληνικήν ύπερηφάνειαν, διότι έτημήθη διά της παρουσίας του Ύαύτου Προέδρου της Όργανώσεως ήμων Αερα.

Πρό μας πρώτου εβδομάδος μου είδοσθήσι διά τηλεφώνου εκ Lowell, Mass. ό περιφερειακός ήμων Κυβερνήτης κ. Δημ. Άθανασούλας την έπισημίνην έπίσκεψην του Ύαύτου Προέδρου εις την παρουσίαν μας και μετά δύο ήμερας ό θεατρικός Όμιλος της Κοινότητος ήμων έδωκε την παρουσία του δόματου της Φιλίας Έταίρους εις το Grove St. Theatre, και έκει τέθηκε την κατάλληλον εύκαιρίαν και άνήγγελα την χαρισέσσαν είδηση, ότι την άμέσως έρχομένη Τρίτην το έσπίρας και ώραν 8:30 μ. μ., μετά τον έσπίριον, εις την Έλληνικήν αίθουσαν θα όμολήσθ ό Ύαύτος Πρόεδρος της Αερα έδωσαν του Έλληνοσμού της παρουσίας ήμων.

Και πρόγματι εις τας 8:20 ή αίθουσα ήχη γυμνισι από άκρον εις άκρον, άναίτωντες τον μέγαν Ιεροσώστολον και το καιρό της Άχίρας, αδελφόν κ. Β. Ι. Τσιμισίδη. Προεδρευόντος του εκχωρηματιών ήσαν ή έκαρτες, και άπό πρώτον ηχοορησθησαν το άφρακτίριον, άκολούθως άπεσάνθησαν προς τον άνακαρμένον έπισκέπτην και έν τη προσμηνησί ενταμιώσανται αυτόν πρώτον περι της ήθικής και έλπιής καταστάσεως της Κοινότητος ήμων, ως και τα το Άχρακώ Τριμνησί, και έν τέλει έν όνοματι της όμνηστέρας του άπεσθοναον το σός το παρίστη.

Και κατόπι μικρός μου προσφωνήσεως παρουσιάζω τον πρώτον ρήτορα κ. Ιωάννη Τσιμισίτην, πρόδρον του Άχρακώ Τριμνησί Lowell, άκολούθως παρουσιάζω τον κ. Κορυκουλάκον, Γραμματί της περιφερειακής ήμων Στοάς, κατόπι τον περιφερειακόν μας Κυβερνήτην και άκαρσάτον Άχρακώ κ. Δημ. Άθανασούλαν. Και έν τέλει παρουσιάζω τον ρήτορα της έσπίρας, Ύαύτον Προέδρον μας κ. Β. Ι. Τσιμισίδη.

Την σημαν ήμιν ή αίθουσα ούται από χειροκροτήματα έπι ήντι λεπτά της ώρας, ό δε ρήτορας ίσται έν της έξέδρας με το άθανατο Έλληνικό του μεδίαμα άναίτων την κατάστασιν των χειροκροτηματιών. Μετά την κατάστασιν τούτων, ό ρήτορας ήρχισε τον λόγον του εις την Άγγλικήν άποτινάματι προς την νύαν γενναίαν με ένα σπαύ στωγικός σάββατος, άποσ διατηρώσασι τός Έλληνικός παροδοσις. Κατόπι σφάγεται προς το πλθβος Έλληνοσσι και έπι ιαν άκαρπρον όραν έκαρτες το άφρακτίριον έν μεγάλη προσηλοσί και ήσπασή, άποσιν τον διδασκάλον λόγον του άρχηγού μας, ό άποσ τους κατενθώσασι κορυφακτικώς. Εις τας 10:30 μ. μ. λήται ή συνεδρίασις.

Κατόπι ό κ. Δημ. Γ. Τσιμισίτης, εις έν τον έπιλέκτων μέλων της Άχίρας και ίδιοστίτης του Bon-Ton Restaurant, μάς εκάλειον εις το άριστοκασιον της ίσπασίτου και μάς ήσπασίθησιν άποσπαροσος.

Έν όνοματι της Στοάς Γ. Α. Μάκωλη, έν ήρω. 266 της Όργανώσεως Άχίρας, ής έχω την τιμήν να προσιώμα, συζήσιον τον αδελφόν κ. Βασίλειον Ι. Τσιμισίδην διά τον διδασκάλον του λόγον.

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*Hon. Floyd B. Olson
Governor of Minnesota.*

CITY OF ST. PAUL

MARK H. GEHAN
MAYOR

June 8, 1936

To the Officers and Members
of the Order of Ahepa

Gentlemen:

It is a sincere pleasure for me to extend, on behalf of the citizens of Saint Paul, a hearty welcome to the Order of Ahepa on the occasion of your Thirteenth National Convention in our city.

The objectives of your organization — to promote better citizenship and to teach Americans of Greek descent American principles and ideals while cherishing and preserving the culture and tradition of the great land of their ancestors — are an inspiration to every American. The growth of your organization since its inception in 1922 has been great, and it is our sincere wish that the Order of Ahepa will continue to grow and continue to be the constructive force it already is in the nation's progress.

You have honored Saint Paul by selecting it for your 1936 Convention. We are proud to have you and hope that you will enjoy your stay. I have been informed of the plans your members have made for your hospitality and entertainment, and I can assure you that a very interesting program of entertainment has been arranged for you.

Cordially yours,

M. H. GEHAN
Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

SAINT PAUL

FLOYD B. OLSON, Governor

July 10, 1936

Officers and Members of
American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

GREETINGS:

The people of Minnesota are honored in the selection of St. Paul as your national convention city for 1936.

As governor, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome members of the Order of Ahepa and their friends to Minnesota. To the convention committee headed by my able friends, W. D. Kleason and Peter E. Kamuchey, I extend my heartiest congratulations on an excellent program.

The State of Minnesota is happy to find its American citizens of Greek extraction taking such an active part in perpetuating the democratic ideals of Hellenism. I am proud of my numerous Greek friends who are leaders in this Americanizing integrator of our American-Greeks.

The Order of Ahepa, its auxiliary, the Daughters of Penelope, and its junior organization, Sons of Pericles, are based on a program that cannot help but build a better nation and make finer Americans.

It is the hope of our Minnesota people and myself that your stay in our state may be a most pleasant one, and that this visit will lead to many more.

Sincerely yours,

FLOYD B. OLSON,
Governor of Minnesota



*The Mayor of St. Paul,
Mr. M. H. Gehan.*



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Τὰ Δεκατέσσαρά μας Χρόνια

Η ΚΥΚΛΟΦΟΡΙΑ τοῦ παρόντος τεύχους συμπληρεῖ μὲ τὴν συμπλήρωσιν τῶν δεκατεσσάρων χρόνων τῆς ἡμετέρας Ὄργανώσεως. Δεκατέσσαρα χρόνια, πλήρη κοινωφελούς δράσεως παρηλθόν, ἀφ' ὧν οἱ πρωτεργάται τῆς Ἀγέλας συνήλθον διὰ νὰ θέσωσιν τὰς βάσεις ἐνὸς νέου οἰκοδομήματος, μᾶς νέας ἰδέας, ἢ ὅποια παρὰ τὰς δυσκολίας τὰς ὁποίας συνήρτησε ὁ τὸν δρόμον τῆς κατώρθωσε ἐντὸς αμικροῦ χρονικοῦ διαστήματος, νὰ ἐπεκταθῆ ὄχι μόνον εἰς τὰς Ἡνωμένας Πολιτείας, ἀλλὰ καὶ εἰς τὰς κυριώτερας πόλεις τοῦ Καναδά.

Πολλάκις ἠσχολήθημεν μὲ τὴν ἐθνικὴν δράσιν τῆς Ὄργανώσεώς μας. Τόσον ἀπὸ τοῦ βήματος παρὰ τῶν ἐκαστοῦ ὑπευθύνων ἡγετῶν, ὅσον καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς στήλης ταύτης, ἐτονίσθησαν οἱ λόγοι τῆς ἰδρύσεως τοῦ σωματείου τούτου ὡς καὶ αἱ πολυσχιδεῖς ὑπηρεσίαι τὰς ὁποίας προσέφερε καὶ προσφέρει ἀπὸ τῆς πρώτης στιγμῆς τῆς ἰδρύσεώς του, ὥστε εἶναι περιττὸν νὰ ἐπισέλωμεν πάλιν εἰς λεπτομερείας. Ἀρκεῖ νὰ τονισθῆ ὅτι ἡ λαμπρὰ μέγρι τοῦδε σταδιοδρομία τῆς Ἀγέλας, πού σπυλίζει τὰς σελίδας τῆς δεκατετραετοῦς ἱστορίας της, ἀποτελεῖ τὴν καλλιτέραν ἔνδειξιν τῆς μελλοντικῆς τῆς δράσεως.

Ἡ ἐπελθούσα οἰκονομικὴ λαίλαξ, ὡς ἦτο ἐπόμενον, ἀνεχάτισε τὴν ἀλματικὴν πρόσδον ὅλων τῶν ὁργανώσεων. Εἰς μίαν οἰκονομικὴν καταγίδα τιαύτης ἐκιάσεως καὶ γενικότητος, ἢ ἡμετέρα ὄργανωσις δὲν ἦτο δυνατὸν νὰ ἀποτελέσῃ ἐξαίρεσιν. Δύναται ὅμως νὰ λεχθῆ, καὶ τοῦτο πρὸς τιμὴν τῶν μελῶν μας, ὅτι παρ' ὅλην τὴν οἰκονομικὴν κρίσιν οὐδ' ἄλλως ἐμειώθη ἡ ἀγάπη τῶν πρὸς τὴν Ἀγέλαν, ὡς ἐμφαίνεται ἀπὸ τὴν ἀθρόαν προσέλευσιν εἰς τὰς τάξεις τῆς ὅλων ἐκείνων οἵτινες διὰ τοὺς ἀνωτέρας λόγους εἶχον πρὸς στιγμὴν ἀποσιωπῆ τῆς ἐνεργῶς ὑπηρεσίας.

Τώρα πού ὁποιοδήποτε ἐκόπισεν ὁ αἶλος καὶ ἡ κατάστασις καλλιτεροῦναι, πρέπει νὰ ἐντεινομεν τὰς προσπάθειάς μας, καὶ νὰ ἐγκαινιασομεν μίαν νέαν περιόδον ἐνεργείας, τὴν περιόδον τῆς ἐνιαίας ἐνεργείας καὶ προσπαθείας, μὲ ἀντικειμενικὸν σκοπὸν τὴν ἐπίλυσιν τῶν ζωτικῶν μας προβλημάτων. Εἴμεθα πλέον ἢ βέβαιοι ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐντὸς ὀλίγου συνεχόμενον ἐθνικὸν μας συνέδριον εἰς τὸν Ἁγιὸν Παῦλον τῆς Μιννεσώτας θὰ ἐκδηλωθῆ καὶ πάλιν τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον τῆς Ἀγέλας πρὸς τὸν φρενιτικὸν μας ζητημάτων καὶ θὰ ληφθῶν

ἀποφάσεις αἵτινες θὰ ἀποτελέσωσιν τὴν ἀρχὴν μᾶς καλλιτέρας αἰῶνον.

Φυσικὴ Συνέπεια

ΕΠ' ΕΥΚΑΙΡΙΑ τῆς συνεδριάσεως τοῦ Ὑπάρχοντος Συμβουλίου μας ἐν τῇ πρωτεύουσῃ, τὴν τελευταίαν ἐβδομάδα τοῦ παρελθόντος Φεβρουαρίου καὶ τοῦ τότε δοθέντος ὑπὸ τῆς Ὄργανώσεώς μας συμποσίου, ὁ συντάκτης τῆς «Νέας Ἐποχῆς», ἐπίσημον ὄργανον τῶν Ἐλευθεροτεκτόνων, εἶχε τὴν εὐγενὴ καλωσίην νὰ καταχωρήσῃ περισπούδαστον ἄρθρον, ὃ μετ' ἐυχαριστήσεως ἀνεδημοσιεύσαμε στὸ τοῦ Μαρτίου—Ἀπριλίου τεύχος τοῦ περιοδικοῦ μας.

Ὁ ἀρθρογράφος πραγματευθεὶς τοὺς σκοποὺς τῆς Ἀγέλας κατέληξεν ὡς ἀκολούθως: «Βεβαίως καθ' ἑκάστην Ἀμερικανὸς πολίτης ὑποδέχεται μετὰ χαρᾶς τοὺς ὑψηλοὺς σκοποὺς τῆς Ἀγέλας, καὶ εὐχεται ὅπως προσέλθουν ἐκ τῶν μελῶν της—κάποια ἡμέρα—μολονότι ἢ Ἀγέλα πιθανὸν νὰ μὴν ἐσκέφθῃ τὸ τοιοῦτον—ὕψηλα προσωπικότητες, ὄχι ὀλιγοτέρον ἐξουσι εἰς τὰ Πολιτικὰ ζητήματα τῆς χώρας ταύτης, ἀφ' ὅτι ἦσαν ὁ Περικλῆς καὶ ὁ Σόλων τῶν εἰς τὰ ζητήματα τῶν Ἀθηνῶν, καὶ εἰς τὴν φιλοσοφίαν ἀφ' ὅτι ἦσαν ὁ Σωκράτης, ὁ Πλάτων, καὶ ὁ Ἀριστοτέλης τῶν».

Δὲν εἶναι ἡ πρώτη φορά πού ἐκφράζεται ἡ ἰδέα αὕτη. Πολλάκις ἐμπνευσμένοι ἡγέται τῆς φιλοξένου ταύτης χώρας καὶ διὰ τοῦ λόγου καὶ διὰ τοῦ τύπου ἐξέφρασαν τὴν ἐλπίδα ὅτι ἐκ τῆς συγκροτικῆς νέας καὶ μικρᾶς Ἑλληνικῆς ομάδος ἐν Ἀμερικῇ θὰ προσέλθουν αἱ ἡγέται τῆς αἰῶνος, τῶν ὁποίων ἡ Δημοσιότητος φρονεῖ θὰ ἀντιχρῆσῃ εἰς τοὺς θόλους τοῦ Κογκρέσσου, καὶ ἡ συντή τῶν πολιτικῆ θὰ ἀναβιώσῃ τὸν χρονοῦν αἰῶνα τοῦ Περικλέους εἰς τὴν θητὴν μας πατρίδα.

Ἡ Ἀγέλα μολονότι δὲν πολιτεύεται, ἐν τοῖσις ὄχι μόνον δὲν ἀποκλείει ἀλλὰ καὶ συνιστᾷ εἰς τὰ μέλη της νὰ λαμβάνουν ἐνεργὸν μέρος εἰς τὴν πολιτικὴν. Ἐφ' ὅσον αἱ ἄνθρωποι κατέχουν τὸ δικαίωμα τοῦ ἐκλέγειν καὶ ἐκλέγεσθαι εἶναι φυσικὸν νὰ ἐνδιαφέρονται διὰ τὰ ἐκαστοῦτε λαμβανόμενα μέτρα ἢ ἐφαρμογὴ τῶν ὁποίων τοὺς ἐπιφέρει, καὶ νὰ φιλοδοξοῦν ἄμεσα συμμετεχθῆν εἰς ὅλα τὰ ζητήματα τῆς χώρας ἐν τῇ ὁποίᾳ βιοῦν.

Ἐσχάτως βλέπομεν μετ' ἐνθουσιασμοῦ νὰ πικροῦται ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν ὁμογενῶν εἰς τὴν πολιτικὴν, καὶ ἐνθόμωθα ὅπως λίαν προσεχῶς δυνήθωμεν νὰ ἰκανοποιησομεν πλήρως τὰς προσδοκίας τῶν συμπολιτῶν μας, οἵτινες πολλὰ περιμένουν ἀπὸ τῶν Ἑλληνισμῶν.

Address of His Excellency, the Minister of The United States to Greece

MR. LINCOLN MAC VEAGH, AT BANQUET OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA

Acropole Palace Hotel, Athens, April 5, 1936

My Friends:

It is a pleasure to me to be your guest here tonight and to have the privilege once more of welcoming the Ahepa to Greece. I would say that I hope you are not disappointed after your long voyage and your long expectancy of seeing once again the hills and islands and bays of your old home. But I catch myself up at this point, wondering how you could be disappointed. To me, except for my native New England, which I am content to wander from at intervals but never for long, this land of Greece is the most appealing and beautiful of all lands anywhere. I am sure that if it had been my native country, I should not only come back to it with longing, but my heart would overflow with joy at the first sight of the white houses, the vivid green of the pines, the indescribable blue of the sea, and these barren mountains about us here, misty and yet clear amid the fragrance of many flowers. If I were such a person, I truly believe I should turn handsprings among the rocks, shake hands with every goat, drink retsina for breakfast, and sing the national anthem in my sleep! And then, if I were like you and had made a new home in a larger country, much like this in spirit, descended from this in all the arts of war and peace, and offering only greater opportunities of material advancement to more numerous individuals, I should go back refreshed and taking with me memories of the friendliest of peoples, the merriest of companions, in a country which is hard-working, frugal, sober, and above all free and hopeful and young-hearted after a history of three thousand years.

It is something to be very proud of, this country of your origin. I am sure you know what you are doing in making this voyage; your very being here proves that. But I should like to feel that in between the merrymakings there will be some moments of reflection when you can follow out fully the implications of your gesture. You are coming from the greatest democracy in the world to the first. Right here in Athens, not far from the very spot where we are tonight, the idea was first conceived that every citizen should have a voice in the affairs of State. Democracy started here, and everything that is good about it, and everything that may be bad, was discovered here, so that the history of Athens is the greatest text-book for the study of the political system to which you and I are dedicated. It is more than the text-book, it is the source-

book. I very much hope that while you are here you will find time to think about Athens. If you do, Athena will send you home even wiser than you came, for the benefit of our common country. For you will remember that Athena was the goddess of wisdom. And of all cities in the world her's still provides most food for thought.

We haven't much time tonight for serious things. We are too happy to be here and for the most part would prefer only to feel. But let me suggest a line to you which you may follow out later at your leisure. Let us think of Athens a moment while we drink to good fellowship and reunion in the enjoyment of her hospitality. Is there perhaps something which we Americans, especially, may learn from acquaintance with her? I think there is. For, you see, I regard Athens as something more, something infinitely more than so many houses and tramways and buses, or even than the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Athens is essentially the wisdom of the human race conceived as disciplined and applied knowledge. Science as well as democracy started here. The wisdom of Athens has nothing to do with dreams and revelations. It was based on hard work and clear understanding, the discernment of cause and effect, and dissatisfaction with easy magic, shallow falsehood, and mental sloth.

If Athens teaches anything it is to distrust slogans and propaganda and anything mental which is ready-made. If I may be so bold as to make a statement about the Greek character, I think the Greek character itself proved this. The Greeks, children of ancient Athens, think for themselves. If they think sometimes too much and too fast, that is but a defect of the quality which long ago changed the world and created our civilization.

The ancient Greek city states were not large. When the first Greek began thinking for himself—and there must have been a first to do this—he had no overwhelming dead weight of unthinking public opinion to cope with. He carved his way along new paths pretty fast. And when all his friends started doing the same thing, things moved. Athens ran the whole gamut of the rise and fall of democracy in a hundred years. In that time she provided the democrat with all his greatest arguments, and in that time she made every one of democracy's mistakes. But you and I live in a vast country. In America

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Minister MacVeagh (left) and the Commander of the Excursion, Bro. Tsungadas, in garden of Mr. MacVeagh.

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Flashes From St. Paul

Thirteenth Annual Convention Promises to be One of Greatest Conclaves Ever Held in the Northwest

SINCE the beginning of the year we have kept Ahepans informed of the progress of the National Convention by unfolding before them its plans step by step. In the May and June issue of THE AHEPA MAGAZINE we closed by saying that in the Preconvention issue we would give Ahepans a glimpse—a mere glimpse—of the panorama that is to be presented in Saint Paul beginning the week of August 16, 1936. There may have been some who were expecting to see in this article dry dates and drier formalities about the fun, the pleasure and entertainment that has been prepared for them. But our program is something very different.

In the good old days, when a Greek wished to meet a Greek, the place was usually the great center of cultured Athens. But times have changed and so has the meeting place. For when the Greeks of America meet this year, it will be in the metropolitan city of Saint Paul, Minnesota. More than 5,000 members of the Order of Ahepa, their families and friends are expected in the opening day of the big meeting this year, the national convention of Ahepa,



Peter E. Kamuchey, Convention Director

"I still remember my promise to you in Chicago that 'we will give you the best convention Ahepa has ever had.' That promise is going to be fulfilled and this will be proven when you come to St. Paul."

for the title "Queen of the Ahepa" this year will be more than just another contest. Officials of this year's national conference have arranged with Paramount studios to give the winner a movie screen test. If the winner makes a good showing in the test it is planned to send her to Hollywood. Judges will be well known movie men and artists—none of Greek descent.

Tours of the Twin Cities, luncheons and parties will be attractions offered for the women while a stag party will headline the entertainment for men. The gala event of the convention—the grand ball—will be held Tuesday night, August 18. It is a well-known fact that the Greeks have a word for it—and it's also a well-known fact that this year the Greeks will have a convention for it. In fact, the people of St. Paul (and there are nearly 300,000 of them) have shown so much interest in the coming convention that many of these citizens, other than Greeks, have requested recipes on how to cook those tasty old Grecian dishes. The St. Paul Daily News has decided that enough non-Greeks are interested in Grecian cooking to make up

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Wm. D. Kleason

General Chairman, Executive Committee of the Convention.

on August 16. From the first day of the eight-day convention until the wind-up session on August 23 visitors will be entertained at one of the greatest conclaves ever held in the Northwest.

The Daughters of Penelope and the Sons of Pericles will take active part in the program with special features for both organizations. City officials estimate that more than 300,000 residents of the state and neighboring states will be on hand to see the parade which will be led by detachments of United States troops. And the date for the parade is Wednesday, August 19.

National newsreel agencies will have expert cameramen on hand to "shoot" highlights of the conference. They will follow His Excellency Alexander Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States, as he reviews troops and visits with the state's officials. The cameramen, assigned from their national headquarters, will be on hand to take pictures of the parade, the ecclesiastic reception for Archbishop Athenagoras, and the beauty contest. The race



A. A. Frangos

Director of Publicity.



The Convention Executive Committee

Seated, left to right: George J. Favoulis, Secretary; George N. Miller, Vice-Chairman; William D. Kleason, General Chairman. Standing, left to right: John Orenus, Vice-Chairman; George Gehas, Treasurer; Peter F. Mouralis, Vice-Chairman. Absent from picture, Christ Geankoplis, Vice-Chairman.

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a school where they may learn the secrets of this art. Enough said already. The program will speak for itself. We'll see you at the convention. Remember the dates are August 16 to 23, and the Headquarters are at Hotel Lowry.

A. A. FRANGOS,
Chairman, Publicity Committee.

Address of His Excellency, the Minister of the United States to Greece

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It is hard to think independently. The weight of mass opinion and mass expression fosters exactly that unwisdom against which Athena strove, a belief in other men's magic and an easy acceptance of manufactured mental attitudes. For this reason American democracy presents us with a longer life-cycle. It loses more slowly its excellent features, but its errors also take longer to correct. Long ago the Americans, faced with making a country out of a wilderness, took thought of how to do this, and with successful repetition their thought developed into what we know as smartness, which has become typical of our people. But smartness is more instinctive than intelligent. It is only successful when applied to circumstances already understood. Our country is now made, and our problem is no longer how to make it, but how to shape it and adapt it to the best advantage of an enormous population. The Americans must now get over being merely smart. They must think again. If they do not learn to do this, if they go on trusting to ready-made thoughts and acting on slogans and propaganda and the magic of political and economic medicine-men and witch-doctors; if they do not study the past and the experience of other men, and learn from these as a scientist learns, to put cause and effect together, their errors will be perpetuated to their downfall. We shall have continued cycles of those booms and crashes which are typical of our history, each worse than the last, and the end is not pleasant to contemplate.

The only method ever invented by man to lift himself up by his bootstraps is by taking thought. And this goes for lift-

ing America out of her dangerous rut, which has been steadily leading to increasing wealth for the few and increasing misery for the many. Taking thought and carving out new lines by means of it, is what Athens stands for. Never forget that it was the Greeks who gave the world science for superstition and spread Christianity throughout the pagan world. The only way to make the world safe for democracy is to make more democrats, that is, more men who think for themselves and demand a voice in their destiny in accordance with their thoughts. If the Greeks in America can do anything to help their adopted country, it is by preserving and contributing to her essential democracy. In coming to Greece, which is the home of it and where it is still the very life-blood of the people, you can receive new strength of this quality which is your treasure and ours. Let this, then, be the line of thought I suggest to you tonight. Embrace the true Athena. Learn to love her as she is, beautiful to the eye, but even more beautiful to the mind. Study again her marvellous story. Consider how her children threw out the tyrants and the rule of the privileged few and brought about the most glorious era of our civilization. Then mark how the demagogues prevailed on the Athenians to stop thinking, and brought Athens to ruin; and lastly how the Tyrants came back and completed that ruin. In so doing you cannot fail to perceive more clearly what is going on in America today, and what America needs. You will learn to prize the man who steers the middle path between the tyrants and the demagogues, the man who preserves the mean between extremes, the man who is neither churlish nor rash, but open-minded and forward-looking, ready to try and not afraid to try again, constructive and hopeful and slave to no theory, program, or class. This is democracy, this is liberalism, and both of them are Greek. Indeed, I am not telling you a fable in linking Greece's history with your lives and with America. Did not Aristotle, an Athenian who was called "the Master of those who know," praise just such a man? Much as you have loved them before, you will come to prize even more highly that absence of privilege, and that mutual aid, and fearless individual thought which made Athens what she was in her greatest days. You will learn to distrust reactionary and radical alike, as unthinking and doctrinaire. And being more truly Greek, you will resist all the more strongly the regimentation of all scribes and pharisees whatever, and truly help to mould America to the ancient democratic ideal of self-controlled and intelligent freedom.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to make known that on July 21st the subscriptions to the Ahepa Emergency Fund crossed the 3,000 mark and therefore its provisions are in full force and effect.

The Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Six Pilgrimage to Greece

By C. A. Tsangadas, Supreme Vice President and Commander-in-Chief of the 1936 Excursion

THE Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Six Pilgrimage to Greece started on the motorship "Vulcania," from New York, on March 21, 1936, with the good wishes of the Ahepans and their friends. The "Vulcania" left Saturday noon from New York and arrived early next morning at Boston where hundreds of Ahepans were waiting to greet their friends and members of the excursion.

Past Supreme President Booras, the untiring youthful mentor of the Order, with his Legal Advisor, George Eliadis; Past Supreme Vice-President Nicholas Loumos, and the 1932 Commander Kakridas with his charming wife, were waiting at the pier to greet and wish the excursionists bon voyage, and to place under the care of the commander the untiring, ever-smiling Co-commander, Charles Davis Kotsilimbas, who was to share the troubles and hardships as well as the honors that were awaiting the excursionists in Greece. The Honorable Panos Tringetas, Consul of Greece at Boston, was one of the first aboard the "Vulcania" to greet his many friends from the various parts of America and wish them Godspeed, not neglecting to advise the excursionists the points of interest to visit in Greece. Co-commander Kotsilimbas' apartment was packed with visitors who had not only come to bid him and his family good-bye, but were also interested in partaking of the spirits that were contained in the many boxes Charles brought in aboard ship for his many friends.

Finally the Captain succeeded in starting his ship at high noon, with thousands of Hellenes and Ahepans waving to the excursionists and wishing Kalo Taxidi. The Commander and his staff immediately after leaving Boston started to make the rounds from the first tourist to the third-class to determine the accommodations offered to excursionists and to call to arms the veteran Ahepans who were to assume responsibilities for the voyage and successful stay aboard. Peter Magas, the Napoleon of Michigan, had already commenced his duties as he was found going around in the third class helping the youngsters and ladies who had not yet found their baggage, and assumed the authority to call for volunteers whom he dispatched around to determine if anyone was confined in bed due to the roughness of the Atlantic.

Peter Samios, the

District Governor who has jurisdiction over Washington, had already started to make a list of the excursionists from his district, trying to beat District Governor Klademenos from Canada who had assumed full command of the third class. Brother Parry, the Beau Brummel secretary of the excursion, had sharpened his pencil and was making the rounds endeavoring to induce the purser to assign more cabins, although there were none available, as on this sailing the "Vulcania" had taken on more passengers than any other steamer leaving New York within the last two years. Co-commander Kotsilimbas was already making arrangements for the celebration of the Greek Independence Day and was preparing the choir for the Doxology, although his vigorous youngsters, Spiros and Mimis, were after him to take them to the swimming pool.

On the 25th of March, arrangements having been made by Co-commander Kotsilimbas, Greek Independence Day was celebrated by all excursionists and those who were aboard the "Vulcania", on the main deck, the band playing the National Anthems of America, Italy and Greece. Secretary Parry, acting as Master of Ceremonies, in his diplomatic fashion, presented the Fascist Captain of the "Vulcania" and made him speak on the occasion of Greek Independence.

At Lisbon the excursionists, due to the twenty-four hour delay, visited all points of historical interest. The "Vulcania" stopped at Gibraltar, Algiers, Palermo and Naples. The excursionists availed themselves of the opportunity to visit all points of historical interest. Co-commander Kotsilimbas, always carrying the so-important movie camera and books containing the signatures of all notables that he had met in his life, availed himself of the opportunity to have all dignitaries sign their names in the book, but arbitrarily forbade Tsangadas to put his name therein for reasons that he has not yet disclosed.

At Naples we were met by the officials sent by the Greek Government and by Dr. Tsyplados, the Consul General of Greece, who with Admiral Demestihias paid a visit to the excursionists on the "Vulcania." At the request of the Commander and their friend, Angelos Metaxas who was accompanying the excursionists to Greece had luncheon with them. Leaving the steamer prior to its



A group of excursionists before the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Athens, Greece, where the Commander, Rev. C. A. Tsangadas, placed a wreath on behalf of the Order of Ahepa.

departure Admiral Demestihis in a brief address made most of the excursionists shed tears of joy in the hope that they were soon to see the shore of Hellas.

About midnight of April 4th, the shores of Hellas were reached, the excursionists staying up late to see the beacons in Peloponnisus. Exactly at 2 A. M., the "Vulcania" was turned northward from the southern tip of Greece. Gregory and Samios being anxious to see the lights of Tsirigo had kept all excursionists up. The "Vulcania" reached the Bay of Phaleron early in the morning of April 5th. Although the officials were scheduled to arrive aboard at 8:30 and orders had been issued by the Commander for no one to leave before that hour, as the excursionists viewed the hills of Attica, with beautiful Athens in the foreground, and seeing the thousands of friends and relatives waiting at the pier at Phaleron, it was almost impossible to resist the temptation to leave. They started to disembark at seven o'clock. The committee with the Commander and a few of the excursionists remained aboard, and at 8:30 His Excellency, Minister Georgakopoulos, representing the Government of

Greece, with Honorable Kotzias, the Mayor of Athens; Mr. Petroheilos, the representative of the City of Peræus; Mr. Economou, the President of Phaleron, with many other officials; the representatives of the press; Mr. Neris, the Director of the Tourist Office; Mr. Dendrinis, the Customs Collector of Peræus with many of his deputies; the members of the Ahepa Committee at Athens, headed by the unofficial ambassador of the Greek American People in Greece, Mr. Rodas, with Mr. Drymonas; the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and George Raptieu, the Secretary of the Committee, boarded the ship and greeted the excursionists on behalf of the Government, the people of Hellas, and the cities of Athens, Peræus and Phaleron. Minister Georgakopoulos spoke for the Government; Mr. Kotzias for the City of Athens, and Mr. Rodas greeted the excursionists in behalf of the press. After a brief reply by Commander Tsangadas and Co-commander Kotsilimbas, the ceremony was closed with a champagne toast to the health of the Greek and American people. By this time most of the excursionists were out on the pier, and although the Customs House was closed Mr. Dendrinis, the Customs Collector, had made arrangements to facilitate the examination of the baggage of about 647 excursionists who had landed in less than two hours.

Sunday, April 5th, will remain in the memory of the excursionists as a great Ahepa day. We were met by thousands of friends, compatriots and relatives at the pier in Phaleron. That evening the official Ahepa Banquet was held at the Acropole Palace Hotel. It was attended by more than 400 people, many of whom were governmental officials: Mr. Lincoln Mac-

Veagh, the Minister of the United States with Mrs. MacVeagh; Mr. Kohler, the Secretary of the American Legation with Mrs. Kohler; Minister Georgakopoulos; Mr. Shantz, the American Consul General at Athens; Minister Decazos, who spoke in behalf of the Government; Minister Louvaris; General Bacopoulos, and practically all the heads of the political parties of Greece, including Mr. Kafantaris, Mr. Papanastasiou, Mr. Mylonas, Mr. Kanellopoulos, Mr. Merkouris, Mr. Nicoloudis, the Director of the Tourist Bureau, General J. Petrides, Mr. Anastasiadis, former Minister and President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Maneas, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Zarifis of the Press Bureau and our own Mr. Rodas.

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until one o'clock, and was followed by dancing until four in the morning.

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From Corinth, we proceeded through the most beautiful section of Corinthia, having on the right side the Gulf of Corinth, and to the left of the road, the beautiful plains and the Peloponnesian Mountains. At 10:30 A. M. we arrived at Velloi, where the people were waiting to welcome the excursionists and their friends. The most hospitable officials of the village, with the officials of the Ahepa School, had shown us the points of interest and directed us through Ahepa and Phyllis streets to the grounds of the Ahepa School which is about a three minutes' walk from the Village Square. Here we were met with a great surprise, as the expectations of the Commander, who had the privilege of drawing the original contract for the Order of Ahepa with the Government of Greece in connection with the establishment of the school, were fulfilled above expectations. The school had been in operation for the last two years, the grounds thoroughly and scientifically cultivated and

plants covered two-thirds of the entire grounds. Upon thorough examination of the grounds, and every part of the buildings, we were satisfied that Georgios Spanos, the present Dean of the school, with his faculty and the committee in charge of the organization, are carrying on their work to accomplish the purpose for which this school was established. Any sacrifice made by any Ahepan towards the establishment of this school is a worthy sacrifice, its purpose being well fulfilled, as from this school hereafter the youngsters of Peloponisos, acquiring scientific as well as practical knowledge in agriculture after spending period of about two years in said school, may return to their villages and be the apostles of modern scientific farming, which coupled with the industry of the people of Peloponisos will give them returns from the soil in a greater proportion than ever had.

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So a year at an average of one lesson per week, hall rental, \$3.00, and \$9.00 for instructors,—\$12.00 times 50,—\$600.00; instruments say for 40 boys, from \$800.00 to \$1,000.00; uniforms, 40 boys at \$20.00, just \$800.00. Approximately \$2,400.00 and we are raring to go places and make a grand showing.



Drum Corps of Marlboro (Mass.) Chapter No. 57 of the Sons of Pericles.

The equipment is good for five or ten years, and our uniforms, depending entirely how careful we are, and as long as we don't wear them in back of the soda fountain or on a hike up in camp, will last for four or five more years, and if necessary the chapter will run another dance and raise \$300.00 or \$400.00 for us.

Suppose it costs Costas Papadakopoulos, a chartered member of any chapter, \$16.35 over a period of four or five years to see us parade and hear us play, see us in our white and blue uniforms? What of it? Wasn't it worth it?—Ask him, he knows.

Sons of Pericles Chapter No. 57 Drum and Bugle Corps of Marlboro, Mass.

Every Ahepan and every Greek should be proud of this outfit. They organized about 6 years ago and have reached the peak of perfection. For the last two years whenever they participated in competition they won first prize and walked off with the Junior Championship of New England last fall. However, Dame Luck did not continue with them. In the summer of 1935 this outfit purchased new instruments at a cost of \$300.00 on the promises that they would receive financial support from neighboring chapters. \$400.00 was paid on the lease but no more money was forthcoming and the company who sold the instruments on conditional sale repossessed them. They appealed to the Supreme Lodge in February of this year for financial assistance. Supreme Governor G. K. Demopoulos, residing nearest to Marlboro, was requested to investigate. The investigation showed that for \$300.00 the instruments could be repossessed. While the Supreme Lodge was attempting to find ways of raising \$300.00, Brother John F. Davis of Scranton, Pennsylvania, learned of their plight and offered to contribute the \$300.00. Upon receipt of this information Demopoulos went to Boston to repurchase the instruments, but to his surprise he learned that only a few days before they had been sold by piecemeal. It became necessary to negotiate for the purchase of new instruments.

Marlboro has a corps of 14 drummers, 2 cymbal players, 16 buglers, a drum major and 4 spare players. The lowest bid obtained for their equipment was \$710.00. Brother John F.

Davis offered to pay \$500.00 of it, the Astoria, Long Island, Chapter, having heard of this predicament, offered to raise \$50.00, and the balance of \$160.00 it is hoped will be raised in Marlboro, Mass., and near-by.

Sophocles Chapter Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Providence, R. I.

This corps was organized in the spring of 1935 and has 14 drummers, 2 cymbal players, 32 buglers, a drum major and six spare players. They receive instruction weekly on instruments and from early spring until late fall, weather permitting, they have weekly marching instruction outdoors.

This outfit cost over \$2,400.00 for uniforms, instruments and one year's instructions. They have now reached the point where they are taking parts in parades and competitions.

Other Drum and Bugle Corps

The Samuel Gridley Howe Chapter of Brookline, Mass., under the leadership of past District Governor George Thompson, has a Drum and Bugle Corps of adults, all members of the Order, with very attractive uniforms with blue and white capes, distinguished with a blue cross.

There is also a Drum and Bugle Corps at Brockton, Mass., organized by the community and supported largely by the Ahepa Chapter at Brockton.

"What's Wrong With the Independent Restaurant"?

By JOHN DAPHIS KOTSOVETES, Field Secretary of the Restaurateurs of Illinois

FOR a number of years it has been apparent that changing conditions has placed a problem before the independent restaurant man, one which requires more than the old method (price cutting, harder work, longer hours) to solve.

In other lines of business, the personal element, though of greatest value, is not as of direct importance as the restaurant trade. That is probably the restaurateur's greatest argument

against the chain store supporters, but the fact that the chain store companies are daily encroaching upon the independent ones proves that after all there is something wrong somewhere with the independent.

Has the independent gone to seed? Is he going to allow the chain store to force him out of business? Is he going to give up without fighting? Is he going to quit and join the relief? Or is he going to let his children become slaves to the chain store? Let's hope not, because if he does, then the struggles of George Washington and like-minded patriots to set up a free nation where every one rich or poor, educated or uneducated, would have the opportunity to make a living wage by their own personal efforts, will have gone in vain.

Do you know that not so long ago a certain bill, sponsored by the chain stores, became almost a law of the Sovereign State of Illinois? But it was defeated by two votes through the efforts of a few individuals, and let me tell you, gentlemen of the restaurant industry, that had this bill been enacted into a law 95 percent of the independent restaurant workers would have been forced to join the unemployed. The only way you can avoid being crushed by this monster is by adopting a two-year program for the improvement of your business methods.

The general cry of the average independent restaurant man is, why don't someone do something? Yes. Why don't you? You are that someone yourself. Two years of constructive work will do wonders. First, the independent restaurateur should make some improvements in his service. This might be considered trivial and insignificant, but it will work wonders in bringing and holding new customers. The independent should strive to better conditions for his workers, that he might gain their wholehearted cooperation and good will. After all, he is but a worker himself.

The independent restaurateur should organize a school for cooks, bakers, waiters, waitresses and managers, which school should also serve as a free employment bureau. Although the restaurant workers know the practical end of their business, they need to know certain fundamental principles of preparing and serving food; they should also know the elemental chemistry of food, along the lines of sanitation and ventilation. I assure you it will not be difficult to acquire this knowledge in a short time. These workers can qualify and receive a certificate that will qualify them for work in any establishment. They will become scientists instead of just workers. They will make greater profits for the industry and in turn receive fat checks for their creative efforts, besides winning the respect and admiration of the people they serve.

This is a proposition that should command the immediate attention of all the restaurant owners and workers. Give your people scientific training, and you will not have to worry about competitors or the future of the industry.

The independent restaurateurs should prepare a bill for their State Legislature which should embody provisions that will improve the restaurant industry and safeguard the health of the public. Appoint restaurant workers as food inspectors instead of politicians. This bill should be sponsored by the following independent retailers organizations, The Independent Restaurateurs, the Independent Grocers, the Independent Butchers, the Independent Hardware Dealers.

The best and most efficient method to promote such a law is through petitions distributed throughout the State of Illinois by the aforementioned organizations. It will not be difficult to gather millions of signatures for such a noble purpose and the legislators will not hesitate to enact such a popular demand into law.

Benefits and Purposes of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

A novel idea in insurance and a new method in banking have formed a combination which brings good news to depositors, especially small merchants and other persons of limited means who have so long been without the protection to which they are entitled.

How many know that it is now possible to insure bank accounts, thus giving the depositor peace of mind during working hours and enabling him to sleep soundly at night.

The story of the introduction of banking insurance goes back to the crisis of early 1933 when banks were toppling like ten-pins, and to the time when action had to be taken to save the nation from a complete financial breakdown, and the banks were closed and kept closed until they could be re-opened on a safe and sound basis. The government at that time took steps to meet the emergency and to prevent the recurrence of such a calamity.

As a result of measures taken to assure future stability in banking, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was established, and on January 1, 1934, the insurance of bank deposits became an actuality.

The benefits and advantages of deposit insurance should be spread far and wide, as so many are still unaware of the true facts.

How many know that under this system—if you have your money in an insured bank and it should suspend for any reason—the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will at once pay you the sum you have in the bank up to the limit of \$5000.

How many are also aware of the fact that all banks do not carry deposit insurance?

All banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System—which includes all national banks and some state banks—are required by law to join the Federal Deposit Insurance Fund. But state banks—not members of the Federal Reserve System—are free to apply for insurance or not as they choose. Out of the 15,801 licensed banks in the United States to-day, only a little over 14,000 enjoy the protection afforded by deposit insurance.

How many know how to tell whether or not a bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation?

Banks which are members of the Corporation have been supplied with membership certificates and are required to display at each window—where deposits are received—an official sign stating that the bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and that deposits are insured up to \$5000. This sign also carries the "Seal" which stands for "Safety."

Federal deposit insurance touches the pocketbook of many millions of our citizens. Its main purpose is to protect yours—mine—and everyone's money in the bank. But it also encourages thrift—as now that depositors know that the safety of their money is assured they have confidence once more in the banks and are again returning their savings to those institutions.

(Release of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D. C.)

What is Ahepa?

By SOTERIOS NICHOLSON, Past Supreme Counsellor

It is an association of men to improve themselves and assist others to become better and useful citizens; to uplift human beings for better success in life; to extract the evil thoughts and to plant nobler ideas and ideals in men, women, and children; to cultivate righteousness and to exterminate wrongdoing of whatever nature; to educate the ideals of justice and establish good fellowship among men; to revere and respect the rights of others, their family ties, business affiliations, City, State and National activities for higher service—a BROTHERHOOD.

Perhaps the above definition may cover a wide field, but those are the principles of Ahepa expressed in another and different way. Whether we have succeeded or trying to succeed is another question. Have we performed our duty as fully and effectually as we should? This question can only be answered by each member himself, as no one knows the motives and intentions of each individual member, except from his apparent actions, utterances and deeds. What, however, profits the organization as a whole? The sincere motives, the spiritual and actual helpfulness, as well as the palpable and infinite charitable acts of every member.

Are we to forget the evil and remember the good? If so, we are in the road of success. There are things which we should remember, but it is not the misery, torture, suffering, sorrow or distress; rather the good we got out of those experiences. To look back and mentally re-enact the miseries of the past is fatuous, but to extract the lessons they may have taught and apply them intelligently now is the only good reason for recounting unpleasantness. It is excellent exercise to live again in memory that which was pleasant in the past. If you are worried and perplexed at night after the day's activities, go to bed and while all around is quiet, when drifting into unconsciousness remember some of the wondrous days and events in your life. In memory picture that moonlit night when the sea was a silvered glory; retrace again your footsteps over a mountain trail where Nature revealed her grandeur. Go back over happy hours with delightful friends and the happy words that were spoken. Pick out the best and enjoy it again. Use all the splendid features of your past to brighten and inspire the present. In the cinema of your mind reel off pictures you are glad to see. Focus your attention on scenes in memory that are pleasant, joyful, constructive and actually helpful to your present needs and conditions. Do this and you awaken with powers renewed and strengthened for the days ahead with their problems to be met and conquered.

By so doing you will see that there are things which should be remembered and things which should be forgotten. Much of the sorrow in life is due to dragging unpleasantness out of the past and dangling it in the face of today; meaning, "we have forgotten to forget." Perhaps in actuality we do not forget, but we can forgive; that is we can ignore, discount and cease to give time to regretful thinking. Give the monopoly of your thought activity to constructive views. It is largely the thoughts you think and the words you speak that make the conditions of your life. "Forget" your mistakes. That is, cease to live again in memory discomforts or humiliations. Every one makes mistakes. They are simply prods to stir us into action leading to growth, progress and wisdom.

When you fit yourself for the ardent duties of life, when you think high and noble, then you are fit to tell your brothers

the ideals of life. If you are not yourself right, learn from your brothers, ask their assistance. We cannot live alone in our thoughts and actions. We do not live or work and walk alone. We are part of a vast humanity. We must co-operate and work together for better constructive life. We need each other in all our activities. The world is progressing every day it does not retard—but whether such progress lead us to a perfect civilization, an idealism in Nature's way, is another question. It is too deep to discuss it here. We know that travel, communication and useful articles have made our life easier and happier. Their production are made for our comforts. We can use them to advantage for good or evil. Ahepa teaches the good and the avoidance of the evil. It is up to us to profit from the lessons and examples we receive.

But Ahepa is composed of members and the more the membership the better the accomplishments the organization can make and the better services it can render to all concerned. THAT IS AHEPA.

Don't Forget St. Paul

Olympus Chapter Sponsors Seventh Annual Convention of the Sons of Pericles in St. Paul, Minnesota

THE Seventh National Convention of the Order of Sons of Pericles, the Official Junior Order of Ahepa, will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the week of August 16th, under the sponsorship of the Olympus Chapter of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The members of the Executive Council of the Convention are as follows: Christ Mavrelis, Chairman; Nicholas Smith, Vice-Chairman; Christ Andrews, Secretary; Harry Kotsouaros, Treasurer; Patrick Georgopolis, Deno Geanakopolis, John Mitchell and Peter Stamas.

The Seventh National Convention of the Sons of Pericles will be an innovation to the Order inasmuch as it will be held in the same city and the same time as the Thirteenth National Convention of the Order of Ahepa. Through this new arrangement it is expected more cooperation will be had between the two Orders and much more business accomplished.

In the past we have been inclined to concentrate too much attention to such social activities as dances, banquets, installations and plays. Such activities are very desirable as they are instrumental in bringing together the younger people and training them along the lines of better Hellenic customs. Nevertheless we must accomplish much more than these social affairs and concentrate towards more education activities. We are planning an educational forum to illuminate and emulate the ideals which embrace our race and fraternity. Ideals to follow which will inspire us to devote our lives for the uplifting and strengthening of our race and fraternity. Our fraternity is still in its inchoate form making us pioneers to blaze new trails. With this in mind, we should catch a vision of the finished part and let our thoughts and acts be a measured contribution to the great unfinished task that lies before us. To accomplish this task, there should exist in every portion of our fraternity a commanding motive to preserve and strengthen our race and fraternity.

This forum will not be restricted to the members of the fraternity but to all Greek people attending the convention. We are planning to have this forum climaxed by a debate between a team from the Olympus Chapter and a team of Greek students of the University of Minnesota who have organized a club

which is very active. We hope the results of this forum will be effective in carrying out its purpose.

The Convention Committee announces that its Headquarters will be in the Ryan Hotel which was the first "Playhouse of the Northwest." This will be one of the greatest occasions in the history of the Sons of Pericles and Hellenism will see an event that will remain in its memory for many years. All over the country, Greek people will congregate in helping to emulate further Hellenism in this country.

The Convention Committee is planning an elaborate program of entertainment which will make a stay of the visitors a very enjoyable and pleasant one.

PATRICK GEORGOPOLIS,
Welcoming Chairman.

The Purpose of Life

By ARTHUR THOMAS ANDROUS

OUR subject is of vital interest to all of us. The most precious possession of man is life. Without life we know nothing, can enjoy nothing. Rightfully life is called the gift of God. Life in abundance, a happy life, may be enjoyed only when it has a purpose, an ambition and that must be planned from infancy.

A mother asked Socrates, "When shall I start to teach my son?" He asked, "How old is your son?" She said, "Three days old." "Madam," he replied, "you have lost three valuable days."

Wisely Lincoln said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

This also reminds us of Solomon's admonition, contained in the Proverbs, Twenty-second Chapter, Sixth Verse, "Train up a child in the way he shall go and even when he is old he will not depart from it."

If we give due consideration to the high chair, we will not be perplexed later with the electric chair. A child properly trained at home and in school, when he reaches the age of reason finds himself well fortified for life. Yes, he may be likened to a locomotive guided by rails of steel to a definite destination.

However, this human locomotive must have motive power. That motive power is ambition. A man, a nation, a civilization without lofty ambition deteriorates. Ambition is that consuming desire to achieve some object or purpose and gain distinction in it—a desire to excel. Ambition is a divine spark. It is the distinction of genius. Ambition gives birth to persistence, without which no great task can be accomplished. A life without ambition is like a ship at sea without destination; without a rudder; left at the mercy of the elements.

"Life," it is said, "is not a goblet to be drained. It is a measure to be filled." We live abundantly only when our life is useful. A life is useful when it is inspired by ambition to do something worthwhile. Life cannot be selfish and be successful; that is, successful in its broad and full meaning. Life must be dedicated to some useful purpose, with a desire to do or die. That will make life worthwhile, will make the journey pleasant, and the end resplendent.

May I call your attention to a few luminous stars in the horizon of immortals, who through their devotion to their ambitions have enthroned themselves into the hearts of men? We have Moses, who was not content to enjoy the luxuries of the Palace of Pharaoh. Had he been satisfied there, he would have been known to us as a parasite, who, as a babe, was found in the bulrushes. But Moses dedicated himself to a lofty cause—to the cause of delivering the children of Israel from bondage.



Arthur Thomas Androus

An immigrant boy who, aside from being successful in business, won the much coveted silver cup at Southeastern University, Washington, D. C., in public speaking.

For forty years through trials and tribulations, he traveled on, until finally he saw the Promised Land and rejoiced. His ambition saw him through.

Then we have that humble Genoese sailor, Christopher Columbus, who became desirous of finding what lay beyond the horizon. Being a man of great ambition, he was diligent in his work, and thus gained the favor of the Queen of Spain, and with her assistance and his faith, set sail westwardly. Though he travelled on troublesome seas, the end was victorious.

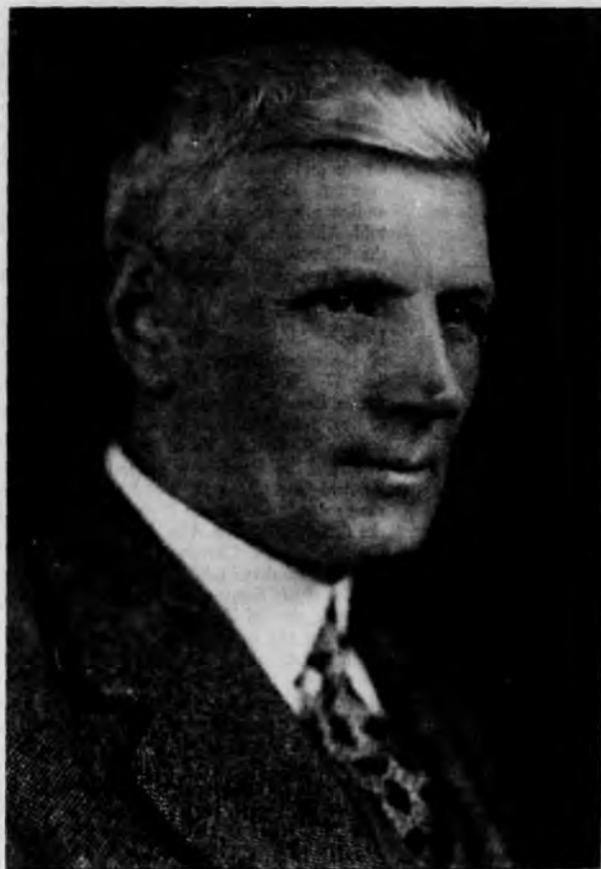
And last, but not least, the most outstanding personality in the history of man—Christ Jesus of Nazareth. He was not content to be the assistant of Joseph in his carpenter work and to keep the Jewish laws. He had full understanding of God and His purposes and consecrated Himself to the cause of bringing this knowledge, not only to the Jews, but to the world of mankind in a comprehensive manner. He said, "I come, oh Father, to do thy will." Was the life of Jesus a success? Most certainly it was. He knew that peace of mind that passeth all understanding.

So whatever our calling in life may be, let us ambitiously dedicate ourselves to that calling with a fervent desire to leave the world a better place in which to live.

Ah, for a life purposeful, kind,
Filled with ambition, noble, divine!
Dedicated to a useful duty!
That is harmony! That is beauty!

The Convention Executive Committee has worked unsparingly for the success of the convention and heartily welcomes you to St. Paul.

Weirton Ahepans and Greek Community Lose True Friend



Mr. J. C. Williams.

ON the morning of June 1st, 1936, J. C. Williams, founder of greater Weirton, W. Va., and president of the Weirton Steel Company, suddenly departed this life, as a result of a heart attack.

"J. C.", as he was commonly known, was the beloved friend of working men, thousands of whom he knew by name.

The Greek Community especially has lost a dear friend in the passing of this great philanthropist and industrialist, for it was he who was responsible for the first band of Greeks to come to Weirton. He brought the first group from Clarksburg, West Virginia, encouraged their establishment in Weirton, subscribed to their institution, and today we find 2,500 Hellenes in the city he founded.

In mourning the death of Mr. Williams, the entire tri-state district expresses regrets in a loss that can never be regained.

We, the members of Hancock Chapter, No. 103, of Weirton, with whom he had associated and whom he encouraged in our fraternal work, feel that the niche he occupied in our hearts can never be refilled and at a special meeting unanimously adopted the following resolution in expression of our sympathy in the passing of our great benefactor and good friend:

"WHEREAS, the Everlasting Sleep of the Far Beyond has taken from us J. C. Williams, a loyal friend of the Grecian community, and,

"WHEREAS, J. C. Williams in his early settlement of Weirton brought with him from Clarksburg, the first band of Americans of Hellenic descent, who are appreciative of his efforts and encouragement in the establishment of our families in this, his founded city, and,

"WHEREAS, our beloved friend occupied a niche in the hearts of every member of our order and community that cannot be replaced, therefore,

"Be it Resolved, That the Hancock Chapter of the Order of Ahepa, representing Americans of Hellenic descent from Weirton, Hollidays Cove, Follansbee and Wellsburg, extend its deepest sympathy to the widow of J. C. Williams and to his other relatives, and,

"Be it Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Williams, the Weirton Steel Company, to the Weirton Times, and be spread upon the minutes of our chapter."

GEORGE E. LOUCAS,
Secretary.

Sumner Field Homes—Promi- nent Feature of Minneapolis

By A. R. CLAS, Director of Housing, Federal Emergency
Administration of Public Works

EVERY American citizen, whatever his business, is vitally affected by one economic situation—the blight of defective housing conditions in which 7,000,000 of our families live. These slums, in every city, not only darken the lives of one-third of our population, but are extravagantly expensive luxuries in the costs for police, fire and health protection. Studies in many cities show that the costs to the taxpayer of such areas are from four to ten times the revenue received.

The Federal Government has begun a practical attack on the problem with its slum clearance program. One of its fifty projects, Sumner Field Homes, is a prominent feature of Minneapolis, and demonstrates how decent homes can be provided economically for low income families.

Sumner Field Homes, Public Works Administration's \$3,500,000 low-cost housing project under construction in Minneapolis, will provide healthful and economic homes for 613 families of low incomes. The area is bounded by 6th and 11th Streets at Aldrich and Emerson.

The development centers around Sumner Field, a large municipal playground and community center, which is flanked to the east by the Phyllis Wheatley Settlement House. The fire-proof buildings of the project will extend for several blocks around the field. As in all Housing Division projects, the buildings will occupy 20 percent of the 32-acre site, the remainder being devoted to playground, recreation and garden space.

Architectural plans call for the 62 buildings to be divided into three-story apartments, group houses and flats. Each dwelling will be equipped with electric lighting, central heating, electric refrigerators and gas cooking ranges.

The District Office is in the McKnight Building. Delegates to the Ahepa national convention are invited to visit this low-rent housing project. The District Manager will be glad to arrange an inspection tour.



FRATERNITY NEWS



District No. 1 Activities of Plato Chapter

RECENTLY Plato Chapter, No. 4, Charleston, S. C., had the pleasure of entertaining our Supreme President, Vasilios I. Chebitzes, while on his tour of the Southern States. It was the first time in twelve years that we had been visited by a Supreme Lodge official. In 1924 Brother Chebitzes, then Supreme President, came down and did all in his power to stimulate the interest of the members of our chapter and pleaded for a solid foundation, for our chapter was then a new organization. On his last visit he saw clearly how successful his efforts have been. His talk to us was very inspiring and will be remembered always.

What a metamorphosis in the orator of twelve years ago and the Supreme President of today who spoke as a father to his family! He made our thoughts turn to these questions: Where is the hospital that we should have for our people? Should we not have a university here? What will become of the Greek pupils after they pass the seventh grade?

Continuing the quest for beauty started by our forefathers thousands of years ago, our chapter, on May 24th, gave a ball at the Ashley Park for the purpose of selecting our Ahepa Queen. The committee in charge was Brothers D. Diasourakis, chairman; James Gianaris, President of our chapter; John Liatos, Nick Gianaris and George Philipps. The chairman of the committee served as master of ceremonies and introduced the following: District Governor Peter Carellas of Savannah, Ga., who spoke on the activities of our district; Lieutenant Governor Nick Angelakos, of Sumter, S. C.; Sheriff Paulnot, of Charleston, S. C., who spoke briefly on his connections and associations with the Greek colony of Charleston. Brother Diasourakis related the progress and activities of our local chapter. Mrs. Mary Pappas, local Greek teacher, presented an appropriate Ahepa dialogue, with Miss Margaret Gazes appearing as "Miss Greece," Miss Julia Lempeis, "Miss America," and Miss Anna Creticos, "Miss Ahepa." Incidentally, Miss Gazes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gazes, is the one and only Greek lady in the State of South Carolina to have received a teacher's diploma and she is at present teaching in the local grammar school.

Following the presentation of the dialogue, the beauty contest was held with six of our loveliest Grecian girls participating. They were Misses Tena Palassis, Julia Lempeis, Lucille Sterlakos, Anna Creticos, Stella Fergos and Geraldine Palassis. The young ladies marched before the three American judges and, after elimination, Miss Anna Creticos was selected "Miss Ahepa of 1936" with Miss Julia Lempeis a close second choice. Miss Creticos was presented with a silver cup and she will represent our chapter at the district convention to be held in Savannah, Ga., in July.

The winning beauty, Miss Anna Creticos, attractive daughter of Brother and Mrs. Peter H. Creticos, is a graduate of Memminger High School, one of the organists, a member of our church choir and an accomplished pianist.



Miss Anna Creticos (left) and Miss Julia Lempeis, beauty contest winners at ball of Plato Chapter No. 4.

Miss Lempeis, second in the contest, is the charming daughter of Brother and Mrs. William Lempeis. She is an honor graduate of Memminger High School and Stokes Business College, and a member of the church choir.

Both young ladies are popular members of our younger generation and the selection of the queen met with great approval. Following the contest, Miss Lempeis and Miss Creticos rendered vocal solos. Dancing was enjoyed for the rest of the evening.

P. N. PAPAFILIPPOU.

District No. 2

Lycurgus Chapter Entertains

LYCURGUS CHAPTER, No. 12, of Tampa, Fla., recently held its 13th annual anniversary dinner dance and entertainment in celebration of the founding of the chapter. Approximately 200 persons attended. The program opened with the Greek school children singing the song "Ahepa," after which supper was served.

The speakers of the evening were Mr. Henry Williford, Assistant States Attorney of Sarasota, Florida, who spoke well of the Greeks of America, particularly of the Ahepans; Bro. Charles Kerice, our District Governor, speaking for the good of the Order on the aims, accomplishments and principles of the Ahepa; Bro. C. A. Lazzaros, of the Miami Chapter, spoke on what Ahepa stands for, its progress and its work towards making American citizens and better citizens of the Greeks of

America. Bro. John A. Mamikis, President of our chapter and District Marshal, spoke in Greek and made the longest address of the evening. It was a "knock-out" and held the audience spellbound for thirty minutes. He sold Ahepa to the crowd which resulted in the filing of new applications for membership and a renewed interest in the chapter by the old members.

Bro. Charles Critikos, of Clearwater, our District Lieutenant Governor, was chairman of the entertainment committee and made a "swell" job of it. Music was furnished by James Bacalis' orchestra, under the leadership of Bro. John Philon.

Miss Katherine Vassil was the guest of honor. Miss Vassil was elected the "Tomato Festival Queen" for 1936, at Ruskin, Fla. She sang solos in Greek and English. Katherine is the daughter of Bro. Alex Vassil, of Palmetto, Fla., one of the Governors of our chapter.

At the speakers' table was Mrs. John Sakkis, President of "Stratos tou Soteriou," the Greek women's club of Tampa.

Among the out-of-State visitors were Mrs. Fanni Manavakis and her three daughters, the Misses Helen, Alexandra and Katherine Manavakis, from Columbus, Ga.

The entertainment was enjoyed by everyone and it will linger in the memory of all of us for a long time.

The following brothers deserve credit and thanks for giving their unstinted cooperation, time and help to the officers of the chapter: Brothers James Bacalis, James Pappas, Efstathios Georgiades, James Dostis and Nick Chaknis, all of whom were on the entertainment committee.

The chapter gave a vote of thanks to Mrs. James Csetelis and Mrs. Sophia Kardoulas whose services before and during the entertainment were of incalculable value to the chapter.

JOHN A. SELLAS,
Secretary.

District No. 3

Fifth Annual District Convention a Huge Success

DESPITE the sweltering rays of the noon-day sun, delegates from five different States traveled as far as 500 miles to attend the fifth annual District Convention of the newly formed Capital District, No. 3, which was held in Washington, D. C., July 5th and 6th.

About 10 a. m. Sunday, July 5th, the spacious lobby of the famous and aristocratic Willard Hotel was filled with delegates. At 10:30 a. m. all delegates and visitors attended church services at St. Sophia, where Supreme Secretary C. G. Economou addressed the congregation and a reception was held after the mass on behalf of the Greek Community of St. Sophia.

At 3 p. m. the convention was called to order

by Peter Charuchas, chairman of the committee on arrangements, who asked our esteemed Supreme Secretary, Brother Economou, to say a few words of welcome to the visiting delegates. This he did in his inimitable manner and very successfully. Then Brother Charuchas introduced the acting Governor of the old District No. 3, Bro. George Papanicolas, and asked him to preside as temporary chairman for the purpose of electing the permanent officers of the convention.

So, with the election of the permanent officers, who were, Bro. Royster, Chairman; Bro. George Papanicolas, Vice Chairman, and Bro. George Peratino, Secretary, the official business of the convention commenced.

The first order of business was the rendition of the reports of the three District Governors. The reports were very substantial and proved as such later on, when most of the recommendations they contained were incorporated in the new policy or program of action drawn up and advocated by the Resolutions Committee and endorsed unanimously by the assembly as the future policy and standard program of our newly formed District No. 3.

After the reports were read and accepted, the chairman ruled for a recess, so that the committees could be appointed, during which recess the delegates enjoyed a ceremonious initiation meeting of the combined Washington chapters.

On the evening of July 5th the Grand Ball took place in the ballroom of the Willard Hotel, which was attended by hundreds of people and proved to be a great success both from a financial standpoint as well as from a social one.

At about 2 p. m. Monday, the convention took a more serious and business-like aspect when the Resolutions Committee was ready to report. The committee, under the capable chairmanship of Bro. George Papanicolas, first presented to the assembly for its approval a program of action for the year which

was approved unanimously. Then it presented for adoption five resolutions, some of which were of national importance, such as the right of the District Governor to have a voice in the National Conventions; the establishment of a National Home, and the placing into effect of the National Emergency Insurance Plan by having the convention vote for an appropriation to cover the difference needed. The above resolutions were also adopted and passed unanimously for the action of the forthcoming National Convention.

During the same afternoon, the Ways and Means Committee, under the chairmanship of Brother Koliopoulos, Past District Governor of District No. 8, also reported, but subject to that scrutinous eye of our Brother "Banker," John Govatos, Past Supreme Treasurer. The Educational Committee, under the chairmanship of Brother Demetriades, of North Carolina, also reported. This committee stressed the importance of acquiring the property of the Gastonia Greek Institute for the perpetuation of the Greek language in America and the assembly unanimously approved such a recommendation, and no doubt this fact will be given due consideration in the forthcoming National Convention.

Then the Convention City Committee reported, and it was unanimously decided to hold our next District Convention in the city of Norfolk, Va. Last, but not least, the Publications Committee, under the chairmanship of Brother Revis, reported, and it was decided by the assembly to publish one bulletin, to be called the *Ahepa Nestor*, the editor of which is to be appointed by the District Lodge.

All the committees having reported, the chairman moved for a recess before the next order of business took place, which was the election of the new officers of Capital District, No. 3. The following brothers were elected: C. G. Paris, Quantico, Va., District Governor; Angelo Schiadaress, of Baltimore, Md., Lieut. Governor; Harry Sembekos, of Washington,



(Left) C. G. Paris, Governor of Dist. No. 3, and Bro. Harry Cokinides. (Right) Brother Nick Sardares with C. G. Paris.

D. C., Secretary; Steve Changaris, of Durham, N. C., Treasurer; and Richard J. Kassolis, of Newport News, Va., Marshal. Incidentally, Brother Kassolis was also elected as the "spitfire" or "spark plug" of our convention, for it was his continuous oratory that kept many a delegate awake.

Finally, the new officers took their oath of office and the Convention ended most triumphantly and inspiringly.

Although the delegates had no time for relaxation and entertainment, yet their wives, sisters, mothers and friends were highly entertained by the local chapter of the Daughters of Penelope which, under the staunch leadership of its President, Miss Mary Koutsoukos, arranged for a tea at the hotel and a boat ride on the Potomac to Mount Vernon.

The following members of the club served as hostesses to the visitors: Mary Koutsoukos, Antoinette Batlis, Stella Batlis, Theodora Lambros, Callirhoe Chaconas, Virginia Plakax, Helen Plakax, Agnes Papanicolas, Mary DeVakos, and Estelle Eliades. At the tea the visitors were entertained by the classic pianist, Miss Agnes Papanicolas; the popular song pianist, Miss Catherin Cokinis; the mandolinist, Miss Rose Pappadeas, and the popular singer of our Community, Mrs. Lola George.

GEORGE PAPANICOLAS.



Delegates of District No. 3, with the Supreme Secretary, in front of the U. S. Treasury Building, Washington, D. C.

Activities of Worthington Chapter, No. 30, and Its Auxiliaries

MANY friends journeyed to Washington, D. C., to attend memorial services at the St. Sophia Church for the late Bro. Stephen Monoeruso, who died while holding the presidency of Worthington Chapter, No. 30, Baltimore, Md. His brother, Mr. Peter Monoeruso, a resident of Washington, sponsored the service.

The Baltimore chapter and its auxiliaries held a joint meeting recently and a good crowd attended. Mr. Nicholas Nestor, President of the host chapter, presided. The Daughters of Penelope, Alcmene Chapter, No. 27, and Plato Chapter, No. 80, of the Sons of Pericles, attended in a body, headed by their respective Presidents, Mrs. Sophie A. Cavacos and Mr. Harry Anderson. The business session that ensued was very interesting; ideas were exchanged and matters of fraternal interest discussed. The success of this meeting has assured the officers that more such meetings shall follow.

On the evening of July 1st the Baltimore lodge of the Ahepa and its auxiliary held a moonlight ride on the S. S. "Dixie," the new stream-line boat. The affair was well attended and many "out-of-towners" took the boat ride. Mr. Louis Joannides, of Davenport, Iowa, and Mr. Nicholas Raptis, of Moline, Ill., were guests from the farthest cities.

The esteemed District Governor of the old District No. 8, Mr. Peter Samios, is having a fine time during his visit to Greece. The last postal card found him in Kythera, his home town. Mr. Samios, a former U. S. Army Lieutenant, was one of the founders of the Hagerstown Chapter and is one of the most ardent Ahepans in the Order.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Petite, barrister, and their children, William and Nicholas, are spending the summer traveling through Europe. Their trip will include a stay at Chios, Greece. Mr. Petite is an attorney and a member of Worthington Chapter.

The "neophytes" of Worthington Chapter that have been initiated since our last issue are: William G. Laricos, policeman; Mario Psaros, vocalist; Emmanuel Hondralis, college student; Basil Anargyros, attorney at law; Miltiades Contos, engineer, and Thomas Rhticas, merchant, which shows the various fields the average Hellene is gradually branching into.

The degree team of the Baltimore Ahepa Chapter will initiate two new candidates. They are Mr. George Kendros and Mr. J. T. Doukas, of Towson.

ANDREW T. CAVACOS,
Chairman, Publicity Committee,
Worthington Chapter, No. 30.

Wilmington Girl Accomplished Accordion Player

MISS KATHRYN JOANNIDES, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. John Joannides, of Wilmington, Del., is making a name for herself playing the accordion. Recently the ladies of the Adelfotis Meterou Society of Philadelphia visited Wilmington in a body and were entertained by the ladies of Wilmington at the Ahepa Hall. Miss Joannides played her accordion and furnished excellent entertainment. Also, she recently entertained at the Home-coming Party for the benefit of the Dela-



Miss Kathryn Joannides

ware Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association at the Hotel DuPont.

Miss Joannides is not only known among the Greeks of Wilmington and the surrounding towns but is also well thought of by the American public for her fine musical ability. We are proud to have such a person in our community; moreover, because her father is a good Ahepan and respected by the Greeks of Wilmington. He is a member of Wilmington Chapter, No. 95, and has been employed by the DuPont Company for the last twenty years. Brother and Mrs. Joannides should be congratulated for having such an accomplished and beautiful daughter.

James Caras, of Wilmington, Del., World's Pocket Billiard Champion

DEMETRIOS SPIROS CARAVASILIS, or James Caras, of Wilmington, Del., is the son of the late Spiros Caravasilis and Mrs. Caravasilis, of Tripolis, Arcadia, Greece. He is a member of Wilmington Chapter, No. 95, Order of Ahepa, and every member of the Order should be proud that he is included among the members, although we have had other champions in different fields.

This young man is not only a world's champion, but he is also a credit to the Greek race at large. For the last two years he has toured the United States, giving exhibitions at some of the best clubs and billiard rooms in the country, and he has certainly conducted himself with dignity. He never lost sight of the fact that whenever he had an opportunity to attend a meeting of an Ahepa Chapter he would do so. It might not be a bad idea, if any of the chapters throughout the country hear he is to visit their city and they are going to have a meeting to invite him to attend it, as he stays only a short time in each place, and naturally does not know when the meetings are held.

In Wilmington we have what we think is one of the best chapters in the United States. All the members attend the meetings regularly, and if any of the members visit any other

places they always make an effort to attend a meeting of the chapter there; and Brother Caras is no exception—he got the idea from the Wilmington Chapter.

This young man won the World's Pocket Billiard Championship at the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York last December. Ten of the best players in the country took part; he fought for the title and won. According to the rules, the runner-up had the right to challenge him for the championship within four months, which he did. Erwin Rudolph, of Cleveland, former world's champion, challenged the young Greek, and Brother Caras, although he had a hard battle, defeated his opponent, and retained the championship, which he now holds. The American and Greek press all over the country wrote column after column about this young man, and he deserves all that, for, as stated above, he is an outstanding type of the young Greek.

Although he was born and raised in Wilmington he has never forgotten the home of his parents, and he keeps up the Greek traditions, speaking and reading the Greek language fluently.

Beginning June 26th and continuing for ten weeks "Jimmy" will play at the Million Dollar Pier, Atlantic City, N. J.



James Caras

Runner-up for 1933 World's Pocket Billiard Title.

District No. 4

Chester Chapter Forges Ahead

CHESTER CHAPTER, No. 79, Pennsylvania, has not been idle for a moment during its eleven years of existence. True, it has had its ups and downs but it has never failed to conduct regular meetings or meet national, social and local obligations. This is because we have a group of members in the Chester Chapter who, although they may have different opinions on matters of one kind or another, are all for one and one for all when it comes to the Ahepa.

In looking through the archives of Chester Chapter we find that since the date of its organization, September 10, 1925, to the present day, it has spent the grand sum of \$2,235.20 for purposes not of direct benefit to the chap-



The historic play, "The Slave," enacted by school children at Chester, Penna., on the occasion of the celebration of the independence of Greece.

ter, as follows: National, \$323; religious, \$15; charitable institutions, \$330; philanthropical, \$889.50; patriotic, \$487.20; social, \$190.50—total, \$2,235.20.

During this period Chester Chapter has initiated 122 members, which include the mayor of the city and many other prominent men. Our chapter has always been financially sound and this is because every member abides by the doctrine of Demosthenes, "The necessity of money without which nothing can be made possible."

Chester Chapter can claim priority in the new 4th district, that it has never failed to meet its obligations to the Supreme Lodge or other financial obligations of any nature. The influence of the chapter on the local Hellenic community is very helpful and any movement sponsored in the community must have the approval of the chapter. Those in charge of the community's affairs and the officers of the school are in most instances members of our chapter. The chapter has adopted the community as a free institution and its affairs and those of the community are entirely separate, although the same persons may be serving both.

Chester Chapter has held some brilliant social events. Many successful banquets and dances have been held, the most important of which were those that took place during the district convention in 1934, when Chester was the host city, and the visit of Supreme President V. I. Chebitos in 1935. Chiefly due to the inspiration instilled in us during the visit of the Supreme President and the sound leadership of Bro. Bill Stolis, our President, along with members of his cabinet, our chapter is progressing at great speed. This is evidenced by the fact that 66 members have paid their dues for the first half of 1936 and sixteen for the second half of 1936. Chester Chapter is 100 per cent back of the Ahepa Emergency Fund and a week ago the writer sent the chapter's check of \$198 to the Supreme Lodge Headquarters, subscribing every member.

During the present administration we have initiated twelve new members and eight more were initiated at our recent district convention

in Philadelphia. So we can conclude our column by offering heartiest congratulations to every "Chesterite" for keeping the Chester front active.

In Memoriam

Chester Chapter, No. 79, grieves in the loss of one of its charter members, Bro. George Varlan, who passed away on June 5th. Brother Varlan was born in 1885, at Yeraki, Yeronthronou, Sparta. He served in the armies of Greece and came to this country in his boyhood. For years he lived in Chester where he established the Chester Candy Kitchen, one of the best in our city. He was a typical Hellenic father, caring for his family and helping as much as he could to foster Hellenic ideals. He worked zealously for the Hellenic community school and Hellenic families in distress. He was a good Ahepan and enjoyed the respect and friendship of not only his brothers, but of all Hellenes and Americans in our community. Chester Chapter, in a body, attended his funeral and paid the last rites.

Auxiliary News

The Chapter of Sons of Pericles in Chester is as active as the senior chapter. This year they held a successful affair and another is being planned for the near future, the proceeds of which will be used to finance their delegates to their District Convention.

Maids of Athens

Under the auspices and supervision of Chester Chapter, No. 79, the Hellenic young ladies of our community met and established Electra Chapter of the Maids of Athens. Twenty-five were initiated and the following officers were elected: Mary Kapoutrelou, President; Theone Andrianopoulou, Vice-President; Bessy Kapoyianni, Secretary; Jennie Karopoulou, Treasurer; Stella Gouvellis, Warden; Jennie Apostolidou, Chaplain; Penelope Kapoyianni, Captain of the Guards; Kalliope Moularaki, Sentinel. The Maids of Athens meet at the

Y. W. C. A. every second and last Friday of each month. We wish them success and hope they will live up to our expectations.

DEMETRIUS PROTHIADIS,
Secretary, Chester Chapter, No. 79.

Wheeling Chapter Holds Reception and Dance

WHEELING (W. Va.) Chapter, No. 68, held a reception and dance Thursday evening, April 23, in the ballroom of the Hotel McClure. Special preparations were made to receive the many out-of-town members, their families and friends, who came from practically every city in the district.

The members of the entertainment committee responsible for the elaborate plans to entertain the visitors were: James B. Angelis, George Litis, Michael Costas, C. G. Cosmides, Peter Arslain, Emanuel Sgouras and William Pashalis. Brother Louis Velas is the president of the chapter.

The following young ladies acted as hostesses: Angela and Elly Carras, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Katherine Capps, Pittsburgh; Kiki Michalopoulou, Washington, Pa.; Mary and Margaret Malavazos, Portsmouth, Ohio; Virginia Vouros, Aphrodite Arabautzes, Steubenville, Ohio; Irma Samaras and Niki Petrides, Weirton, W. Va.; Sylvia Kokroni, Yorkville, Ohio, and Athena Elithmos, Betty Valan, Angela Karageorge and Elizabeth Vlahos, Wheeling.

A. W. PETROPLIS.

Aristoteles Chapter Holds Entertainment and Ball

ON Wednesday evening, June 10th, the people of Greek descent of Pittsburgh and surrounding towns, with their families and friends, gathered at the Hotel Schenley ballroom for the Annual Spring Ball and Entertainment, sponsored by Pittsburgh Chapter, No. 31, of the Ahepa. A most delightful evening was spent.

District No. 5 News from Hackensack, New Jersey

THE "live wires" of Bergen Knights Chapter, No. 285, of Hackensack, New Jersey, have set the ball rolling and are determined to leave no stone unturned to make their chapter one of the best in the Ahepa domain. Their decision has already resulted in an increase in membership and, at the rate they are now going, it won't be long until a brilliant record will be made at Hackensack.

Brother Jean Kossarides, that indefatigable soldier of the Ahepa, who, aside from his activities in his own chapter, has been very active in Ahepa affairs throughout the eastern and southern sections of our organization, has been elected delegate to represent the Bergen Knights Chapter at the St. Paul convention. We feel confident that Brother Kossarides, who is a warrior of many battles and has the interest of the organization at heart, will be of inestimable service to the convention in solving the many important matters that will come before it.

The chapter is also fortunate in having an excellent set of officers. Among them is the energetic secretary, Brother Felix J. Christ, who is an inspiring worker for his chapter.

With such able leaders and loyal soldiers Bergen Knights Chapter bids fair to attain a prominent place in the Ahepa domain.

District No. 6 Binghamton Chapter Host to Empire State District Convention

THE Empire State District No. 6 held its district convention in Binghamton, New York, on June 21st to the 24th, under the auspices of Leonidas Chapter, No. 77. This district comprises the old 5th and 6th districts of New York State.

The program of the convention opened Sunday morning with special services at the Holy Trinity Church, where Archbishop Athenagoras officiated, assisted by the members of the communities of Endicott and Syracuse. The church was filled to capacity, with well over 500 delegates, guests and visitors. At the evening mass the Russian choir of St. Mary's Church sang, 40 boys and girls adding to the color.

In the afternoon there was a sight-seeing tour by buses to the triple cities, and you should have seen everyone enjoying himself on the merry-go-round in the park!

The evening's program was certainly a grand affair—a typical Greek "Glenti." The committee offered its apologies for not having accommodations for all at the tables but everyone was finally taken care of. A person glancing in at this affair would be carried back in memory to his homeland—there was singing and dancing to every heart's desire. Much credit is due to the trustees of the church for this affair.

Munday Morning Program

General Chairman Bro. Louis Costas, presiding, called upon the Rt. Rev. Archbishop Athenagoras to offer the opening prayer. Brother Costas welcomed the delegates and visitors. Then His Honor, Thomas Behan,

Mayor of the City of Binghamton, was presented, who welcomed the delegates and visitors to our city. The President of Leonidas Chapter, No. 77, Bro. Peter K. Pappas, was presented. Other speakers included District Governor George D. Jeony; District Governor Nicholas Nicholas; Past Supreme Vice-President George Johnson; Past Supreme Governor Constantine Critzas; Rev. Karapiperis, and His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras.

At 11:30 A. M. the convention was called to order by District Governor Jeony and we proceeded to elect the convention officers. The following were elected:

Nicholas Anagnos, of DeWitt, Chairman;
Constantine Ypsilanti, of New York, Vice-Chairman;
George Mayiakis, Albany, Secretary;
Socrates Zolotas, New York, Assistant Secretary;
Alec Costas, New York, Chaplain;
Harry Maragos, Binghamton, Sergeant-at-arms.

The meeting adjourned until 3:50 P. M. when both District Lodges were called upon to give their reports. The reports were received with enthusiasm and much credit was given to the District Lodge officers for their splendid work.

Tuesday Afternoon

At 2:30 the parade moved from the Arlington Hotel to Memorial Circle where it halted for a wreath to be placed at the monument. The presentation address was delivered by Past Supreme Vice-President George Johnson. Then the parade returned to the Arlington Hotel and disbanded. The parade lasted an hour and fifteen minutes, and included three bands, one of which was headed by the Sons of Pericles. Much credit is due to Bro. Peter Tras for his splendid work.

The members of the Buffalo Patrol are to be congratulated for the wonderful showing they made and for traveling such a great distance to come to Binghamton. The parade was made up of three divisions, headed by a motorcycle escort of the city police. Then came the mounted State police of Troop C Barracks; Brothers Louis Costas and Theodore Limbert, Marshals; the Binghamton Central High School band; District Lodge officers, past and present and the Buffalo Patrol.

The second division was headed by the Union Endicott High School file and drum corps, with Peter K. Pappas, President of Binghamton Chapter; convention officers, delegates, the Binghamton Chapter and the ladies' auxiliary next in line.

St. Mary's Home band led the last division, with James Papastrat, members of all chapters, Supreme Vice-President C. A. Tsangadas, of Detroit, and Brother James Veras, of Scranton, falling in line.

The entire city was decorated elaborately for the convention—American and Greek flags were displayed everywhere. We thank the city of Binghamton for all this.

Tuesday Evening

The banquet held on Tuesday evening was one of the most outstanding events ever witnessed in Binghamton. The Spanghullroom of the Arlington Hotel was filled to more than capacity, 625 persons attending. Brother Costas introduced Bro. Daniel Pananicles,

Past District Governor, as toastmaster. The speakers of the evening were Hon. Thomas Behan, Mayor of the City of Binghamton; E. A. Harrell, City Manager; Congressman Bert Lord; Senator Martin W. Deyo; Hon. Ben W. Ash, Mayor of Johnson City; Hon. W. H. Travis, Mayor of Endicott; Kennard W. Johnson, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and many other State and city officials were included in the guest list.

The dance was under way at 11 P. M. Jack Lynch and his eleven-piece orchestra certainly furnished entertainment—more than was expected. Dancing continued until 2:30 A. M. but the party did not end until time to convene Wednesday morning's session.

Wednesday

Due to the excellent work of each committee the meeting progressed splendidly and many important matters were decided. One needs mentioning that of the Scholarship Committee. Bravo!

The next convention city for the Empire State District No. 6 is the capital city, Albany, N. Y. (Albanians, we'll come strong next year!)

Election of District Lodge Officers

Our district is very fortunate in having the following fine group of leaders during the coming year: Michael Lotis, New York, District Governor; Theodore Manicas, Endicott, Lieut. Dist. Governor; Socrates Zolotas, New York, Secretary; Christos Fragos, Yonkers, Treasurer; Theo. Limbert, Syracuse, Marshal.

Let us pause a moment and give credit to those who did their utmost to perfect the arrangements for the convention, and were so successful that every day letters are received praising the wonderful affair held in Binghamton and the way it was conducted.

The Executive Committee was headed by Louis Costas, General Chairman; George Houplis, Secretary, and James Papastrat, Treasurer. Let us also give credit to our good brother, Peter Pappas, President of Leonidas Chapter, and to the following chairmen of the various committees; Harry Maragos, Thomas Gregory, Charles Ikonis, Theo. Manouse, and through them to the entire membership of the committees that assisted in making the affair so successful. Also, let us not forget the membership of our district, for without their cooperation and support we would not have realized the splendid affair we had. It will long remain a happy memory.

LOUIS G. COSTAS,
General Chairman.

Empire State Secretary Summarizes District's Activities

Upper Manhattan

THE meeting of May 15th was set aside as Governor's Night. Brothers gathered from all parts of the city to pay tribute to Brother N. Nicholas. The meeting was very interesting and enjoyable. Refreshments and the usual Upper Manhattan hospitality followed.

Lecture at Hermes

The editor of the *Atlantis*, Mr. A. Fanos, gave a very interesting talk at Hermes Chapter on May 26th. His topic dealt with the future of the younger generation. Everyone



The colorful district convention banquet at Binghamton, N. Y.

left the meeting contented and very much pleased.

Past Presidents' Night

Theodore Roosevelt Chapter designated May 20th to honor its Past Presidents. The former boys had a splendid meeting and swell refreshments with a large attendance.

"Nik Nonsense"

The famous columnist, reporter, writer, etc., of the English Section of the *Sunday National Herald* made his first public appearance at Delphi Chapter on May 21st. His remarks and theories were excellent. Far be it for me or any other man to condemn them. The fact remains that Nik Nonsense left in a hurry and we did not find out who he is.

Memorial Day Services

All the chapters of the Metropolitan District went to church in a body to celebrate Memorial Day. Each chapter paid homage to its departed brothers. It is functions of this kind that advertise our organization to the public. Our compatriots are able to see that the Ahepans do not forget their departed brothers.

Evryklia Dances

The Cornish Arms Roof was filled by the merry-making friends of Evryklia Chapter. The Daughters should be congratulated for the masterly way in which they conducted this fine summer dance. Everyone had a splendid time which lasted until the milkman began his rounds. Nick Angelopoulos and his orchestra kept the younger set stepping around.

Dance and Beauty Contest

June 15th, at the Hotel St. George Roof in Brooklyn, is a never-forgotten evening. The Ahepa Center, under the supervision of Bro. Michael Loris, sponsored this dance and beauty contest with the able assistance of the

Maids of Athens and Demetra Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

The important event of the evening was the beauty contest which proved to be a huge success. Beauties were everywhere in this beautiful ballroom. The girls were charming in their gorgeous gowns which turned the roof garden into a fashion show.

More than five hundred people came from all parts of the metropolis to participate in the first Ahepa beauty contest in New York City. Nick Angelopoulos and his Continentals furnished the music. Entertainment was short but talented. Mrs. Loris rendered two beautiful songs. Miss Pappas, one of Major Rowes' talented amateurs, sang "Tormented." Mr. L. Fragos played a violin solo. The winners of the beauty contest were: First, Miss Olga Maragoudake; second, Miss Bertha Cambakon; third, Miss Aphrodite Pappas.

Delphi in Its Old Glory

The dark, gloomy discouraging days of Delphi Chapter seem to have lifted for good. It is with a feeling of relief that the smaller chapters look upon the resurrected Delphi, the first Ahepan chapter in New York and for many years the leading chapter.

The fall of Delphi cannot be attributed to any one thing, but its sudden rise can be credited to its officers, led by Bro. E. D. Polites, and the new lodge room. Delphi has had only three meetings in its new quarters and each time the room was filled to capacity. Brothers from every chapter in the Metropolitan District and many from the Jersey chapters have come to visit the new Delphi Chapter.

Delphi Initiates on Governor's Night

Alexander Hamilton Chapter's Degree Team, of Paterson, N. J., gave the New Yorkers something to talk about and I hear that the new District Governor is trying very hard to form a degree team. Many of the old guard

were left speechless at the wonderful manner in which the degree team executed its duties. It was very impressive and the members left with a feeling of satisfaction. The District Governor rendered his parting remarks, as this was to be his last official visitation. Refreshments were served.

District Lodge No. 6 Retires

At this time, on behalf of the District Lodge No. 6, headed by Bro. Nicholas Nicholas, I wish to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to the officers and members for their fine cooperation and ask that they continue to serve the noble cause of the Ahepa under our successors.

Empire State Convention

The old Fifth and Sixth Districts joined in the city of Binghamton on June 21st for a combined convention. Four days were spent in Binghamton and Leonidas Chapter ought to be congratulated for the way they prepared the program of the convention. Veterans of National Conventions were surprised and stated that this District Convention surpassed many of the National Conventions. The program was full of activity and the delegates legislated some fine recommendations for the good of the District and the Order.

A detail account of the convention, written by the General Chairman of the District Convention, Bro. Louis G. Costas, precedes this article, but I do wish to say, on behalf of all who attended that convention, that the friendships created, the wonderful spirit, the brotherly feeling which prevailed during those four days, will never be forgotten. The press was very generous in its write-ups of the convention and I can assure the best chapter that their hospitality will never be forgotten. Many of the brothers will meet in St. Paul to renew acquaintances.

Going to St. Paul?

All those who wish to leave on a special train from New York City, at a special fare of \$41.58, will please communicate with Bro. M. Loris, Ahepa Center, 225 West 34th Street, New York City.

SOCRATES P. ZOLITAS,
Empire State Secretary, Dist. No. 6.

Doctor Lacey Makes Suggestion to Leaders of National Convention

DEAR EDITOR:

This is not the first time I have broken into your columns with a suggestion that lies close to my heart.

The campus of Rollins College, at Winter Park, Florida, possesses a famous "walk," made up of stones from all parts of the world. Greece is singularly without any representation.

Two years ago a group of Ahepans paid a visit to Rollins. President Hamilton Holt was initiated into the Order. The visitors pledged themselves to see to it that a stone from Greece might find a place in this historic avenue. As yet there has been no result. Greek time?

We Ahepans are very proud of our Agricultural School at Corinth. Why not undertake to secure a stone from historic Corinth? Let it be a gift from our School to this Philhellenic

American College which numbers Greeks among its students. Let it be a link between educational institutions of Greece and America. I suggest Ahepa undertake this as its sacred mission and we will all gather in Florida next Epiphany season for the dedication of Ahepa's stone in the classic grove of Rollins.

THOMAS J. LACEY,
Member Delphi Chapter, No. 25, New York City.

Brooklyn Member Celebrates Business Anniversary

THE New York Flower Shop, Stroudsburg, Penna., of which Bro. William G. Lividas is the proprietor, opened its door for the first time four years ago Monday, June 22d, and the popular florist celebrated his business birthday by giving souvenir flowers to his customers.

In his four years in Stroudsburg, Brother Lividas has earned a prominent place for himself in the business life of the community and has made a host of friends. He came here from New York City where he was connected with concerns prominent in the florist line. He has had the opportunity to serve many prominent people of the county, and also some in Washington, the national capital.

Brother Lividas still retains his membership

in Brooklyn Chapter, No. 41, of Brooklyn, New York, and is a member of the local Lions Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Metropolitan Retail Florist Association of New York City and of the Telegraph Delivery Service.

Editor of "Atlantis" Guest Speaker at "Hermes" Meeting

AT THE regular meeting of Hermes Chapter, No. 186, of New York City on May 26th, 1936, the members had the privilege of listening to a lecture from a well known journalist—one who has devoted the greatest part of his life to a study of the problems of the American-Hellenes. This person is none other than Mr. Anestis Fanos, editor of the *Atlantis*, who is particularly well known to the Ahepans of New York City for his constructive and instructive lectures which have been given under the auspices of the Hermes Chapter, whose President is Bro. Harry Theologou. The message of Mr. Fanos follows:

"The Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athens and Daughters of Penelope—Their Role in the Future of American Hellenism.

"The Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athens and Daughters of Penelope must be taught to abstain from 'Greek-American political clubs' and in addition, must be taught to belong



Officers of Leonidas Chapter No. 77, Binghamton, N. Y.

Standing: Left to right: James Pipanstrat, Chairman of Board of Governors; Paul Muort, Captain of the Guards; Rev. S. Kacapiaris, Governor; Frank J. Paul, Chaplain; Charles Leonidas, Governor. Seated: Left to right: John Sattis, Warden; Harry Maragos, Secretary; Peter K. Pappas, President; Theodore Anagnost, Vice-President; Theodore Maravase, Treasurer.

to the purely 'American political organizations' and cast their lot with that of their American fellow citizens. It is a fact that substantial economic success can be achieved in America without the necessary political influence or power; all American-Hellenes must bear in mind that their activities in the American political clubs should be conducted along the lines of pure Americanism.

"All Ahepans and citizens of Hellenic extraction must be made to understand the advantages of the proper kind of political action, and especially must be made to see the shortcomings and the inherent inferiority of the present 'Greek-American political clubs, to which unfortunately they still adhere. The racial future of Hellenism in America depends entirely on the outcome of their systematic and concerted effort in the field of politics, because a Republic belongs always to those who cherish it by their free political will and expression and by their belief in American ideals, the origin of which is Hellenic, and which can so admirably be coordinated with our hopes and aspirations.

"I am fully convinced that your great Ahepa has already substantiated the theory, that given a chance and properly directed, American-Hellenes can play a magnificent role in the game of all-conquering and all-achieving politics. Indeed, the measure of our economic success as a race in our adopted country will be in proportion to our political success.

"To this end we must dedicate ourselves, our younger generation and the American-Hellenic generations to come. The supreme service which your most valuable organization will render to Hellenism in America shall be the service of the racial and political guidance in the glorious country of our adoption."

After the lecture a brief discussion took place, Mr. Fanos answering questions put to him by the members. I wish to thank and congratulate Mr. Fanos on behalf of the members of my chapter for the interest he has shown in the activities of the chapter of the Order of Ahepa and, in general, the Greek-Hellenes.

The meeting room was crowded to capacity with members of all the chapters in the Metropolitan area attending, among whom were: President Gust Ypsilanti of the Bronx chapter; President George Demas, Upper Manhattan Chapter; President Elstratios Polites, Delphi chapter; Treasurer "Pop" Constantine, the Brooklyn chapter, and Bro. Tom Palides, editor of the *Ahepa Messenger*.

ANTHONY N. KOUTSOGEORGAS,
Secretary, *Hermes Chapter*,
No. 186, N. Y. C.

District No. 7

Maud Howe Elliott Chapter Holds Benefit Ball

MAUD HOWE ELLIOTT Chapter, No. 245, of Newport, R. I., held its seventh annual ball at the Hotel Viking on Thursday evening, June 18th. The affair, which was given for the benefit of the charity fund of the chapter, was considered a success in every particular. American and Greek flags were prominently displayed in the ballroom and souvenir programs were distributed.

Charles St. Clair and his Norse Room orchestra played for the program of dancing, from 8 to 1 o'clock. Several of the numbers



The Governor of Rhode Island and Mayor of Providence greet Ahepa officials.

Left to right: George K. Demopoulos, Supreme Governor; Mayor James E. Dunne; Governor Theodore Francis Green, and Supreme President, V. I. Cheibithes.

were sung by Mrs. Dan Jones at the request of the gathering.

Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott, for whom the chapter was named and who was active in its formation, was the guest of honor. She was received by President Ernest Krallis, Past President A. B. Cascambas and Paul Apostolides, chairman of the ball committee. With Mayor Henry S. Wheeler and Mr. Cascambas as her escorts, Mrs. Elliott led the grand march.

Among the guests were William H. Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones, Alderman and Mrs. Edward A. Martin, Alderman John Mahan, Dr. Harold T. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund P. Coe, Lieutenant and Mrs. George Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Sheffield, Judge Robert M. Danna, Judge John C. Burke, Richard C. Adams, Dan Jones, Jr., Colonel Eugene Santochi, U. S. A.; Major William R. Bent, U. S. A.; Captain M. F. Draemel, U. S. N., and Mrs. Draemel; Captain W. M. Hoke, U. S. A., and Mrs. Hoke; Captain Charles McGeehan, U. S. A., and Mrs. McGeehan; Lieutenant George L. Eaton, U. S. A.; Mrs. Eaton and Miss Eaton; Lieutenant Thomas H. Hayes, Lieutenant Silas Moore, U. S. N., and Mrs. Moore; Lieutenant J. D. Parks, U. S. N., and Mrs. Parks.

Other guests were Supreme Governor George K. Demopoulos and Mrs. Demopoulos, of Providence, R. I.; Past District Governor Basil Panaretos, of Pawtucket, R. I., and brothers from the Providence, Pawtucket, Fall River, New Bedford and Brockton Chapters of the Ahepa.

Members of the ball committee were Paul Apostolides, General Chairman; Ernest Krallis, Secretary; Angelo Fotelis, Treasurer; James Hiotis, Assistant Secretary.

The other committees were:
Program—Charles Petropoulos, Chairman; Theodore Mellekas, Theodore Simopoulos.

Entertainment—A. R. Cascambas, Chairman; Anthony Axiotis, Theodore Mellekas.

Decorations—Louis Poulos, Chairman; James Tsiplos, Constantine Damaskos, George Rozos, Stamos Daglis.

Tickets—Steve Solyioses, Chairman; James Hiotis, James Karpenis, Charles Contis, Steve Mellekas, Michael Pappas.

Invitations—Theodore Mellekas, Chairman; George Sarelis.

Checking—Theodore Simopoulos, Chairman; Charles Constantine.

Publicity—Ernest Krallis, Stamos Logarithis.

Floor Director—John M. Katas.

Activities of the Chapter

Meetings of our chapter are well attended. Six new members were initiated this year and a few were reinstated and the prospects of getting more members are very good.

We have in our city now a chapter of the Sons of Pericles and also one of the Daughters of Penelope, both of which are doing splendidly.

ERNEST KRALLIS,
President.

District No. 8

Reward Offered

A REWARD of \$150.00 is offered for any knowledge of the whereabouts of Philip Farakos, or Ferreira, who disappeared from New York City en route to school on January 13, 1925. He was then 15 years of age and has never been seen since.

Young Farakos has brown eyes, dark brown hair, and was 5 ft. 8 in. tall. He would now be 25 years of age.

If any reader of the AHEPA MAGAZINE has information as to the whereabouts of this young man, please notify

THE FLORENCE CHITTENTON RESCUE LEAGUE,

497 Market Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

District No. 9

Dover Ahepans Entertain Convention Delegates

THE fifth annual convention of District No. 9 (now new District No. 91) was held in Dover, N. H., on June 28-29, Thessalon Chapter, No. 248, serving as host to the delegates.

The opening day of the convention was featured by morning church services at the Greek Orthodox Church, where Rev. Constantine Vesilios conducted services before a large gathering of convention delegates, and by a colorful parade in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening.

The Governor of the State of New Hampshire, Hon. H. Styles Bridges, and Supreme Governor George K. Demopoulos offered the feature addresses at the banquet which was held in the municipal building with about 300 delegates and visitors in attendance. Governor Bridges brought the official greetings of the State to the gathering, as the chief executive. He then launched into a discussion of the difficult situation which is being met in New Hampshire at the present time, and in closing expressed his appreciation at being invited to the convention and paid a tribute to the Greek American people of the country. The Governor is an Ahepan and was initiated recently by the Manchester Chapter.

The toastmaster, Nicholas Colovos, then introduced Mayor James P. Keenan, who cordially welcomed the visiting delegates to the city. He expressed his pride in the Ahepa, which he ranked high among Dover's fraternal organizations, and complimented the Greeks on their fine religious spirit, which is the backbone of their existence. Greeks still teach love of God and religion in their schools, the Mayor concluded, and will always occupy the high positions of trust which a people grateful for excellent citizenship can bestow.

Rev. Arthur M. Dunstan complimented the Greeks on the choice of a name for their society, and also for their religious background and ideals. He traced the many religious upheavals since the inauguration of Christianity, all of which resulted in a return to the religion of the present day. Greeks have a natural heritage which will always be sufficient to carry them along to the heights if they but defend their faith, Rev. Dunstan concluded.

Rev. P. Marinakis, of Portsmouth, addressed the gathering briefly, speaking in his native tongue.

Hon. Michael J. White was next introduced. He began his address by stating, "When I went to school at the Pacific Mills, the Greek and Irish were thrown together as pioneers. It was then that I first learned of the patriotism of the Greeks." He then described the interest of the Greeks in the wars of their native land, which had reached a crucial spot at the time to which Mr. White referred. As a Greek follows his religious heritage, so is that Greek judged as an American, Mr. White concluded, expressing a wish that the Greeks follow along the fine heritage handed down to them by their forefathers.

Dr. L. W. Flanders described his early prejudices against the Greeks, brought about by the difficulty of learning the Greek language. He stated that Greek has become invaluable to him as a physician, and that he learned to admire everything Grecian.

Supreme Governor George K. Demopoulos, of Providence, R. I., was the next speaker to be introduced by Toastmaster Colovos. He complimented the committee on arrangements, and paid a tribute to Governor H. Styles Bridges, who he stated certainly knows his job.

Greece, he continued, is a small speck on the European coast, but it has caused more trouble through the ages and has left a deeper imprint than any other nation.

The Greek people were the first to make the transition from mass to individual thought. They devised a form of government which was more individualistic than any yet offered in the history of the world, and continued that government against all obstacles. The early Greeks were the first to appreciate the aesthetic side of human existence. The prime motives of man's existence were developed and advanced by these early Greeks who left a contribution to mankind that will never be overshadowed.

Governor Demopoulos then went on to trace the outstanding events of Greek history, stating that the most important event in Greek history was the conversion of her peoples to Christianity, which formed a band of iron to hold all Greeks together through the centuries.

Now there are 400,000 Greeks in America. Some came as laborers others as merchants, all planning to earn a sufficient sum of money to allow them a life comfortably through their old age in Greece. However, they all remained, and are now citizens of the United States.

The first organization of the Greek people in America began about 1922, and the organization has steadily grown and prospered since that time. The organization is American in an American democracy, which best suits the tradition and aims of the Greek people. The Greek heritage and the American ideals are similar in purpose, with the Greeks bringing to America the love of patriotism and heroism which characterized their old country. These ideals they will carry on in their new land, and will endeavor to make America the equal of the glorified ancient Greece.

Several hundred people witnessed the parade which was the afternoon feature of the convention. The marshal of the parade was Basil Markos, of Thebes Chapter. The visiting dignitaries followed, headed by Supreme Governor Demopoulos. Then came the American Legion Drum Corps, followed by the Nashua Patrol, the Nashua Chapter, the Manchester group, the Boston Patrol, the Massachusetts and Maine delegates, Biddeford, Portsmouth, Keene, the Vermont delegations, the Providence Junior Drum Corps, and finally the Dover Chapter. Features of the parade was the colorful Boston Patrol with their Evzones uniforms and the Providence Drum Corps.

Monday's activities included business sessions, during which the following district lodge officers were elected for the coming year: John Dimosios, Nashua, District Governor; Peter Mantis, Bangor, Lieutenant District Governor; Peter F. Tsiales, Manchester, District Secretary; John Lampros, Dover, District Treasurer, and James Sardonis, Nashua, District Marshal.

The gala convention ball took place in the evening at the Central Park ballroom with music offered by the colorful Don Redman and his Count's Inn band, direct from Broadway in New York City. The ballroom was attractively decorated, and a crystal ball was procured which, with the five spotlights steadily focused upon it, provided a suitable setting and atmosphere for the dance. Special attractions were offered by the pupils of Miss E. Minetta Colby, of Dover. Miss Helen Antonopoulos was the headline performer, rendering her famous Fiesta dance.

The 1937 district convention will be held in Biddeford, Maine, next June, under the auspices of the Biddeford-Saco Chapter.

Bro. Athan G. Costarakis, Treasurer of the Dover Chapter, was chairman of the publicity committee for the convention, and he did an excellent job of it with both the American and Greek papers. We are pleased to reproduce below an editorial that appeared in a Dover newspaper:

GREEK YOUTH MISSING



Phillip Farakos

This Greek boy has not been heard of since 1925. Information as to his whereabouts should be sent to The Florence Crittenton Rescue League, 497 Market St., Lowell, Mass.

Supreme President and District Lodge Officers Visit New England Chapters

THE first district of our Order (now District No. 9) was the happy host to our Supreme President, Bro. V. I. Chelithes, during the first two weeks of May. The Supreme President, together with District Governor William J. Doukas, made a tour of inspection of the chapters, instilling enthusiasm and reviving the old Ahepa spirit. Reports coming to my office from the chapter officers are convincing proof that the President's visit accomplished something which the chapter officers and District Lodge members have been trying to achieve for the past several years. He put Ahepa back on its feet—strong feet at that.

The first chapter he visited was Bangor, Maine. He arrived there on the 30th of April and addressed the Bangor Greeks at the church. On the following day President Chelithes, along with District Governor Doukas, the chapter President, Peter Manty, and the chapter Secretary, Charles Broutas, visited every former and present member of the Bangor chapter, re-enlisting them into the ranks of the Order. It was with great satisfaction that the visitors viewed their work of reinstating twenty-five members into the Order and putting the chapter back into the active list. To quote Brother Manty: "A new Ahepa was born, one that will live as long as Greeks are identified in Bangor."

The same procedure was followed in Lewiston, Maine, where the old live wire made a

feeble attempt to receive the President in due form. The old body was there but the spirit was lacking. It took two days to revive it, and when V. I. left Lewiston he was convinced that the chapter would be revived.

On Sunday, May 3d, Portland played host to the President and his party. In the afternoon they attended a play given by the Greek youth of that city, and in the evening the first district banquet was given in honor of the Supreme President.

The banquet was a complete success. It was inspiring to see the members of the Order and their families sit at the same table with the Governor of Maine, Hon. Louis Braun; the Secretary of State, Mr. Burrows; Justice Chapman, of the Maine Supreme Court; President Sills, of Bowdoin College; district attorneys, and other prominent city and State officials. The impressive oration of Brother Chebithes was inspiring to the nth degree and judging from the remarks of our American friends, he made a lasting impression on them. The huge success of the affair was due to the untiring efforts of Bro. Louis Constantine, of Portland, who devoted his entire time for several weeks so that the proper people might be invited, and the minute details of the affair taken care of properly. Portland was assisted by a committee from the Bangor, Lewiston and Biddeford chapters.

On May 4th, the Supreme President and his party visited the chapter of Biddeford-Saco, where for the first time they set foot on a really active chapter. Of the few chapters of our district that maintained themselves in good standing throughout the depression, the one at Biddeford-Saco is an outstanding example. What little work was necessary there was done by our rejuvenating President and then he and his party bade farewell to the State of Maine, mindful of the invitation of its chief executive to come back for a fishing trip with him.

The first New Hampshire visit was made to the Portsmouth chapter, followed by one to the Dover. Incidentally, Dover is this year's

convention city and it was encouraging to find them in a very active condition.

An interruption of the tour of inspection was necessitated by a promise to the Brookline chapter by the President to attend their annual ball at Boston. However, on the 9th of May, the tour was resumed with Nashua, Manchester, Keene and Vermont chapters being visited in order. The second district banquet was given at Manchester with District Lt. Gov. John Dimitisios, and District Marshal James Basbas in charge of the arrangements, assisted by committees from the other New Hampshire chapters.

The Lewiston chapter held its tenth annual May ball on Friday, May 22d. It was well attended and the evening was spent enjoyably. The feature of the evening was the selection of the charming daughter of E. Nichols, Miss Rodanthe Nichols, as the Ahepa May Queen. The affair was enriched by the presence of guests from Portland, Bangor, Biddeford and Westbrook. In fact, so many Portland brothers attended that a Lewiston member was led to remark, "Portland gave an excellent dance in Lewiston."

The Portland chapter of the Sons of Pericles deserves special mention. It consists of a fine group of boys, free from the customary petty jealousies and each eager to do his part for the betterment of the group.

A new ambassador of good-will for our Order has made his appearance. I am referring to the work of Brother Peter Manty. He is the President of the Bangor chapter and carries the spirit of Ahepa throughout the district. Would that every Ahepan were like Brother Manty!

District Marshal James Basbas has decided to go to Greece this summer for a brief visit. The expression "brief visit" has a special significance to some of us. However, we may be mistaken.

LEON FRANGEDAKIS,
District Secretary.



Dignitaries in attendance at the district banquet of former Dist. No. 1, now Dist. No. 9. From left to right: Dist. Gov. William J. Doukas of Keene, N. H.; John Dimitisios of Nashua, Lieutenant Governor; Governor H. Styles Bridges, guest speaker; V. I. Chebithes, Supreme President; John Hatzes and President Peter Tsiales of the Manchester chapter.

Governor Bridges of New Hampshire Initiated by Manchester Chapter

UPON receiving word that our Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, was to visit our chapter, the officers and committee set to work to make our standard bearer's visit a success.

A committee of Past Presidents was formed to establish a chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, and on May 6th Past President Chris Tassie, chairman, assisted by Past Presidents Dr. G. J. Kapopoulos, Dr. A. J. Bafalis, Soterios Docos, Johan Garaphilakis, T. M. George, Charles Doussas and George A. Hatzes, gave the initiatory degree to thirty-six members. These formed Ilios Chapter, No. 51, of the Order of Daughters of Penelope, Manchester, N. H.

Past President Soterios Docos held the election of officers and the following were elected:

Miss Lillian Tassie, President;
Mrs. Angeline Rassias, Vice-President;
Miss Helen T. Tsiales, Secretary;
Mrs. Christine Nassikas, Treasurer.

Board of Governors—

Miss Evangeline Hasiotis,
Mrs. Esther Nassokas,
Mrs. Pota Sofronas,
Mrs. Thelma Goudas,
Mrs. Ora Kapopoulos.

The following were appointed by the President, Miss Tassie:

Miss Thalia Papadopoulos, Priestess;
Mrs. Sophie Papagiotas, Warden;
Miss Helen V. Tsiales, Sentinel;
Miss Elaine Frangos, Sentinel;
Mrs. Bessie Manolas, Captain of the Guard.

Guards—

Mrs. Eugenia Georgopoulos,
Mrs. Stavroula Harrisie,
Miss Etene Vasilou,
Mrs. Alice Drakos.

On Sunday, May 10th, at 3 P. M., at the Hellenic Community House, Supreme President V. I. Chebithes was ushered in with District Governor William J. Doukas.

Brother Chebithes was introduced by President Peter T. Tsiales who turned the gavel over to him to perform the installation of the officers of the Daughters of Penelope. Following the installation, our Supreme President gave a very constructive talk concerning the ideals and accomplishments of the Order of Ahepa and stressed the necessity of the Ahepa Emergency Fund.

In the evening, prior to the district banquet, the initiation of the Governor of New Hampshire, Hon. H. Styles Bridges, was performed. Over our hundred Ahepans witnessed the initiatory degree administered by our Supreme President.

PETER T. TSIALES,
President.

District No. 10

Icaros Chapter, Detroit, Active

BRO. CHARLES DIAMOND celebrated St. Constantine's Day at his home in Detroit, Mich., on May 21st. Many Ahepans and friends of Brother and Mrs. Diamond

spent an enjoyable evening with them. The Supreme President, Brother Chebithes, who was in Windsor, Canada, at the time, honored the occasion, although he was extremely busy enlisting Ahepans and we had to guarantee his early return to Windsor.

On Sunday, May 24th, the Supreme President arrived in Detroit and in the evening spoke for more than two hours before an audience of Ahepans, their families and friends, at the Ahepa Temple. His message was an inspiration to all of us. After the Supreme President's address refreshments were served and open discussions took place.

The following day was a busy one for the "chief." He began contacting the "lost sheep" of the two Detroit chapters, either by telephone or telegram, calling them to his room for an exchange of opinions, obtaining facts and requesting action for the reorganization of Icaros Chapter. In the evening a closed meeting of Alpha and Icaros Chapter members was held, the Supreme President presiding. One by one the members were asked to express methods by which the chapters could best progress. The Supreme President then appointed a committee of several past officers of Icaros Chapter who were to find ways and means to collect dues and reinstatement fees of at least 15 members of Icaros Chapter.

On Wednesday evening a meeting was held in Toledo, Ohio. More than 300 persons were present to hear the Supreme President's message. Bro. Thomas Fisher, of Ypsilanti Chapter, No. 118, Toledo, opened the meeting, with prayer offered by Rev. Father Hatz-Demetriy. After welcoming the "chief," Brother Fisher called upon Brother Diamond for a few words and then the Supreme President addressed the gathering for almost two hours. His speech was received with great applause. After the meeting refreshments were served, and we went on to Detroit.

Thursday.—Last minute calls and 115 telegrams sent to ex-members of Icaros Chapter by the Supreme President asking them to attend a meeting Friday evening and elect their chapter officers. In the evening we visited Wolverine Chapter, at Lansing. Here, again, the Supreme President spoke to a huge gathering of Ahepans, from Jackson, Battle Creek, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Muskegon. It was a fine meeting.

Friday evening—The Rebirth of "Icaros."—Eighteen members were reinstated and elections were held for new officers. Bro. Anthony Trupis was elected President; Mike Mihos, Vice-President; George Nossis, Secretary; William Poulos, Treasurer, and Basil Considine, Chairman of the Board of Governors. President Trupis predicted that Icaros Chapter will have 65 members in good standing before the national convention. We hope this may be possible.

Saturday.—On this day the Supreme President paid his last visits to the ex-officers and leaders of the Ahepa in Detroit and appealed for their support to go back to their chapters and work for the Order. Brother Christopoulos, Past President of the Alpha Chapter, promised to lead the way.

The Supreme President left Detroit for Louisville, Ky., but promised to be with us again on July 12th to attend the district convention at Muskegon, where he was the principal speaker at the banquet. Brother Chebithes' visit to our district brought back life to the chapters and, with hard work, we hope to obtain the results expected of us.



Picture to left: His Excellency, The Minister of Greece Demetrius Sicilianos, at the monument of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Right: Rev. Doulgerakis, Mr. Apollo, Minister Sicilianos, Charles N. Diamond and Thom. Ridas.



District No. 11 Convention at Springfield Outstanding

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER, No. 247, Springfield, Ohio, was the host to the twenty-two chapters comprising the new 11th District of the Ahepa on July 12-13, for the annual district convention.

The election of convention officers took place at the opening session on Sunday afternoon, at the Shawnee Hotel, and 1,500 persons attended. John D. Petrou, of Akron, Ohio, was elected chairman of the convention; Attorney George N. Kalkas, vice-chairman, and John P. Harritos, secretary.

The convention was formally opened on Sunday morning with the pageantry and drama of the Greek Orthodox High Mass in Christ Episcopal Church, attended by 800 worshipers. Protosigelos Kavadas, representative of His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras of New York City, who was unable to attend, sang the mass. He was assisted by Rev. Bournakis, of Dayton, Ohio.

The convention parade was staged on Sunday afternoon through downtown city streets, with delegates and visitors attired in the uniforms of the Order. The parade was augmented by the American Legion Drum Corps; Companies M and D, of the 148th Infantry of the Ohio National Guard; the Masonic Home Band and the I. O. O. F. Band. P. C. Anderson, vice-president of the local chapter of the Ahepa, was grand marshal of the parade.

Following the parade, the initial business session of the convention was held in the Hotel Shawnee, at which State Senator James M. Matthews, Jr., of Springfield; Judge Golden C. Davis and Prosecuting Attorney Orville Wear officially welcomed the delegates and visitors. The session was opened by Gus Mantis, president of the Springfield Chapter, and was presided over by Fred Maroules, Governor of District No. 17, and Peter Beuchinis, Governor, District No. 10.

The first day of the convention closed with a dance and entertainment for all the visitors and Springfield guests.

A few days following the Supreme President's visit the commander of the Ahepa excursion to Greece, Supreme Vice President C. A. Tsangadas, returned. His news from our Motherland was received with tears of joy. The Detroit Ahepans gave him a hearty welcome.

Battle Creek Has Excellent Degree Team

THE degree team of Battle Creek (Mich.) Chapter, No. 214, gave one of the best initiations ever held in the district on Tuesday evening, June 16th, in the presence of acting District Governor George Stavrou, of Muskegon; Past Lieutenant District Governor, Brother Koutsoiokos, of Grand Rapids, and members from the chapters at Jackson, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Muskegon. The work was very well performed.

After the initiation the acting District Governor and the Lieutenant District Governor addressed the gathering of more than seventy-five loyal Ahepans. The degree team was invited to perform at the district convention at Muskegon on July 12th when several State officials were to be initiated.

Bro. Gust Metes, who served as President of the Battle Creek Chapter last year, was presented with a Past President's jewel by Brother Stavrou. In accepting the jewel Brother Metes said: "First I wish to thank the officials and members for the jewel and the splendid cooperation given me during the year. I have tried and always will try to serve the chapter to the best of my ability. If I have seemed unfair, made unintentional mistakes, or offended any of my brother officers or members during my year as President, I wish to apologize, but ask that you remember, 'To err is human; to forgive, divine.'"

After brief remarks by the visitors and local members, refreshments were served.

The members of the degree team are: J. Kourmadas, President; G. Metes, Vice President; H. Valanos, Chaplain; S. Gootas, Warden; W. Hirakes, Treasurer; P. Hirakes, Secretary; P. Gootas, Captain of the Guards; J. Staffen, Inside Sentinel; J. Zaharlos, Outside Sentinel. G. METES.

The delegates of the chapters represented in the 11th district convention were: Akron, O.—John D. Petrou, John Goumenis and George Kokis. Dayton, O.—James T. Leakas, Nick Florides, Basil Theodoras and Gus Zaharas. Canton, O., No. 289—Geo. Grimoulis, E. V. Bektoulides and Kl. Jackmides. Canton, O., No. 59—Peter L. Adams and Peter C. Gerros. Toledo, O.—Hela Kagin, Thomas Fisher, George Theodore and Gus Cavalos. Weirton, W. Va.—Stalios Roulis, Dave Farranis, Geo. E. Loucas and N. G. Anas. Zanesville, O., No. 305—Peter C. Baruxes and Marcus J. Nickles. Elyria-Lorain, O.—John Dallas, Peter Delis, Bill Sideris and George Davis. Youngstown, O.—Nick Zigoris, Geo. J. Chelekis, Geo. Andrews and James Bougas. Warren, O.—C. A. Damis and N. Binikos. Springfield, O.—P. C. Anderson, A. C. Delinanos, Louis Giannakopoulos, Louis Vlahos, Columbus, O.—A. Trifon, Geo. Steffens and Geo. Athan. Steubenville, O.—John Petees, Tom Papaspiros, Nick Polites, and Gus Vlachos. Yorkville, O.—Constantine Bellas, St. Zafriou, Thomas Kademnos, James Zimbecco. Mansfield, O.—Charles Bizios. Middletown, O.—George Manos and George Lambesis. Cleveland, O.—George N. Kalkas and H. Kitchiner. Cincinnati, O.—John P. Harritos and William Pappas. Portsmouth, O.—Harry Nickas, Charles Chucules, Chris Malavazos and Geo. J. Johnson. Louisville, Ky.—John Johnson, Charles P. Callas.

District Governor Leo J. Lamberson, of Indiana, representing the Supreme Lodge, was the main speaker at the banquet held on Monday night at the Crystal Ballroom. District Governor Lamberson spoke in the absence of Supreme President V. I. Chebithes who was unable to attend. Louis Maniates, of Louisville, Ky., editor of "The Ahepan," bulletin of the old 17th district, was the toastmaster for the banquet which concluded the formal portion of the two-day convention. Others to speak were Chairman John D. Petrou, District Governor Fred Maroules, District Governor Peter Betchumis, and Nick Vlahos, president of the Springfield Chapter, Sons of Pericles, which organization sponsored the banquet.

The women's auxiliary, also holding a convention in conjunction with the Ahepa, held a luncheon Monday at the Beaver Valley Golf Club, following which the women were taken on a tour of various Springfield industrial plants, fraternal homes and Wittenberg colleges.

The following were elected members of the new 11th District Lodge: George E. Loucas, Weirton, W. Va., District Governor; A. Trifon, Columbus, O., Lieutenant-Governor; George J. Chelekis, Youngstown, O., Secretary; Chris Malavazos, Treasurer; John P. Harritos, Cincinnati, O., Marshal. Following the election the newly elected district officers were installed by Chairman John D. Petrou, former District Governor, who following the ceremony turned the gavel over to District Governor Loucas. The well-liked and admired District Governor was given a tremendous ovation by the delegates when he took over the gavel. His speech, pledging hard work and co-operation for the progress of the district, was given long and hearty applause. Chairman Petrou and the other convention officers were thanked for the splendid work accomplished by them during the two-day conven-

tion. Lorain, Ohio, was chosen for the 1937 district convention.

Much credit goes to the following who comprised the arrangement committee: Gus Mantis, P. C. Anderson, Michael Chakeres, A. C. Delinanos, Orville Wear, George Giannakopoulos, Louis Giannakopoulos, George Kiratzes, Crist Patlavos and Gus Panos.

JOHN P. HARRITOS,
Eleventh District Convention Secretary.



A scene from the flag presentation ceremonies at Zanesville, Ohio, June 7, 1936. Holding emblem, left to right: Peter Betchumis, District Governor of Dist. No. 10; Peter Massaros, president of the Zanesville chapter; Paul M. Herbert, Past State Commander of American Legion; Supreme President V. I. Chebithes and District Governor Fred Maroules of Dist. No. 17. Other notables looking on.

Zanesville Initiates 26 Members

INITIATION of 26 new members into the Order and the presentation of an American flag by Zanesville Post, No. 29, American Legion, featured the afternoon and early evening festivities of the Zanesville (Ohio) Chapter, No. 305, Sunday, June 7, 1936. Our esteemed president, Brother V. I. Chebithes, was in charge of the initiation ceremonies and administered the oath and obligations to the new members. Brother Chebithes was assisted by our local district officials. The candidates came from Cambridge, Zanesville, Newark, Coshocton, Somerset and other nearby towns.

The flag presentation ceremonies began at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening and were in charge of officers and committeemen of the American Legion post at Zanesville, Ohio. A brilliant American flag was presented on behalf of the Zanesville post by Paul M. Herbert, of Columbus, past department commander from Ohio. Mr. Herbert in a short talk congratulated the members of the Ahepa for their intense interest in American affairs, presented the emblem to Brother V. I. Chebithes, who in a short speech of acceptance, presented it to Brother Peter Massaros, president of the Zanesville Chapter. Following the presentation, talks were made by Brother Massaros; William Snyder, commander of the local Legion post; Lee Moore, chairman of the Americanization committee of the Legion; Bro. Louis Maniates of Louisville, Ky., and Bro. Judge Carrington T. Marshall of Columbus, Ohio. Brother Marshall concluded his speech by saying that no preamble on the face of

this earth expresses so much loyalty and respect to the United States as the preamble of the Constitution of the Order of Ahepa.

A banquet attended by more than 500 persons followed the presentation ceremonies after which dancing and other amusements were enjoyed by the members of the Ahepa, Legionnaires and guests. Music was furnished by Ray Rust and his NBC band of Rochester, N. Y.

During the banquet session talks were made by Brother Chebithes, Mr. Herbert, Brother Marshall and Hon. William P. Wetherald, mayor of Zanesville, Ohio.

M. J. NICKLES,
Secretary.

District No. 12

Chakeres-Lamberson Rites Read in Springfield, Ohio

ONE of the most outstanding weddings of the summer was performed Sunday, June 21st in Springfield, Ohio, when Miss Alexandra Chakeres, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chakeres, of Springfield, became the bride of Mr. Leo J. Lamberson, young attorney of South Bend, Indiana, and son of Mrs. John Lamberson, of LaPorte, Indiana. The service was read by the Rev. John Vournakis, of Dayton, at the Christ Episcopal Church.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Shawnee Hotel ballroom. More than 500 people attended, and approximately 200 messages of felicitation were received from prominent members and officers of the Order of Ahepa who were unable to be present.

Preceding the ceremony a musical program was presented by Mrs. George Crawford, with Miss Lois Simmons as soloist.

Mr. E. Polesor, of South Bend, Ind., was the best man, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Alexandria Polesor. Mrs. Louis Martin, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor, and Miss Elizabeth Haues, of Springfield, and Miss Sophia Vlahos, of Middletown, were the bridesmaids. The ushers were Messrs. James



Brother Leo J. Lamberson, District Governor of No. 12, and Mrs. Lamberson, the former Miss Alexandria Chakeres.

and Michael Chakeres, brothers of the bride, and Theodore and James Lamberson, brothers of the groom. Flower girls were Elaine and Cleo Hannes and the train bearers Maxine Vlahos and Georgia Vamou. The ring bearer was little George Mallers, son of Mr. Charles Mallers, of Bluffton, Ind.

Mrs. Lamberson is a graduate of the Middletown High School, Holy Trinity Academy and Miss Long's Secretarial School. She is also the organizer and was twice President of Ithaca Chapter, No. 22, of the Daughters of Penelope, Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Lamberson, who is an attorney in South Bend, Ind., attended Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., Davis-Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va., and obtained his LL.B. degree at the Cumberland Law School, Lebanon, Tenn. Mr. Lamberson is also a member of South Bend Chapter, No. 100, of the Order of Ahepa, and was recently elected District Governor of the Indiana district of the Order of Ahepa for the second time. He is also a member of Portago Lodge, No. 675, of the Masonic Order.

Gary Holds Open Meeting

MORE than three hundred members and non-members attended the open meeting of the Gary, Hammond and Calumet chapters at Gary, Ind., on June 11th, at which Supreme President V. I. Chelobos was the guest of honor and principal speaker. Everyone was greatly pleased with his talk and much benefit was derived from it.

Rev. E. Kasimatis spoke briefly and gave the prayer. Short talks were also made by District Governor Leo J. Lamberson, Bro. Louis H. George, of the Gary chapter, and Sister Grammas, President of the local chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

The following officers were presented: Louis Charos, President of the Calumet chapter; Emanuel J. Thompson, President of the Hammond Chapter, and George Dallis, President of the Gary chapter.

Miss Kiki Pappas and Mr. Constantine Mustakas rendered piano and violin selections and the Messrs. Spiros Marakos and Angelo Harrison entertained on the guitar. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Out-of-town guests included Supreme Com-sellor D. G. Michalopoulos, Bro. John Mentis and Brother Lambros, of Chicago; Past District Governor William Essaris, of Wheeling, W. Va., and District Governor Lamberson, of South Bend, Ind.

District No. 13

Report of District Governor Andrew J. Zafirooulos

TO THE entire membership of the former 20th district, to each and every district officer, to the presidents of the chapters, elected officers, and appointed officers:

Knowing that I am about to yield my duties to someone else after having served as District Governor continuously for three years, I am at this time speaking not for myself but in behalf of everyone of you whom I came to know and to like so well. I declare that it was truly rare luck for me to enjoy the friendship of each member as I did. I would not exchange your hospitality and the greetings which I received throughout my official visitations to your chapters, your celebrations and other festivities, for anything else that human relations could possibly have given me.

With your cooperation we built the former Twentieth District to its present success, and all of you know how we have endeavored to instill in each and every one that zeal and those other qualities toward whose perfection we are all working so steadily—namely, the brotherhood, the spirit, and the love of our Order. I am leaving the district not only as good, but much better than I found it.

You are my judges, and the testimonials of my work I desire to have come from you. However, may I say that in leaving my official capacity to someone else in my district I shall never forget the congenial cooperation given me, and the memory of the spirit of your brotherhood together with that of our beloved Order of Ahepa shall remain with me always.

By the wishes of the Twelfth National Convention it so happened that the districts were out from thirty-six to twenty-four, and that we had to be amalgamated with two other districts and with brothers who are fully as good as we are. I sincerely desire that, if possible, we could have remained as we were, with an addition of perhaps two or three more chapters to our district, since we were a small one. But the command of our Supreme Lodge was such that there is nothing left for us to do but to abide thereby. Therefore as your District Governor, I wish to suggest to every chapter in my district to exercise that inherent good judgment which should be forever present in all of us and endeavor to get along just as well with the brothers of the other two districts as if we were by ourselves.

Now, I wish to say a word or two in reference to my recent official visitations throughout the different chapters. I was invited to install the officers of the Milwaukee chapter on January 13th and those of the Fond du Lac chapter

on January 19th, and enjoyed both events immensely. Both chapters have elected two splendid presidents, Chapter 43, of Milwaukee, having named for its president Bro. John Constantine, and the Fond du Lac chapter Bro. James Malogiannes. I anticipate wonderful results from these two men, both in increased membership and the general success of the chapters.

The evening of February 23d I enjoyed, upon invitation, a participation in the festivities of the Fond du Lac chapter, being honored as the judge to select the best-dressed young lady at that particular gathering.

My official visit with District Secretary Allen on April 24th to Fond du Lac Chapter, No. 49, was a decided success. Also, our official presence at the Waukegan chapter on April 27th resulted in an increased attendance at that meeting. Nor can I forget our visit to the Beloit chapter on April 28th. Bro. Gust Perry, first District Secretary and now president of the chapter, certainly saw to it that not only more than the average membership was present, but that after 11 o'clock a delicious luncheon was served.

Again, as long as I have the honor of being a member of the Order of Ahepa I shall not forget the evening of April 29th, the occasion of my official visitation to the Dubuque chapter with Brother Allen. All the members of the chapter were present, and the sincere expression of the brothers present in wishing me the best of luck, together with their regret in losing me, was truly gratifying.

Further, may I express a real word of appreciation toward the President, Harry Pappas, Bro. Andrew Korrigan, Bro. Andrew Poulos, the two Petrakis brothers, and to every other brother who assisted in the preparation of the roast lamb and in bringing to the chapter the barrel of beer. Nor can I neglect expressing my gratitude to the Milwaukee chapter in regard to my official visit on May 4th, when the entire meeting suspended its business and turned the meeting over to me. I enjoyed that evening immensely. This practically finishes my official visitations throughout the chapters, with the exception of perhaps an invitation to certain ceremonies which any one of the chapters may undertake.

However, before closing, let me express my appreciation to those brothers who have made my three years as District Governor such three gratifying ones. Among these, I cannot overlook mention of the hearty cooperation which I have always received from Bro. Anast Drankus, Secretary of the Fond du Lac chapter. Nor do I wish to omit my former District Secretary, Bro. James Kanelakis, Secretary of the Waukegan chapter, whom Ahepa is proud to have numbered among its own.

And now, within the Ahepan ranks there stands a young man possessing that zeal and energy so vital to a really true Ahepan—I speak of no other than the District Lieutenant Governor of the Twentieth District for three years, Panos Dadiras. I shall also comment here upon the fine work of Peter Zouvas, Secretary of the Beloit chapter. Further, I must not forget favorable mention of George Malires, of the Beloit chapter, chairman of the unforgettable Fourth District Convention. At the same time may I extend my greetings to my good brothers, James Zantias and George Kapetanakis, both of Janesville, Wis., who worked so earnestly to make last year's convention a success. Neither can I overlook the wonderful enthusiasm shown at the last dis-

trict convention by Bros. Steve Economopoulos, Frank Catchis, James Fourtounis, James Eifans, and Speros Methonites.

May I express here also a word of appreciation to Bro. William Angelos, of Milwaukee, whose company the District Governor had the pleasure of enjoying on many an official visit. Nor let me forget Bro. Christ Spelius, of the Milwaukee chapter, to whose efforts I hereby credit the success of the two former district conventions. Let me laud also the wonderful spirit that Frank Rigas, of Milwaukee Chapter, No. 43, maintains toward our Order of Ahepa. Further, let me not omit mention of the sincere loyalty shown the Milwaukee chapter by Bro. Arthur Spiller and Past District Governor Charles Shane.

Through this article I wish also to thank the wife of Bro. Alex Asuamanakis, of the DuBoque chapter, Mrs. Maria Asuamanakis, the Great Lady of the Twentieth District.

I wish most heartily that it were possible for me to mention the name of every brother in my district, but lack of space makes this impossible. Therefore, brothers, if I have omitted your names, rest assured that I hold your acquaintance in the highest esteem and shall remain everlastingly grateful for the privilege of having known you.

Thus, bidding farewell to the entire membership of my chapter and to my beloved district, which I shall remember always both faithfully and sincerely, I remain a Soldier of Ahepa.

ANDREW J. ZAFIROPOULOS (A. Zafis),
District Governor of No. 20.



District Governor Andrew J. Zafirooulos of former District No. 20.

St. Louis Chapter's May Festival Ball

WITH the usual pomp and ceremony and attendance that eclipsed that of previous years, and with a program even more elaborate and artistic, St. Louis Chapter, No. 53, celebrated on the 23rd of May its annual May Festival Ball, the main feature of which was the coronation of the Ahepa Queen. This outstanding annual affair of our chapter is assuming from year to year greater proportions and is becoming an event of special interest not only to ourselves but to the general American public as well. It is generally avowed that our May Festival Ball comes only second in importance and exclusiveness to the Veiled Prophet Ball, St. Louis' one big, famous and exclusive social event which is also capped by the coronation of a Queen. No other foreign group or American organization ever presents such an event as we do. This affair of ours is bringing social recognition and prestige to our people and is helping tremendously in the efforts of our organization to bring about a better understanding between our element and the American people.

Of the 1,500 people that crowded the spacious Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel, the most exclusive hostelry in our city, one-half of them were Americans of high social, professional, business, political and artistic distinction, among whom were the Mayor of our City, Hon. Bernard F. Dickmann; the Secretary of State, Hon. Dwight H. Brown, representing the Governor; judges and other high city and State



(Left) George Mertis, President, St. Louis Chapter—an indefatigable worker and faithful Ahepa.

(Right) Peter J. Damos, Vice President—a breaker of all records for single-handed soliciting of advertisements. A true and loyal Archon.

officials. It was the consensus of opinion that they had never seen an affair as beautiful and artistic as ours and they were lavish in the praises they bestowed upon our organization. The Ahepa in St. Louis is always forging ahead—doing big and worthwhile things that reflect credit upon our people and create favorable and helpful impressions.

The ceremonial part of our program was enriched this year with artistic numbers and the entire procedure was carried out in a snappy and orderly fashion that met with the complete approval and appreciation of the entire gathering. At the appointed hour the dancing ceased and a herald, Mr. Frank Smyrniotis, a Son of Pericles, entered the ballroom properly costumed, and announced the program. He announced as the first entrance, the President of our chapter, Bro. George Mertis, who was escorted by Past President, Bro. Harry Stathis, and they mounted the Royal Throne that stood upon a dais in the background, richly decorated. With the orchestra now playing an appropriate march entered next the Court of last year, headed by Miss Christine Chiapel, Queen, escorted by Past President Nicholas Papadimitriou, and followed by her Maids of Honor, the Misses Pauline Sauris, Irene Caporal, Stella Lambros and Angeline Glastris. This royal procession of pretty and charming girls proceeded amidst the applause of the crowd to a platform set up especially for the retiring Court. Then followed the entrance of two little pages carrying upon nifty pillows the crown and scepter and the gifts that were to be presented to the new Queen and her Maids. The little pages were George Caporal and Alex Mylonas. The Herald next announced, one by one, the names of the Maids of Honor to the new Queen. They were the charming and pretty Misses Helen Theodorow, Koula Pappas, Cleopatra Ellis and Calliope Paspalas. They, too, proceeded with their escorts, while the orchestra played a fitting march and occupied their appointed places on the platform where stood the throne. Upon reaching the platform, they were met by the President, who presented each one with a costly gift. The Court now being ready to receive the Queen, the Herald announced the name of Miss Angeline Poulos, who was selected to be the Queen for this year. Our new Queen is one of the outstanding girls of the rising younger set,



The Royal Court of 1936

Left to right: Miss Calliope Paspalas, Maid of Honor; Miss Helen Theodorow, Maid of Honor; Miss Angelina Poulos, the Queen; Miss Koula Pappas, Maid of Honor; and Miss Cleopatra Ellis, Maid of Honor.

Standing: Left to right. Pages: George Caporal, Georgia Boudouris, Angelina Boudouris and Alex Mylonas

Seated: Left to right. Pages: Evangelina Kekeris, Moscho Mavromatis.

a University student, and the charming, cultured and beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Poulos, member of our chapter and former President of the Greek Community. Amidst the enthusiasm and the tumultuous applause of the vast throng, with the orchestra striking a royal march, the spotlight playing upon her, she entered, attired in a sumptuous ermine robe, escorted by our Vice-President, Bro. Peter J. Damos. Two little flower girls, Dolly Mertis and Moscho Mavromatis, proceeded to strew the Queen's path with flowers, and three other little girls, Georgia and Angelina Boudouris and Evangelina Kekeris, held her flowing long train. The Queen proceeded majestically to the throne where the President, Bro. George Mertis, proclaimed her Queen of the Ahepa and crowned her by placing a studded crown upon her head and giving her a royal scepter, the symbol of her authority. The President also presented her with a costly gift and then escorted her to the throne.

A high-class program of entertainment followed the program. In charge of announcements was Bro. John Leontsinis, Past President, and he acquitted himself admirably in this role. Mr. Tito Xirelli, well known Greek baritone, came over from New York City to embellish this program. He rendered with success several Greek popular and folk songs. Miss Virginia Dorothy presented her ballet in a series of classical Greek and other dances. This program drew great applause from the audience.

Then the Mayor of our city, Hon. Bernard F. Dickmann, and the Secretary of State, Hon. Dwight H. Brown, were presented and they made a few remarks befitting the occasion. At the conclusion of this part of our program the

grand march took place around the hall of the new Court in which the retiring Court also and then the entire crowd joined in. Lively dancing continued until well past 1 o'clock in the morning.

Thus our strenuous efforts of three long months came to a successful close, and the success of this year's May Festival Ball is due to the work of a committee that spared no labor and never wined before sacrifice. In a greater measure, however, the success is due to those who worked under many handicaps in order to secure advertisements for our Album which is even more rich and elaborate this year and will net our chapter a handsome sum of money. Those who "brought home the bacon" are: Peter J. Damos, Harry Stathis, S. G. Salaban, joined. The march finally swung into a waltz Anthony Cassimatis, George Mertis, John Leontsinis, Mike Demmas, John Karzin, Soterios Soterion, Alex Spanos, Cleanthis Pappas, Gus Paspalas, Nicholas Papadimitriou, Theodore Theodosiadis, Constantine Cassimatis, John Tatsis, John Cassimatis, Wm. Kocorakis, John Kekeris, Steve Petros, Peter Papagelopoulos, Gus Chiapel, and George J. Fotinos. The leader of this group, and breaker of all past records for single-handed soliciting, is Bro. Peter J. Damos, our Vice-President, who alone brought in more than one thousand dollars in advertisements. To this entire group is due the extraordinary financial success of our affair which enabled us this year to make the event more brilliant, sumptuous and elaborate. These real, faithful and true Ahepans deserve all praise and commendation. More power to them!

C. B. J.

North Shore Chapter Reports

THE activities of North Shore Chapter, No. 94, of Chicago, Ill., have been many and varied during the past two months. Three Greek churches have been visited by our members in a body. Supreme Counsellor D. G. Michalopoulos, a member of our chapter, addressed the congregation on each visit and acquainted the uninitiated with the purposes and progress of the Ahepa. His remarks have been timely and interesting, with the result that a much better understanding of the Ahepa now exists. We intend to visit all the Greek churches of Chicago during the summer months.

North Shore Chapter has inaugurated a plan of inviting every chapter in Chicago to be their guests at different meetings. These have been well attended and have cemented a stronger friendship and better understanding.

On June 12th we attended a public gathering at the Morrison Hotel where we had the pleasure of listening to an address by Bro. V. I. Chebithes, our Supreme President. He inspired us with brightest hopes for the future of the Ahepa. Come often, V. I.

On June 15th we enjoyed a "get-together" party in honor of Lord Byron Chapter of the Sons of Pericles. The entertainment committee deserves a word of appreciation for knowing how to please a crowd of some 500 guests. Among the entertainers they secured was Bro. Art Salopoulos who, when he has "abusinia" in life insurance, is a magician of no small ability—he had all of us "up a tree" guessing what next.

Our chapter believes that its progress during the first six months of 1936 should be made public and we therefore submit the Secretary's semi-annual report:

Membership—January 1st, 1936, 90; reinstated January to July, 33; initiated, 2; affiliated, 1—total, 126.

Receipts—Initiations, \$20; dues, \$539; reinstatements, \$31; transfers, \$2; emergency fund, \$93; miscellaneous, \$56.90—total, \$741.90.

Disbursements—Supreme Lodge, \$400; rent of hall, \$156; office expenses, \$20.75; salaries, \$30; printing, \$64.60; flowers, \$5; refreshments, \$60.84; miscellaneous, \$34.45—total \$771.64.

Our district may not hold the leadership, but North Shore Chapter, No. 94, according to the last report of the Supreme Secretary, on April 30th, 1936, holds the leadership for contributions to the Supreme Lodge, to the extent of \$661, and there is more to come. How about it, No. 13, in Tulsa?

PAUL L. ALEXANDER.

Garfield Chapter Awarded Certificate of "Great Donor"

IN the early part of the year 1935 the committee of our community church, Kimisis Theotokou, decided to erect a new building within the next year or two and began immediately to accept donations toward this structure from business men, individuals and fraternal organizations. Those who donated from \$100 to \$250 were given the diploma of "Donor"; those who donated from \$250 to \$500, a diploma of "Great Donor"; those who donated from \$500 to \$1,000, a "Benefactor's" diploma and those who contributed \$1,000 or

over were given a diploma of "Great Benefactor."

Garfield Chapter, No. 203, of Chicago, gave \$350 and was awarded the certificate of "Megastotis" (Great Donor), a reproduction of which is made on this page. Among the "Great Benefactors" there was also a Garfieldian—Brother Nicholas Andritsopoulos, of Chicago.

JOHN FLOSOS,
Secretary,
Garfield Chapter, No. 203, Chicago.

District No. 14

A Report on the Recent District Convention

THE fifth annual convention of the former 25th and 26th districts, including the States of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, was held in Fort Dodge, Iowa, June 13, 14 and 15.

The delegates, alternates, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, relatives and friends started arriving Saturday afternoon and evening with great enthusiasm to participate in this three-day convention. The brothers of Fort Dodge Chapter were well prepared to entertain the visitors. They had one of the most outstanding programs in the history of our district.

At 10:00 A. M., Sunday morning, church services were conducted at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. One of the most outstanding events in my own judgment was the parade, held on Sunday afternoon. There were fourteen chapters of four States, with the American and Greek flags and their banners, headed by our Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, District Governor of District No. 25, Christie Geanakoplis; District Governor of District No. 26, George M. Theodosen; Past District Governor of District No. 25, Peter Kumuchey; Past District Governor of District No. 26, George M. Paradise; Lieutenant Governor,

John Constantine; Secretary, A. A. Frangos; Treasurer, Mike Bellas; Marshal, Theodore Demos, all of District No. 25; Daughters of Penelope in their full regalia, and the Sons of Pericles. They started at Center Avenue and marched from Twelfth Street to City Park Square which was many blocks in length.

In this parade music was provided by the Fort Dodge Municipal Band, directed by Karl L. King, and six drum corps—the State championship Knoxville American Legion drum corps; the Gowrie Legion junior and senior drum corps; the Mason City Legion drum corps, the Boone junior drum corps, resplendent in kilts, and the Fort Dodge American Legion drum corps, former State and national champions.

After the parade two beautiful American flags were presented to the Fort Dodge posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. George Paradise, of Sioux City, former District Governor, and long prominent in the American Legion, made the presentation. Commander Austin Hogan accepted the flag for the American Legion and Commander Harry Arnold for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

At 6:30 P. M., Sunday, a banquet was held in the Warden Hotel ballroom which numbered more than six hundred in attendance. After the banquet the President of Fort Dodge Chapter, James Partasfas, thanked the local brothers for their work and efforts in connection with the convention; he also thanked the visitors and their friends. The President of Fort Dodge Chapter then introduced the chairman of the convention, John Constantine. He in turn introduced the toastmaster, Judge I. F. Mitchell, who related a good many things about the Greek people of the old days and the present time.

The different speakers introduced were: B. J. Price, of the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce; Mayor C. A. Garlock, of Fort Dodge; Christie Geanakoplis, District Governor, of Minneapolis, who responded for

the Order. Governor Clyde L. Herring, of Iowa, who flew from New York City to Des Moines to attend the dinner, told the Ahepans, "I've met many men of foreign birth, but I've never yet met any men more true to the things we consider best for the State and the Nation than you." Brief talks were also given by John H. Mitchell, speaker of the Iowa House; County Attorney Edward Breen, of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa; Peter Kumuchey, of St. Paul, former District Governor; George Theodosen, District Governor of District No. 26, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; George Paradise, of Sioux City, Iowa, former District Governor of District No. 26, and Commander Harry Arnold, of Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. The conclusive talk was given by our worthy Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, who honored us by his presence on this occasion.

Brother Chebithes' address began humorously. He told a half dozen amusing stories to illustrate the Hellenic characteristics he was describing before launching into the more serious part of his talk. Brother Chebithes' eloquence and the brilliance with which he expounded his ideas would have done credit to any of the great orators of his country.

He said he wanted first to clear up any misunderstanding concerning the coming of the Greek people to the United States. "You know," he said, "from things that have been said here tonight by the preceding speakers, and they have been highly complimentary, it might be thought that the Greek people came to the United States with the intention of settling here permanently and devoting their lives to the betterment of their new home." In concluding his speech he explained the fundamentals and barriers of the Order of Ahepa.

Our main business meeting commenced at 10 A. M. Monday, June 15th, with all the delegates present, including those of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, at the Warden Hotel. The meeting was called to order by our worthy District Governor, Christie Geanakoplis. The invocation was given by our good brother John Zaniias, of Ames, Iowa, and then nominations were in order for permanent Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Bro. Christie Geanakoplis was unanimously elected Chairman. Bro. George Theodosen was also unanimously elected Vice-Chairman, and Bro. A. A. Frangos, Secretary. Then the Chairman appointed various committees so that they could in turn bring their reports to the afternoon session. The recess was called at 12:30 P. M. and continued until 2 P. M.

At 2 P. M. the meeting was called to order by Chairman Geanakoplis, who explained his activities during the past year as the head of the district, and then asked all the rest of the district officers to give their reports. Many delegates spoke for the good and betterment of our Order.

The convention delegates elected Fargo, N. Dak., as the convention city for 1937, and I am sure that the brothers of Fargo are preparing for something wonderful.

The following officers were duly elected to guide the business for District No. 14 for the coming year: John Constantine, District Governor; Thomas Christie, Lieutenant Governor, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mike Bellas, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Secretary; James Santrezos, Fargo, N. Dak., Treasurer; John Zaniias, Ames, Iowa, Marshal.

MIKE BELLAS,
District Secretary, No. 14.



Garfield Chapter No. 203 receives certificate for its contribution to the Hellenic Orthodox Church, "The Assumption," Chicago.



Fire Chief C. E. Ginther and Honorary Fire Chief Myron Paulios found they were of even height if the former sat down when he presented his steel helmet and gold badge to the honorary chief.

Rochester Lad Becomes Honorary Chief

ON Saturday, May 23d, Myron Poullos, son of Bro. and Mrs. Theodore Poullos, and mascot of Asclepius Chapter of the Sons of Pericles of Rochester, Minn., was officially installed as honorary Fire Chief of the City of Rochester, for winning the city-wide grade school essay contest held in conjunction with the Spring Clean-Up Week Campaign.

Myron is the only son of Past President Poullos and was honored with the title of Fire Chief to direct the affairs of the Fire Department for one day. In spite of his youth and in addition to his daily classes, he takes an active part in the affairs of the Sons of Pericles. Although a mascot, he makes many inspiring addresses before his assembled brothers whenever opportunity arises.

The members of Hippocrates Chapter of the Ahepa at Rochester and those of the Sons are congratulating Bro. and Mrs. Poullos for the honor given their son. We predict a brilliant future for Myron and hope that some day he may direct the affairs of the local chapter of the Sons and the Ahepa.

SAM C. FRANCIS,
Secretary.

District No. 15

Tulsa is the Same "Live Wire"

TULSA CHAPTER, No. 13, Oklahoma, recovering from the depression, hastens to resume its leadership in the Ahepa domain. It has now climbed to the eleventh position in her capital tax remittances to Headquarters and has developed its organization by acquiring many new members, reinstating delinquent ones, and is quickly advancing in membership. The officers of the chapter are ranked as the best cooperators we have ever had. So, now, watch Tulsa, for it will be the leader of 1936!

Tulsa Chapter recently held a huge and successful picnic—one of the best the Southwest has ever had. People from all parts of the State thronged to it and enjoyed themselves to the last minute. There was a supper of lamb, boat rowing, swimming, horse-shoe games, minor events and prizes. The festivities closed with dancing and the singing of the good old

happy songs of Greece and popular American pieces.

On June 10th our chapter elected Bros. John J. Bereolos, C. R. Nixon, Nick Johnson and Stephen Prayannis as delegates to the district convention, with Bros. Theodore J. Bereolos, George Nicholas, Tom Caplanis and Nick Kelamis as alternates.

We are sending the largest body of members, their families and friends to the district convention at Wichita, Kansas, that we have ever sent. Tulsa is the mother organizer of the district and carries the Ahepa banner with pride.

On July 8th the chapter elected Bros. Theodore J. Bereolos and V. W. Birbillis as delegates to the national convention at St. Paul. The alternates elected were C. R. Nixon and Nick Johnson.

Bro. Nick Roilos, the chapter Treasurer, has been very ill but is recovering rapidly.

THEODORE J. BEREOLIS,
Secretary.

Heart of America Chapter Crowns Queen

IN the presence of more than six hundred people, in the beautiful Drexel Hall ballroom, the Heart of America Chapter, No. 73, on the 31st day of May, 1936, crowned Miss Matina Louridas as Ahepa Queen for 1936.

Miss Louridas was chosen from among several hundred Greek girls residing in Kansas City, Mo.; Kansas City, Kans.; St. Joseph, Mo., and their suburbs. The event was the acme of the annual festivities of the Ahepa.

The charm, culture and popularity of Miss Louridas attracted the entire Greek community as well as many State, county and city officials. The coronation was excellently performed, with all the dignity, pomp, and ceremony befitting a queen, by the indefatigable, popular, and efficient President of the Heart of America Chapter, Bro. Sam Chronopoulos.

After the beautiful coronation ceremony every one was privileged to enjoy music and dancing.

The Greek community is proud, indeed, of the selection made by the committee in choosing Miss Louridas as Queen, and the Heart of America Chapter and its President are to be congratulated.

C. G. GARRISON.

District No. 16

"Delta" Convention Highly Successful

THE District Convention of Delta District, No. 16, took place on June 21-22, at Galveston, Tex. All the chapters of the district that participated did so not only through their official delegates, but also through a large delegation of visitors, and thus helped to make this extraordinary Ahepa gathering highly successful and one to be long remembered. The Buccaneer Hotel, also known as Galveston's convention hotel, was overflowing with unusual activity on the occasion of this Ahepa reunion. The fair sex from all the chapters of the district was represented in large numbers and furnished the color and beauty to make the occasion attractive.

The delegates and visitors assembled at the Buccaneer Hotel on Sunday, June 21st, and, after taking group pictures, marched in parade formation, headed by a detachment of motorcycle police, to the Greek Orthodox Church. Following the services, which were conducted by the beloved Reverend Georgiadis, a buffet luncheon was served by the host chapter at the Community's hall, where John Economides, chairman of the convention, welcomed everyone and expressed the gladness of the Galveston brothers in being hosts on this occasion. Succeeding in order were sightseeing trips around the city and then two-hours' cruise of the Galveston harbor and Bolivar Roads as guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

Late the same evening the convention's outstanding event took place—the official banquet-dance at the ballroom of the Buccaneer Hotel. The toastmaster, Bro. Dr. N. Andronis, was introduced by John Metaxis, President of Gal-



Miss Matina Louridas (center) who was elected Queen of Heart of America Chapter No. 73, and her attendants.



Ahepans who guide the destinies of Heart of America Chapter No. 73, Kansas City, Mo.

veston Chapter. Brother Andronis, with appropriate remarks, presented the speakers of the evening, beginning with O. E. Casey, who was representing the ill-stricken Mayor, Adrian F. Levy. Mr. Casey, in welcoming the delegation to Galveston, spoke eloquently of our race and pointed out that through our organization we are doing excellent work that ought to be equalled by other nationalities. Judge J. C. Canty was the next speaker, and it was he, former Grand President of the Order of Eagles, that praised our organization highly, also saying that other fraternities could profit very much by having methods similar to those of the Order of Ahepa. The District Governor, P. V. Pappas, gave in forceful words a brief history of our Order and outlined its principles. Other speakers made excellent remarks, including in them wit and humor. Dancing followed with cool breezes from the adjoining Gulf.

The convention proper was called to order at 10 A. M. the following day at the ballroom of the Buccaneer Hotel by the District Governor, P. V. Pappas, who gave a detailed report on the condition of the district. Convention officers were then elected and Bros. John

Drossos, delegate from the Houston Chapter; George Rousse, Secretary of the Fort Worth Chapter, and Demas Caravageli, Secretary of Delta District, No. 16, were elected chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary, respectively. Various committees were then appointed to study many important questions confronting our district and adjournment followed to permit the committees to deliberate and the delegates to attend a luncheon given in their honor at the Community Hall by the Galveston American Hellenic Women's Society.

Following the luncheon, the convention assembled again. The committees gave their reports and made their recommendations, which were adopted after complete discussion. The new District Lodge officers were then elected. They were as follows: John Theophiles, Houston, Tex., District Governor; James Gripiotis, Dallas, Tex., Lieutenant Governor; Demas Caravageli, Galveston, Tex., Secretary; John Stathakos, Galveston, Tex., Treasurer, and Gus Pappas, New Orleans, La., Marshal. Dallas, Tex., was chosen as the next District Convention city. After adjournment the delegates drove to the Community Hall where the newly elected officers were installed. The conclud-

ing event of the convention was a farewell party (Helliniko Glenti) given by the host chapter at the same hall.

Thus came to an end the convention of Delta District, No. 16, which was very satisfactory in its accomplishments and successful in its results. Much of the success of the convention was due to the wonderful cooperation and diligent effort of our host, Galveston Chapter, No. 276. The Galveston brothers are to be heartily congratulated and highly praised for their excellent and splendid spirit.

D. A. CARAVAGELI,
District Secretary.

District No. 17

The "Silver" District Convention

THE Silver District, which is a combination of the former 27th and 28th Districts, held its annual convention in Santa Fe, New Mex., on June 14, 15 and 16. Important events of the convention follow: A Greek liturgy by Rev. Polychronis of Phoenix, Ariz.; initiation of five candidates; open air picnic at the Little Tesuque Canyon, about 7 miles from Santa Fe; initiation at the State Capitol of Hon. Clyde Tingley, Governor of New Mexico, followed by a group picture in front of the Capitol with Governor Tingley wearing the Ahepa fez; official banquet at the La Fonda Hotel, attended by 225 persons.

The president of the Chamber of Commerce of Santa Fe opened the convention with a brilliant address of welcome, to which Chris E. Evangel, as District Governor, and Mrs. Louis D. Carellas, on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope, responded. The following were elected as convention officers: Robert Katson, Chairman; George Ade, Vice-Chairman; Peter Tertipes, Secretary.

Among the most important resolutions passed by this Convention were: The Silver District is to start to finance a sanatorium in Albuquerque, N. Mex., to be managed by a board consisting of one representative from each chapter in the district. The 1937 District Convention is to be held in Colorado Springs, Colo. A pilgrimage to Carlsbad, N. Mex., will take place once every year, about six weeks before the date fixed for the district convention, in order that new candidates by our district and by neighboring districts may be initiated in impressive ceremony in Carlsbad Caverns.



Introducing Galveston's Officers

From left to right: John Economides, past Lieutenant District Governor, of Galveston, Tex.; Demas A. Caravageli, District and Chapter Secretary; John Metaxis, Chapter President; George Zgourides, Vice President, and George Latos, Treasurer.



Hon. Clyde Tingley, Governor of New Mexico, in front of the State Capitol in Santa Fe, N. Mex., immediately after his initiation into the Ahepa, on June 16, 1936, with Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope and Sons of Pericles.

The new District officers, elected for 1937, are the following: George Ade, Governor; Gus Satlis, Lieutenant Governor; Peter Tertipes, Secretary; Anthony G. Pavlantis, Treasurer; Nick Totos, Marshal. Bro. Peter John Matsoukas, of Woodlawn Chapter, No. 93, in recognition of his services for the welfare of our district, was elected by acclamation as "Ambassador of Goodwill."

Our convention was indeed a colorful one. This historical town of Santa Fe, N. M., is an ideal place for such conventions; it has wonderful natural scenery, an ideal climate for the summer, picturesque buildings and the artistic La Fonda Hotel, which served as our headquarters for the convention. The banquet, with Bro. Chris E. Evangel as a capable toastmaster, was well attended. Governor Clyde Tingley was our chief guest, along with all the members of the State Supreme Court, the District Courts, other State and city officials, the Professor of Greek at the University of New Mexico, and many other dignitaries, most of whom made fine speeches, eulogizing the contributions of Greece to civilization and stressing the important role which Ahepa plays towards a finer American citizenship. Our Supreme President, Bro. V. I. Chebithes, who made the keynote speech, rose to great heights in oratory, making an inspiring speech which lasted for nearly an hour and which held his audience spellbound.

Social Events

A few days before the convention, the baby daughter of our worthy President, Bro. Peter Pomonis, was baptized at their beautiful home. Rev. Polychronis officiated. Our present District Governor, Bro. George Ade, was the godfather and he gave the name of Barbara Catherine to the young neophyte.

On the same day the baby daughter of Bro. Tom Pomonis, who is a brother of our President, was baptized. Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Carellas were the godparents and they named the neofotist Catherine Martha. A sumptuous banquet for their many friends was given at the home of Bro. Pete Pomonis immediately after the baptism.

On the first day of our convention the baby daughter of Bro. Alex Kalangis was baptized at their home. Bro. Spiros Ipiotis and Miss Mary James Ipiotis, the youngest member of Helen of Troy Chapter, No. 19, of the Daughters of Penelope, were the godparents and they named the baby Cornelia. It was a day of happy festivities in the home of Brother Kalangis, who in the morning of the same day was initiated into the Order of Ahepa. An open air dinner awaited the many Ahepans and their friends who had come for the convention. Mrs. Alexander Kartas entertained with beautiful folk songs in Greek.

P. C. DAKIS.

District No. 20

"Ahepa Day" Set Aside by San Diego Exposition During District Convention

THE district convention of District No. 20, comprising the chapters of southern California and those of Arizona, is being held at the time we go to press and it is therefore too soon to give our readers the complete story. However, the following advance news item, sent in by the General Chairman of the District Convention Committee, Bro. George Kalliris, will be of interest:

"The district convention of District No. 20 will be held in San Diego, July 18th to the 21st. Many notables will attend, including our Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, Jimmy Londos and the Greek Consul from San Francisco. An invitation has also been sent to the Minister of Greece at Washington, D. C. Brother Polizoidis is expected to be one of the main speakers.

"Due to the fact that the California Pacific International Exposition is still on in San Diego, the exposition committee has set aside July 21st as Ahepa Day; so this promises to be one of the best conventions this district has yet had."

District Lodge Meeting a Success

INSTIGATED by District Governor Chris J. Bacos, of former District No. 29 (now incorporated in District No. 20), a district lodge meeting was called at the Odd Fellows Hall, Los Angeles, on May 18th. The affair was attended by Lieutenant District Governor Nicholas Chames, of San Diego; Stanley Pann, of Los Angeles, District Secretary and newly appointed Supreme Advisor of the Sons of Pericles of our District; Gregory Panopoulos, of Lynwood, District Marshal, and George Poulos, of Ventura, District Treasurer.

Following the regular meeting, the members adjourned to attend a social affair of the Daughters of Penelope and the Sons of Pericles. After refreshments were served, prominent members of the Ahepa and the auxiliary organizations were presented by the toastmaster, Stanley G. Pann.

This District Lodge meeting, made possible by the sincere efforts of Brother Bacos, was a definite success and marked the first step toward the unification of District Lodge chapters into one happy and social lot.

Three new members, recently initiated, were introduced: John Alexander, Marino Drakos and Antonio Zamouzakakis.

Among Ahepans in (former) District No. 29 who deserve credit for their untiring efforts to place the Order on a high intellectual and practicable level are our District Governor, Chris J. Bacos, and the President of Hesperia Chapter, No. 152, Dr. S. J. Vamvas.

1936 Hellenic Olympiad

SMASHING records right and left, over 125 athletes of Hellenic descent participated Sunday, June 14th, in the Second Annual Junior Hellenic Olympiad at Los Angeles High School grounds. Pete Peterson, of Los Angeles, and Bill Huntale, flashy sprinter from Vista, California, were tied for high point honors with three firsts each.

In Class B, George Plakos, of Los Angeles, was awarded the high point trophy for annex-



The Plaza del Pacifico at the California Pacific International Exposition in San Diego, with the Arch of the Future in the left foreground and one of the mirror-lagoons. In the right background can be seen the huge outdoor organ amphitheatre.

ing three first places. A. Poulagianis, of Bakersfield, was high point man in Class C, with three first places.

Over 1,000 people attended the gigantic affair. The activities began with a parade featuring the Daughters of Aphrodite, newly formed Hellenic organization of Los Angeles, and a group of Boy Scouts of America, after which came the athletes.

The aggregation marched up to the front of the grand stand and halted. Taps were blown and E. M. Brotis, master of ceremonies, opened the program by introducing Pete Peterson, President of the local chapter. Brotis next introduced Pete Clentzos, Olympiad chairman, then Chris Bacos, District Governor. Bro. Bacos officially opened the games. His address follows:

"It is extremely gratifying to have the privilege of addressing you on the opening of the Second Olympiad, held under the auspices of the Sons of Pericles, the junior Order of the Ahepa, of Los Angeles.

"In order to understand the true meaning of the Olympiad, we must be familiar with the ancient Hellenic civilization, in which era the Olympic games originated. During that period the participants in games of sports, either individually or as a team, played hard and contested for the glory and honor that went with victory or defeat. During the Golden Age of Pericles the victors in contests were crowned with wreaths of olive branches, signifying victory and glory.

"The Sons of Pericles who are here today, descendants of those true sportsmen, are gathered with their honored guests to contest in the same spirit and for the same purpose—to perpetuate the traditions and the beauty of the glory that was Greece.

"We are all happy, I am sure, for the benefits that are derived both physically and mentally by participation in these Olympiads, more so because this noble heritage lives today in its fullest splendor in this great demo-

cratic nation of ours, the United States of America, which is the true daughter of ancient Hellenic democracy, the immortal Hellas."

Bill Huntalas gave the athlete's oath while every athlete held up his right hand and swore to compete fairly and squarely. Taps were blown and the games were on.

From San Diego to Santa Barbara, and from San Pedro to Fresno, Hellenic athletes came together once more. Although some of

the boys did not do as well as they expected, they nevertheless took part. That was the main theme of the Olympiad.

Couch Jones Speaks at Dinner

Advising athletes that the most essential attitude of qualification for a winning athlete is ambition and striving, Coach Howard Jones, of the University of Southern California Trojans, delivered an inspiring address to all present at the Second Annual Junior Hellenic Olympiad Dinner Dance at the Club La Salle last June 14th. The famous football coach admonished the young athletes that character is made on the athletic field. The athlete must make himself become something if he is to succeed.

The entertainment and set-up at the Club La Salle were effectively arranged. Over 250 people jammed the banquet room to take part in the victory ceremonies.

With Pete Clentzos as master of ceremonies, the program functioned smoothly. Clentzos first introduced Pete Peterson, who extended greetings and thanks to all present. Stanley Pann, Supreme District Advisor for the Sons, talked briefly on the aims of the Sons, while Dr. Vamvas lauded the Sons' work. District Governor Chris Bacos emphasized the principles of the Sons of Pericles and urged the people to support the Olympiads in the future.

As guest speaker, George T. Davis, noted sports writer for the *Evening Herald and Express*, expounded his views on the Second Annual Olympiad. It was at this time that he paid tribute to Chairman Clentzos, stating that of all the pole vaulters in the world, barring none, this Hellenic athlete had reached the highest ceiling for his build and height.

Coach Howard Jones was the next speaker. Following his address the awards were passed out to the athletes. Dancing and a floor show followed.



The wedding party of Bro. Chris Fotinos and his bride, the former Miss Dimetra Tsugasas.

Taking one of the most progressive steps, the Executive Committee financed Bill Cosulus to take moving pictures of the entire Olympiad and dinner dance, to be shown locally soon.

Phoenix Colony Witness Largest Hellenic Wedding in History

THE largest wedding in the history of Arizona's Capital City Hellenic colony was solemnized May 10, 1936, when the lovely Miss Dimetra Tsaguris, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Steven Tsaguris, of Tucson, became the bride of Bro. Chris Fotinos, prominent young Greek business man of Phoenix.

The nuptial ceremony, held in the Hellenic Community Church, started at 6 o'clock, the officiant being Rev. Constantine Polehronis.

In the wedding procession, as the bride's attendants, were Mrs. Anthony Fotinos, matron of honor; Miss Catherine Tsaguris, maid of honor, and the Misses Constance Xalis and Sophie Ladas, of Phoenix, and Miss Dina Diamos, of Tucson. Brother Tsaguris gave his daughter away and Anthony Fotinos, brother of the bridegroom, gave the latter in marriage.

Magnificent floral decorations adorned the church, a large orchestra provided the musical setting, and the gowns of the feminine members of the bridal party augmented the charm of the occasion. An exceptionally long-trained gown of white moire satin with long leghorn sleeves was worn by the bride. Her trailing veil had a transparent brim of tulle about the face, and her flowers were a shower bouquet of gardenias. The matron of honor wore a long-trained gown of blue georgette with a pink sash. She carried no flowers.

The maid of honor, in pink, and the other three attendants wore charming creations in pastel colors. Their flowers were fashioned in arm bouquets, and were of roses, chosen to contrast prettily with their gowns.

Bro. S. Constantine Colachis (our chapter's Past President) was the best man, and the ushers were the Messrs. Chris Tsaguris, Anthony Tsaguris, and George Xalis.

Following the nuptial ceremony, the several hundred guests found their places in the church garden at banquet tables, where many flowers cast a gentle fragrance over the scene; an orchestra played, and great flood lights illuminated the festivities. There, too, the wedding guests were joined by another hundred or more friends who had been invited to the feast, which lasted far into the wee hours of the morning.

During the banquet hours, scores of telegrams and other congratulatory messages were read by Bro. George Kallitis, of San Diego, who played the role of master of ceremonies and several groups from Phoenix, Tucson, Los Angeles, and San Diego gave classic Greek dances in costume.

The newly-weds have gone to the coast for a fortnight's honeymoon and on their return will make their home at 606 North Fifth Avenue, Phoenix, Ariz.

Hundreds of beautiful gifts were received by the newly-weds, the gift of Phoenix Chapter being a handsome floor lamp along with which went the wholehearted good wishes of the members.

THOMAS J. KATSENES,
Secretary, Phoenix Chapter, No. 219.



Brother Louis Frangos, chairman of the convention of District No. 21, presenting cup to the Honorable Louis A. Rossi, president of the United Veterans' Council of Santa Clara County, Calif. Mr. Rossi acted as parade director and grand marshal.

Venturians Enjoy Annual Dance

BRO. GEORGE POULOS, President of Ventura (Calif.) Chapter, No. 220, and his committee members, have been receiving congratulations on the chapter's seventh annual dance at the Athene clubhouse, which was held recently. More than 250 members and friends from all parts of Ventura County danced to Hank Walker's orchestra music. Refreshments were enjoyed during the evening and as the last strains of the music faded away sandwiches were served to everyone present.

The committee in charge of arrangements included Charles Stagikas, Secretary of the chapter; James Couluris, Vice-President; John Langis, Paul Lafkas and Tony Antonelis.

District No. 21

"Golden Gate" Convention, Magnificent

IN one of the greatest demonstrations ever seen in the city of San Jose, California, by its 30,000 inhabitants in the past quarter century the fifth annual district convale of (former) District No. 32 came to a whirlwind finish after four days of sessions and a hodgepodge of extravagant entertainment, on Sunday, June 7th.

The chief features of the gala occasion comprised a grand banquet, a street parade, ball and barbecue-picnic. During these four events, in which upward of 5,000 delegates, relatives and friends from northern California and the State of Nevada attended, the San Jose Chapter, No. 251, sponsors of the convention, won for itself honors which probably will never be duplicated in the West.

Great credit for the success of this remarkable annual event is given to Bro. Louis Frangos, general convention chairman, and Theodore B. Dallas, chief assistant, as well as to all contributing committeemen.

The convention opened its sessions on Thursday, June 4th, with a grand initiation of twenty candidates, in the magnificent new

Civic Auditorium. The degrees were conferred by the members of the District Lodge, in which Past Supreme Vice-President T. C. Andronicos, popularly styled "the Demosthenes of the West," also participated.

At the same time a splendid and novel entertainment made up of high-class vaudeville numbers was climaxed by a colorful and beautiful pageant, entitled "Spirit of Sisterhood," written and directed by Mrs. J. A. Horton, Past President of Daphne Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, at San Jose. This charming program was tendered expressly for the visiting Daughters and their numerous friends. The public, however, was also admitted.

On Friday morning, and far into the afternoon, business sessions were continued. Meanwhile similar meetings were also conducted by the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Emmanuel Apostilides presiding.

On that same afternoon a delightful whist-tea was given by the auxiliary to their many visiting friends, at which valuable prizes were distributed. A number of amateur contests were a part of the program, winners receiving substantial awards.

In the evening, at the Cafe El Esplendido, Hotel Sainte Claire (headquarters of the convention), a brilliant banquet, attended by upward of 500 guests, was participated in by State, county and municipal officials and other distinguished persons. Chief among the latter, and most notable on this occasion, was the presence of the Hon. George J. Hatfield, Lieut. Governor of California; Hon. Louis Chrysanthopoulos, Consul General of Greece, San Francisco; Dr. Adamantios Th. Polyzides, dean of journalism and managing editor of the University of Southern California's *Journal*, at Los Angeles.

On Saturday there was a resumption of business sessions during the morning by the Daughters of Penelope.

That afternoon a grand spectacular parade of four great divisions, including all veteran and military organizations, auxiliaries, together with fraternal and civic bodies of all kinds, drill teams, novelty floats, and other

colorful attractions, marched to the martial music of several bands and a dozen drum corps.

Louis A. Rossi, President of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, acted as parade director and grand marshal.

Following the street parade, which disbanded at the Civic Auditorium before a reviewing stand and in the presence of thousands, a drill team and drum corps open competition was held on the main floor of the great hall. Substantial cash prizes and beautiful trophy cups were awarded to seven of the winning teams, of which more than two dozen participated. Admission to these contests was free to the public.

Later that evening there was a meeting of the Past Presidents of the 32nd District. This was followed by a brilliant grand ball, attended by thousands, and which terminated the day's events.

Sunday, the fourth and final day of the convention, was devoted exclusively to a barbecued picnic at delightful Napredak Park, a few miles north of this city, at which more than 5,000 persons, coming from every city and town within a 200-mile radius of this city, attended. This feature of the convention was probably the most enjoyable one of the big four days. There was dancing in a large new clubhouse and games of all kinds. Delightful Greek dances were one of the special features.

It is of particular significance that this year's 32nd district convention is still being accorded great praise for its snap, brilliancy and beauty by the people of San Jose. It is candidly stated that the conclave and its attendant features were the most magnificent seen here in many years. Moreover, and most important, it is being said that where, heretofore, the Order of Ahepa and its principles and tenets were unknown, its demonstrated patriotism and loyalty so strikingly shown, have brought to the minds of the American local public a true concept of what the Order really stands for.

An important factor of the convention was the participation of the ladies' auxiliaries of

San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose in the competitive drilling of the Ahepa Patrols, the Sons of Pericles and the Daughters of Penelope. The Golden Gate Chapter Patrol ran off with the first prize and the Eos Chapter, No. 1, of the Auxiliaries, captured its first drilling prize. Five veteran military officers were the judges.

The following district lodge officers were elected to serve during the coming year:

(1) District Governor, Bro. G. A. Horton, San Jose. He has the Order at heart, is well liked and has the real "pep" and yet distinct Ahepa reserve. He will fill his post admirably.

(2) Lieutenant Governor, Bro. A. Nicholson, Sacramento, Calif. Another "live wire" of the Ahepa who is never caught napping on the job.

(3) Secretary, Bro. Stephen Berdalis, San Francisco. An outstanding member of Pacific Chapter, No. 235; a graduate of Stanford University and instructor in the John Drew Preparatory School. He has served as Secretary of the Pacific Chapter for some years. Of course we are sorry to lose our very genial "Mahatma Gandhi"—in short, Bro. John Polos, the outgoing Secretary who has always taken pride in his chapter's activities and who has preached the word in such an effective manner that he has won the respect and affection of all of us.

(4) Treasurer, Bro. B. V. Metropoulos, San Francisco, re-elected to this office. He is a charter member of Golden Gate Chapter and has won lasting admiration of all his fellow citizens and brothers.

(5) Marshal, Bro. J. D. Nitsos, Oakland, a Past President of his chapter, a Rumeliotis from A to Z and an active Ahepan.

So you see that our district lodge is composed of young, enterprising men, who will promote the welfare of the Golden Gate District to such a degree, we hope, that this district may experience a "Golden Era" under their guidance. (One of the district convention's measures was to ratify the changing of

the 21st district to the "Golden Gate District," of which we are very proud.

The following editorials concerning the convention appeared in the *San Jose News* of June 5th and June 6th, respectively:

WE LIKE THEM

We are indeed glad to welcome the Ahepans to San Jose. The *News* is strong for this particular organization because we know that it is based upon loyalty to the United States. Of course, they are loyal to their mother country, but, unlike many other organizations, they teach loyalty to the United States government in return for the blessings they have received since living in this country and for the advantages given them.

Their banquet is being held this evening and will be one of the finest gatherings held in San Jose for some time.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

After you saw that nice parade put on by the Order of Ahepa Saturday—and in the face of most discouraging conditions—weren't you proud of the showing they made? And after listening to their many, many expressions of deep loyalty to the United States, aren't you strong for their society—which is quite different from some of the societies organized by foreign born?

We desire to say to the Order of Ahepa that we are delighted that you have been with us and hope you may see fit to come with a district or national convention to us later on.

*Address of Hon. Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos,
Consul-General of Greece, at the
Golden Gate District Banquet*

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, Lieutenant Governor Hatfield, Honored Guests and Friends:

I feel distinctly honored and particularly pleased to be with you tonight, to take part in the celebration of the Thirty-Second District of the Order of the American Hellenic Progressive Educational Association.

I am particularly happy to be here after an absence of many years from America, and to find that in the course of these ten years your Order that I saw at the time of its organization in Atlanta has grown to so great proportions throughout the United States.

It is a matter of particular pride and satisfaction to me to see so many of our people progressing and prospering in the country of their adoption, and especially here in California, where climatic conditions and the general atmosphere are constant reminders of the beauty and romance of our native land.

This love for America is not confined to those who chose to come and settle here, but is general in Greece, where the United States is a household name.

We of Greece cannot think of America without at the same time remembering with feelings of sincere gratitude all the sympathy, all the encouragement and all the help we received from the United States from the days



The beautiful new auditorium of San Jose, Calif., which housed the recent district convention held in that city. (Photograph, Robertson Studio, San Jose.)

when our own country was struggling to win her freedom, up to the present times.

We can never forget that out of Washington and out of the American Congress, over one hundred and fifteen years ago, the first official voice was raised in favor of Greek independence, by none other than that golden-mouthed orator that was Daniel Webster. We remember the friendship of President Monroe of the United States, the sacrifices of a Samuel Howe, and the many other American patriots who, in the days of the great Greek Revolution of 1821, gave our country such a valuable support. We know that out of the United States and out of the heart of the American people the heroes and warriors of our Revolution received not only moral help, but also proof of their devotion to the Greek cause.

Throughout the last century these bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between the two nations have remained strong and unalterable.

We remember the support given us at the time of our war of 1897 by American public opinion and the American press, but we had still to live the critical days of 1922, when, following our military disaster in Asia Minor, America came once more to the assistance of Greece, and by a magnificent display of practical philanthropy, helped us take care of nearly one million and a half of refugees who are today happy and contented on Greek soil.

Speaking in the name of my country and my Government, I am happy to express once more to the official representatives of the American people, and to the American Nation as a whole, our sincerest appreciation for the welcome and the hospitality you have extended to those of our people who came to your shores and found here a new home and a new opportunity.

I realize, of course, that these immigrants who came over and accomplished so much in the course of the last thirty years gave to their adopted land their best efforts and their hardest work. But at the same time I know that they were happy to do so because all this time they felt that they were among friends.

We are happy back in Greece to know that our people make good citizens of America. We are glad to know that they contribute so much to the closer relationships of the two countries.

Your great organization first had the initiative to organize special excursions to Greece, and we were very happy to have you visit us. And we would like very much to see these excursions continue and develop to the point where among the travelers we will have many of our American friends who want to see Greece, and get to know it better under both its classical and modern aspects.

In these times, when business relationships help so much to form lasting friendships, I am glad to remark that, even in this practical line, we both are making progress. Greece is one of the best markets for American goods, because the Greeks know America, and many of our immigrants who went back are the best salesmen and the best propagandists for American goods.

On the other hand, America found it profitable to buy more and more of our goods. In one instance alone—and I am speaking of tobacco—Greece has in America one of her best customers, and the most popular brands of your cigarettes have a percentage of tobacco grown in Greece. What we say of tobacco we

can repeat of many other products. And upon this and many other fields Greek-American relations are getting closer and closer every day.

Although, after the war, every country was rather disinclined to lend any money abroad, America came to the assistance of Greece. And today Greece, which is facing hard times like everybody else, is trying to keep up its obligations to the United States, and she manages to pay the instalment on her debt, or at least a portion of it, according to her ability. The Greek is essentially a business man, and he believes in having sound credit.

So here again I must point out to the fine work that your organization, the American Hellenic Progressive Educational Association, has been doing in the last 14 years. You have proved by your acts and by your example how much you understand the spirit of America, and how you have tried to make the Greek spirit better known in this great and glorious land.

In this way you are serving both your native and your adopted country in the finest possible way. I know of nothing that is more valuable than lasting friendships. And such a lasting friendship is, and will forever remain, the friendship between America and Greece.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

A Newsy Letter is Received From the Golden Gate Chapter

WE ARE pleased to reproduce below letter received from Doctor Emanuel Apostolides, chairman of the Publicity Committee of Golden Gate Chapter, No. 150, of San Francisco, which he addresses to the readers of our magazine:

"It is about time I fulfil my duty as chairman of the publicity committee and write concerning the recent activities of the Ahepa. I intended doing this long ago but as our dear friend, Brother George Peterson, had his heart set on the magnificent banquet, the first event of importance of this year, when we had the honor of bringing into our noble Order one of the ablest men and officers in the service of our state, Lieutenant-Governor Hatfield, I thought it sufficient for that time to let George have all the space allowed for that event.

"The first activity after the banquet was the Tri-Chapter picnic, which was a success. We had an attendance from almost all the Golden Gate District chapters. Our Consul-General, Hon. Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, honored us with his presence, as he always does; indeed, we are mighty proud of our eminent representative—he is one of the most popular of our country's spokesmen.

"The 'Tri-Chapter Picnic' is an annual affair and its purpose is to procure funds for financing our patrols so that they may attend and participate in the district competitive drill contests without expense to the district lodge.

"Beginning with the month of June some of the chapters, including Golden Gate, will hold one regular business meeting and one social meeting a month. The social meeting will include a lecture. I think this will prove beneficial because I note that whenever we have a social we always have a crowd but when we have a 'dry' business meeting, many members do not turn out. I hope this measure will stimulate interest and attendance to the degree that it did in 1929 and the three succeeding years.

"Since the district convention has been written up elsewhere in the columns of this magazine, I will dwell only on the meeting of the Past Presidents' Club that took place during

the district picnic which was held in a park situated between two great fruit orchards—one of the most beautiful picnic grounds we have ever visited. Three cheers for the Golden Gate Chapter's management of this event!

"The purpose of the meeting of the Past Presidents' Club was to elect new officers, the names of whom follow: Brother George Bezitis, of Oakland, past President of his chapter, and one who has been always sincerely loyal to the Order, was elected President. Brother Vlahos past president of the Oakland Chapter, became our new vice president. We can always rely on Brother Vlahos! Brother Wallace, of Stockton, also past president of his chapter, was elected Secretary and Treasurer—a very trustworthy Ahepan. Brother Zamm, of Sacramento, who is always so hospitable to his visiting brothers, became our marshal. The directors were not elected at this meeting as we decided to leave that to the discretion of the new President.

"And so, all in all, this district is full of various activities—the building of so many great bridges, in all directions, across this bay, with its ceaseless and inspiring energy, may have something to do with the energy and enthusiasm prevalent in the Golden Gate district."

Modesto Chapter Forges Ahead

THE new district governor, Brother G. Horton, installed the officers of the Modesto Chapter, No. 246, and the following brothers are serving the chapter faithfully this year: James Melissaratos, President; George Tavernas, Vice-President; Louis A. Gianopoulos, Secretary; Constantine Bounos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: P. N. Gazulis, chairman; George Kounias, Christ Pantazis, Frank Stefan, Christ Spanos.

When the installation exercises were over, Brother Horton acted as the master of ceremonies and called upon Past President Gazulis for remarks. He then requested the new president, Brother Melissaratos, for a speech, at the same time pointing out to him a picture hanging on the wall which showed the Golden Age of Greece and reminding him that when the Athenians took the oath to serve the state, they promised to leave it better than they found it. As Brother Melissaratos rose the cheers were so loud that the toastmaster had to use the microphone to overcome the voices. This was the first time since the dedication of our church that the hall was so crowded.

In a brief address President Melissaratos assured the audience that he would do his utmost to bring the Modesto Chapter to the greatest height and he asked for the help of his colleagues. Vice President Tavernas assured the crowd that he would be willing to lead the band; Secretary Gianopoulos promised to keep his shoulder to the wheel; Treasurer Bounos remarked that he would do his very best and would keep the treasury in good condition. Remarks were also made by Past Presidents Agelopoulos, Kounias, Stefan and Pantazis.

Refreshments were served by the ladies' auxiliary, after which dancing was enjoyed until the hour of departure.

All this will be a surprise to the other chapters of the district, but no fooling, the Modesto Chapter is on the march again. The next step will be the Junior Order, the Sons of Pericles.

L. A. GIANOPOULOS,
Secretary.



Miss Maxine Manousos, of Tacoma, Wash.

District No. 22

Active Ahepans Betrothed

MRS. M. J. MANOUSOS, of Tacoma, is very happy to announce the engagement of her daughter, Maxine, to Spiro John Kalivas. The engagement of the young couple was made known at a dinner given by the future bride's mother at the St. Nicholas Church Hall Sunday, June 7. The Greek ritual of exchanging rings was performed by the couple's best man or "koumparo," Brother Chris Mauthou.

Following the serving of an excellent dinner to about 100 guests, dancing was enjoyed until after midnight. Among the guests were Brother and Mrs. George Gorlusan, of Portland, Ore.; Brother Ernest Krestis, of Longview, and a great many from Seattle.

Both Maxine and Spiro are well known in Northwest Ahepa circles, Maxine having been the District Secretary for the Maids of Athens since its organization, and having the distinction of being the first Worthy Maid of a Maids of Athens Chapter in the Northwest. She has also been the recording stenographer at the Ahepa District Conventions. She is a business college graduate and a former student at Pacific Lutheran College.

Brother Kalivas is a member of the Mt. Rainier Chapter of Chehalis, which he has served as Secretary for many years. Spiro also has the honor of being the first Secretary of the 33rd District, and he was the winner of the first Ahepa Scholarship Award. He was graduated from the University of Washington in 1934 from the Business Administration School and is now employed in the Tacoma office of the Internal Revenue Department.

District No. 24

"The Royal Canadians" Hold Successful District Convention

ON the 21st of June the delegates from the various chapters of the new Royal Canadian District, No. 24, began to arrive in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, for the district convention which was held on June 23 and 24 in the Bessborough Hotel.

We had with us the following delegates and executives: Brothers C. Johnson and N. Nicholson from Edmonton, Alberta; C. Cochamis, J. Passalis and G. Cachamis from Winnipeg, Manitoba; F. Christon, C. Chrisicos, J. Demolos and S. Melton from Calgary, Alberta; T. George from Banff, Alberta; M. Micas and G. Pappas from Moose Jaw, Sask.; N. Giokas, G. Plastiras, J. Beltakos and C. Michas from Regina, Sask.; J. Mirras, G. Kartes, E. Barootes and W. Girgulis from the local chapter.

On the shoulders of the above brothers fell the business of the convention, and they wasted no time, but worked day and night to accomplish the business of the district.

The following officers were elected for the district for the year 1936-1937: Brothers J. Beltekos, whom the executives made no mistake in electing as District Governor, as he is one of our district's best workers for Ahepa; N. Nicholson, a brother with ability whom they thought worthy of the office of Lieutenant Governor; C. Johnson for Treasurer, a brother who can be trusted; G. Kartes for District Secretary, a brother who fell in love with Ahepa three years ago; for District Marshal, T. George, who might be small but he is big enough to win your appreciation. The executives of the convention should be congratulated on their choice of officers, because any district with officers of the caliber of the above is sure to be successful.

We had the honor of having with us a Demosthenes in the person of Brother V. I. Chebithes who wasted no time in accepting our invitation to attend this convention. I cannot adequately express the feeling of gratitude and enthusiasm of the local Greek and Ahepa communities for this rare privilege. Brother Chebithes spoke to us in both English and Greek for two hours at the opening of the convention.

On June 24th, the final day of the convention, we had a banquet which was attended by more than 200 people. Here representatives of the Government, the bench and bar, civic organizations, the professions, industries and trades rose to pay tribute to the quality of the Greeks in Canada, and to the contributions made by their native land down the centuries. George Plasteras of Regina occupied the chair. Among those who spoke were the Rev. Canon R. H. A. Haslam, principal of Emmanuel College; S. Barootes, Saskatoon, winner of the Bryant oratory medal two years ago; the Hon. J. E. Bryant, K. C., judge of the District Court; James Beltekos, district governor elect; Hon. J. W. Estey, K. C., minister of education in the Saskatchewan Government; E. Barootes, Saskatoon; Mayor Pinder; W. H. Girgulis, Saskatoon; Constantine Johnson, newly elected district treasurer; G. W. Norman, M. I. A.; Miss Helen Thanagan; Nick Giokas, past district secretary; V. I. Chebithes, Supreme President and Prof. G. W. Simpson of the history department, University of Saskatchewan.

Supreme President Chebithes spoke on the recent immigration of Greeks to the States and Canada, stating that 90 per cent of them immigrated during the last 30 years with little academic education and less money. Their first thought on arriving was to improve their economic circumstances. By 1922 a sufficient number had established themselves economically to be in a position to look collectively for social and cultural improvement. Thus

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Delegates and their guests at the convention of the "Royal Canadian" District No. 24, held in Saskatoon, Canada.

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the "Anglo" Hellenic Education and Progressive Association was formed, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. He then spoke on the progress that the Order has made, its accomplishments and plans of the future.

Professor Simpson spoke on "Ancient Traditions in the Modern World." He opened with a general consideration of the way in which traditions affected the development of human society, and the problem of the development of the national groups with their distinctive characteristics.

He divided the elements of the problem into three sections. The racial element, he held, had been greatly exaggerated in importance. Discussing the environmental influence of geography and climate the speaker compared the Greeks and the Scots in this respect. This factor was not as important as many environmental historians suggested, he thought.

The most important, he considered, was the influence of particular individuals. Group traditions developed out of the influence of these personalities.

Modern civilization, he noted, was based on five influences. These were Judaism, Greek culture, Roman law, Christianity and Modern Science. In the case of all of these, the individual factor had been the predominant influence.

Discussing particularly the Greek culture, Professor Simpson singled out the Greek love of liberty and free discussion, the Greek ideal of beauty, and the Greek pursuit of the "golden mean." These he contrasted with prevalent ideas of repression, love of the ornate, and tendency to extremes and exaggeration.

George Plasteras, chairman, was introduced by W. H. Girgulis. The chairman expressed pleasure in meeting members of the Order and the guests. Mr. Plasteras proposed the toast to The King. Following the British National Anthem, the Greek National Anthem was sung.

The toast to Canada was proposed by Staffy Barootes, who spoke of the place that the Dominion holds in the eyes of the world. The young speaker drew attention to peace movements fostered in Canada, and the values of the natural resources of the country. In conclusion he dwelt on the educational systems which aimed toward perfection, and of the promises that the future held for the people.

Judge Bryant spoke at length on the illustrious history of Greece, and of the struggle of the Greeks in their battles for freedom. He quoted the poetry of Lord Byron on the subject, and showed that in spite of troubles, the Greeks had made glowing contributions to civilization, not only in language, but in song and story.

James Beltekas, Regina, offering the toast to Saskatchewan, spoke of the abundance of gold, coal, oil and gas, as only a portion of the natural resources of the Province. He told of the opportunities in the west, and paid tribute to those who had stayed with the country in times of trouble, and who were looking forward hopefully to a brighter future.

In reply to the toast to Saskatchewan, Mr. Estey stated that the spirit of the meeting was typical of the fraternal feelings to be found among different nationalities throughout Canada. He referred to the co-operation which was evident between various racial groups in the Dominion. Touching on the place of the Greeks in Canada, Mr. Estey spoke also of their culture and their striving for liberty.

E. Barootes, in the toast to the city, declared that the spirit of co-operation and tolerance was one that had won much for Saskatoon. He paid tribute to those who worked for the city's welfare regardless of race, creed or class. He paid tribute, too, to those who had founded the city and who had the vision to lay out beautiful parks, and wide avenues for the convenience of those who followed.

Mayor Pinder told of his high regard for the Greek organization and then spoke of the spirit of the citizens of Saskatoon, who, he said, had rallied to the tax campaign. He added that for the first time in six years the budget had been balanced, and that there was a margin to spare. Mayor Pinder said that the oldtimers who were putting up the greatest battle of their lives to win through the depression, and hold their homes, must not be forgotten during present times.

The toast to the visitors was proposed by W. H. Girgulis. The response was offered by Constantine Johnson. Mr. Norman offered the toast to the Ladies. The toast to the Supreme Lodge was given by Nick Giokas. The reply was offered by V. I. Chebithes.

Another interesting feature of the convention was the Ahepa parade, led by a band. They marched to the Cenotaph where they paid

tribute to Canada's dead by offering a wreath on behalf of the Ahepa.

Much credit for the decided success of this convention most certainly goes to the president of the Saskatoon Chapter, Brother Bill Girgulis, and to Brother J. Mirras, past district secretary, who today feels well repaid for his efforts. The Sons of Pericles and the ladies of Saskatoon also assisted greatly.

G. T. KARABELIS.

(Editorial from *Foster's Daily Democrat*, Dover, N. H., June 27, 1936.)

AHEPA

Each letter stands for something. A for American, H for Hellenic, E for education, P for progressive, A for Association.

And the association stands for what it is supposed to represent. A prominent Dover man said recently of the movement:

"The members are in earnest. They are first of all loyal to American ideals, more so unfortunately than some of our native-born stock. They believe in education and prove it by their eagerness to learn inside and outside our schools. This all makes them progressive. They are looking to the future. They are not solely interested in something that has been. They wish to be identified with our American civilization of the present. They mean to help shape the civilization of the future."

That was a fine tribute and one richly deserved. The sons and daughters of Greece have given us some of our very finest people in Dover. They are interested in our municipality. The fact is that we never think of them in any other way than regular old Yankee stock except as we see their outstanding activities in various ways and so stop a moment to congratulate them on their outstanding achievements.

Edmonton Visited by Supreme President

THE Supreme President, Bro. V. I. Chebithes, on his way to the Pacific coast, stopped off for a single night in the city of Edmonton, Canada, and delivered to us a most enlightening and enjoyable speech.

We were all so happy that he could speak
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A Message to the Order of Sons of Pericles

By CHARLES G. GEANOPULOS

Supreme President (Order of the Sons of Pericles)

FOUR years ago, at the Akron convention, you honored me with your confidence by electing me your Supreme Secretary. Two years later, at the Chicago convention, you again honored me with your confidence by elevating me to the Supreme Presidency, the highest rank within the Order of Sons of Pericles. I held as sacred the trust which you then reposed in me and have consistently endeavored to justify your judgment.



Charles G. Geanopoulos, Retiring Supreme President

The Sons of Pericles of 1932 consisted of some 75 chapters and about 1,200 members. Our present registration shows some 150 chapters and about 6,000 members. Now, as then, of course, all the chapters are not active, nor are all the members in good standing. During the four years, however, the Sons of Pericles has extended to Canada, has increased its number of chapters two-fold, and has enhanced its membership by five-fold. It has presented for the first time in its history a constitution containing the "Objects" of the Fraternity in clear and concise terms. It had itself officially recognized as the Junior Order of Ahepa; it has established for all time a definite administrative link between the Senior and Junior Orders; it has removed the files and effects of Supreme Council Headquarters to a permanent location in the Supreme Lodge Headquarters of the Order of Ahepa in Washington, D. C.; it has secured and hired an able and efficient person to administer the work of Headquarters as Recording Secretary. It has established district jurisdictions and held countless district conventions; it has availed itself of a section of the AHEPA MAGAZINE and has thereby supplanted the infrequent and costly publication of the *Periclean*.

These happy results which we witness today are the results of a vision and a policy which for four years has been religiously adhered to; they were not accomplished over night. To be sure they were not brought about by decree or proclamation nor by a stroke of the pen, the clang of the gavel or the sheathing of a sword. They were brought about by vision, by education, and by the timely cooperation of officers and members from both the Senior and Junior Orders.

To Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa, V. I. Ghebithes, should go the most credit for having actually effected an ideal and practical working relationship between the Order of Ahepa and the Order of Sons of Pericles. Every mandate passed at the Ahepa 1935 national convention, affecting the Sons of Pericles, not only has been faithfully executed, but in addition thereto the chief executive of the Senior Order summoned, for the first time in the history of the Junior Order, the entire Supreme Advisory Board for a meet-

ing in Washington, D. C., together with the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa.

When Supreme President V. I. Ghebithes deposited a check for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars in the account of the Junior Order immediately following the last Ahepa national convention, again, for the first time in the Junior Order's history, the full amount of the Sons of Pericles appropriation from the Order of Ahepa had been received. To the chief executive of the Senior Order there should also be given the credit for effecting the removal of the Sons of Pericles Headquarters to Washington, D. C. Within thirty days following the last convention, arrangements had been made, and by September 30, 1935, all of our Headquarters' records and effects had been removed to Washington, D. C., and permanently established in one of the offices that compose the Ahepa Supreme Lodge Headquarters.

The six national conventions of the Junior Order have all been held separate and independent of the Order of Ahepa. All of them have been social and financial successes, and all have contributed to the general aggrandizement of the Order. Attendance, however, on all occasions has been very poor. For this reason, in addition to the manifest desire to combine as many of the Junior Order's activities as is possible to those of the Senior Order, a new note was struck at the 1934 national conventions of both Orders. It was unanimously resolved that the 1936 conventions be held in the same city and at the same time. Thus, Ahepans and Sons of Pericles, fathers and sons, are now preparing themselves for their sojourn to the city of St. Paul, Minn., where the first combined national convention of the Senior and Junior Orders will take place.

Delegates from the numerous chapters, truly representatives of the rising generation, will soon convene and discuss problems akin to our organizations and shall endeavor to mark another milestone on the road of our highly promising work for the future. Inspired and encouraged by the deeds and accomplishments of the Senior Order, under whose protective wings we are growing to manhood and under whose colors we shall soon be asked to serve, in their deliberations, I hope, they, the delegates, will with courage, determination and wisdom, face the problems which confront us and solve them in a method which will insure steady progress and development.

After nine years of membership in the Sons of Pericles, the last four years of which were served as a member of the Supreme Council, I have come to the firm conclusion that the Supreme Advisory Board should both dictate the policies of the Junior Order as well as assume complete responsibility in the administration of the national headquarters. We cannot deny that we are constantly moving in this direction. Neither can we deny that the recent conventions of both Senior and Junior Orders, by their mandates, have clearly voiced this sentiment. They have, in fact, in more ways than one contributed towards the realization of this end. Unfortunately, the Order of Ahepa in the past did not have within its

ranks men that really knew the Junior Order through and through, men that knew its history and its needs, and that thereby were in a position to dictate its policies and to administer its headquarters. Today, however, the situation is completely changed. Not only is the Senior Order better informed as to the history and needs of the Sons of Pericles, but members from the Junior Order have graduated into the Order of Ahepa in sufficient numbers to create a greater and warmer relationship between the two Orders.

As retiring Supreme President, it is my parting advice and most earnest solicitation that you continue to signalize the Order of Sons of Pericles as a great exemplary American organization uplifting Hellenic prestige by preaching undivided allegiance to the United States, obedience to its laws, and undiminishing loyalty to all its institutions. Continue to stimulate the love and admiration of Hellenic culture, traditions and ideals; continue to build up character by promoting in every manner possible a high standard of ethics and good fellowship; respect always your parents above all earthly kings, and show that reverence to elders which they deserve. Be constantly mindful that your mission as a member of the Sons of Pericles shall not be fulfilled until you have graduated into the ranks of the Order of Ahepa. Continue, therefore, to prepare yourselves for admission into the Senior Order where you must forge ahead with the same unswerving clarity of vision and the same tenacious adherence to the principles which have made the Order of Sons of Pericles what it is today.

The twilight of my official career as your loyal servant has been reached, but not without an overabundance of indelible impressions upon my memory of your fine support and cooperation. I have enjoyed your friendship and your confidence, which you have manifested by retaining me in the Supreme Council for four years. I have served with the utmost of sincerity and have wholeheartedly devoted my time and effort towards the advancement of our glorious Order. In retiring I salute you and share your solicitude for the uninterrupted progress of our Fraternity.

THIRTY

The undersigned wishes to grasp this opportunity of expressing deep gratitude to those chapters that made regular contributions, so vital in making the Order's publication successful and representative of the fraternity.

He wishes to express his appreciation to the editor of the AHEPA MAGAZINE, Constantine G. Economou and his staff, for their splendid support during his long association with them.

And so, with a parting word of best wishes to the chapters and membership, your Vice President draws upon the journalist to say "Thirtys," knowing he tried to do his best and taking satisfaction in the friendships he made during his tenure.

CHRIS J. PETROW,
Supreme Vice President.

AUXILIARY NEWS

"Nic-nacs" of "Hermione" Chapter

ON SUNDAY, April 26th, the "Daughters" of Washington, D. C., celebrated the chapter's second anniversary with a dance at St. Sophia's Hall. As one entered the hall it was not believed to be that of St. Sophia. It was beautifully decorated with fresh lilacs and jonquils and other decorations.

The committee in charge, headed by Theodora S. Lambros, a student at Wilson's State Teachers College; Irene Peratino, Past President; Penelope Papachrist and Katherine Kallivas, should be congratulated for the success of the dance.

The 100 couples who attended this affair danced to the music of Bob Neil's "Majestics."

The local "Daughters" always arrange to make it "a day of days" on Mother's Day. Beginning with special church services in the morning, at which the members and their mothers attended in a body, it ended with a tea in the afternoon.

Our Mother's Day tea was held in the popular Burlington Hotel on May 10th. There the members and their mothers enjoyed a social gathering which will be long remembered. The entertainment consisted of piano solos by Sisters Agnes Papanicolas and Catherine Cokinos.

The fathers of the members were not overlooked on their day. Special church services were held for them on June 21st and, due to various social functions taking place that same evening, a buffet and entertainment was held in their honor the following evening. This took place at St. Sophia's Hall.

The following members of our social committee, of which Theodora Lambros is chairman, ought to be complimented for putting both affairs over as they did: Irene Peratino, Katherine Kallivas and Marie Androulakis.

On May 26th, Hermione Chapter, No. 11, initiated the following sisters: Anastasia Mandis, Bessie Relos, Anne Papps, Helen Andy, Carol M. Soukaras, Mary Chaconas, Mary Kavakos, Bertha Spyros, Helen Fochalis, Helen Limparis, Stella Kaisell and Mary Mallos. This brings the membership to sixty active "Daughters."

After the initiation ceremonies refreshments and other "goodies" were served. These were donated by various sisters of the club.

It looks as though Cupid and the members of Hermione Chapter had gotten on the good side of each other and talked things over. That is the best explanation we have, for in the last two months five of our loveliest members marched to the altar to make their vows, the former Misses Dorothy Cokinos, Demeter Chaconas, Alexandra Economou, Gladys Ladas and Betty Nicholson. Surprise bridal showers

were given the brides by the different sisters of the chapter.

A homecoming party was given in honor of Sister Helen Peratino, who recently returned from a three-month visit to Greece and other European countries, by the members of the chapter. It was in the nature of a picnic and was held at beautiful Hains Point, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, June 20th. Many of the members attended.

The following committee and members of Hermoine Chapter assisted the Ahepans during their Fifth District Convention which took place at Washington, D. C., on July 5th and 6th at the Willard Hotel: Mary Koutsoukos, Chairman; Theodora Lambros, Antoinette Batlis, Stella Batlis, Estelle Eliades, Dolly Plakas, Mary DeVakos, Callirhoe Chaconas, Virginia Plakas, Agnes Papanicolas, Rose Pappadeas, Catherine Cokinos, Helen Plakas and Marie Androulakis.

They assumed the responsibility of seeing to it that the visiting ladies were well taken care of. On Monday morning, July 6th, a boat ride down the Potomac River to Mt. Vernon was enjoyed by all who attended. Later in the afternoon a reception was held in the beautiful Bamboo Room of the Willard Hotel, during which piano solos were rendered by Agnes Papanicolas and Catherine Cokinos. Catherine Cokinos who is quite an artist at the piano, and Rose Pappadeas, a mandolinist, entertained jointly with various tango and Greek numbers.

The following girls took charge of the registration of the delegates and visitors: Mary Koutsoukos, Theodora Lambros, Dolly, Virginia and Helen Plakas, and Antoinette Batlis.

On Thursday evening, July 9th, the club held a "splash party" at the Chevy Chase swimming pool where members and their friends enjoyed themselves.

Sunday, July 12th. On this day the members had an all-day beach party at Beverly Beach. The majority of them met at St. Sophia's Church and left for the beach from there. All those who went enjoyed it immensely.

A delightful moonlight ride down the Potomac River, on the S. S. *Wilson*, was more than enjoyed by the chapter members and their friends on Thursday, July 16th.

ANTOINETTE BAILIS,
Reporter, Hermoine Chapter.

Activities of the "Alcmene" Chapter

THE past few weeks have been very busy and eventful ones for Alcmene Chapter, No. 27, Baltimore, Md. On Friday, May 22, the first initiation of the year was held in the chapter's lodge rooms in the Odd Fellows Temple. The nine new members who were sworn into the mysteries of the Order were Anne Vandora, Arête C. Scaris, Mary A.

Courpas, Kathryn D. Cassis, Mary George, Kirki Prodis, Anna G. Artis, Nina Souzis, and Tessera L. Carman. The president of the Hermoine Chapter of Washington, Mary Koutsoukas, was present and spoke briefly. After the meeting refreshments were served.

Despite warm weather, on Tuesday, June 2, the bingo party, sponsored by Alcmene Chapter, was a huge success. It was held in the cool card room of the Odd Fellows Temple and was attended by many members of the three local units of the Ahepa. Refreshments were sold, and the proceeds of the affair went toward bolstering the chapter's treasury. Congratulations for the success of the party are due to Amalia Nicholson, chairman; Bessie Valsamakis, Mary Constantine, and Josephine Constantine; and the refreshment committee, Kalliope Pappas, chairman, Mary Cavacos, and Basiliki Sakelos.

Many members of the Alcmene Chapter turned out in their best "hibs and tuckers" for the farewell luncheon given in honor of Fevrenia G. Petite, on Tuesday, June 9, at the well-known Weber's Restaurant. Mr. and Mrs. Petite and their two sons are sailing the end of June for a visit abroad. After luncheon, the chairman of the committee, Evelyn Contes, presented the guest of honor with a travel memorandum book. Other members of the committee were Catherine Capsanes and Sophia Cavacos.

KATHERINE N. KOSMIDES,
Chairman, Publicity Committee.

President of St. Paul "Daughters" and her Committee will entertain visiting Ladies during Ahepa National Convention.



Miss Marianne Strenghis
President, Euxidice Chapter, No. 21, Daughters of Penelope, St. Paul, Minn.

Annual Report of "Ariadne" Chapter

MAY we come again? Out of the obscurity into which we have descended we arise to say that perhaps we have not been heard from a great deal but we have been active, and after all, it is action that counts.

During our long silence we have presented our Greek Church with a beautiful fence which encloses it and gives it the touch of neatness and beauty which the grounds needed.

That's right, I forgot to mention who we are, the Daughters of Penelope, Ariadne Chapter, No. 12, of Price, Utah, to you, ladies and gentlemen. We are most happy to make your acquaintance and hope some time to know you at closer range.

Now to commence with past history. Undoubtedly a short summary of our activities in the past will serve better because if I wrote in detail, one issue of our magazine would have to be devoted to us and naturally that wouldn't do.

Up to January, 1936, we sponsored two dances that were the talk of the Greek community for weeks afterwards. We feel that it was sufficient tribute to us to have people frequently inquire, "When are you going to give another dance?"

During February the Daughters of Penelope and the Ahepans held a joint installation. The ceremonies were beautiful and after they were over, with true brotherly spirit, the Brothers escorted the Sisters to a local sweet shop for refreshments.

We believe that on January 18th, the Daughters gave a dance that was the outstanding success of the year. We had outfitted completely a beautiful modernistic chest with lovely linen and apparel. During the course of the evening it was drawn and taken by one of the members of our community. It was a worthy gift for any young lady.

In between the various functions I have mentioned, we industriously spent our time in the activities of the city. Celebrations, weddings, funerals, baptisms and parades found the Daughters of Penelope well represented.

The last Fourth of July marked a red letter day for us; the Daughters entered a lovely float and, of course, won the first prize in the lodge division. May I describe it? The car was decorated in pure white. The Daughters' name was written on the side of the car in silver. On a raised dais of the float rested a beautiful wrought-iron seat covered with crimson velvet. At the back rose two white columns, where two Daughters stood, one at each side. They held a beautiful wreath of glossy "daphne" leaves and, raised high in their hands, the Greek letters of the words "Theta Pi," written in gold. The girls were beautiful in headbands of silver and were gowned in snowy white. On the dais sat our Penelope. She was enrobed in ancient Greek garments. In her hands were held a golden loom. On her brow rested a golden circle of leaves. At her feet lay her maids dressed in white with palm leaves in their hands. The spirit of Penelope was thus embodied and all the people who saw it shall long remember it as a gorgeous spectacle.

And that leaves us with all our news reported except the new officers of the year. They are: President, Mrs. Angeline Kosmos; Vice President, Mrs. Anne Morakis; Secretary,

Mrs. Sophie Zaganos; Treasurer, Mrs. Nora Galanis; Priestess, Mrs. Foto Liapos; Captain of the Guards, Miss Valamis Makris; Warden, Miss Jennie Makris; Sentinels, Miss Vera Xenakis, Miss Angeline Peperakis; Flag Guards, Miss Helen Frangos, Miss Irene Peperakis; the Board of Governors includes: Mrs. Helen Pallios, chairman; Mrs. Mary Protopappas, Mrs. Pelagia Vergakis; Mrs. Helen Zoulakis and Mrs. Argie Lendaris.

Just a few more words on my own account—they are directed to the Daughters of Penelope and Brother Ahepans: We have heard that in unity there is strength. Cooperation in any profession, in any walk of life, is the medium through which great things are accomplished. We learn by bitter experience, no doubt, that the lone wolf soon finds the pack turning against him. Is it not better then that the women as well as the men of our great Hellas be linked together in one magnificent, unbreakable chain that will serve to draw Greece through the fire and up the glorious peak which it formerly held? This is not a vain vision, yet only through combined effort and by forever striving will the dream be realized. We can even here in America bring all the culture and beauty that is our heritage. By making our own homes thus we have made a bit of the world better.

The Ahepa began a stupendous task when it organized; now it has reason to be proud. Through its untiring efforts the Hellenes of America are not scattered far and wide from each other, but are banded together in a unity that is everlasting.

My last words are, "Courage, onward, upward!"

MISS VERA XENAKIS,
Corresponding Secretary.

A Real Penelope

THE Daughters of Penelope, Pallas Chapter, No. 34, Pensacola, Fla., are certainly a proud and happy group, but even more so since Sunday, May 17, at which time the members became godmothers to a most adorable little lady of seventeen months. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolierakis and lives in Mobile, Ala.

On that day, the members drove to Mobile and immediately followed the Liturgy Service, the ceremony of christening took place at the Greek Orthodox Church. Mrs. T. G. Costoplos was selected to anoint the child with olive oil and to pronounce the name. The Priest, Rev. Seraphim Haginos, remarked that the oil should be passed over the child's mouth in order that she may never tell a lie. When this was done, together with loud crying and swift kicking, the name, "Penelope Demetra" (the former for our Order and the latter because she was born October 26, Saint Demetrios Day), was given, she was dipped. Then our real Penelope, the possessor of golden curls and large brown eyes, was dressed in her new attire of pink by Miss Anne Lee Rainer and Miss Lula Davis; and the ceremony was soon brought to a close. Each member of the gathering was presented with a small cross daintily tied with a pink ribbon as a memento of the occasion, after which all were invited downstairs for delicacies. We then dined with our new godchild to the Tampary home where we were guests for dinner.

Many thanks have been extended Misses Christine Tampary, Lula Davis and Ellen Morris for their excellent arrangement of this affair.

We wish our darling Penelope a long life, the greatest of health and happiness, and always will we turn our thoughts to her for inspiration, in order that we may make up in spirit what we lack in number.

On Thursday evening, May 14, at the Knights of Pythias Temple, Pallas Chapter, No. 34, of Pensacola, entertained with a card party. Attractive prizes were awarded the winners at each table, the door prize going to Miss Theda Liberis, after being drawn for by little Miss Bessie Papas.

Arrangements and decorations were in charge of Mrs. T. Costoplos, Mrs. C. Morris and Mrs. T. Liberis.

Refreshments were in charge of Misses Leila Tringas and Annie Lee Rainer. An adjoining room was very prettily decorated and serving was by the members, who worked hard to make this event a huge success.

LULA DAVIS,
Publicity Chairman.

Maids of Athens Conference of the 22nd District Great Success

GIRLS from every corner of the 22d District, which covers Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, poured into Tacoma, Wash., for the Fourth Annual Conference of the Maids of Athens on June 26, 27 and 28. The Maids of Athens Conference is held in conjunction with the Ahepa District Convention each year where young girl delegates representing their respective chapters get together and thrash out their affairs in private and thus coordinate their activities.

Registration desks were held open by the "Maids" in the lobby of the Winthrop Hotel Friday and Saturday. The first order of business for the Maids of Athens was their sessions which were opened at 2:30 P. M. by District Secretary Maxine Manoussos, who called upon Bro. Thomas D. Lentz, Chairman of the District Council for the Maids of Athens, for his annual report in which was included the following:

"We are happy to report that the chapters of the Maids of Athens in the district are in the most excellent condition and have functioned very satisfactorily during the year with excellent relations between the chapters of the Maids of Athens and those of the Ahepa. Since our last District Convention the Maids of Athens have been recognized as the official Junior Girls' Auxiliary of the Order of Ahepa at their Twelfth Annual Convention held in Chicago, Ill., in August, 1935."

Following the report of Brother Lentz the financial report was rendered by the District Secretary who then announced that nominations for Conference officers were in order, which resulted in the following elections: Joanna Manoussos, Tacoma, Wash., Chairman; Bessie Edison, Portland, Ore., Secretary. Following many discussions the session was adjourned.

In order to renew old acquaintanceships Sparta Chapter, No. 1, of the Maids of Athens (hostess chapter), sponsored a party and dance for Sons of Pericles, visiting ladies, and Ahepans who attended. The hostess chapter put on a pantomime skit, an over-dramatized

play like the "Souvenir Pictures of 1908" which are so popular on our movie screens today. The acting on the part of the characters kept everyone screaming with laughter. Dancing was enjoyed until after midnight.

Although there was hardly time for any sleep, the Maids of Athens, true to their fraternal spirit, attended the District initiation of the Maids of Athens, where girls from the entire District were initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a very impressive candle-light ceremony at which only Presidents and Past Presidents presided. Following the deliverance of the formal oaths and charges the girls were made to prove their loyalty to the lodge by trying to "crash" into the largest theaters in the city without paying an admittance fee.

At 1 o'clock approximately 125 Maids of Athens and visiting ladies were the guests of Sparta Chapter, No. 1, of Tacoma, Wash., at a luncheon at the Tacoma Hotel. Guests and speakers for the afternoon were: Mrs. Kathryn Malstrom, State Senator; Mrs. Laura Kreidler, Dean of Women, Pacific Lutheran College; Maxine Manousos, District Secretary of the Maids of Athens, 33rd District; Mary Davis, Worthy Maid (President) of Sparta Chapter, No. 1, Tacoma, Wash.; Elenie Pishue, Worthy Maid, Althea Chapter, No. 2, Seattle, Wash.; Hariclea Stavrianos, Worthy Maid, Ariadne Chapter, No. 4, Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Mrs. Chrys Stasinakis, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Maids of Athens of Tacoma, acted as toastmistress. A very delightful program followed, consisting of harp selections and vocal solos.

The remainder of the day was spent attending the activities sponsored by our Brother Ahepans which consisted of a successful banquet and dance Saturday night and a picnic all day Sunday.

All members of the District, Ahepans, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athens, should be congratulated upon their cooperation on making the Fifth Annual District Convention and the Fourth Annual Conference the largest sponsored by the 22d District. The "Maids" in particular give thanks to the members of the Convention Committee, Maids of Athens Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Chrys Stasinakis, Chairman; Mrs. Chris Manthou, Mrs. Nick Vitos, and Mrs. Theodore Manos; and the Visiting Ladies Committee, Mrs. Steve Phill, Chairman; Mrs. Mike Hallis, Mrs. Elias Hallis, Mrs. Nick Coutsouas, and Mrs. Sam Scafluron for their efforts in making the sojourn of all visiting ladies and Maids of Athens a most pleasant one.

MAXINE MANOUSOS,
District Secretary.

Dance Held by Icarus Chapter

Daughters of Penelope Hostesses at Event in Plaza Hotel.

THE first annual spring dance of Icarus Chapter, No. 48, Daughters of Penelope, was held last night, in the Plaza Hotel, Jersey City. Between dances, entertainment was presented by the following:

Group tap dancing, Gloria Nist, Annette Esposito, Flora Edelson and Gloria Rutley; a Gypsy dance by Anita Pyle; a tap dance by Catherine Chaplin; a solo by Miss Anne; a novelty dance by Miss Frances; a piano selection by C. Antonopoulos; Greek songs by A.

Portos, accompanied by Miss Elle Panoulas; a tap dance by Georgina Charlis; a solo by Mrs. Zacharion accompanied by Mrs. Apanomith and selections by a boys' harmonica band.

The officers are: Mrs. John A. Vallas, president; Mrs. George Pyle, vice president; Miss Alice Viantes, secretary, and Mrs. Theodore Antonopoulos, treasurer.

On the dance committee were: Mrs. J. A. Vallas, Mrs. A. Portos, Miss Elle Panoulas, Miss Alice Viantes and Mrs. T. Antonopoulos; ticket committee, Mrs. T. Antonopoulos, chairlady, Miss Emily Panoulas, Miss Alice Tsoucolas, Mrs. J. Nogs and Mrs. A. Marcopol; reception committee, Mrs. L. Desfousis, Mrs. C. Lailas, Mrs. H. Stathakis, Miss Anna Viantes, Mrs. J. Gonis, Mrs. A. Xeftaris, Mrs. S. Viantes and Mrs. Viola Callas; and flower committee, Miss Mary Karavities, Miss Elle Panoulas, Miss Alice Viantes and Miss Mary Pelotides.

Edmonton Visited by Supreme President

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to us in our mother tongue, although we soon found out that his command of the English language is truly remarkable and that he is a very able and fluent speaker in both languages. It gladdened our hearts to realize that Demostheneses are still born, for his words poured forth so naturally, so persuasively. I have seldom seen an audience so enthralled by a speaker and kept in such a happy mood from beginning to end, and with good reason, because he knows how to combine reasoning power with wit and sincerity with humor.

Long live the Ahepa, that makes it possible for such a distinguished man to visit Greek communities throughout this great continent and to scatter gladness and good-will among all of us.

MRS. HELEN LINGAS,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Hellenic Triumph

HISTORY repeats itself. Time and time again in our path of life we have found that to be invariably true. Again Chicago's royal dynasty of women who rule by divine right of Hellenism, namely the "Hellas" Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, lunched another Hellenic triumph. This was an open meeting given on the evening of April 29th, 1936, in honor of His Grace, the Right Rev. Metropolitan Gennadios of Heliopolis. In the fantastic mirror-paneled, high-ceilinged Mirror Room of the Morrison Hotel, the throngs were received with all the warmth of Hellenic hospitality so characteristic of the Daughters of Penelope.

When His Grace, the Right Rev. Gennadios, commenced his lecture on "The Mission of the Greek Women of America," everyone's interest was instantly captured. All present were held spellbound and so remained until the enthralling lecture came to an end. Words would be far too inadequate to properly express the deep admiration and respect that we have for His Grace, the Metropolitan Gennadios because he is a true Hellenic, an advocate, and a fanatic of Hellenic cultural advance, and Greek Orthodox Religion. If we could boast of being just a small fraction of a Hellenic that this admirable personage is,

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ΔΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΚΔΡΟΜΗΝ ΤΗΣ ΑΧΕΠΑ

[Με πᾶσαν ἐνδιαφέρον καὶ πόσιν ἀγάπην ἐδέχθησαν τοὺς ἐκδρομῆς μας ἐν Ἑλλάδι ἐμφαίνεται ἀπὸ τὰ ὅσα ἐγράφησαν εἰς τὰς Ἀθηναϊκὰς καὶ ἱστορικὰς ἐφημερίδας, περὶ τῶν ὁσίων μετ' εὐχαριστήσεως δημοσιεύσασιν, χάριν τῶν ἀναγνωστῶν μας.]

«ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΟΝ ΒΗΜΑ», 12 Μαΐου 1936.

ΟΙ ΑΧΕΠΑΝΣ ΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΑΣΠΡΟΠΥΡΓΟΝ

Ἡ Κοινότης Ἀσπροπύργου Ἑλευσίνας προσεκάλεσε τοὺς ἐκδρομῆς τῆς «Ἀχέπα» ὅπως ἐκφράσῃ τὰς εὐχαριστίας τῆς διὰ τὰ χρηματικὰ βραβεῖα τὸ ὅσιον ἐδόθη πρὸ τετραετίας μέσῃ τῆς Ἀκαδημίας εἰς ἐπιβράβευσιν διὰ τὰ γινόμενα ἐξωραϊστικὰ ἔργα. Ἡ ἐπίσκεψις ἐγένετο τὸ ἀπόγευμα τῆς παρελθούσης Κυριακῆς μετ' ἐπὶ καρᾶς τὸν ἀρχηγὸν τῆς ἐκδρομῆς κ. Τσαγκάδα καὶ τὰ μέλη τῶν ἐνταῦθα Ἑλληνοαμερικανικῶν ὀργανώσεων.

Οἱ κάτοικοι ὑπεδέχθησαν τοὺς Ἑλληνοαμερικανούς μετ' ἐνθουσιασμοῦ καὶ μετ' ὁρματα τῶν μαθητῶν, οἱ ὅσοι εἶχον συγκεντρωθῆ εἰς τὸ προαύλιον τοῦ σχολείου. Ὁ κ. Τσαγκάδας συνεχάρη τοὺς κατοίκους καὶ τὸ κοινοτικὸν συμβούλιον διὰ τὰς προόδους τῆς κομπολόου τῶν καὶ ἐδήλωσεν ὅτι ἡ «Ἀχέπα» θὰ ἐξακολουθῆ νὰ ἐπινοῶν καὶ νὰ ἐπιτελεῖ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ πολιτισμοῦ.

Τὴν ἐσπέραν παρετίθη γαῖμα εἰς τὸ κοινοτικὸν μέγαρον, κατὰ τὸ ὅσιον ἐγένοντο προδόσεις καὶ ἐξεφωνήθησαν λόγοι ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ὁ ὅσιος οὐδέποτε λησμονεῖ τὴν Ἑλλάδα. Οἱ ἐκδρομῆς ἐπίστρεψαν εἰς τὰς Ἀθήνας κατὰ τὰς νυκτερινὰς ὥρας μετ' αἰσθητικῶν τῶν ἀντιπώσεων ἀπὸ τῆν ἐγκάρδιον ὑποδοχὴν τῶν κατῴκων Ἀσπροπύργου.

«ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΧΡΟΝΙΚΑ», 11 Ἀπριλίου 1936.

ΚΑΛΩΣ ΗΛΘΑΤΕ ΞΕΝΗΤΕΥΜΕΝΑ ΤΕΚΝΑ ΤΗΣ ΠΑΤΡΙΔΟΣ

Ἡ ὁ λαὸς τοῦ Πειραιῶς καὶ τῶν Ἀθηνῶν ὑπεδέχθη πρῶτος καὶ πάλιν μετ' ἀνεκλάλητον χαρὰν τοὺς ἐκδρομῆς τῆς Ἀχέπα, τὰ ξενητευμένα τέκνα τῆς πατρίδος. Ἦλθον καὶ πάλιν ἵνα ἀπαυθῶν τὸ χῶμα τῆς γενετικῆς τῶν ἵνα ἀπανθῶν τὸν ἑλληνικὸν ἥλιον, ἵνα εἰσπνεύσων τὴν ζεῖδρον αἶραν τῶν ὄρεων τῆς Ἠλίου, ἵνα ἐναγκαλισθῶν καὶ πάλιν συγγενεῖς καὶ φίλους. Καλῶς ἤλθατε ξενητευμένα τέκνα τῆς πατρίδος, τὴν ὅσιον ποτὲ εἶν ἐλημονήσατε εἰς τὴν φιλόξενον χώραν, ἀπὸ τῆς ὅσιος εὐρυτάτης ἀκτατῆς ὠκεανῶν καὶ ξηρᾶς μᾶς χωρίζει. Ἐκεῖ εἰς τὰ ξένα ζῶντες ἀπὸ μακροῦ χρόνου καὶ δίχην ἀριστοπῶν μελλοσῶν δημιουργήσαντες εὐρυτάτης ἐργασίας καὶ παντοειδεῖς ἐπιχειρήσεις, μετέσχτε τοῦ πολιτισμοῦ τῶν Ἡνωμένων Πολιτειῶν, χωρὶς ὅμως νὰ λησμονήτε τὴν μητέρα Ἑλλάδα, πρὸς ἣν ἀείποτε εἶχετε ἐστραμμένα τὰ βλέμματα καὶ τοὺς πόθους.

Καλῶς ἤλθατε ξενητευμένα τέκνα τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς πατρίδος.

Εἶναι μικρὰ ἡ πατρίς ἡμῶν. Ἀλλὰ ποῖος καὶ πόσος ἀναμνήσεως εἰς τὴν εὐκατὸς λίθος αὐτῆς. Εἶναι τερπνὴ ἢ εὐαρέσκαι καὶ ὁ πλοῦτος τῶν μεγαλοπόλεων τοῦ Νέου Κόσμου, ἀλλὰ ποῖαν παραδείσιον εὐδαμονίαν σκερπίζων οἱ λαίμονες τῆς πατρίδος ἡμῶν.

Καλῶς ἤλθατε ξενητευμένα τέκνα τῆς πατρίδος, καλῶς ἤλθατε νοσταλγοὶ τοῦ πατρίδος ἑδάφους, τὸ ὅσιον εἰς μῦροναι τὴν στιγμὴν αὐτῆν μετ' αἰσθητικῶν ἀνθῆ τῆς ἀνοιξιας, τῆς ἑλληνικῆς ἀνοιξιας, ἥτις τὰ τερπνότερα τῶν ἀνείρων χαρίζει καὶ τὸσους διαγεῖραι πόθους καὶ ἐλπίδας καὶ ἀισθήματα. Ἡ αἰώ-

νία Ἑλλὰς εἰς ὑπεδέχθη καὶ πάλιν εἰς τὰς στεργικὰς τῆς ἀγκάλῃς καὶ θερμῶνται εἰσὶν εἰς ἐγκαλούχῃς καὶ εἰς ἐξέθερα.

«ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜ. ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΟΣ», Ἀθηνῶν, 19 Ἀπριλ. 1936.

«Ὡς προσέδομεν τὸν Ἀπόδημον Ἑλληνοαμερικανῶν.

ΟΙ ΕΛΛΗΝΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ ΩΣ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΟΣ ΠΑΡΑΓΩΓ

Ἐδέχθημεν καὶ πάλιν ἐφέτος τὰ εὐθηνικὰ χαλιδόναι, τοὺς Ἑλληνοαμερικανούς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ὅπως ἐπισημαστικώτατα τοὺς ἐγκαρτήσατε καὶ πρὸ τριετίας ὁ δὴμαρχος Ἀθηναίων κ. Κοτζίδης. Τοὺς ἐδέχθημεν μετ' ἐνθουσιασμοῦ, μετ' ἐκπνεύσων καὶ στεργῆν, ὅπως ἐπεβάλλετο διὰ τοὺς ξενητευμένους ἀδελφούς μας. Ἡ μεγάλη Ἑλληνοαμερικανικὴ ὀργάνωσις «Ἀχέπα», παρὰ τὸ κρίσιμον τῶν οἰκονομικῶν περιστάσεων, ἐπραγματοποίησε τὴν ἐτησίαν ἐκδρομὴν τῆς καὶ εἶναι εἰς αὐτὴν θερμῶν ἐπαίνων. Εἰς τὴν ἔβρον τοῦ ὑπέτου προεδρείου, τὸ Ὁδοιπορικόν, ἐγένοντο πολλὰ συσκέψεις καὶ πρὸς στιγμὴν ἐξεδηλώθησαν εὐδοκίαι ματαιώσεως τῆς ἐκδρομῆς. Ἀλλ' ἐν τέλει ὅλας αἱ δυσκολίαι παρεκμυθήσαν καὶ ἡ ἐκδρομὴ ἐγένετο ὑπὸ τὴν ἀρχηγίαν τοῦ ἀντιπροέδρου τῆς ὀργάνωσεως κ. Κ. Τσαγκάδα, διαπρεποῦς δικηγόρου ἐν Νιγηρίῃ. Ὡς ἀρχηγὸς τῆς ἐκδρομῆς ἦλθεν ὁ ἄμφορος κ. Κ. Κοτσιλιμπας, ἀπὸ τὰ ἐλλεικτότερα ἑλληνικὰ στοιχεῖα εἰς τὴν περιφέρειαν Μασσαχουσέτης, καὶ οἱ κ. κ. Μέγας, Πάρρη καὶ Σαμίου, μέλη τοῦ ἀρχηγείου τῆς ἐκδρομῆς.

Παρηκολούθησα ὅλας τὰς ἐτησίαις ἐκδρομῆς τῶν Ἑλλήνων τῆς Ἀμερικῆς καὶ ἐγὼ καθῆκον νὰ διακηρῶ ὅτι ἐφέτος ὁ ἐλεγχος τῶν διασπορευτῶν, ὁ ἐκτελωνισμὸς, ἡ ἀπόδοσις, ἡ ἀνοδος εἰς τὰς Ἀθήνας, ἐγέναν μετ' ἀληθῆ ταξὶν καὶ εὐπρέπειαν κατ' ἀντίθεσιν πρὸς πολλὰς ἀταξίας τοῦ παρελθόντος.

Τὸ γεγονός αὐτὸ ἀποδεικνύει τὴν πρόβον τῆς τουριστικῆς ὑπηρεσίας καὶ τὴν σοβαρὰν ἀντίληψιν τοῦ κράτους, ὅπως παρεχόνται ὅλας αἱ νόμιμοι εὐκολίαι εἰς τοὺς ἐρχομένους ἐξωθεν ταξιδιώτας πρὸς ἐπίσκεψιν τῆς Ἑλλάδος.

Ὡς ἱστορικὸς, οὕτως εἰπεῖν, καὶ ἀμερόληπτος παρατηρητῆς τῶν Ἑλληνοαμερικανικῶν ἐκδρομῶν εἶμαι ἀπολύτως ἱκανοποιημένος ἀπὸ τὴν ἐκτέλεσιν τοῦ προγράμματος τῆς ὑποδοχῆς, ἐκτελεστικῆν, διὰ τὴν ὅσιαν ἐπρωτοστάτησεν αὐτὸς οὕτως ὁ πρόεδρος τῆς ἐπιτροπῆς δὴμαρχος κ. Κοτζίδης, ὅστις συνέθεσε πλεον τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀποδήμων ἀδελφῶν μετ' ἑθελῶν ἀγῶνας καὶ πραγματικῆς ὑπηρεσίας τόσον κατὰ τὸ παρελθόν, ὅσον καὶ ἐφέτος.

Τὴν ἐσπέραν τῆς 19 Ἀπριλίου ἐδόθη τὸ καθιερωμένον ἐπίσημον δείπνον τῆς «Ἀχέπα», εἰς τὸ ὅσιον παρεκάθησαν ὑπὲρ τὰς τριακόσια πρόσωπα, μετὰ τῶν ὅσιων διακρινόντο ὁ ἐξοχιστάτος καὶ συμπαθέστατος πρεσβυτῆς τῶν Ἡνωμ. Πολιτειῶν κ. Λίνκολν Μαν-Βὴ μετὰ τῆς ἀξιότιμης κυρίας του, ὑπουργοὶ ἀντιπροέσωποι τῆς κυβερνήσεως καὶ οἱ περισσώτεροι ἀρχηγοὶ τῶν πολιτικῶν κομμάτων. Οἱ λόγοι οἱ ὅσοι ἐξεφωνήθησαν ἔλαβον τὸν χαρακτῆρα συνεδρίου Ἑλληνοαμερικανικοῦ καὶ ἐπ' αὐτῶν εἶμαι ὑποχρεωμένος ν' ἀσχληθῶ καὶ νὰ ἐξηγήσω μερικὰ συμπεράσματα πολιτικὰ καὶ οἰκονομικὰ. Συμπεράσματα ἀπὸ τῶν λόγων διὰ νὰ εὐδαμονεῖ κάποιος καὶ εἰς τὴν πραγματικότητά τῶν ἔργων.

Ὁ κ. Καρναντάρης, μετ' ὅλων τῶν ληρισμῶν τοῦ λόγου του, ἐθεώρησε καθῆκον του ν' ἀναφέρῃ τὴν κρατικὴν ἀδιαφορίαν ἀπέναντι μεγάλων καὶ ζωτικῶν ζητημάτων τοῦ ἀποδήμου Ἑλληνο-

ΔΙΑΛΕΞΙΣ Κ. Κ. ΤΣΑΓΚΑΔΑ

ΑΡΧΗΓΟΥ ΤΗΣ "ΑΗΕΡΑ" ΤΗΝ 10^{ην} ΜΑΪΟΥ ΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΠΑΡΝΑΣΣΟΝ

ΜΙΧ. ΕΥΛΑΜΠΙΟΣ:—

Κυρίαί καί Κύριοι,

Ὡς μέλος τοῦ Ἑλληνοαμερικανικοῦ Συνδέσμου, εἰς τὴν πρωτοβουλίαν τοῦ ὁποίου ὀφείλομεν καί τὴν ὀφθαίαν σημερινὴν ἑορτήν, Σᾶς παρουσιάζω τὸν ῥήτορα τῆς ἡμέρας κ. Κωνσταντῖνον Τσαγκαδάν, ὁ ὁποῖος εἶναι καὶ ἀρχηγὸς τῶν Ἑλληνοαμερικανῶν ἐκδρομίων, οἱ ὁποῖοι ὅπως γνωρίζετε, μᾶς ἐπισκέπτονται ἤδη ἀπὸ μᾶς δεκαετίας σχεδὸν κατ' ἔτος. Ἐστένο τὸ ὁποῖον ἡμεῖς οἱ Ἕλληνες καθυστεροῦμεν εἶναι ἡ ἀντιπάδοσις τῆς ἐπισκέψεως. Δυστυχῶς, εἰμεθα ἀπογορημένοι ἀπὸ τόσα ἄλλα ζητήματα, ὅστε δὲν μᾶς ἔμεινε μέχρι σήμερον καιρὸς νὰ πραγματοποιήσομεν αὐτὸ τὸ ταξεῖδι, διὰ τὸ ὁποῖον, ἄλλως τε, ἡ ἀπόφασίς μας μένει ἀμετάβλητος καὶ δὲν μεταιοῦται.

Ἐπιθυλοῦσόμεθα νὰ ἐκκληρώσομεν βραδύτερον τὴν ἐπαχρέωσίν μας ταύτην.

Ἡ Ἑλλάς μετὰ τῆς ἑορτῆς ἐνδιαφέροντος παρακολουθεῖ τὴν ἐξέλιξιν τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τοῦ νέου κόσμου.

Μετ' ἐνδιαφέροντος ἐπίσης θερμοῦ νὰ παρακολουθήσομεν σήμερον τὴν ὁμιλίαν περὶ τῆς ἐξελίξεως ταύτης τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ὁμιλίαν ἡ ὁποία θὰ γίνῃ ἀπὸ εἰδικῶν, προσερχόμενον ἐξ Ἀμερικῆς καὶ ἡ ὁποία εἶμαι βέβαιος ὅτι θὰ εἶναι πολὺ ἐνδιαφέρουσα.

ΚΩΝΣΤ. ΤΣΑΓΚΑΔΑΣ:—

Κυρίαί καί Κύριοι,

Γιὰ μένα, καθὼς καὶ γιὰ τοὺς συμπατριῶτας μου τοὺς ἐξ Ἀμερικῆς ἐλθόντας, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἀπεφάσισαν νὰ ζήσουν πλέον στὴν Ἑλλάδα εἶναι ἐξαιρετικὴ τιμὴ τὸ νὰ δοθῇ ἰσοκαρία νὰ μᾶς παρουσιάσῃ ὁ κ. Εὐλάμπιος, ὁ ὁποῖος τόσον ζοηρῶς ἔχει ἐνδιαφεροθῆ γιὰ τὰ ζητήματα καὶ προβλήματα τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς καὶ διὰ τὰς σχέσεις ποὺ πρέπει νὰ ἐπύχονεν μεταξὺ Ἕλλησιν τῶν ἐν Ἑλλάδι καὶ ἡμῶν τῶν ἐν Ἀμερικῇ Ἑλλήνων.

Μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν καρδίαν μου θέλω νὰ ἐξχαριστήσω τὸν Ἑλληνοαμερικανικὸν Σύνδεσμον.

Αὐτοὶ ἐκεῖ οἱ συμπατριῶται μας, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἔργων μαζροὶ ἀπὸ τὰ διάφανα γιοῦτα τῆς Ἑλλάδος, μὲ πολλὰ ἄλλα ἐφόδια, ἐφρόντισαν νὰ δημοσιογήσουν κατὰ γὰ τοὺς ἑαυτοὺς των, γιὰ τὴν οικογενειακὴν καὶ γὰ τὴν Πατριδα, καὶ τοὺς ἠνέμονεν ἡ τέχνη νὰ ἐπιστρέψον στὴν καλύτερην πώλῃ τοῦ κόσμου, στὴν



Ὁ Ἀρχηγὸς τῆς Ἐκδρομῆς Τσαγκαδάς ὁμιλεῖ τὴν 10^{ην} Μαΐου 1936 εἰς τὸν Παρνασσὸν Ἀθηνῶν. Εἰς τὴν πρώτην σειρὰν ὁ κ. Ζερβός, Πρόεδρος τοῦ Πανεπιστημίου Ἀθηνῶν, ὁ Πρόεδρος τοῦ Παρνασσῶν, ὁ κ. Ροδάς, ὁ Στρατηγὸς Πετιοδῆς, ὁ πρῶτος Ὑπουργὸς κ. Εὐλάμπιος, δεξιὰ τοῦ κ. Τσαγκαδά ὁ πρῶτος Ὑπουργὸς Ἀναστασίουδης, ὁ κ. Κανακάκης Ροῦφος, ὁ κ. Δρυμόναυ, ὁ κ. Ἀνδρ. Φίλιππας, ὁ κ. Μανφραδῆς τῆς Ἀμερ. Πρεσοβίας, ὁ κ. Davis, Διευθυντὴς Κολλεγίου Ἀθηνῶν.

ὁμορφότερην χώρα τοῦ κόσμου, στὸν πῶ γλυκὸ σφραγὸν ποὺ μπορεῖ νὰ παρουσιάσῃ ὁ κόσμος γιὰ νὰ ζήσουν τὸ ὑπόλοιπον τῆς ζωῆς των.

Εἶμαι πολὺ, πολὺ εὐτυχῆς, ποὺ ἔτυχε νὰ παρουσηθῶ ἰδῶ καὶ νὰ δοθῇ εἰς ἐμὲ ἡ τιμὴ νὰ ὁμιλήσω σήμερον, ποὺ ἄρχονται αἱ ἐργασίαι μᾶς νέας ὀργανώσεως, τῆς ὁμοσπονδίας τῶν Ἑλληνοαμερικανικῶν Συνδέσμων.

Ἐπίσης εἶμαι πολὺ εὐτυχῆς ποὺ δίδεται ἡ ἐκκαιρία εἰς ἐμὲ, π.ν. ἔργων μὲ πολλὰ ὄλγα μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν γλυκαίαν μου Πατριδα, τώρα ποὺ ἐγγύσια, νὰ ὁμιλήσω στὴν αἴθουσα τοῦ Παρνασσῶν, μᾶς ὀργανώσεως ἀποτελουμένης ἀπὸ τὸν πῶ διανοητικὸν κόσμον τῆς Πατρίδος μας, ποὺ εἰργάσθη πάντοτε διὰ τὴν πνευματικὴν καλλιέργειαν τοῦ τόπου μας καὶ ἀπὸ τὴν ὁποῖαν ἐξελήθησεν ὁ πῶ στένος φίλος μου καὶ ἡγαστήσας μου συνιδρυτὸς διευθύνων ἐν Νιγηροῦ κ. Πάπας, ὁ ὁποῖος φροντίδι τῆς ὀργανώσεως αὐτῆς κατορθώσας νὰ μάθῃ τὰ πρῶτὰ τῶν γράμματα καὶ εἰς ἐνδειξιν ἐγγνωμοσύνης ἐδόθησας εἰς τὸν Σύνδεσμον Παρνασσῶν ὅτι ἐλκετὸν εἶχεν εἰς τὸ γράσειόν του. Ποῦν εἴπωλα μπορεῖτε νὰ ἐξοκριθώσῃτε τοῦτο βλέποντες τὴν βιβλιοθήκην τὴν ὁποῖαν ἀπέστειλαν ὁ κ. Πάπας.

Ἐκ μέρους τῶν ἐκδρομίων τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ ἔχω τὸ δικαίωμα νὰ ἐξχαριστήσω ὅλους τοὺς Ἕλληνας οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐπεβοήθησαν ὅστε νὰ ἐπιτύχῃ ἡ ἐπι-

τεινὴ ἐκδρομή. Ἐάν τιχόν δὲ εἶδατε ἐλλείψεις τινὰς εἰς τὴν ἐκδρομὴν, Σᾶς παρακαλῶ ἰδιαίτερος, νὰ τὰς ἀποδώσῃτε εἰς τὸν ἀρχηγὸν τῆς ἐκδρομῆς καὶ ὄχι εἰς τοὺς ἐκδρομείς.

Ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἐνδιαφέρεται τόσον γιὰ τὴν Πατρίδα τὴν Ἑλλάδα, ὅσον καὶ οἱ εἰς ποὺ ζῆτε ἰδῶ πάντοτε. Ἴσως νὰ μὴ δίδεται ἡ ἐκκαιρία νὰ ἐξωτερικώσῃ τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον του αὐτὸ πολὺ συχνά, ἐπεὶ βέβαιον ὅμως, ὅτι μέσα εἰς τὴν ψυχὴν του δὲν βλέπει τίποτε ἄλλο παρὰ αὐτὴν καὶ ἂν ἀνοίξῃτε τὴν καρδίαν του δὲν θὰ βοήθῃ τίποτε ἄλλο παρὰ μίαν μεγάλην Ἑλλάδα, ἡ πρόδοσις τῆς ὁποίας εἶναι πάντοτε ὁ κύριος σκοπὸς του.

Ἄν καὶ γιὰ μᾶς Πατρίδα εἶναι ἡ Ἀμερικῆ, ἐπειδὴ δὲν ἔπαυσε διαφασὸν μεταξὺ Ἑλληνικοῦ καὶ Ἀμερικανικοῦ πολιτισμοῦ, μέσα στὴν ψυχὴν μας παραμένουν πάντοτε ὅλα ἐκεῖνα τὰ ἔργα ποὺ ἔχει νὰ παρουσιάσῃ ἡ Πατρίς μας ἡ Ἑλλάς καὶ θέλομεν νὰ διατηρήσομεν τὸ δικαίωμα νὰ ἐνδιαφεροῦμεθα γιὰ τὴν Πατριδα μας τόσον, ὅσον καὶ οἱ εἰς οἱ ἴδιοι.

Ἡ ἱστορία τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς πρέπει νὰ ἐνδιαφέρῃ ὅλους τοὺς Ἕλληνας, πρέπει νὰ ἐνδιαφέρῃ τοὺς Ἕλληνας τῆς Ἑλλάδος τόσον, ὅσον καὶ τοὺς Ἕλληνας τοῦ ἔξωτερικοῦ, διότι ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἦτο, εἶναι καὶ θὰ παραμείνῃ ἕνα ἀναπόσπαστον τμήμα τοῦ ὅλου Ἑλληνισμοῦ. Δὲν θὰ

ἀνατριξίω εἰς πολὺν καιρὴν ἐποχὴν γὰρ νὰ πῶ μερικὰ ἀπὸ τὰ ἱστορικὰ γεγονότα, ποῦ μαρτυροῦν πὺς κατώρθωσαν ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς νὰ μεταναστεύσῃ εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν.

Ὅτε θὰ ἦτο ἀνάγκη, βεβαίως, νὰ ἐπεκταθῶ εἰς λεπτομερείας ἐπὶ τῶν πρώτων μεταναστεύσεων τῶν Ἑλλήνων. Εἶναι παραδεδογμένον καὶ ἐξηκριβομένον ἐπὶ τῆς ἱστορίας, ὅτι ἡ ὁδὸς τῶν Ἑλλήνων εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν δὲν ἀρχεῖται ἀπὸ τὸ 21 καὶ ἐντεύθεν, ἀν καὶ ἀπὸ τότε, μετὰ τὰ τραγικὰ γεγονότα τῆς ἐπαναστάσεως, πολλὰ ἐκ τῶν ὁφθαλμῶν τῆς Χίου, τῶν παρῶν τῆς Μικρᾶς Ἀσίας καὶ τῆς Πελοποννήσου, περιουλεγμένα παρὰ τῶν Ἀμερικανῶν φιλελλήνων καὶ παρὰ τῶν Ἀμερικανῶν φιλανθρώπων, οἱ ὁποῖοι προσέτρεξαν γὰρ νὰ βοηθήσουν καὶ αὐτοὶ ὅσο μπορούσαν τὴν μητέρα τοῦ Πολιτισμοῦ, κατώρθωσαν νὰ φθάσουν μέχρις Ἀμερικῆς, ὅπου οἱ Ἀμερικανοὶ ἐφρόντισαν διὰ τὴν ἐκπαίδυσιν των εἰς Κολλέγια καὶ Πανεπιστήμια. Καὶ βλέπομεν τὰ παιδιὰ ἐξήκοντων τῶν ὁφθαλμῶν τῆς ἐπαναστάσεως τοῦ 21 νὰ ἐξελίσσονται εἰς ἀρίστους Ἀμερικανούς πολιτας, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐτίμησαν καὶ τὴν Ἀμερικανικὴν Συμπολιτείαν καὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα ἀπὸ τὴν ὁποίαν προήρχοντο.

Ἄλλ' ἡ ἱστορία μᾶς διδάσκει ἐπὶ πλέον ὅτι καὶ ἀπὸ τοὺς πρώτους ποῦ ἐπεσεφθῆσαν τὴν Ἀμερικὴν πολλοὶ ἦσαν Ἕλληνες. Εἶναι γεγονός, ἱστορικὸς ἀναμφισβήτητον, ὅτι μετὰ τὸ πλῆρωμα τοῦ Κολόμβου ἦσαν δύο Ἕλληνες, οἱ ὁποῖοι παρεκοιμήθησαν τὸν Κολόμβον εἰς τὸ πρῶτον του ταξίδι εἰς Ἀμερικὴν.

Ἡ κριτικὴ ἱστορία τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ἡ ὁποία πρέπει νὰ μᾶς ἐνδιαφέρῃ ἀρχεῖται ἀπὸ τοῦ 1890, ὅποτε βλέπομεν μετανάστει εἰς Ἑλλάδα νὰ τρέχον εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν διὰ τὴν δημιουργίαν καλλιτέρας τέχνης, γὰρ νὰ ἐπιτέχον καὶ γὰρ τοὺς ἑαυτοὺς των καὶ γὰρ τὴν οἰκογενεῖαν των. Οἱ πρῶτοι, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐφθασαν ἐκεῖ ἦσαν ὀφθαλμοὶ ναυτικοί, οἱ ὁποῖοι ταξιδεύοντες μὲ ξένα πλοῖα ἐφθάναν καὶ μέχρι τῶν Ἀμερικανικῶν λιμένων. Ἐξ αὐτῶν πλείστοι εἶναι Πελοποννήσιοι καὶ μάλιστα ἀπὸ τὴν περιοχή τῆς Σπάρτης, κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῶν Νηῶν Ἀρκαδίας, ἀπὸ τὴν Λακωνίαν καὶ ἀπὸ τὴν Μεσσηνίαν.

Τελευταῖα δὲ παρετηρήθη καὶ αὐξήσις ἀπὸ τὴν ἐπιτοχὴ τῆς Ναυπηγείας. Οἱ πρῶτοι μετανάστες, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἔρχοντο ἀπὸ τὰ μικρὰ τῶν χωριῶν μὲ πολὺ ὀλίγας γνώσεις, ἴσως οἱ περισσότεροι δὲν ἔχον τελεῖται τὸ Δημοτικὸ Σχολεῖον, ἐρχόμενοι εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν ἐφίθησαν μπροστὰ οἱ ἀνώτεροι πολιτισμοί. Δὲν ἦσαν εἰς τὴν ἴδιαν θέσιν ποῦ ἦσαν οἱ μετανάστες, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἔρχοντο εἰς Ἑλλάδα

καὶ μετῴπισσαν εἰς Αἴγυπτον, Ρωσίαν, Ρουμανίαν καὶ εἰς τὰ παρῶν τῆς Μ. Ἀσίας. Αὐτοὶ ἔφρον ὑποδεέστερον πολιτισμὸν καὶ ἔφρον καλλιτέρας εὐκαιρίας δραστέας. Ἄν καὶ ἔχον ὅλα τὰ ἐφόδια τῆς ζωῆς ἐκτὸς τῶν γνώσεων, δηλαδή τὴν τιμότητα, φιλεργίαν καὶ ἐπιμονὴν καὶ ἐπιμονὴν, εὐφρόνιτες πρὸ ἀνωτέρου πολιτισμοῦ, ἠναγκάσθησαν, ἐπειδὴ καὶ οικονομικῶς δὲν ἦσαν εἰς θέσιν ν' ἀντιπεξέλθον καὶ δημιουργήσουν ἐργασίας, ἠναγκάσθησαν νὰ ἐπιδοθῶν ἐν πρώτοις εἰς κατώτερας ἐργασίας, ἴσως διὰ πολλούς, νὰ ποιοῦν μὲ μικρὰ ἀμάξια καὶ καλάθια ὠσάμεινα εἶδη γλυκῶν ἢ φρούτων εἰς τοὺς δρόμους διὰ νὰ κατορθώσουν νὰ ἐξοικονομοῦν τὰ πρῶτα τὸ ζῆν καὶ διὰ τῆς μεγάλης τῶν οικονομίας καὶ διὰ τῶν στερησιῶν νὰ ἀποστῆλθον καὶ ὑποδοθῶν τὰς οἰκογενεῖας των. Βλέπομεν λοιπὸν τοὺς πρώτους μετανάστες, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἤρχοντο εἰς τὴν ἀμάξια καὶ εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ εἰς τὰς σιδηροδρομικὰς γραμμὰς καὶ εἰς διάφορα ἐργαστήρια, βλέπομεν αὐτοὺς νὰ κοιμῶνται 10—12 μαζὺ εἰς ἓνα δωμάτιον, νὰ πλένον τὰ ρούχα των μόνον των, αὐτοὶ οἱ ὁποῖοι ἔχον ἀμάξια νὰ κοιμῶνται εἰς τὸ διπλῶν δωμάτιον μὲ τὰ ζῶα των διὰ νὰ κατορθώσουν νὰ δημιουργήσουν κατὰ τι διὰ τοὺς ἑαυτοὺς των νὰ κατορθώσουν νὰ πληρώσουν τὰ χρεῖ τῆς οἰκογενεῖας των διὰ νὰ μὴ προσβληθῇ τὸ οἰκογενειακὸν των ὄνομα, νὰ ὑποδοθῶν ἀδελφοὺς των καὶ ἄλλους συγγενεῖς, νὰ ἐπανδρεύον τὰς ἀδελφὰς των καὶ κατὰ τὴν νὰ σκεφθῶν νὰ δημιουργήσουν καλλιτέραν τέχνην αὐτῶν τῶν ἰδίων. Βλέπομεν αὐτοὺς τοὺς μετανάστες, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἦσαν οἱ περισσότεροι ἀγροῖματοι, νὰ ἐξελίσσονται σὲν τῷ χρόνῳ εἰς μεγάλους ἐπιχειρηματίας, εἰς πρῶτους τοῦ ἐμπορίου εἰς τὴν μεγαλειότητα Δημοκρατίαν τοῦ Κόσμου, εἰς τὴν πλέον ἀνώτερον πολιτισμὸν ποῦ ἔχει νὰ παρουσιάσῃ ἡ ἱστορία μας. Καὶ τῆτος δὲν ἀφίεται εἰς τίποτε ἄλλο εἰμὴ εἰς τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν μυαλόν, τὸ ὁποῖον ὅμως δὲν ἐτίγχανε τῆς κρατικῆς προστασίας καὶ καθοδηγήσεως καὶ τὸ ὁποῖον ὅτι κατώρθωσε, τὸ κατώρθωσε μόνον των, εἰς ἓνα μεγαλύτερον περιβάλλον τελείως ξένον δι' αὐτό. Ποῖα δὲ θὰ ἦσαν τὰ ἀποτελέσματα τοῦ κόσμου αὐτοῦ, ἀν οἱ μετανάστες αὐτοὶ φερόμενοι ἀπὸ τοὺς λιμένας τῆς Πατρίδος των, χωρὶς καθῶν ἐφόδια, παρεκοιμήθησαν ὅχι μόνον νοσῶν, ἀλλὰ καὶ θετικῶς παρὰ τῆς Πατρίδος των καὶ καθοδηγῶντο εἰς μίαν χώραν πολιτισμένην, ἡ ὁποία τοὺς ἔδι-

δεν ὅλα τὰ ἐφόδια τῆς προόδου διὰ νὰ καθέξουν μίαν ἐπιζῶν θέσιν μετὰ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς Μεγάλης Δημοκρατίας, τοῦτο ἀφῆνον εἰς τὴν κρίσιν σας νὰ τὸ συμπεράνῃ.

Παρακολοθεῖντες τὴν σταδιοδρομίαν τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, εἶναι ἀνάγκη νὰ ἀναφέρωμεν καὶ γεγονότα τοῦ πολέμου τοῦ 1897. Αὐτοὶ οἱ ὀλίγοι μετανάστες ποῦ εὐρίσκοντο τότε εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν, μόλις ἤκουσαν τὴν φωνὴν τῆς Πατρίδος νὰ καλῇ τὰ παιδιὰ τῆς ὑπὸ τὰς σημαίας, ἄφησαν ὅτι ἔχον δημιουργήσει καὶ προσέτρεξαν εἰς τὸν ἀγῶνα τῆς ἐλευθερίας. Δι' αὐτό, ἐξ ὁποῖον εἶναι ἀναμφισβήτητον, δέναντα νὰ μαρτυρήσουν καὶ τὰ ἀρχεῖα τὰ ἐπίσημα τοῦ Κράτους.

Ἡ ὁμαδοκώτερον μετανάστευσις ἀρχεῖται ἀπὸ τοῦ 1905 καὶ ἐντεύθεν καὶ ἂν εἶπο μερικὲς μικρὲς ἀλήθειες, οἷς παρακαλῶ νὰ μὴ παρεξηγηθῶ. Ἀπὸ τοῦ 1905 καὶ ἐντεύθεν λοιπὸν ἤρχισεν ἡ ἐμαδικώτερον μετανάστευσις ὅταν ξένα καράβια, χωρὶς κανένα ἔλεγχον, ἐφίθησαν τὰ ἀπῆλθον μὲ Ἕλληνας, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἔρχοντο διὰ νὰ ἔφρον καλλιτέραν τέχνην, καὶ οἱ ὁποῖοι, φθάνοντες εἰς τὸν λιμένα τῆς Νέας Ὑόρκης, μὴ ἔχοντες δὲ περισσότερα τῶν 25 δολαρίων, μὴ φροσιὰ ρούχα, ὀλίγα ἐσώρημα καὶ ἓνα σάβημα μὲ τῶν καὶ αὐτῶν ἄλλο ἐφόδιον, ἀφίοντο εἰς τὴν τέχνην των, χωρὶς κανεὶς νὰ φροντίσῃ νὰ σκεφθῇ δι' αὐτοὺς. Ἀπὸ τοῦ 1905 μέχρι τοῦ 1912 ἑκατοντάδες χιλιάδων μεταναστῶν Ἑλλήνων ἐφθάναν εἰς αὐτὴν τὴν κατάστασιν εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν. Μὲ τὰ γεγονότα τοῦ 1912—1913, σὲς, ποῦ ἔχον τὴν ἐπιτοχὴν νὰ ζῆτε εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα τότε, εἶδατε πόσον προθύμως ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἤκουσε τὴν φωνὴν τῆς Πατρίδος καὶ ἔρχοντο, ὅχι μόνον δὲ αὐτοὶ οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐκλήθησαν καὶ ἔχον ἐποχὴν νὰ παρουσιασθῶν καὶ ἐτηρηθῶν, ἀλλὰ καὶ πολλοὶ ἄλλοι, τοὺς ὁποῖους ἀκόμη δὲν ἦτο δυνατόν νὰ προσλάβῃ ἡ Πατρίς ὑπὸ τὰς σημαίας τῆς, ἔτρεξαν ὡς ἐθελοντὰ καὶ ἱεροὶ λόγοι ὁργανώθησαν ἐν Ἀμερικῇ καὶ εἰδομεν νὰ προστρέχον ἄπειροι ἐθελοντὰ εἰς τὴν φωνὴν τῆς Πατρίδος. Πόσον δὲ οικονομικῶς συνέτρεξαν οἱ Ἕλληνες τῆς Ἀμερικῆς εἰς τὰ γεγονότα τοῦ 1912—1913, εἶναι γνωστὸν εἰς ὅλους σας. Ἄν δὲ ἔπληξε μία θετικώτερον ἐπίτευξις, ἡ Ἑλλάς θὰ ἠδύνατο νὰ καλύψῃ τὰ δάνεια τοῦ 1912—1914 ἀπὸ τῶν Ἑλλήνων τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Οἷχ ἦτον δὲ ὑπέρησαν ὁ Ἕλληνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς νὰ προσφέρει καὶ οικονομικῶς τότε.

Μετὰ τὸ 1914 εἰσαρχόμεθα εἰς τὴν περίοδον τῶν μεγάλων πολέμων. Βλέπομεν τοὺς Ἕλληνας μετανάστες, ὅσοι

δέν ἦτο εὐκολόν νά ἐπιστρέψουν εἰς τήν πατρίδα καί τήν στιγμήν κατά τήν ὁποίαν ἡ χώρα εἰς τήν ὁποίαν ἔβαν εἰσῆλθε εἰς τόν ἀγῶνα, νά προστρέξουν ὑπό τās σημαίας τῆς φιλοξένου ἐκείνης χώρας. Ἐχομεν ἐπίσημον δῆλωσιν τοῦ Ὑπουργοῦ τῶν Στρατιωτικῶν τῶν Ἡνωμένων Πολιτειῶν καί πρόσφατον μήλατα, ἡ ὁποία ἐγένετο τήν 24ην Φεβρουαρίου 1936 εἰς τὸ τραπέζι τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ εἰς Οὐάσιγκτον, ὅτι ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἔδωκεν εἰς τήν Ἀμερικανικὴν Συμπολιτείαν 65 χιλιάδας Ἑλλήνων στρατιωτῶν, οἱ ὅποιοι ἐπυρέτησαν ὑπὸ τὴν ἀσπίδος. Ἐνταῦθα ἡ μεγαλύτερος συγκεντρωμένη ἀριθμὸς οἰασθῆναι ἀλλοῦ ἐθνικότητος ποῦ ἔζη εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικῆν. Προσέφερε δὲ ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς περισσότερα ἀπὸ κάθε ἄλλην φυλὴν οικονομικῶς διὰ τὴν ἐπιτυχίαν τῆς οἰκονομικῆς ἀνάγκης τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης. Αὐτὰ εἶναι ἐπινοήματα ἀπὸ τὸν λόγον τοῦ Ὑπουργοῦ τῶν Στρατιωτικῶν τῶν Ἡνωμένων Πολιτειῶν, ὁ ὁποῖος ἐξεφωνήθη τήν 24ην Φεβρουαρίου 1936.

Δὲν ἐλησμόνησαν ὁμοῦ ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ὅταν προσέτρεξεν ὑπὸ τὴν ἀσπίδος καί ὅταν εἶδε τὰ σέντια του διὰ τὴν ἐπιτυχίαν τῶν ἀγῶνος τῶν Ἡνωμένων Πολιτειῶν, δὲν ἐλησμόνησε καί τὸν ἀγῶνα τῆς Πατρίδος του.

Βλέπομεν τοὺς Ἑλληνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς νά προσέρχονται ἀρωγοὶ εἰς τὰς οἰκονομικὰς ἀνάγκας τῆς Πατρίδος, ὅχι μόνον ἰσοδομοῦντες οικονομικῶς τοὺς ἰδιώτας του, ἀλλὰ, εἰς στιγμὰς τρομερῶς ἐλλείψεως τροφίμων, ἀποστελλόντες ἀπὸ τῶν μετρητῶν ἀποθηκῶν καὶ τρόφιμα ἀκόμη, καί προσφέροντες μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν καρδίαν τους μὲ μεγάλην εὐχαρίστησιν γιὰ κάθε ἀνάγκη ποῦ παρουσιάζεν ἡ ἰδιαιτέρα τους Πατρίδα, ἡ ἰδιαιτέρα τους ἐπαρχία καὶ αὐτὸ τὸ Κράτος τὸ ἴδιον.

Ὅτι ἔκαμε μέχρι τοῦδε τὸ ἔκαμε μὲ τὰς μικρὰς γνώσεις τὰς ὁποίας εἶχε καί μὲ τὴν ἰδικὴν του πρωτοβουλίαν. Θὰ ἦτο δὲ εὐχὴ ἔργον, θὰ ἦτο μία μεγάλη χειρονομία τῆς Πατρίδος μας, ἔστω καὶ ἂν εἰς τὸ παρελθόν δὲν ἐφρόντισεν νὰ καθοδηγήσῃ δεόντως τοὺς μετανάστες, νὰ ἐλάμβανεν τώρα περισσότερον ἐνδιαφέρον, καθοδηγῶσα τὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Νὰ εἶθε δὲ βέβαιον, Σεις οἱ συμμετασχόντες Κυβερνήσεις εἰς τὸ παρελθόν, οἱ ὅποιοι καί εἰς τὸ μέλλον πιθανόν νὰ καταλάβητε θέσεις εἰς Ἑλληνικὰς κυβερνήσεις, ὅτι οὔτε ἡ ἐλαχίστη παρεξήγησις εἶναι δυνατόν νὰ δημιουργηθῇ ἐκ μέσους τῆς Κρατικῆς Ὁμοσπονδίας ἐὰν τὸ ἐπίσημον Κράτος ἐπιδείκνυεν ἐνδιαφέρον διὰ τὴν ζωὴν τῶν μεταναστῶν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Διότι, ὅπως εἶπα εἰς τὴν ἀρχὴν, ὁ πολιτισμὸς

τῆς Ἑλλάδος δὲν διαφέρει ἀπὸ τὸν πολιτισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

Αἱ ἐπίσημοι ἀρχαὶ τῆς μεγάλης ἐκείνης χώρας ἐνδιαφέρονται πολὺ νὰ ἴδουν τὸ ἰδικόν μας στοιχεῖον προσδεῦον καί πάντοτε ἐφάνησαν πρόθυμοι νὰ προσφέρουν οἰανδήποτε ἐπιμεροῖαν διὰ τὴν πρόοδον αὐτῆν.

Ἐνα ζήτημα, τὸ ὁποῖον πρέπει νὰ ἀπασχολῆσῃ σοβαρῶς τὸν ἐμπορικὸν καί ἐπιστημονικὸν κόσμον τῆς Ἑλλάδος εἶναι τὸ ζήτημα τῶν ἐμπορικῶν συναλλαγῶν.



Ἡ δεξίσις τῶν Ἐπιστῶν ἐπὶ τοῦ "Vulcania", Ἀπριλίον 5, 1936. — Ὁ Δήμαρχος Ἀθηναίων κ. Κοτῆς εἰς τὸ μέσον, ἡ Κα Τσαγκάδα, ὁ Ὑπουργὸς κ. Νικολαΐδης, Τσαγκάδας, Μέγας, ἀριστὴρ τοῦ Δημοσίου ὁ κ. Οἰκονομικὸν Πρόεδρος Φιλιππῶν, κ. Πίτρη καὶ Κοτῆς Λίλιας. — Εἰς τὸ μέσον ὁ Νύμφος Τσαγκάδας, Μίμης καὶ Σπύρος Κότσιλιας.

Ἡ Ἑλλάς κατορθώσῃ νὰ δημιουργήσῃ εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν τὸν καλύτερον ἀγοραστὴν προϊόντων της, μὲ συνθήκας αἱ ὁποῖαι δὲν θὰ πρέπει νὰ εἶναι τιμητικαὶ διὰ τοὺς Ἑλληνας ἐμπόρους. Αὐτὸ τὸ ὁποῖον λέγοι, τὸ λέγοι μὲ γρηγορὸν ἄγος. Διότι ὡς Ἑλλῆν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἐνδιαφερόμενος διὰ τὰ Ἑλληνικὰ ζήτηματα καί τὴν πρόοδον τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ ἔμπορου ἐν Ἀμερικῇ, ἔαβα τὴν εὐκαίριαν νὰ μελετήσω τὰς ἀνάγκας καί νὰ γνωρίσω καλύτερον ὑπὸ ποῖους ὅρους τὰ Ἑλληνικὰ ἐμπορεύματα ἀποστέλλονται εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν καί πῶς, δυστυχῶς, πολλὰ ἀπὸ τὰ ἐμπορεύματα αὐτὰ δὲν ἐπυρέτησαν καταλλῆρα διὰ τὴν Ἀμερικανικὴν ἀγορᾶν. Ἐνταῦθα αὐτὰ μὴ πικρῇ ἀλήθεια, ποῦ βγαίνει μέσα ἀπὸ μὴ Ἑλληνικὴ ψυχὴ. Γνωρίζω, ὅχι μόνον ἐξ ἀλλῆς ἀντιλήψεως ἀλλ' ἐξ ἐπισταμῆνης ἐρεῖνης, ὅτι μία παραγγελία Ἑλληνικῆς σταφίδος, ἡ ὁποία ἐστὶν εἰς ἕνα ἐμπορικὸν ὄσον μᾶς μεγαλοπόλεως

τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, δυστυχῶς διὰ τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν ἔμπορον, ἐπετάχθη, διότι ἐνῶ ἡ πρώτη παραγγελία ἦτο καταλλῆρος διὰ τὴν Ἀμερικανικὴν ἀγορᾶν, ἡ δευτέρα, γιὰ νὰ κερδίσῃ ὁ ἔμπορος ὀλίγα σέντια περισσότερα, περιεῖχε κατὰ τὸ 1/10 τοῦ ποσοῦ τῆς σταφίδος ἄμμιον. Εἶναι γεγονός ἀναμφισβήτητον, καί τοῦτο δύναται νὰ ἀποδειχθῇ ἐξ ἀποράσεων δικαστηρίων, ὅτι οἱ δικοὶ μας ἔμποροι, γιὰ νὰ κερδίσουν ὀλίγα σέντια περισσότερα ἐφθασαν μέχρι τοῦ ποταμοῦ σημείου νὰ νοθεύουν τὰ Ἑλληνικὰ ἐμπο-

ρεύματα καί νὰ δυσφημοῦν τρομερῶς τὰ Ἑλληνικὰ προϊόντα μέχρι τοῦ σημείου ὥστε νὰ παύσῃ ἡ ζήτησις του.

Ἐχομεν ἀποράσεις δικαστηρίων διὰ τὸ ζήτημα τῶν λαδιῶν τῆς Ἑλλάδος. Βεβαίως μὲ αὐτὰ ποῦ λέγοι δὲν θέλω νὰ πῶ ὅτι οἱ Ἑλληνες ἔμποροι δὲν εἶναι ἄξιοι ἐκτιμήσεως καί ἐμπιστοσύνης. Οὐδόπως, δυστυχῶς ὁμοῦ μεταξὺ τῶν καλῶν ἔμπορων ἐπύρεσαν καί μερικὰ πλεονέκτια, οἱ ὅποια νομίζω, ὅτι μὲ τὸ νὰ κερδίσουν δέκα ἢ πενήντα χιλιάδες δραχμὲς περισσότερα ἀπὸ μὴ παραγγελία θὰ σῶσιν, ἐνῶ πραγματικῶς καταστρέφουν ἐπισταμῶς τὸ μέλλον τῆς Ἑλλάδος. Ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς εἶναι ὁ μεγαλύτερος ἀντιπρόσωπος ποῦ θὰ μπορούσε νὰ ἔχη ἡ Ἑλλάς διὰ τὴν διάδοσιν τῶν Ἑλληνικῶν ἐπινοημάτων, καί πρέπει νὰ εἶναι ὁ συνδετικὸς κρίκος μεταξὺ τῆς Ἑλλάδος καί τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Εἶναι εὐτύχημα ὅτι ἔχετε εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα τόσοσιν Ἑλληνοαμερικαν-

νοός, οι οποίοι πρέπει να μείνουν και εις το μέλλον οι συνδετικοί κρίκοι του πολιτισμού και του εμπορίου των δύο αυτών χωρών.

Η λανονετική θέσις της Πατρίδος μας είναι τιαυτή, ώστε μπορεί να προσφέρη μεγίστας άφθρησίας εις τον Έλληνοισμόν της Αμερικής, φροντίζουσα διά την διάδοσιν των Αμερικανικών προθέσεων και έποιοθησάσα τοις μετανάστασις να εκπληρώσουν εν μέρει τας έποχρωσάσις τον προς τον λαόν εκείνον, ο οποίος τοις περιβάλλει με τόσην αγάπην και εκτίμησιν και μάζ δίδει όλα τα εφόδια και όλας τας εύκαιρίας να δημιουργήσωσιν κάτι για τους έαυτούς μας και για την Πατρίδα μας. Άλλως τε σεις οι εν Έλλάδι θα εκπληρώσητε μέρος των έποχρωσάσιων, τας οποίας έχει η Έλλάς προς τον Αμερικανικόν κόσμον, ο οποίος δεν έλασε να ενδιαφερόηται από των πρώτων έτών της ανεξαρτησίας της χώρας για τα Έληνικά ζήτήματα. Μη λησιμονήτε, άλλως τε, ότι η Αμερική είναι το πρώτον Κράτος, το οποίον ανεγνώρισεν έπισήμως την ανεξαρτησίαν της Ελλάδος, δεν έλασε δέ από της ήμερας εκείνης να προστρέχη άρωγός εις όλας τας κρίσιμους περιστάσις της Πατρίδος μας.

Τα πρόσφατα γεγονότα της Μικρασιατικής καταστροφής και της αζαναμικής Σερβολής του Αμερικανικού λαού, διά την περιθαλίαν των δυστυχών εκείνων άπαρξίαν, για να κατορθώσουν να αντιμετώπισουν τας έπιτεινούσας ανάγκας των, πρέπει να μείνουν πάντοτε εις το μυαλό μας και εις την φηγή μας και πρέπει να είμεθα έτοιμοι πάντοτε να προσφέρωμεν ό,τι είναι δυνατόν και καθ' όσονδήποτε τρόπον να εδωκώσωμεν την εκτίμησιν και την έμπιστοσύνην, που πρέπει να έχωμεν προς εκείνον εκάτε τον λαόν.

Ίσως να παρεξηγήθηκα, διότι έπέμεινα επί του σημείου ότι ο μετανάστης έμεινε χωρίς καθοδήγησιν από το έπίσημον Κράτος. Ίσως να παρεξηγήθηκα και από το Υπουργείον των Έξωτερικών, αλλά αυτή είναι η αλήθεια. Είναι γεγονός όπι είτε δι' Έλληνιν μέσων είτε δι' Έλληνιν συγχρονισμένον συστήματος, τά εν Αμερική προξενία και η Προξενία δεν κατορθώσαν να εκπληρώσουν τον σκοπόν διά τον οποίον ιδρύθησαν. Και δεν θεί κατορθώσουν να εκπληρώσουν τον σκοπόν αυτόν εάν δεν έπείθη μετ'άλληγή τις, ώστε οι προξενικά και διπλωματικοί αντιπρόσωποι της Πατρίδος μας έκτός της εκ των γραφείων των παρακλιουθήσεως των ζητημάτων, να καταστούν οι συνδετικοί κρίκοι των έμπορων και των βιομηχανών της Ελλάδος προς τούς έμπορους και βιομηχανούς της Αμερικής και οι

μεγαλείτεροι παραγγελιοδόχοι των Έληνικών προϊόντων και της Έληνικής βιομηχανίας εις την χώραν εκείνων.

Είμαι βέβαιος πως δεν θα παρεξηγηθώ δι' αυτό, διότι τούτο είναι η προσωπική μου γνώμη κατόπιν έπισταμένης μελέτης των ζητημάτων του Έληνισμού της Αμερικής.

Δεν υπάρχει άγορά στον κόσμο, η οποία να δέχεται πεύ προθήματα Έληνικά βιομηχανικά προϊόντα ή άλλα προϊόντα της Ελλάδος, από την άγοράν της Αμερικής, όταν δε καταλλήλως γίνη θετική ενέργεια των αντιπροσώπων της Πατρίδος, οι οποίοι θα έποιοθησούν εν μέρει τας ενεργείας των εν Αμερική Έληνων, θα έχωμεν άποτελέσματα θαυμάσια. Θα ήτο εύχης έργον να είμεθα εις θέσιν να έχωμεν έμπορικά έπιμηγήτηρια και εκεί και κάποιαν κατεθέσθαισιν που θα έδιδετο απ' εδού υπό την διεύθυνσιν ανθρώπων οι οποίοι γνωρίζουν τα ζήτήματα τά εν Έλλάδι ως και τά εν Αμερική. Ο Έληνισμός της Αμερικής έχει κατορθώσει εύτυχώς να έχη άνδρας, οι οποίοι δύνανται να συμβάλουν διά την έμπορικην αίτην πρόσδοον, μόνον ένατόκειται εις την Πατρίδα να ζητήση την γνώμην και την συνεργασίαν των ανθρώπων αυτών και να μη τοις άφήση εις τό να σκέπτονται και να εργαζάνται μόνον τον δι' έμπορικά και βιομηχανικά συμφέροντα της χώρας μας. Εις αυτό το ζήτημα είναι ένα άλλο ενδιαφέρον μέρος που δυστυχώς ήμεεις οι Ξενητημένοι παρετηρήσωμεν εις τό παρελθόν και εύχομαι να άρχιση πλέον η καλλιέργησις του θέματος αυτού της Έληνικής νοοτροπίας των Έληνων της Ελλάδος προς τούς εν Αμερική Ξενητημένους.

Δυστυχώς, όποις είπον και εις την άρχήν, οι περισσότεροι από ήμάς έφυγαν από εδού μικροί, με πολύ λίγας γνώσεις, άγνώριμοι, χωρίς μεγάλα εφόδια της ζωής και ό,τι έκάμαμεν τό έκάμαμεν μόνον μας.

Έπιστρέφοντες δέ εις την Πατρίδα ίσως να παρουσιαζόμεθα εις μίαν μειονεκτικήν θέσιν άπέναντί σας, ίσως να μη είμεθα τόσον πολιτισμένοι όσον έπρεπε να είμεθα, αλλά τούτο φάσι μου, δεν άφείλεται εις τό ότι δεν είχομεν την θέλησιν, είχομεν ανάγκας τας οποίας έπρεπε να έπονώσωμεν. Υπήρξεν εις τό παρελθόν είπον η νοοτροπία αυτή. Και εύχομαι να μη έπαύξη εις τό μέλλον αυτή η διαφορά αντίληψιν, αυτή η κάποια διαφορά της νοοτροπίας των Έληνων της Ελλάδος προς τούς Έληνας της Αμερικής. Αλλάδι ή μετανάστα έπιστρέφοντες εις την Πατρίδα μας ελάσθαιον τό δικαίωμα να νομίζον ότι δεν μάζ έδέλεπα εις τό παρελθόν εις την ίδίαν μοίραν με ήμάς τοις ίδι-

ους. Αυτό έπέφερε φηχικόν πόνον τόσον πολύν, αλλά έπιστρέφοντες εκεί εις την Ξενητείαν δεν τον έκρατούσαμε μέσα μας, αλλά τον έλέγαμεν εις τοις συμπολίτας μας. Τελνταίως βλέπομεν άρετήν διαφοράν εις τό ζήτημα αυτό και τούτο ίσως άφείλεται εις τας όμαδικάς έπιστροφάς των Έληνων της Αμερικής προς την Πατρίδα. *Όσον μειονεκτική και αν ήτο η θέσις του Ξενητημένου Έληνισμού, από άπόγειος πατριωτισμού και ενδιαφερόντος προς την Πατρίδα έχω τό διαίτημα να έκρηγανεύωμαι και να εύπω έλευθέρως προς τούς Έληνας της Ελλάδος ότι σκέπεται εις την ίδίαν μοίραν με σας. (Χειροκροτήματα).*

Έφθάσα μέχρι του σημείου της έμπολιμουν καταστάσεως με τον Έλληνα της Αμερικής. Αλίεργα δέ να σας εύπω μερικά λόγια διά την όργάνωσιν του Έληνισμού της Αμερικής. Εις την άρχήν οι άνθρωποι αυτοί, οι οποίοι ήσαν από ώρισμένα χωριά της Πελοποννήσου, έφρόντισαν να συνδέθουν με ένα πατριωτικόν σύνδεσμον της ιδιαιτέρας των Πατρίδος και από τας στερήσεις, τας μεγάλας τας οποίας έκαμαν να βίβζον κάτι τι εις την άεσην δια να προσέλθουν άρωγοί εις τας ανάγκας της ιδιαιτέρας των Πατρίδος. Βλέπομεν συνδέσεις «Άγιος Γεώργγιος», «Σπάρτη», «Βρεσθίνης», «Πανθεσσαλικός» κ. λ. π. μέχρις ότου παρουσιάσθη η *Πανελληνικός Ένωσις*, η οποία δυστυχώς, διότι ο Έληνισμός της Αμερικής επέστρεψε να έπαισιόθη τό εξ Ελλάδος πνεύμα, δεν κατορθώσε να ζήση και η έλλειψις είναι τρομερά, αν δε ύπήρχε τό άποτελέσματα θα ήσαν θαυμάσια, διότι θα είχαν σήμερα οι Έληνες της Αμερικής μίαν Πανελληνίαν όργάνωσιν, ήτις θα έφρόντιζε δι' αυτούς, άντι να έχωμεν 2 Έλληνοαμερικανικά και περί τας 100 τοπικά και άρκετάς εκκλησιαστικάς.

Η ζωή της Πανελληνίου Ένώσεως ήτο βραχυία. Τά άποτελέσματα δέ ήσαν έκτός του ότι έπεδοθήσε πολύν εις τοις άγώνας του 1912—1913 του να έπιστρέψουν πολλοί εκ των Έληνων της Αμερικής, και να έποιοθησούν οι Έληνες και οικονομικώς την Ελλάδα παύ' όλην την οικονομικήν των αδυναμίαν. *Δυστυχώς η διότι έπεδοθητε αείς η διότι έπεδοθήκαμε ήμεεις εις όμοιωσιν εκεί να κατορθώσουν τας σκέψεις μας, διετέθη η όργάνωσις αυτή.* Τούτο όμως δεν έσταμάτησε τοις Έληνας της Αμερικής από του να σκέπτονται περί νέας όργάνωσας μετά τον πόλεμον.

Μετά τον πόλεμον άναγνωρίζομεν τας μεγάλας ανάγκας και τό οικονομικά προβλήματα, τά οποία είχε να έπίλυση

ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Καὶ εὐρέθησαν οἱ Ἕλληνες τῆς Ἀμερικῆς πρὸ τοῦ γεγονότος τοῦ ὅτι καὶ ἐν Ἀμερικῇ ἤρχισε νὰ πνέῃ τὸ σοβινιστικὸν πνεῦμα. Τὴν 26ην Ἰουλίου 1922 ἐπὶ τοὺς θόλους τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου Ἐκκλησίας ἐν Ἀτλάντα τῆς Γεωργίας ὁκτὼ συμπατριῶταί μας μὲ ὀλίγας γνώσεις, μετανάσται καὶ αὐτοὶ, ἔθετον τὰς βάσεις μιᾶς νέας Ἑλληνοαμερικανικῆς ὀργανώσεως, τῆς ὁποίας ὁ θετικὸς σκοπὸς ἦτο νὰ ἐποδοθητῆ τὸν Ἕλληνας τῶν Ἠνωμένων Πολιτειῶν νὰ εἶναι καλοὶ Ἀμερικανοὶ πολῖται, ὁ ἀπώτερος δὲ σκοπὸς νὰ κατορθώσῃ νὰ συμπεριλώσῃ τὸν διχασμένον Ἑλληνισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, νὰ κατορθώσῃ νὰ τοὺς στέλλῃ νὰ ἐκκλησιάζωνται ἐπὶ μίαν ὀρθόδοξον Ἐκκλησίαν, νὰ ἐνδιαφεροῖθῃ διὰ τὰ γενικότερα ζητήματα τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ καὶ νὰ κατορθώσῃ νὰ κρατήσῃ τὰ Ἑλληνοπούλα φιλέλληνας εἰς τὸ μέλλον.

Αὕτη ἦτο ἡ ἰδρυσις τῆς ὀργανώσεως ΔΧΕΠΑ. Εἰς τὰ δέκα χρόνια βλέπομεν τὴν ὀργάνωσιν αὐτὴν νὰ φροντίζῃ ἐν πρώτοις διὰ τὴν συμπεριλίωσιν τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, νὰ φροντίζῃ νὰ μᾶς βγάλῃ ἀπὸ τὸν τρομερὸν ἐκεῖνον διχασμὸν ποῦ ἦρθε καὶ σὲ μᾶς, νὰ ἐνδιαφερόται γιὰ τὴν ὀργάνωσιν τῶν σχολείων μας καὶ διὰ τὴν λύσιν τοῦ τρομακτικῆς καταστάσεως ἐκκλησιαστικῆς ζητήματος. Ἄν τὸ κατορθώσῃ αὐτὸ ἢ ὄχι, τοῦτο θὰ τὸ κρίνῃ τὸ μέλλον καὶ ἡ ἱστορία.

Ἐπιθυμῶ νὰ σᾶς διαβεβαιώσω ὅτι ἀπὸ ὅλων τοὺς ἄλλους σκοποῦς, ποῦ μπορεῖ νὰ παρουσιάζονται εἰς τὸν καταστατικὸν χάρτην τῆς ὀργανώσεως αὐτῆς, ὁ ποῦ θετικὸς σκοπὸς εἶναι ἐκεῖνο τὸ ὁποῖον εἶπον, πῶς θὰ εἴμεθα καλοὶ Ἀμερικανοὶ πολῖται καὶ ὄντες καλοὶ Ἀμερικανοὶ πολῖται θὰ εἴμεθα καλλίτεροι Ἕλληνες, καὶ πῶς θὰ κρατήσομεν τὰ παιδιὰ μας—διότι εἶναι ἀδύνατον πλέον μὲτὰ παύσεισιν πνεύμα ἐπὶ τῶν νὰ τὰ ἔχομεν ἀποκλειστικῶς Ἕλληνας, ἀλλὰ νὰ δημοσχετῶσομεν καλοὺς φιλέλληνας. (Χειροκροτήματα).

ἴσως γιὰ τὴν νοστοροσίαν τοῦ Ἑλλήνου τὸ νὰ θέλωμεν νὰ κρατήσομεν τὰ παιδιὰ μας μόνον φιλέλληνας, δὲν εἶναι ἀρεστόν. Ἀλλὰ μὴ λησμονήτε, φίλοι μου, ὅτι ὁ πολιτισμὸς ἐκεῖνος εἶναι ἐπὶ τῆς τοῦ ἰδιοῦ μας ἔστω καὶ ἂν κατ' αἰσίαν δὲν ὑπάρχῃ οὐδεμία διαφορά μετὰξὺ τῶν. Εἶναι ἀδύνατον πλέον νὰ προσμένετε νὰ ἐπιστρέψουν 600 ἢ 700 χιλιάδες Ἕλληνες τῆς Ἀμερικῆς εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα, ἀπὸ μάλιστα δὲν μποροῦν οὔτε νὰ ζήσουν. Θὰ μείνουν κατ' ἀνάγκην ἐκεῖ. Καὶ ὅσον ἐγνώσταί καὶ ἂν θέλωμεν νὰ εἴμεθα οἱ Ἕλληνες, τὸ περιβάλλον ἐκεῖ εἶναι τοιοῦτον, ὥστε ἡ συγκρόνησις ἐπέρχεται οραταίως. Ἐάν λοι-



Φωτογραφία μερικῶν ἐκ τῶν ἐπισημῶν καὶ ἀρχηγῶν Ἐκδομῆς μετὰ τὸ πηκτικὸν δείπνον ἐν Ἀκροπόλ Πάλλας, Ἀπριλίον 5, 1936.—Ἐξ ἀριστερῶν πρὸς τὰ δεξιὰ: Στρατηγὸς καὶ Ὑπουργὸς Μπακοπούλος, Τσαγκαλάς, Ὑπουργὸς κ. Λεκάτος, κ. Ζερβὸς Πρωτ. Πανεπιστημίου, Ὑπουργὸς κ. Νικολοῦδης, οἱ κ.κ. Καφαντάρης, Παπαναστασίου, Μελωνάς, Μερκούρης, Κανελλόπουλος, Α. Ἀναστασιάδης, Στρατηγὸς Πετρούδης, Ὁ ἔξοχ. κ. Α. Μὰκ Βέι, ἡ Κα Μὰκ Βέι καὶ πολλοὶ ἄλλοι ἐκ τῶν ἐπισημῶν.

πόν, κατορθώσομεν νὰ συνηθίσωμεν τὰ παιδιὰ μας νὰ ἐνδιαφερόνται πάντοτε διὰ τὴν Πατρίδα μας καὶ νὰ ἔρχονται τακτικὰ νὰ τὴν ἐπισκέπτονται καὶ νὰ εἶναι ὀρθόδοξοι, ἔστω καὶ ἂν πάνε σὲ ἀγγλόφωνα σχολεῖα, τοῦτο θὰ εἶναι ἡ μεγαλύτερη ἐπιτυχία πρὸς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν καὶ πρὸς τὸ ἔθνος μας.

Θὰ ἦτο μία τρομερὰ παράκλησις γιὰ μένα ἂν δὲν ἤθελον ἐπεκταθῆ κάπως ἐνδυνάστερον διὰ τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ κόσμου διὰ τὰ ἐν Ἑλλάδι καὶ διὰ τοὺς Ἕλληνας. Ἐκτὸς τοῦ φιλανθρωπικοῦ ἐνδιαφέροντος, τὸ ὁποῖον πάντοτε ἐπέδειξεν ὁ Ἀμερικανικὸς λαὸς διὰ τὴν Ἑλλάδα διατηροῦ ἀμείωτον τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον του διὰ τὰς ἐπιστημονικὰς ἐρεῖνας τὰς γενόμενας ἐκεῖ. Νομίζω ὅτι σὲς οἱ νεοτότεροι μὲν γνωρίζετε ὅτι τὰ παλαιὰ χρόνια τὰ Ἀμερικανικὰ Πανεπιστήμια ἐνδιαφερόθησαν γιὰ τὰς ἀνακαταρτὰς καὶ μάλιστα πολὺ. Πάντοτε δὲ προθυμὸς ἔκαμον πᾶν τὸ δυνατόν διὰ νὰ ἐποδοθητῶσαν τὰς μελέτας, τὰ γράμματα καὶ τὰς ἐπιστήμας ἐν Ἑλλάδι. Πῶς θετικὴ ἀπόδειξις δὲν θὰ μπορέσω νὰ σᾶς παρουσιάσω εἰμὴ ὅταν προσέξετε πρὸς βορρᾶν εἰς τὴν Θεσσαλονικίαν καὶ ἴδητε τὸ Κολλέγιον, ἀπὸ τὸ ὁποῖον ὅσοι ἐξῆλθον περιποιοῦν μεγάλην τιμὴν εἰς τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν ὄνομα. Ἀλλὰ δὲν εἶναι πᾶν ἀνάγκη νὰ πῶμ τόσους μακροῖ. Εἰς τὸ Ψυχρὸ ἔχομεν ἕνα τέλειον ἐκπαιδευτικὸν ἴδρυμα, διὰ τὸ ὁποῖον σὲς οἱ ἐν Ἑλλάδι πρέπει νὰ εἰσθε ἐπεσφραγιστοὶ καὶ νὰ παρηγοῦσθε καὶ τὸ ὁποῖον ἔγινε τῆ συνεργασίᾳ καὶ συμβολῇ τῶν Ἑλλή-

νων καὶ τῶν Ἀμερικανῶν. Τὸ ἴδρυμα τοῦτο δὲν θὰ ἦτο δυνατόν νὰ ἐπιβῆ, ἂν δὲν ὑπῆρχε τὸ Ἀμερικανικὸν πνεῦμα τῆς ἀλληλεγγύης καὶ τῆς ἐπιστήσεως τοῦ ἀδυνατοῦτερου.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κολλεγίου αὐτοῦ θὰ προέλθῃ ὁ ἐπιστημονικὸς κόσμος τοῦ μέλλοντος, ὁ ὁποῖος θὰ συμβάλῃ διὰ τὴν πρόδον τῆς χώρας. Αὐτὸ χωρὶς νὰ θεωρηθῶ ὡς ἀλαζών, νομίζω ὅτι, δυστυχῶς, ἡ Ἑλλάς δὲν ἔχει τὸ πνεῦμα ποῦ δίδει τὸν Ἀμερικανικὸν κόσμον, τὸ ἀλτροειστικὸν ἐκεῖνο πνεῦμα τὸ ὁποῖον ἐμπνέει ὅλα τὰ κατώτερα καὶ ἀνώτερα σχολεῖα ἐν Ἀμερικῇ (Χειροκροτήματα). Ἐλπίζω ὅτι ἀπὸ τὸ Κολλέγιον αὐτὸ θὰ βγῶν ἀληθινοὶ Ἕλληνες ἐπιστήμονες εἰς τὸν κόσμον, διότι βλέπομεν νὰ φοιτοῦν ἐκεῖ σήμερον σπουδασταὶ ἀπὸ τὴν Μ. Ἀσίαν, τὰς νήσους, τὴν Κύπρον, τὰ Λαδοκίονησα, τὴν Ἀλβανίαν, τὴν Βουλγαρίαν, τὴν Ρουμανίαν, οἱ ὁποῖοι ὅταν θὰ τελειώσουν τὰς σπουδὰς των καὶ κατορθώσουν νὰ φοιτήσουν εἰς Ἑλληνικὰ καὶ ξένα Πανεπιστήμια θὰ εἶναι οἱ μεγαλύτεροι ἀπώστελοι τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ πνεύματος.

Εἶμαι πολὺ εὐτυχῆς ποῦ μᾶς ἐτίμησε διὰ τῆς παρουσίας του ὁ κ. Διευθυντῆς τῆς Σχολῆς μὲ τὸ προσωπικὸν αὐτῆς, εἶμαι δὲ βέβαιος ὅτι σὲς ποῦ τὸν ἔχετε συμπλοῖτην τὸν κ. Νταίβις, θὰ γνωρίζετε καλλίτερον ὅτι ἐνδιαφερόται ὡς ἄλλος γιὰ ὅλα τὰ ἐκπαιδευτικὰ προβλήματα τῆς χώρας καὶ γιὰ ὅλα τὰ ζητήματα αὐτῆς, ὅσον καὶ ἡμεῖς οἱ Ἕλληνες. (Χειροκροτήματα).

Αυστηρός ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς δὲν εὐρίσκεται εἰς ἐκείνο τὸ ἐπίπεδον ποῦ θὰ ἔπρεπε νὰ εἶναι, παρ' ὅλας τὰς ἐνεργείας αἱ ὁποῖαι ἐγένοντο κατὰ τὸ παρελθόν καὶ παρ' ὅσον τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον τὸ ὁποῖον ἠθέλησαν νὰ δείξῃ ἡ Πατρις μας καὶ αἱ ἐκείστοτε κυβερνήσεις.

Τὸ ἐκκλησιαστικὸν ζήτημα εἶναι πολὺ πολυπλοκὸν καὶ λεπτόν, δὲν εἶναι δὲ δυνατόν νὰ λυθῇ ἀπὸ τὰς ἀποφάσεις τῆς ἱερᾶς Συνόδου ἢ τοῦ Πατριαρχείου ἢ τοῦ Ὑπουργείου τῶν Ἐξωτερικῶν. Θὰ λυθῇ μόνον μὲ τὴν πείραδον τοῦ χρόνου καὶ ὅταν ἀρθεῖ ἡ ἐκείνη ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς νὰ τὸ λύσῃ μόνος του μὲ μίαν ὄντως ἔθνικὴν συμβολὴν τῆς Πατρίδος καὶ τῶν ἀνωτέρων ἐκκλησιαστικῶν ἀρχῶν.

Τὸ ζήτημα αὐτὸ ἔχει γίνει καθυπερβολικῶς γιὰ τὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, μὲ ὅλας τὰς καλὰς προθέσεις ποῦ διακινῶσιν τὸν ἀρχηγὸν τῆς ἐκκλησίας ἐν Ἀμερικῇ οὐλοσώτατον κ. Ἀθηναγόραν καὶ παρ' ὅσον τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον ποῦ εἰδείξαν ὁ ἄγιος Κορινθίας καὶ τὸ Ὑπουργεῖον τῶν Ἐξωτερικῶν. Αὐστηρῶς πρὶν ἀποφασίσαι νὰ δώσῃ τὴν ὁριστικὴν λύσιν δὲν ἀνέτρεξαν εἰς τὰ βαθύτερα αἶψα καὶ δὲν ἀνέτρεξαν ὁρισμένους λόγους, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἔπρεπε νὰ ληφθοῦν ἔκ ὄψεως πρὸς τὴν ἑθνικὴν ἀποφασίαν.

Θὰ ἦτο εὐχρῆς ἔργον, ἂν ἐπῆρξε τρόπος νὰ ἐκκαθαρισθῇ τὸ ζήτημα αὐτὸ καὶ νὰ λυθῇ, διότι τὰ παιδιὰ μας θὰ ἀπομακρυνθοῦν ἀπὸ τὴν ὁρθόδοξον ἐκκλησίαν.

Πρῶτα-πρῶτα ποῦν δύσκολα εἶναι παιδί, τὸ ὁποῖον παρακολουθεῖ μαθήματα εἰς Ἀμερικανικὸν σχολεῖον ἢ Κολλέγιον καὶ τὸ ὁποῖον συνεκκλησιαστικῶς μὲ τοὺς συμπατριῶτας του ἴστω καὶ μιά φορὰ τὸ μῆνα, ποῦν δύσκολα θὰ συνηθίσῃ νὰ ἐκκλησιαστικῶς εἰς τὴν ὁρθόδοξον ἐκκλησίαν, ἐφόσον ἐπίσχει ἡ κατὰστασις ἢ ὁποῖα ἐπῆρξε πρὸ πενταετησίων ἔτη. Σὺν τῇ ζωῇ ἄλλως τε δὲν θὰ δυνατῶς νὰ ἐναρμόσῃ τὴν ὁρθόδοξον Ἑλληνικὴν λειτουργίαν. Τὸ ζήτημα τοῦτο χρεῖται μεγάλης ἐρείνης. Καὶ πρὸς Θεοῦ, μὴ ἀποφασίζετε ποτε νὰ λύετε τὰ ζήτήματα τὰ ἀφορῶντα τὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς μόνον σας, χωρὶς νὰ ἔχετε τὴν συμβουλὴν τοῦ Ἑλληνοῦ ἡμῶν τοῦτο. Διότι οὗτοι, μὴ γνωρίζοντες προοίτια καὶ περιγίματα καὶ ζητήματα δὲν δύνασθε νὰ ἔχετε σαφῆ ἀντίληψιν τῶν ζητημάτων αὐτῶν καὶ νὰ κρίνετε ὡς πρέπει. Αἱ δὲ ἀποστολαὶ σας εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικήν καὶ οἱ ἀντιπροσώποι σας, ἐπιπέθῃ ἀκριβῶς καὶ αὐτοὶ δὲν ἤξευραν τὰ ζήτήματα, χωρὶς νὰ τὸ θέλουν κάμνον ἐπιπέθῃ.

Ἀπὸ ἐκπαιδευτικῆς ἀπόψεως εἴμεθα εἰς πολὺ μειονεκτικὴν κατὰστασιν, τοι-

αῖτην ποῦ καὶ ἐγὼ ὁ ἴδιος ὡς Ἑλλήν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἐντρέπομαι νὰ παρουσιάζω ἐνώπιόν σας καὶ νὰ σας ὁμιλήσω γιὰ τὰ ἐκπαιδευτικὰ ζήτήματα.

Πρὸ ὀλίγων ἡμερῶν ποῦ παρουσιάσθη κάποιος καθηγητὴς καὶ ποῦ εἶπεν νὰ φροντίσῃ νὰ διορισθῇ εἰς Ἀμερικὴν. Εἶπα, ποῦ λέγει, διπλωματούχος πρὸ τριῶν ἐτῶν καὶ ἀκόμη δὲν κατορθώσῃ νὰ διορισθῇ. Εἶπα εἰς τὸν ἄνθρωπον αὐτὸν ὅτι εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν δὲν ἔχομεν οὔτε Ἑλληνικὰ Γυμνάσια οὔτε Ἑλληνικὰ Πανεπιστήμια, οὔτε Ἑλληνικὰ Κολλέγια, οὔτε Ἑλληνικὰ Σχολεῖα. Τὸ μόνον ποῦ κατορθώσῃμεν νὰ ἔχωμεν, διὰ νὰ μάθουν τὰ παιδιὰ μας λίγα Ἑλληνικὰ γράμματα εἶναι τὰ δημοτικὰ Σχολεῖα ποῦ λειτουργοῦν μέσα εἰς τὴν Ἑκκλησίαν καὶ διδάσκει εἰς αὐτὰ ἕνας ἀκατάλληλος γιὰ διδασκαλίαν ἱερεὺς. Ἀτελῶς ὅμως γίνεται ἡ διδασκαλία αὐτή, διότι ποῦν δύσκολα ἕνας ἱερεὺς ὁ ὁποῖος δὲν ἔχει σπουδάζει τὰ ἐκπαιδευτικὰ ζήτήματα θὰ δυνήσῃ νὰ διδάξῃ τὰ Ἑλληνιστικὰ. Ὅχι μόνον δὲ ὁ ἱερεὺς ἀλλὰ καὶ αἱ διδάσκαλοι, οἱ πλείστοι τῶν ὁποῖων εἶναι χωρὶς προσόντα, ποῦν δύσκολα θὰ κατορθώσῃμεν νὰ διδάξουν τὰ Ἑλληνιστικὰ, κατὰ τρόπον ποῦ νὰ τὰ κάμῃ εἰς τὸ μέλλον ἂν ὄχι Ἑλληνας, τοῦλάχιστον φιλέλληνας.

Εἶναι λεπτόν, φίλοι μου, νὰ βλέπετε ἄνθρωπον ποῦ μόλις ἔχει τελειώσει τὴν δευτέραν τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ Σχολεῖον νὰ θέλῃ νὰ διδάξῃ Ἑλληνικὰ τὸ Ἑλληνιστικὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Ταῦτο ὁφείλεται εἰς τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν ἐνδιαφέροντος ὄχι μόνον ἡμῶν τῶν μεταναστῶν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τῆς Πατρίδος μας. Αὐτὸ τὸ λέγω μὲ ψυχρὸν ἄγος. Ἐγὼ ὅμως καθηρὸν, ὁμιλῶ πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνας τῆς Ἑλλάδος διὰ τὰ ζήτήματα τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, νὰ τοὺς εἶπω τὴν ἀλήθειαν ὅσον πικρὰ καὶ ἂν εἶναι, ὅσον καὶ ἂν βαρύνῃ ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἰδίους τοὺς Ἑλληνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

Ἐγχομαι ἢ ἐπίσημος Ἑλλὰς νὰ λάβῃ ἐνδιαφέρον διὰ τὰ ζήτήματα αὐτὰ καὶ νὰ φροντίσῃ νὰ μᾶς συνδράμῃ, ὥστε νὰ μὴ μείνουν στραβὰ τὰ Ἑλληνιστικὰ ἀπὸ Ἑλληνικὴν μόρφωσιν.

Ἡ Πατρις μας, τὸ ἐπίσημον κράτος θὰ ἠδύνατο νὰ προσφέρῃ μεγάλην ἐπιχειροῦσαν εἰς τὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ἂν οἱ ἀντιπρόσωποι τοῦ Κράτους ἐνηργῶν καταλλήλως διὰ τὴν ἔνθεον ὅλην τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν καὶ τὴν Ἑλληνοαμερικανικὴν ὁργανώσῃ εἰς μίαν ἑνιαίαν ὁργανώσιν.

Υπάρχον δύο μεγάλα ὁργανώσιν Ἑλληνοαμερικανικὰ, ἡ Ἀχέια καὶ ἡ Γκαίτα, τῶν ὁποῖων ὁ σκοπὸς οὐδέποτε διαφέρει. Υπάρχον ὅμως καὶ πολλὰ ἄλλα ὁργανώσιν αἱ ὁποῖα δὲν κατορθώσῃ εἰς τὸ παρελθόν, οὔτε θὰ κατορ-

θώσῃ εἰς τὸ μέλλον νὰ ἐκπληρώσῃ τὸν προορισμὸν τῶν, τὸν σκοπὸν διὰ τὸν ὁποῖον ἰδρύθησαν. Παραμένον δὲ οἱ σύνδεσμοι αὐτοὶ μόνον καὶ μόνον διὰ νὰ εὐχαριστοῦνται ὁρισμένα ἄτομα τὰ ὁποῖα θέλουν νὰ ἐπιδεικνύονται καὶ νὰ δημιουργοῦν θόρυβον περὶ τὸ ὄνομα τῶν. Αἱ ὁργανώσιν αὐτὰ θὰ ἦτο δυνατόν νὰ συμπυκνωθῶν εἰς οἱ ἐπίσημοι ἀντιπρόσωποι τῆς Πατρίδος ἐνηργῶν καταλλήλως καὶ ἐπιθεῶν αὐτὰς ὅτι μεγίστηρας ἐπιχειροῦσαι θὰ προσέφερον εἰς ἡσὺν ὁργανωτικὴν καὶ ἐπιχειροῦσαι.

Τότε θὰ ἠδύνατο νὰ συγκροτηθῶν ἰσχυρὰ Ἑλληνοαμερικανικὰ ὁργανώσιν. Οὐχὶ καθαρῶς Ἑλληνικὰ, φυσικὰ, διότι ποτε δὲν εἶναι δυνατόν νὰ δημιουργήσῃμεν Κράτος ἐν Κράτει, οὔτε ἡ Ἑλλὰς, παρ' ὅσον τὴν παρομοίωσιν τῆς φιλοξενίας, θὰ ἦτο δυνατόν ν' ἀνιχθῇ νὰ δημιουργηθῶν ἕναι ὁργανώσιν ἐντὸς τοῦ Κράτους.

Τὸ ζήτημα ποῦ θέλει τοὺς ἰδιοὺς μας εἶναι τὸ ζήτημα τῆς Ἀττιολογίας, τῆς ἐπικοινωνίας μεταξὺ ἡμῶν τῶν ἐν Ἀμερικῇ Ἑλλήνων καὶ τῶν Ἑλλήνων τῆς Ἑλλάδος. Δὲν δύνασθε νὰ φαντασθῆτε φίλοι μου, τί τρομερὴν ἐντύπωσιν ἔκαμεν εἰς τοὺς ἔκδορμεις τὸ ὅτι ἠναγκάσθησαν νὰ ἐπιστρέψῃμεν μὲ ξένον πλοῖον. Παρ' ὅλας τὰς περιπέτειας τὰς ὁποῖας προσέφερε τὸ πλοῖον τοῦ πλοῖον αὐτοῦ, παρ' ὅλας τὰς φιλοφροσύνας, τὰς ὁποῖας ἐπέδειξαν οἱ ἀξιωματικοὶ καὶ τὸ πλοῖον εἰς ἐμὲ καὶ τοὺς συνεκδορμεις μου, τὸ ὅτι ἐταξιδεύσαμεν, τὸ ὅτι ἐπιστρέψαμεν εἰς τὴν Πατρίδα μας μὲ ξένον πλοῖον μᾶς ἐπλήρωσε μὲ λεπρὰ ἀισθήματα, ὅλων ἡμᾶς τοὺς Ἑλληνας ἔκδορμεις, καὶ ἐπλήρωσε βαθύτητα τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν μας ψυχὴν. (Χειροκροτήματα).

Διστανόμεθα τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν αὐτὴν διότι ἡ ἀπαρξὶς Ἀττιολογίας ἐπικοινωνίας θὰ ἦτο δι' ἡμᾶς ποῦν σημαντικὸν πρᾶγμα, διότι θὰ ἐβλέπαμεν Ἑλληνικὸν χῶμα, θὰ ἐπιστοῦσαμεν καὶ Ἑλληνικὸν ἔδαφος καὶ πληροῖον μας θὰ ἐκμετάλλεον ἢ γαλανόλευκος, ἢ εὐχαριστοῦσαι μας δὲ θὰ ἦτο ἀπειρος.

Θὰ ἦτο εὐχρῆς ἔργον τὸ ἐπίσημον Κράτος νὰ ἐβλεπε τὴν ἀνάγκην αὐτὴν, μίαν ἀνάγκην ἐπείγουσαν δηλαδὴ καὶ νὰ ἐφροντίσῃ διὰ τὴν θεράπειάν της. Ἐάν δὲ, θὰ ἦτο δυνατόν νὰ ὁργανωθῇ μία ἐπιχειροῦσα ἢ ὁποῖα νὰ ἐκτελῇ ἀπολειπτικῶς τὴν ἐπικοινωνίαν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς καὶ τῆς Ἀνατολικῆς Μεσογείου, οἱ Ἑλληνοὶ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς θὰ ἦσαν πρόθυμοι νὰ συντρέξῃ καὶ ὁικονομικῶς ἀκόμη διὰ νὰ ἐκναποηθῇ ἢ ἀνάγκη αὐτὴ τῆς Πατρίδος.

Ἡ τρομερὰ Ἑλλείψις ὡς πρὸς τὸ ζήτημα αὐτὸ εἶναι Ἑλλείψις αὐτόχρημα ἔθνικῃ. Φαντασθῆτε τὴν μειονεκτικὴν



Οι Έκδρομοί: Άχελανός εκπροσώπων της Μητροπόλεως Ἀθηνῶν μετά τὴν λειτουργίαν. — Πρώτη σειρά ἐξ ἀριστερῶν πρὸς τὰ δεξιὰ: D. Perry, Kotsilimbas, Tsangadas, Mrs. Tsangadas, Drymonas, President Hellenic American Society of Athens Peter Mogas, ὁ μικρὸς Βόρειος Τσαγκάδας μετ' Ἀμερ. καὶ Ἑλλην. σημαίας, ὁ Διευθυντὸς Ἀθηναίων κ. Κοτζίνας ὀπίσθιν κ. Κοτσιλίμπα.

θεῖν εἰς τὴν ὁποίαν εὐδοκίαι ἡ Ἑλλάς, ἡ γῆρα αὐτή, ἡ ὁποία περιβρέχεται κατὰ τὰ 4/5 ἀπὸ θάλασσαν καὶ ὁμοῦ μειονεκτεῖ ἀπὸ ναυτικῆς ἀπόψεως.

Φαντασθῆτε τί σημασίαν ἔχει δι' ἡμῶν νὰ ἔρχονται Αἰγύπτιοι καὶ Ρουμίνοι νὰ μῆς πέρνον ἀπὸ τὰ χωριά μας καὶ νὰ βλέπομεν ξένας σημαίας νὰ διασχίζαν τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν μεσόγειον, τὸ Αἴγαιον καὶ τὸ Ἴόνιον! Θέλω νὰ διαβεβαιώσω τὸ ἑλλήνων Κράτος ὅτι ἂν ἀποφασίῃ νὰ λύσῃ τὸ ζήτημα τοῦτο, θὰ εἶσθ πάντοτε τὸν Ἕλληνα μετανάστην ἕτοιμον νὰ τὸ συνδράμῃ. Ἡ ἀποκατάστασις τῆς συγκοινωνίας αὐτῆς εἶναι ὄχι μόνον ζήτημα ἑθνικῆς γοήτρου, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀπὸ ἀποφασῶν ἑμπορικῆς ἐξυπηρέτησιος ἀπολύτως ἀνεγκύβη. Πῶς θὰ κατορθώσωμεν νὰ στείλωμεν ἑμπορεύματα εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικὴν, ὅταν δὲν ἔχωμεν τακτικὴν συγκοινωνίαν μεταξὺ Ἑλλάδος καὶ Ἀμερικῆς μὲ ἕνα Ἑλληνικὸ καράβι; Εἰς μὲν πῆτε ὅτι ἔχομεν τὰ ξένα. Εἶναι αὐτὸ ἀληθές, ὅπως ἐπίσης εἶναι ἀληθές ὅτι τελευταίως ἔρχονται Ἀμερικανικὰ καράβια, τὰ ὁποία ἐξυπηρετοῦν δυνάτως τὰς ἀνάγκας μας. Ὅλα ὅμως αὐτὰ δὲν εἶναι δυνατόν νὰ ἐξυπηρετήσωσιν τὸσον πλήρως ὅσας τὰς ἀνάγκας τῆς συγκοινωνίας. Ἐὰν ἐν τούτοις, δὲν εἶναι δυνατὴ ἡ ἰδρυσις ἐνὸς τοιαύτου συγκοινωνιακοῦ οργανισμοῦ ἀπὸ Ἑλλήνων μόνον, ἢ ἀπὸ Ἑλλήνων τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, τότε ἂς ληρθῇ πρόνοια καὶ ἂς γίνωσιν ἐνέργεια διὰ νὰ ἰδρυθῇ ἐνὸς οργανισμοῦ ἀπὸ Ἑλλήνων τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς καὶ ἀπὸ Ἀμε-

ρικανούς καὶ νὰ εἶσθ βέβαιον ὅτι τὸ Ἀμερικανικὸν κερφάλιον θὰ εἶναι ἕτοιμον νὰ βοηθήσῃ προθύμως.

Πολλὰ ἰδιότυπα γιὰ ἕνα συνέδριον τὸ ὁποῖον ἀσπάζεται νὰ παρουσιάσῃ ὁ ἀπόδομος Ἑλληνισμός ἀλλὰ τὸ ἀπὸν πραγματικῶς φροντίζει νὰ δημοσιοποιήσῃ ὁ ἐν Ἑλλάδι Ἑλληνισμός καὶ τὸ ὁποῖον θὰ ἀποτελεῖται ἀπὸ ἀντιπροσώπους τοῦ ἕξω Ἑλληνισμοῦ. Τὸ ζήτημα αὐτὸ εἶναι ἀρχαῖα σοβαρὸν καὶ χρειάζεται πολὺ μεγάλην μελέτην καὶ σύνεσιν ἀσθηρῶν. Ἄν θὰ ἦτο εὐκόλως ἕνα τίτωσιν συνέδριον νὰ γίνῃ βεβαιωμένος καὶ νὰ σταθεῖν οἱ καταλληλοὶ ἄνθρωποι εἰς αὐτό, ἂν προηγουμένως δὲν γίνωσιν θετικὰ ἐνέσχυρα καὶ ἀπὸ τὸ ἑλλήνων κράτος ἀκόμη. Ἄν ἔχοι κανένα δικαίωμα νὰ πῶ ὅτι τὸ συνέδριον αὐτὸ θὰ ἐπιτύχῃ ἢ θὰ ἀποτύχῃ, οὔτε θέλω νὰ ἀπονομήσῃ παρ' ὕμων ὅτι θέλω νὰ δώσωσιν συμβουλίας. Εἶμαι τελείως ἀκατάλληλος δι' αὐτὸν τὸν σκοπόν. Ἠθέλησα μόνον νὰ παρουσιάσω, μὲ ὅλην τὴν μειονεκτικὴν θέσιν τὴν ὁποίαν ἔχο, μερικά ζήτήματα τοῦ ἀφοροῦν ἡμῶς τοῦς Ἑλλήνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Τὰ ζήτήματα αὐτὰ ἠθέλησα νὰ τὰ παρουσιάσω ὅπως ἀκριβῶς εἶναι ὁ ἴδιος τὰ ἔχο γινώσκον, χωρὶς νὰ θελήσω νὰ τοῦς δώσω ζωηρότερων χαρακτηρισμῶν ἢ νὰ τὰ ἐμφανίσω σακτικῶς πᾶ ῥῶδινα ἢ πᾶ ἄσχημα ἀπὸ ἄτι πραγματικῶς εἶναι.

Θὰ προσθέσω δὲς λέξεις γιὰ τὸ οικονομικὸ ζήτημα, τὸ ὁποῖον ἐνδιαφέρει καὶ θὰ ἐνδιαφέρῃ, βεβαίως, ὅλους τοῦς Ἑλλήνας τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Ὅλα ἡμεῖς οἱ Ἑλλήνες τῆς Ἀμερικῆς

εἶμεθα ἐθνόφρονες νὰ ὅτι ἔκαμε ἡ Πατριὰ γιὰ μῆς, ἀκόμη δὲ περισσώτερον εὐγνώμονες εἶμεθα πρὸς τὸν Ἀμερικανικὸν λαόν, ὁ ὁποῖος ἐφρόντισε πάντοτε νὰ υποβοηθήσῃ ὅτι τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν καὶ ἐκεῖ καὶ ἔδω.

Ἄν ἀνατρέξετε εἰς τὰ ἀρχεῖα τοῦ Ὑπουργείου τῶν Οἰκονομικῶν θὰ ἰδῆτε ὅτι ἡ Ἀμερικὴ εἶναι ὁ καλλίτερος πελάτης τῆς Ἑλλάδος. Ὡς πρὸς αὐτὸ δὲν μπορεῖ νὰ μὲ διαφύσῃ κανεὶς. Εἰς ὁρισμένα εἶδη ὑπερτερῆ ἡ Γερμανία καὶ ἡ Ἀμερικὴ ἔρχεται δευτέρα. Γενικῶς ὁμοῦ ἡ Ἀμερικὴ ἔρχεται ὡς ὁ μεγαλύτερος καταναλωτὴς Ἑλληνικῶν ἑμπορευμάτων καὶ προϊόντων τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς βιομηχανίας. Τὸ παρελθὸν ἔτος εισήγαγεν ἡ Ἑλλάς ἀπὸ τὴν Τουριστικὴν κίνησιν τὴν ἀποζημιωτικῶς Ἀμερικανικὴν 20 ἑκατομμύρια δραχμῶν, ἀπέστειλαν δὲ οἱ Ἕλληνες μετανάσται 900.000.000 δραχμ. εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα. Γιὰ ἀναφορῶν σκοποῦ ἀπεστάλησαν εἰς Ἀμερικῆς εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα 20 ἑκατομμύρια δραχμῶν. Γιὰ συντάξεις τῶν ἀπομύχων καὶ τῶν ἀνείκων τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ στρατοῦ, ποὺ παραμένουν εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα, ἀπέστειλαν ἡ Ἀμερικανικὴ Κυβέρνησις καὶ ἐπέστρεψεν εἰς δολάρια 70 ἑκατομμύρια δραχμῶν χωρὶς οἰδεύειαν φορολογίαν ἀπὸ τὸ Ἀμερικανικὸν Κράτος. Ἡ ἑμπορικὴ διαφορά τοῦ ἐπίσχει πρὸς πιστώσιν τῆς Ἑλλάδος ἀνέρχεται εἰς ἑξακόσια (600) ἑκατομμύρια δραχμῶν. Ἐν συνόλῳ ἀποδεικνύεται ὅτι τὸ 1935 ὁ Ἑλληνισμός τῆς Ἀμερικῆς καὶ ἡ Ἀμερικὴ συνέβαλαν διὰ τὴν οικονομικὴν πρόδοσιν τῆς Ἑλλάδος διὰ 1700 ἑκατομμ. δραχμῶν. Ἦτος τὸ κονδύλιον αὐτὸ νὰ μὴ φαίνεται πολὺ σοβαρὸν. Ἄν ἀναλογισθῆτε ὅμως τὴν κρίσιν ἢ ὅπως ἐπλήξῃ τὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς θὰ ἰδῆτε ὅτι εἶναι πολὺ μεγάλη ἡ συμβολὴ αὐτῆ.

Αἱ στατιστικαὶ μῆς παρουσιάζουν ὅτι ἀπὸ τὸ 1914 καὶ ἐντεύθεν ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἐπεβοήθησε τὴν Πατριὰν τὸν ἀρχαῖα, ὥστε νὰ κρατηθῇ ἡ ἀξία τῆς δραχμῆς εἰς ἐπίσημον θέσιν, τὴν στιγμὴν κατὰ τὴν ὁποίαν ἡ Ἰταλικὴ λιρέττα καὶ τὰ νομίσματα ἄλλων μεγάλων ξένων κρατῶν ἐκαταρραζοῦσιν πρὸς τὰ καίτω.

Ἄν θέλω νὰ ἐκληρθῶ ὡς ἄνθρωπος ἐπιδόσων νὰ παρουσιάσῃ ἐπιδεικτικῶς τὸ ἔκαμεν ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Ἦτο ἀνάγκη ὅμως νὰ γνωσθῶν οἱ ἀριθμοὶ αὐτοῖ, ὡς καὶ οἱ ἀριθμοὶ οἱ ἑμπεύοντες τῶσιν ζωηρῶν τὴν μετὰ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἑμπορικὴν κίνησιν, διὰ νὰ ἰδῆτε ὅσοι σας ὅτι ἡ Ἀμερικὴ εἶναι ἴσως ὁ καλλίτερος πελάτης τῆς Ἑλλάδος.

Ἡ Ἑλλάς, δευτερώς, ἀπὸ εισαγωγικῶς ἀποφασῶν φέρει τὴν Ἀμερικὴν εἰς

τήν πέμπτην θείαν, αντί να είναι ή πρώτη ή ή δεύτερα κατά σειράν. Η Ελλάς, επομένως, βοηθημένη από την γεωγραφικήν της θέσιν, ή οποία είναι αρκετά πλεονεκτική, ως και από την νοσηροφιλίαν των τέκνων της, που είναι αρκετά φίλεργα και έξιστα, αφού μάλιστα και κατέχει το κέντρον του έμπορίου της ανατολικής μεσογείου, έχει καθήκον να γίνη άποστολος της διαδόσεως των Αμερικανικών βιομηχανικών προϊόντων, άκριτως καθ' όμοιον τρόπον, καθ' εν και σεις οι Έλληνες της Ελλάδος περιμένετε από ημάς τους Έλληνας της Αμερικής να γίνωμεν αντιπροσώποι της Ελλάδος γιά όλα τα έμπορεύματα εις την Αμερικανικήν αγοράν. (Χειροκροτήματα).

Λέν θα σάς κουράσω ακόμη πολύ.

Ένα ζήτημα που ενδιαφέρει όλους μας και πρό παντός το Κράτος, είναι το Τουριστικόν ζήτημα. Είναι εύτοχης ότι παριστάνεται άνθρωποι οι οποίοι εργάσθησαν διά το ζήτημα αυτό κατά τα τελευταία δεκα χρόνια.

Το ζήτημα του Τουρισμού, πρό παντός δέ από της απόψεως της κινήσεως Αμερικανών προς την Ελλάδα είναι άρκετά σοβαρόν και αν το διαχειρισθήτε καταλλήλως θα αποβή ή μάλλον προσοδοφόρος πηγή από απόψεως έθνικου πλούτου.

Όχι Τουρισμόν με αντιπροσώπους εν Αμερική οι οποίοι δεν ήνοιξαν ποτέ γραφείον Τουρισμού, όχι Τουρισμόν με άσημα ανθρώπων οι οποίοι δεν γνωρίζουν καν τα προβλήματα του Τουρισμού και τα ζητήματα της Αμερικής, όχι με ανθρώπους τους οποίους μόνον πληρώνει το Κράτος, χωρίς το Κράτος ν' απολαμβάνη τίποτε. Αλλά Τουρισμόν με θετικούς ανθρώπους, με ανθρώπους που γνωρίζουν πρόσωπα, ζητήματα και πράγματα και γνωρίζουν και τας δύο χώρας, ανθρώπους οι οποίοι ενδιαφέρονται και πρέπει να ενδιαφέρονται διά τα ζητήματα της Πατρίδος μας. Λέν χρειάζονται πολλά έξοδα, δεν χρειάζονται κόποι και ενέργεια, διότι ή Ελλάς έχει τόσους πολλούς αντιπροσώπους εις την Αμερικήν που με μιά μικρά χειρονομία ήδέναιτο να επιστρατεύσθω όλον αυτόν τον Κόσμον τον διανοούμενον να συμβάλη διά την πρόσδον και από της απόψεως του Τουρισμού. Φαντασθήτε τι θα κατορθώσε να επιστέλλη ή Ελλάς αν ήρρόντιζε ή να αποστείλη ή έξουσιοδοτήσει καταλλήλως ώρισμένους ανθρώπους που ενδιαφέρονται και κατέχουν τα ζητήματα του Τουρισμού, οι οποίοι θα επιστρατεύων όλα τα Κόλλεγια και όλα τα Πανεπιστήμια της Αμερικής τα οποία θα προστείχων

όχι να έποδοθησούν την Ελλάδα από οικονομικής απόψεως, αλλά διά να βοηθήσουν να έβδουν αποουδασται Αμερικανοί να φωτισθούν εις τα νόματα του Έλληνικού πολιτισμού, διότι είχε την τέχνη ή χώρα αυτή να είναι ολαρμένη με ολασμένα μάρμαρα ένδόξου παρελθόντος, πολιτισμού που κανείς πολιτισμός ακόμη δεν κατορθώσε να φθάση. Αλλά εάν με μίαν θετικήν ενέργειαν θα κατορθώση ή Πατρίς μας να έχη την έποστήσειν του έπισήμου Αμερικανικού Κράτους διά τα ζητήματα αυτά, την έποστήσειν όλων των Πανεπιστημίων, Κόλλεγιών και διανοούμενων της Αμερικής, αναλαμβάνετε τότε και σεις ώρισμένας έποχρώσεις. Οι άνθρωποι αυτοί, οι οποίοι θα ήρχοντο έδώ πρέπει να τους περιποιηθήτε όπως πρέπει. Βεβαίως ή Έλληνικός Λόγος είναι άρκετά φιλόξενος, δυστυχώς όμως δεν θα είναι εύκολον, εάν δεν ληφθή θετική μέριμνα να εύρουν αυτοί οι άνθρωποι τας άνέσεις των. Είναι ανάγκη να εύρουν ώρισμένα πράγματα, ώστε, όταν αρχίσουν να έρχονται έδώ έπιστορέφοντες εκεί να γίνων οι μεγάλοι άποστολοι του Έλληνικού πνεύματος. Αυτό θα κατορθωθή μόνον όταν κατόπιν ώρισμον σκέψως και θετικών αποφάσεων ή πατρίς μας θελήση να λύση το πρόβλημα αυτό.

Ένα πράγμα το οποίον όφείλει να λάβη έπ' όραν ή Πατρίς πρό παντός είναι το Προξενικόν Σύστημα. Εις το παρελθον έπιτροπή να γίνων μερικά παρατηρήσιμα εις βάρος των Προξενικών άρχων και υπήρχον άνθρωποι, οι οποίοι έπεδοθησούν να εισείχονται έλευθέρως εις την Αμερικανικήν Έλληνες με πλαστά διαβατήρια.

Αυτό μας έβλαψε πολύ. Εύτυχώς οι Έλληνικοί άρχαι του έπισήμου Κράτους της Ελλάδος τώρα με μεγάλην προθυμίαν έλοδοθησούν τας Αμερικανικές άρχας εις το να εκκαθαρισθή καλά και το ζήτημα αυτό.

Σήμερον ή Έλληνισμός της Αμερικής δεν είναι εις έκείνην την οικονομικήν θέσιν, εις την οποίαν ήζητει να είναι, διότι ή λαύλαφ του 1929, ή οποία παρέσσε και άλλους συμπαρέσσε και τους Έλληνας της Αμερικής. Αλλά εύτυχώς δι' ημάς τους ίδιους εκεί έπάρχει το θάρρος και ήλπίζομεν ότι πολύ-πολύ γρήγορα θα κατορθώσομεν πάλιν να καταλάβομεν ήλιζόμεν θέσιν μεταξύν των συμπατριών μας. Αν δεν κατορθώσομεν να φθάσομεν εις την οικονομικήν θέσιν, την οποίαν είχομεν από του 1918—1929 πάντως θα καθέξομεν ήλιζόμεν, έπινοώμεν, θέσιν μεταξύν των συμπατριών μας εκεί. Διά την τριμηρίαν μας κατατροπήν του 1929 έχει συμ-

βάλλει και ή Ελλάς δυστυχώς. Ητο πολύ λεπτήρον διά τον Έλληνισμόν της Αμερικής πρό παντός το ότι το έπίσημον Κράτος άπεφάσισε και επέβαλε τον νόμον της δραχμοποιήσεως, διότι αν δεν έπήρχετο ή νομοθεσία αυτή τα οικονομικά ιδρύματα της Ελλάδος θα ήσαν το Κέντρον των Έλληνικών άποταμείσεων της Αμερικής, διότι με την πρώτην πνοήν της δυσπραγίας εν Αμερική ή Έλληνισμός θα έστελλεν όλας τας οικονομίας του εις τας έδώ Τραπεζας. Είναι ανάγκη ή Έλληνισμός της Ελλάδος, το έπίσημον Κράτος να λάβη πλέον σ' έμωτίστον ένδιαφέρον διά τα προβλήματα τα ίδια μας και τους Έλληνας της Αμερικής πρέπει να τους προσέξη ως πραγματικά παιδιά του, να ενδιαφερθή και ν' αποστείλη καταλλήλως ανθρώπους να μελετήσουν τα ζητήματα και συνεργάζομενοι μεθ' ημών να κατορθώσουν να επέλθη ή έξέλξει ή οποία όφείλει να επέλθη διά το καλόν και ημών των μεταναστών και ημών των ίδιων. (Χειροκροτήματα).

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Η ΠΕΝΤΑΜΟΡΦΗ ΔΑΦΝΗ

Υπό ΗΛΙΑ ΤΖΑΝΕΤΗ

Η ΔΑΦΝΗ ήτο τὸ καμάρι τῶν γονέων τῆς καὶ τὸ κούγκια τῆς συνοικίας. Ἐμορφή, σεμνή, οἰκοκυρά καὶ ἐνάρετο κορίτσι τοῦ σπητιῦ, μόλις δεκαοκτώ ἐτῶν, ἐθεωρεῖτο μιά ἀπὸ τῆς πῶ περιζήτητες νέμρας τῆς ἐποχῆς. Ἡ ὠμορφιά τῆς ἦτο κάτι τι τὸ ἀσύνηθες. Σῶμα κανονικόν καὶ τρυφερόν. Μαύρα μαλλιά, μαύρα μάτια καὶ δέρμα ριλντισίονο. Τὴν ὠμορφιά τῆς ἐπέπληξε περιπλέον ἓνα αἰώνιον γλυκὺ χαμόγελο καὶ ἡ διαχυτικότης τῶν ἐκφράσεών τῆς. Ἔτσι ἡ Δάφνη, ἀντιπροσώπευε τὸν γνήσιον τύπον τῆς Συμυνοίας κώρης, τῆς ὁποίας τὰ κάλλη καὶ τὰ θέληγτρα ἐμαγνήτιζαν Ἀνατολίτας καὶ Εὐρωπαϊούς καὶ διὰ τὴν ὁποίαν τόσους ὕμνους ἐγράφαν ὅσοι ἐζησαν ἢ ἐπεσκέσθησαν τὴν μαρτυρικὴν Συμύνην.

Ἡ Δάφνη, ὅπως συνήθως συμβαίνει μὲ τὰς πραγματικὰς ὄψεις ἐπὶ μαρῆ καὶ ἐπὶ ψυχῇ, πᾶν νὰ μὴ εἶχε συνείδησιν τῆς αἰθερίας καλλοῦν τῆς, ἐνύπνοτο ἀπλᾶ καὶ σεμνά, συναντρερέτο δὲ τὰ κορίτσια τῆς γειτονίας μὲ τὰς πλείον φιλικὰς ἐκδηλώσεις καὶ ἔτσι ἀπέκτησε τὴν ἀγάπην καὶ τὸν θαυμασμὸν ὅλων τῶν ἄλλων κοριτσιῶν καὶ γυναικῶν τῆς συνοικίας. Νέοι πλούσιοι καὶ πτωχοί, σεθαροὶ καὶ κορτάκηδες ἀπὸ ὅλας τὰς συνοικίας, ἐμαζεύοντο τὰ βράδια ἐπὶ τὰς παρτέρας καὶ ἐστὰς κερνεῖν τῆς γειτονίας διὰ νὰ ἴδωσιν ἔτσι καὶ ἀπὸ μακρὰ τὴν ρημισμένην Δάφνην. Τραγουδοῦσαν τὰ κάλλη τῆς μὲ θαυμασμὸν καὶ περιπέθειαν, ἐγένοντο γλέντια καὶ πατινάδες πρὸς χάριν τῆς, ἐκείνη ὅμως ἀδιαφοροῦσε γιὰ ὅλ' αὐτὰ.

Ὅσοι οἱ νέοι, μαγνητισμένοι ἀπὸ τὰ κάλλη τῆς, τὴν ἐπέδοντο καὶ δὲν εἶχον τὸ θάρρος ὅταν τὴν συναντοῦσαν νὰ τῆς μιλήσωσιν ἢ νὰ τὴν πειράξουν. Μόνον ὁ Ἄλέκος ὁ Ρωλογάς, νέος ὠμορφός, γλαυκός καὶ παλληκαρὸς τῆς συνοικίας, τῆς ριχτήκε ἐπὶ γὰρ νὰ κερδίῃ τὴν ἀγάπην τῆς. Εἶχε πεποιθήσιν πῶς θὰ τὴν κερδίσει, ἐπειδὴ ἐκτὸς τῶν ἄλλων, ὁ πατέρας του ἦτο πλούσιος χρυσοχὸς καὶ ὡς μοναχογενὴς κληρονόμος τοῦ πατέρα του, θὰ ἐπροσπαθεῖτο τόσον ἀπὸ τὴν Δάφνη ὅσον καὶ ἀπὸ τοὺς γονεῖς τῆς. Ἐκείνη ὅμως τὸν ἀπέρριψε καὶ τὸν ἀντιπαῖθεσαν, ἐπειδὴ ἦτο ἄεργος καὶ ζῶσε μὲ τοῦ πατέρα του τὰ χρήματα βίον γλαυτῆ καὶ κλυταδάκην.

Κανένας δὲν ἐβαντάζετο ὅτι ἡ πεντάμορφη Δάφνη, ποῦ μποροῦσε νὰ πάρῃ ἀνδρα κανένα πλούσιον ἑμπόρον, ἦτο βαθεῖα ἐρωτευμένη μὲ τὸν Γιάγκο, ἓνα εἰσιχὸ καὶ τίμιον ἐργατικὸν παλληκαρὶ ποῦ δού-

λευε ἐπὶ μαρκακοῦδικο τοῦ πατέρα τῆς ὡς πρῶτος κἀλας. Ὁ Γιάγκος ἦτο ὀρφανός καὶ ἔμενε ἐπὶ τῆς ἀδελφῆς του τὸ σπητι, πολὺ συχνὰ ὅμως τὸν προσκαλοῦσε ἐπὶ σπητι τοῦ ὁ πατέρα τῆς Δάφνης γιὰ συντραφιὰ διότι τὸν ἀγαποῦσε πολὺ διὰ τὴν φιλεργίαν του καὶ τὴν τιμιότητά του. Ποτὲ δὲν πέρασεν ἀπὸ τὸν νοῦν του ὅτι ἡ Δάφνη τὸν ἀγαποῦσε καὶ ὅταν ἐκείνη μιά μέρα βρῆκε τὴν εὐκαιρίαν καὶ τοῦ ἐξωμολογήθη μὲ συστολή τὰ αἰσθηματὰ τῆς, ἐκείνος ἐστάσισε καὶ ἔμεινε ἄρρωτος μὴ γνωρίζων τί νὰ ἀπαντήσῃ.

—Μὰ αὐτὸ ποῦ μοῦ λέε Δάφνη, εἶναι γιὰ μένα ἀνέλπιστη τιμὴ καὶ εὐτυχία, τῆς ἀπήντησεν ὁ Γιάγκος τρεμουλιαστά, ἐπειδὴ ὅμως μπαινὸ μὲς ἐπὶ σπῆτι σας πᾶν ὑπάλληλος τοῦ πατέρα σου ποῦ εἶχε πὲ μένα ἐμπιστοσύνην. θὰ εἶναι μεγάλη ἀτιμία ἐν μέρους μου νὰ καταχρασθῶ τὴν ἐμπιστοσύνην σου. Τότε μόνον θὰ πῶ τὸ καί, ὅταν οἱ γονεῖς σου δώσωσιν τὴν συγκατάθεσιν των.

—Μὰ οἱ γονεῖς μου πὲ ἐκτιμῶν πολὺ, ὁ δὲ πατέρας μου πάντα λέει τὸ καλὸ σου καὶ πὲ ἐκτιμᾷ πᾶν παιδί του καὶ εἶμαι σίγουρος πῶς δὲν θὰ φέρουν ἀντίρρησην.

Ἐποτρὸν ἀπὸ λίγο καιρὸ, ἡ Δάφνη καὶ ὁ Γιάγκος, ἐρωτευμένοι μὲ δλη τὴν θέρη τῆς νεανικῆς τῶν ψυχῆς, ἀπεράσισαν νὰ ἐκμυστηρευθοῦν τὸ μυστικὸν τῶν ἐπὶν πατέρα τῆς Δάφνης. Ἐκείνος ἤκουσε μὲ κρυφὴ χαρὰ τὴν ἐκμυστήρευσιν πᾶν νὰ τὴν περιμένα καὶ χωρὶς πολλὰς συζητήσεως, ἔδωκε τὴν συγκατάθεσιν του καὶ ἀπερασίθη νὰ κρατηθῇ τὸ πρᾶγμα μυστικόν μέχρις ὅτου θὰ ἐγένοντο οἱ ἀρραβῶνες.

Μιά μέρα συνήντησεν ὁ Ἄλέκος ὁ Ρωλογάς τὴν Δάφνη καὶ ἤρχισεν νὰ τὴν ἐνοχλή μὲ ἐρωτικὰς ἐκδηλώσεις καὶ πρῶτα τῆς γάμου.

—Ἄκουσε δῶ Ἄλέκο, τοῦ εἶπεν ἡ Δάφνη. Ποτὲ δὲν συζῶσα θάρρος οὔτε σημαίε ὅτι ἀνταποκρίνομαι ἐπὶ αἰσθηματὰ σου. Εἶσαι νέος ὄρατος, μοναχογενὴς καὶ πλούσιος, ἀλλὰ δὲν εἶσαι γιὰ μένα καὶ μᾶθε το μὴ γιὰ πάντα πῶς ἀγαπῶ τὸν Γιάγκο καὶ σύντομα θὰ γείνουν οἱ ἀρραβῶνες μας.

Ἡ Δάφνη ἔφυγε κάπως θυμωμένη, ὁ δὲ Ἄλέκος ἔμεινε κόκκαλο ἀπὸ ἐκπληξίν ὅταν ἤκουσεν ὅτι ἡ ρημισμένη Δάφνη περιεβόνησεν ἐκείνον καὶ τὰ πλοῦτη του καὶ πρῶτα τῆς τὸν Γιάγκο, τὸν φτωχὸ κἀλας τοῦ πατέρα τῆς.

Μετὰ ἓνα χρόνον, ὅλα ἦσαν ἔτοιμα γιὰ τὸν γάμον καὶ ὅσοι ἐμαζεύοντο τὸ τίμιον

καὶ ἐργατικὸν παλληκαρὶ ποῦ κέρδιε τὴν ἀγάπην τῆς παινεμένης Δάφνης. Τὴν παρκαμὸν τοῦ γάμου, τὸ σπητι τῆς Δάφνης ἦτο γεμάτο ἀπὸ συγγενεῖς καὶ φιλενάδες ποῦ ἐτοίμαζαν τὰ γλυκίσματα καὶ βοηθοῦσαν πὲ ὅλας τῆς ἐτοιμασίας. Ὁ Γιάγκος γεμάτος χαρὰν καὶ εὐτυχίαν, πῆγαινε κ' ἤρχεται μεταφέρειν φῶνα καὶ ἄλλα χρειαῖα τοῦ γάμου. Κατὰ τὰ μεσάνυχτα, τοῦ εἶπαν τὰ πονθηρικὰ του νὰ πάη νὰ ἠουχάσῃ ποῦ ἦτο κευρατισμένος κ' ἔφυγε γιὰ τῆς ἀδελφῆς του τὸ σπητι. Στὸν δρόμον συνήντησε τὸν Ἄλέκο τὸν Ρωλογά. Ἐχαριετίσθησαν φιλικὰ, κοντοστάθηκαν λίγο καὶ μὲ φιλικὸν τόνον τοῦ λέγει ὁ Ἄλέκος.

—Θὰ ἤθελα Γιάγκο νὰ σοῦ μιλήσω γιὰ μιά πολὺ σπουδαίαν ὑπόθεσιν, μὰ εἶναι τώρα λίγο ἄργα καὶ εἶσαι καὶ βιαστικὸς.

—Μὰ ἀρῶ πρόκειται γιὰ σπουδαίαν ὑπόθεσιν, οὔτε ἄργα εἶναι, οὔτε βιάζομαι.

—Τότε λοιπὸν πάμε ἴσαστε τὸ Καί, ἐπὶ κερνεῖον ὁ «Ἐρμῆς» νὰ τὰ ποῦμε ἰδιαιτέρως.

Ὅταν οἱ δύο νέοι ἐβῆσαν ἐπὶ κερνεῖον, ἐκῆθησαν πὲ μιά γωνία, παρηγγεῖλαν δύο οἶζα καὶ μὲ τόνον ἐμπιστευτικόν λέγει ὁ Ἄλέκος τοῦ Γιάγκου:

—Βρὲ Γιάγκο. Ἐπειδὴ εἶσαι τίμιον παιδί καὶ πὲ ἐκτιμῶ ὅπως πὲ ἐκτιμῶν ὅσοι πὲ γνωρίζουν θέλω νὰ σοῦ πῶ ἓνα μεγάλο μυστικὸν ποῦ θὰ πὲ λυπηθῇ κατὰ καρδιά. Θὰ στέλωγα πρὸ πολλοῦ ἀλλὰ ἐδίσταζα. Ἀπόθε ὅμως ποῦ πὲ συνήντησε δὲν μ' ἄφησεν ἡ συνείδησίς μου καὶ θὰ σοῦ πῶ καὶ κάμα ὅτι πὲ φωνητοῖ ὁ Θεός. Θέλω μονάχα νὰ μὴ μὲ παρεξηγήσης καὶ νὰ μὴ ποῦ κλυταράνη.

Μὰ πῶστε λοιπὸν. Δὲν εἶμθα παιδιά. Μεταξὺ εἰμων δὲν ὑπάρχουν παρεξηγήσεις.

—Λοιπὸν φίλε Γιάγκο, ἡ Δάφνη ποῦ πρόκειται νὰ γείνη κῆρι γυναικῶ σου δὲν εἶναι ἐν τάξει!

—Τὶ ἀνσεῖς δὲν εἶναι ἐν τάξει! Μίλα πὲ ἐλεύθερα καὶ πὲ καθαρά.

—Τὸ ξέρεις τὸ σπητι τῆς καρὸ Μαρῆς;

—Βέβαια τὸ ξέρω.

—Ξέρεις ὅτι τὸ σπητι αὐτὸ εἶναι κρυφὸς οἶκος ἀνοχῆς τοῦ ἐκλεκτοῦ κόσμου, εἰς τὸν ὅποιον πρᾶγνουν κρυφὰ πολλὰ κορίτσια ἢ ἐπειδὴ εἶναι φτωχὰ ἢ ἐπειδὴ ἔχουν κλίσην πρὸς τὰ ἔργα;

—Τὰ ξέρω ὅλα αὐτὰ, ἀπήντησε ταρραγμένος ὁ Γιάγκος, ἀλλὰ γιὰτὶ μοῦ τὰ λέε;

—Στά λέγω Γιάνκο, δίδει και πριν και μετά τους αρραβώνες σου, ή Δάρνη πήγαινε σ' αυτό τό σπήτι δυο-τρεις φορές την εβδομάδα!

Είς τό άκουσμα της τρομαρής αυτής κατηγορίας, ο Γιάνκος άλλαξε χρώμα και σηκώθηκεν όρθιος έτοιμος ν' άρπάξη τόν Άλέκο από τόν λακκά νά τόν πιάξω. Συνακρατήθη όμως και τούτοι:

—Άλέκο! είσαι έπιμος φεύγης και συκοφαντής. Αυτό που μούρας πρέπει νά μου τά άποδείξεις, εί δ' άλλως ή έσύ θά πεθάνης απόψε ή έγώ.

—Μά βλάπεις λοιπόν Γιάνκο πώς θέμους. Εγώ του τάπα αυτό για τό καλό σου και για νά λάβης τό μέτρα σου. Τά ξέρουν κι' άλλοι πολλοί και λένα χίλια δυό από πίσω σου. Εγώ όμως ήλθα νά σου τά πώ σάν φίλος. Τώρα άραυ θέλεις άποδείξεις, πάμε μια στιγμή στην καρά Μαρής νά περαθής μόνος σου.

Οί δυό νέοι μπήκαν σ' ένα άμαξι και τράπηξαν για τό σπήτι της καρά Μαρής χωρίς νά ήμαλόν. Όταν προχώρησαν άρκατά, ο Άλέκος έπαυσε την σιωπήν πρώτος και ήρχισε νά λέγγη:

Μή στενοχωρηθείς κυριάνε Γιάνκο! Αυτό έχει αυτός ο παληόκοσμος. Θα σου πώ και κάτι άλλο που δέν τό ξέρεις. Η Δάρνη μου ριχτηκε από γαρά άποδω και δυό χρόνια και νά σου πώ την άλήθεια, ήρχισα νά την άγαπάω και έπρόκειτο νά στείλω τή μητέρα μου για προξενιά, αλλά εύτυχώς, ένας πλοίαρχος οίκογενειακός μας φίλος, μου είπε για τή Δάρνη ήτι τούτοι κι' έγώ απόψε και άπειδή δέν τά πιστεύω μέ πήρε μαζί του στην καρά Μαρής, κρύφτηκε σ' ένα δωμάτιο και είδα τή Δάρνη νά κάθεται στή γόνισά του. Εκείνη δέν μέ είδα και έφυγε καταλυπημένος. Ποτέ όμως δέν της είπα τίποτα. Άπλώω, ένοφα τός σχέτους χωρίς νά της δώσω έξηγήσεις.

Ο Γιάνκος είχε τότεν πολύ ένκουρισθή και μελαγχολήσει που δέν άπήντησεν εις τός έπιπροσθέτους αυτός κατηγορίας. Όταν έρθασεν εις τό δωμάτιο σπήτι, έγένοντο άμέσως δεκτοί από την Ρίτα την καρά Μαρή, ή οποία έγνωρίζε τόν Άλέκο. Έκάθισαν εις την σάλα, ενώ εις τό δεύτερον πάτωμα που ήσαν τό δωμάτια τών άργίων, ήκούοντο θόρυβοι άνδρών και γυναικών που έπαιαν και διασκεδάζαν. Ο Άλέκος έρώναζε την καρά Μαρή και της είπε:

—Καρά Μαρή, ο φίλος μου άποδω είναι Άθηναίος έμπορος και θέλωμεν νά μας δώσης απόψε δυό καλά κορίτσια και μερικές σαμπάνιες μέ μαζεδάκια νά γλυαντήσωμεν.

Απόψε είναι Σαββατιάδα και μερικός δέν ήλθαν, άπήντησεν ή καρά Μαρή μέ τόν έπιπροσθέτον τρόπον των γυ-

ναικών του έπιγγέλματος της. Διαλέξτε όμως όποιος θέλετε άπ' αυτές και έδωσε στον Άλέκο μια δεκαριά φωτογραφίες κοριτσιών.

Ο Άλέκος διάλεξε δυό φωτογραφίες εκ των οποίων ή μια ήτο φωτογραφία της Δάρνης και είπε στην καρά Μαρή.

—Εγώ θέλω αυτήν και ο φίλος μου θέλει την άλλην είπεν ο Άλέκος και έδειξε την φωτογραφίαν της Δάρνης την οποίαν εύτοχρόνως έδωσε στον Γιάνκο, ο οποίος έγινε κατάχλωμος από την τρομαρην έκπληξην.

—Αυτή που θέλεις από είναι έδω απόψε, ή άλλη όμως που θέλει ο φίλος σου είναι τώρα δέκα μέρες που σημάτουμε νάρχεται, άπήντησεν ή καρά Μαρή.

—Μπα! Γιατί σημάτουμεν; ήρώτησεν ο Άλέκος μέ κάποιον χειρκακίαν.

—Γιατί έτοιμάζεται για γάμο! Παντρεύεται άρρον, είπεν ή καρά Μαρή μέ κάποιον έμπιστευτικόν τόνον και σιγανήν φωνήν.

Ο Γιάνκος δέν έπεριμένα πλέον, ούτε έζητησεν άλλας πληροφορίες. Άρίστης και κατάχλωμος από λύπην και μέσος, σηκώθηκεν από τό κάθισμά του, έπέταξε την φωτογραφίαν, έδήθουσε την λάξην κατμήνη και έφυγε χωρίς νά πη ούτε λέξην.

Τουόηξε και εύθείαν από σπήτι της άδεληρής του. Εκκρίωντο όλοι. Μπήκε μέ προσφύλαξι από δωμάτιόν του, φέρεσε τά γαμπρικά του ρούχα, έβαλε τό πιστόλι του στή τσέπη του και έφυγε χωρίς νά γείνη άνειληπτός. Επί δυό ώρες περιπλανάτο μέσ από στενοσόκακα της Σμύρνης σάν ένα φάντασμα, χωρίς νά έχη ώρισμένην κατεύθυνσιν και σκοπόν. Είτι περιπλανώμενος σάν μεθυσμένος και παραμυθών άκατάληπτους φράσεις, βρήθηκε κατά τό έπιμερώμακα άπόδω από τό περίφημον Νεκροταφείον της Σμύρνης. Στάθηκεν έλαγον, άνόσταζε δεξιά και άριστερά και κατόπιν μέ άρκατήν δυσκολίαν κατωρθώσασε νά υπερπηδήσθ τή περιτόχουα και νά μπή μέσα. Προχώρησεν άρκατά και όταν έρθασε μπρός στή καμητήριον, έβγαλε τό πιστόλι του, τό έποθέτησε στή καρδιά του, έπυροδόησε και έσυριέσθη κατά γής νεκρός.

Η ώρα του γάμου έληκείαζε και τό σπήτι της Δάρνης ήτο γεμάτο από φίλωνάδες. Άλλες την χενίζαν, άλλες έτοιμάζαν τά νομικά και άλλες έκαμάρωναν την άμορριά της. Η άδελφή του Γιάνκου είδε τό κρεβάτι του άπειράχτο και τά γαμπρικά του ρούχα νά λείπουν και δέν ήξευρε τί νά έποθέσει. Πήγε στην Δάρνη για νά μάθη τί συμβαίνει και όταν είδαν πώς δέν βρίσκεται πουθενά ήρχισαν νά άνητοιχούν. Άίφνης έως διεόθη ότι βρήθηκε νεκρός στο Νεκρο-

ταφείον. Τό πράγμα δέν μπορούσε νά μείνη μυστικόν και ξέσπασε σάν μπόμπα μέσ από σπήτι της Δάρνης. Όταν άργότερα έπιστοποιήθη ότι ήτοκτόνησε φροών τά γαμπρικά του, ή Δάρνη έγειναν έξω φρενών. Έρχιστε τά νομικά της, τραβούσε τά μαλλιά της και έβγαζεν ύπερβολικές φωνές. Έκλειαν άπαρηγόρητα και πάνω στην άπελπισίαν της έφώναζε, «γιατί μου τόκακες αυτό κακούργε Γιάνκο». Κανένας δέν μπόρεσε νά μακτούση τά αίτια της αυτοκτονίας του Γιάνκου την στιγμήν της υπερτάτης εύτυχίας του. Κάθε ένας έβιδε δικήν του έξηγήσιν από δραματικόν γεγονός. Όλοι όμως άνδρες και γυναίκες, όμιλούσαν μέ άληθινόν πόνον για την κακοτυχίαν της Δάρνης.

Πέρασαν πέντε-έξ μήνες και τό σπήτι της Δάρνης ήτο ένα σκουιστό και βουδδ σπήτι κλυθωμόνος. Η Δάρνη ήτο κατάκλειστη μέσ από σπήτι. Έφερε βαρέως την προσβολή που έπαθε και είχε καταδικάσει τόν έαυτόν της εις μίαν άπομόνωσιν. Ένας λαμπρός νέος και πλούσιος σταδιομασίτης την έζητησεν έκπαινευμένως από τούς γονείς της. Έν τέλει συγκάτευσσε και έγειναν ο γάμος των ξαφνικά, σέ πολύ στενόν οίκογενειακόν κύκλον και άμέσως οι νεόνυμφοι άνεχώρησαν δια τός Άθήνας για μερικούς μήνας. Εκεί εις τό νέον περιβάλλον, ή Δάρνη ήρχιστε νά ληρησθή τή τραγικήν της πάθημα, άπέκτησε την πρώτην της γλυκύτητα και διαχρητικότητα και περιέβαλε τόν καλόν της σύζυγον μέ όλην της την άγάπην και την άφοσίωσιν.

Ο Άλέκος ο Ρωλλογής, από την ήμέραν του θανάτου του Γιάνκου έγινε μελαγχολικός. Έπαυσε τός διασκεδάσεις, της παρέας και τούς κουτταβιασμούς. Ητο πάντα σκεπτικός και άμλητος και άβυστίσε σάν νά ήτο άρρωστος. Κανείς δέν μπόρεσε νά έξηγήσθ τά αίτια της άποτόμου μεταβολής της ζωής του. Ένα βράδυ άργά, πήγε από καρνεϊόν ο «Έρμής», κάθιστε σέ μια γωνιά μόνος του, παρήγγειλεν ένα ούζο και έμεινε κάμποση ώρα σκεπτικός και άκίνητος. Έξήτησε μια κόλλα χαρτί και μελάνη και ήρχιστε κάτι νά γράψθ. Όταν τελείωσε τό σημείωμά του, τό δίπλωσε και σ' άγγισεν έπάνω στό τραπέζι. Ξαφνικά οι όλίγοι ξενύχτες του καρνεϊού ήκουσαν ένα πυροβολισμόν και εύτοχρόνως βλέπουν τόν Άλέκο νά πέφτει από τή καρέκλα του κατά γής νεκρός. Πρίν έλθθ ή αστυνομία, οι παρευρεθέντες είδαν τό σημείωμα που είχαν άρρήσει έπάνω στό τραπέζι: τό όποίον έλεγεν:

«Αυτοκτονώ διότι μέρα και νύχτα μέ κυνηγά τό φάντασμα του Γιάνκου τόν ο-

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ ΤΟΥ KEY CITY CHARTER, ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟΝ ΥΠΑΤΟΝ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΝ Κ. Β. ΤΣΙΜΠΙΔΗΝ

Dubuque, Iowa, 5-4-36.

Αξιότιμη και παμφίλοτη κ. κ. Μεγάλε Πρόεδρε της Μεγάλης Οργανώσεως 'Αχέια Β. Τουκίδη, χαίρει.

Εν πρώτοις έχω να σας ευχαριστήσω διά την πρώτη σας επιστολήν που μου έστειλάτε, καθώς και διά το βιβλίον το οποίον έχετε την καλωσύνην να μου στείλετε, καθώς και την τελευταίαν σας επιστολήν εις την οποίαν μου γράφετε πολλά όρνια και σοφά λόγια.

Και τώρα πρώτα πρώτα θα σας γράψω για πέντε λόγων σας γράφο 'Ελληνικά, διότι συνεθίζω πάντοτε όταν γράφο εις Έλληνας να γράφο πάντοτε την αθάνατον 'Ελληνικήν γλώσσαν, και δεύτερον δόναι να σας ευφράσω την ιδίαν μου και τας σκέψεις μου καλλίτερον και τρίτον όποι ετίσσομαι και ύπαρχουν Έλληνες, έννοα πάντα να μιλά 'Ελληνικά. Και θα ήτον εύτύχημα και ή 'Αχέια τας επιστολάς που στέλλει εις Έλληνας να τας γράφη Έλληνιστί, διότι καλλίτερα τας έννοων και τας καταλαμβάνουν. Άλλα δι' αυτό τή ζήτημα θα συζητήσομαι εις τή ερχόμενον Κοινόβιον στο Σάν Πού.

Εγώ όσας τας συνεδριάσεις που διεξάγω τας διεξάγω Έλληνιστί, διότι τή μέλη ευχαριστούνται καλλίτερα και έννοων καλλίτερα την συνεδρίασιν, που είναι αδιάφορον πώς θα είναι επισκέπτης, Κυβερνήτης ή επισκευθνήτης, ή Πρόεδρος ή άλλων μέλων, θα τόν προσφωνήσω Έλληνιστί, άρκεί να είναι Έλλη.

Την παρελθούσαν Ιδομαίδα είχαν 50η ή Κοινοβήτης κ. κ. Ανδρέας Ζωγραφόπουλος από τή Milwaukee, ό όποιος έγινε κατεχρηστικάντης και μας συνίαρη με τόν τρόπον που έγραφέσθε.

Και τώρα αγαπητέ αδελφέ Μεγάλε Πρόεδρε κ. κ. Τουκίδη θα μου επιτρέψετε να σας γράψω όλην την ιστορίαν του Key City Charter, διότι νομίζω ότι ή ιστορία του έχει μεγάλην αξίαν με τή γραφήν της τελευταίας σας επιστολής.

Πέντε τών άριθμών τή 1930 συνεσκήθημεν και ίδρύσαμεν Charter στο Dubuque, Iowa, και χωρίς να χάνομεν καιόν πήραμε ένα κάρω ήμισ όι πέντε μετά τή δέλτων, έπγαμε στα μαγαζιά και στα στήρια τών Έλλήνων και τούς είπαμε τόν σκοπον μας. Η απάντησις ήτο: Πόσα χρήματα θέλετε; 20 δολλ. Πάστε τα, και την πρώτην έσπίραν έσπάζαμεν 300 δολλ. έντός μιάς ώρας. Την δεύτεραν έσπίραν έπγαμε και είδαμε κα άλλων και έννάξαμε άλλα 200 δολλ., ήτοι τή όλον 500 δολλ. από 25 πρόσωπα. Αυτίσας έγράφαμε εις Σικάγον και ήλθον ή αδελφός Ρέικς, ή αδελφός Σπάνος, ή αδελφός Παντέλης και άλλων, τούς όποιους έν έθυσια ήλθον από τή Cedar Rapids και Waterloo και την 4ην Ιουνίου 1930 έγινεν τή Key City Charter. Έκίνη την ήμεραν ίδρύσαμε ένα έργο τραπέζι. Είχαμε προσκαλή τόν Δημαρχον τής πόλεως μας, τούς δικαστάς, τόν εισαγγελέα, τόν νυν γερουσιαστήν και πολλούς άλλους έζέχοντες της παροικίας μας. Ήλθον ένός ή αδελφός Σπάνος διά την Ελλάδα μας και την 'Αχέια μας, καθώς και ή Παντέλης και Ρέικς, άμείλθον όλοι ή 'Αμερικανοί και έν

τέλη από έκίνη την έσπίραν ήρχισεν ή 'Αχέια να λαμβάνη σάρμα και όσα εις την μικράν παροικίαν μας.

Και τώρα θα σας είπω τί έχει κάνει και τί εξακολουθεί να κάνει τή τμήμα της 'Αχέιας εις την παροικίαν μας.

Τή πρώτον έτος έδωσαν 75 μιλασίτες εις πτωχιά οικογεντίας, τή δεύτερον έτος 100, τή τρίτον 125, τή τέταρτον 150. Τά όνοματα τών πτωχών τή πήραμε από τή Δημορχείον, ή δι κάθε μιλασίτα έσπίρασε 1 δολλ. και 75 σέντα εις ήμισ. Δίδομεν κατ' έτος 20 με 30 δολλ. στο Milk Fund, κάνομεν κίνικ με φαγητά και πολλά άνοηκτικά. Πολλά 'Αμερικανοί περιμούν τή πικρία της 'Αχέιας, διότι περνούν εύχάριστα μαζί μας. Κατ' έτος ή 'Αμερικανή μας προσκαλούν σιάς παρελάσεις που κάνομεν, ήτοι τή Fourth of July και τή Memorial Day και ηγαίνομεν με την 'Ελληνικήν και 'Αμερικανικήν σημαίαν και τή λάβαρον και ή ήμισ με τή φέσια μας και τή ζωνάρα μας. Πρώ 2 έτων πόλιστα μας έδωσαν τή δεύτερον βραβείον της παρελάσεως, διότι είχαμε στείλει τή όμοιωτέρον κάρω και έβραβεύθημεν.

Όρκίζω να σας κάμω γνωστόν ότι εις τή Dubuque ή 'Αχέια έχει τήσιν φημιν, ώστε και τή μικρά παιδιά την ζήρουν. Και τώρα θα σας κάμω γνωστόν τί έχει τή Charter. Έχουμε ένομοσιν ένα μέρος σάν κεντρικότερον όνομον της πόλεως μας, όπου τή Hall τών συνεδριάσεων, με κοζίνα και έν δωμάτιον, εις τή όποιον συνεθροζόμεθα όλοι κάθε βράδι.

Την αίσθησαν τών συνεδριάσεων στείλουν δύο μεγάλα σημαία, μία 'Αμερικανική και μία 'Ελληνική. Έκαστη στοιχίζει 50 δολλάρια. Έχουμε τή λάβαρον τή όποιον στοιχίζει 100 δολλ., τή είνγγυλιον τή όποιον στοιχίζει 20 δολλ., τή διακριτικά σημάς που φέρου ή όφρακίσεζ έν όρη συνεδριάσεως, τή όλον 7, άτινα στοιχίζουν 100 δολλ., έχουμε 100 καρτέλας, 1 πάνο, 1 φωνόγραφον, τραπέζι όσα μας χρειάζονται, ένα όμοιον γραφείον, ότι χρειάζεται εις την κοζίνα, διότι κάθε μήνα κάνομεν διασυνάσεις. Αυτά όσα είναι πληρωμένα και έχουμε και 500 δολλ. Κυβερ. Bonds και 96 δολλ. εις μετρητά άτιν την συγκήν που σας γράφο. Έχόσαμε μικρά χρήματα εις τας Τραπεζας που έκλεισαν.

Έξοδύσαμε 200 δολλ. και ίδρύσαμε την σταν τών Υίων τών Παρελάσεως, διότι είχαμε φέρη τών 'Επισκόπων Κάλιστον και δύο 'Ιερούς εις την τελετήν, μετά την λειτουργίαν έδύσαμεν τραπέζι, παρεκάθησαν δι πολλά 'Αμερικανοί και άμείλθον όρνια διά την Ελλάδα μας και διά την 'Αχέια μας.

Ίδρύσαμε σταν τών Θεογαθών της Πηνελοπής, είχαμε και 'Ελληνικών σχολείων, άλλα ή μεγάλη δυστυχία και τή κείσση των Τραπεζών μας ήνάγκασε να κλείσσουν τή σχολείον, τή όποιον έπατήσαμεν άνοκτόν 14 μήνας. Έκίχονεν όμοσ πρώτα ή Θεός, να τή άνοξομε πάλιν.

Και τώρα θα σας είπω πόσα μέλη είμεθα και πόσα ήυνομεν 'Ελληνες κάτοικαι του Dubuque. Μέλη είμεθα 30, ή 'Ελληνες κάτοικαι του Dubuque είναι 32. Ήμεθα περισσώτερη, άλλα άλλα άμείλθον, άλλα ήργαγια για πατρίδα, άλλα εις δυσφορίας πόλεως τών Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών και ήτοι πως ίναί-

νομε 32. Οι 30 είναι μέλη, ή 2 δέν είναι. Λοπόν αγαπητέ μου αδελφέ κ. Τουκίδη, που θα πάμε να έβρωμε ανθρώπους να κάνομε νέα μέλη, στην Waterloo δέν μπορούμε να πάρουμε διότι έχει Charter. Τή Cedar Rapids έσπίρα, τή Moline έσπίρα, Λοπόν ήμεθα άναγκασμένα να είμεθα στήσσομαι, και μήν μιάς άδικής, διότι δέν έκάναμε νέα μέλη.

Και τώρα θα σας είπω πως βρήκα τή Charter τή 1935 όπου ανέλαβον ως Πρόεδρος. Έν πρώτοις θα σας κάμω γνωστόν ότι κατ' ούδνα λόγον ήθελον να αναλάβω τή προεδρικήν άξίωσιαν, διότι ήμισ εις θέσιν να γνωρίζω τας εύθύνας και φροντίδας που αναλαμβάνη κανείς όταν αναλαμβάνη να διοικήσιν κάτι. Άλλά ή έπιμονή τών μελών με έξηνάγκασε να δεχθώ, άλλα από όσον. Τούς είπα ότι θέλω άγάτην, τίρηση, συντηγασίαν, άνομιαν και πραγματικήν άδελφότητα τή έδύχθησαν όλα και πράγματι πηγάμε ως μία οικογένεια.

Όταν ήλθεν ή Δεκέμβριος μήνας τού 1935, όπως συμφώνησε τή Καταστατική θα έκείσσομαι νέα όφρακίσεζ, όλα τή παιδιά ή μάλλον ή αδελφοί, με παρεκάλεσαν θερμώς να μείνω και τή 1936. Ήναγκάσθη να ύπακούσω, διότι και έκείνη ύπακούσθη εις τούς νόμους της 'Αχέιας και εις ήμισ, και ήμισ και ήμισ εις τή προεδρικήν άξίωσιαν, διότι άντιλήφθη ότι ήτα άνάγκη να μείνω.

Και τώρα θα σας γράφο και διά τας διασυνάσεις και συνεθροζόμεν που μου γράφετε να κάνομεν. Λοπόν κάθε μήνα και πολλάς φορές δύο φορές τόν μήνα, διασυνάζομεν και κάνομε κατ' άρχη και διάφορα άλλα 'Ελληνικά έθια, προστί κάθε μήνα φέρουμε τόν 'Ιερό της Waterloo και κάνομε λειτουργίαν εις την αίσθησαν της 'Αχέιας. 'Ιδιαίτησις και μεγαλοσημείατα ίσπάζομεν την έθνικήν μας ίσπρήν καθώς και την 4ην Ιουνίου κατ' ήν ίδρύθη τή Key City Charter. Κάθε Χριστούγεννα και Λαυτήν στένομε κάρτες εις τή μέλη και μη μέλη, καθώς και εις 'Υμιάς και τόν άδελφον Ομόνομο, κάθε Πάσχα βάφομεν σάρμα και ηγαίνομεν όσα σάν γενναί και τέκνας εις την αίσθησαν της 'Αχέιας, σπάζομεν τή σάρμα, φάλλομεν τή Χριστός Άνίστη, διασυνάζομεν ως μία οικογένεια και ως πραγματικά αδελφοί.

Ήθιναν 72 'Αχιανες, ή δία ήσαν παιχά δι' ή και τούς ένταράσομεν, έσπίρασε δέ τώ κατ' ένός ή κηδέα 200 δολλ. Ηοδύσαμεν ένας γίμων όνοματι Ιωάννης Βρόττος όστις δέν ήτο 'Αχιαν, άλλα άδύφορον, έπρασε να τόν βοηθήσομεν διά να δρίξομεν τή καλόν παράδειγμα. Τόν στείλαμε στο μεγαλύτερον Νοσοκομείον του Iowa City, όπου τού έκοπον μικράν θεραπείαν και τόν έσπίλαν στο Dubuque, ή δέ καθηγητοί που τόν έθαρούτεσαν που έγρασαν γράμμα ότι έχει καρτίαν και δέν θεραπεία. Όταν ήλθεν εις τή Dubuque ή κ. Ιωάννης Βρόττος με παρεκάλεσε να τόν στείλομεν στην πατρίδα των Σάων να άποθήγη πλησαν τας οικογεντίας του. Έγραφα εις τή προεκτοριον εφύρασε εις Νέυν Υόρκην, τούς έξήγησα τί σφαιναίκα και μου έγρασαν ότι με 85 δολλ. από Νέων Υόρκην ήχασι Παιδιά δέντα και φήγη με τή Βουλοκίαν. Τότε έκομα έστρατον συνεδρίαν και

τοίς ἀντίτιζα ποία είναι τὰ καθήκοντά μας ἰδῶ εἰς τὸ ξένο, καὶ ὅλοι ἐμείναι σφιγμένοι νὰ δώσωμεν εὐσεβήτων σιδηροδρομικῶν ἀπὸ Dubuque διὰ Νέου Ἰόρκου καὶ 100 δολλ., καὶ τὸν στείλωμεν εἰς τὸ πρακτοριῶν ὁ «Φάρος», ὅπου πράγματι ἔφθγγεν εἰς τὰς 15 Φεβρουαρίου 1936 μὲ τὸ «Βουλκάνια», ἀλλὰ δυστυχῶς ἀπέθανεν εἰς τὰ καθάρια τῆς Παριτωγαλλίας, καθὼς τὸ Πρακτοριῶν μᾶς ἐ- πληροφόρησεν.

Λοιπὸν μὲ ὅσα ἔχουμεν κάνει καθὼς ἀνωτέρας σὰς γράφω, καὶ ὅσα ἔχουμεν ἐξεδιόσει, ἔχουμεν καὶ εἰς τὸ ταμιεῖον ταύτην τὴν στιγμήν ποὺ σὰς γράφω 509 δολλ. εἰς κεραιονηπιῶν bond καὶ 96 δολλ. εἰς μετρητά. Καὶ τώρα σὰς ἐρωτῶ, ἀγαπητέ κ. κ. Τσιμαῖδη, εἰ ἠμποροῦσαμεν νὰ ἐκτάμηεν περισσοτέρω 20 ἀνδραγατοὶ; Λοιπὸν ἀγαπητέ μου Μεγάλε Προέδρε, σὲν δένομαι νὰ παραδεχθῶ ὅτι τὸ Key City Chapter μένει σταθερὸν, ὅσα ἂν παραβῶλομεν ἄλλας πόλεις ποὺ ἔχουν 1,000 ἢ 2,000 Ἕλληνας κατοικοὺς καὶ τὸ Chapters τῶν ἔχουν 75 ἢ 100 μέλη, θὰ ἴδωμεν ὅτι τὸ Dubuque Chapter εἶναι ἀνώτερον, ὅτι ἔχει 32 κατοικοὺς Ἕλληνας καὶ ἔχει πλεον 50 μέλη. Πιστεύω νὰ τὸ παραδεχθῆτε καὶ σὰς ὅτι τὸ Dubuque Chapter εἶναι ἄξιον ἐκτίμησιν. Θὰ ἐκτιμήσωμεν πολλὴ ὄ- ἤτι δένωσιν νὰ περινοῦσατε ἀπὸ τὸ Dubuque νὰ ἴδῃτε ἰδίως ὅμοια τὴν ἐκτίμησιν τὴν ὁποῖαν ἔχουν οἱ Ἕλληνας τοῦ Dubuque, θὰ τὸ θεοφορήσωμεν μεγάλην ἐποχρίσασιν ὡς σὰς ἐποκεφῆτε.

Καὶ τώρα θὰ σὰς γράφω πόσος εἶμαι καὶ τὴν ἐργασίαν κόμισα. Εἶμαι μηχανικός, ἐργά- ζομαι 28 ἔτη διὰ τὸ Ἰλλινόις Στέιτσελ R.R. Καταγωγή ἀπὸ τὴν νήσον Σάμου, εἶμαι οἰκογενειάρχης, ἔχω ἀναθέρσει Ἕλληνας, ποὺ τὴν οἰκογενεῖάν μου, τὸ παιδί μου δὲν ἔχουν τελειώσῃ τὸ Χάι Σκουλ, μέσων καὶ γράφωμεν ἀρτιαίως τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν καὶ κα- τῆχων καλὰς ἐργασίας στὸ Σικάγο, εἶναι δὲ καὶ καλὸ Ἀξιωματ. Δὲν θέλω νὰ σὰς παρεξηθῶ πόσος εἶμαι, διότι εἶμαι ὁ μόνος ποὺ δουλοῦμαι ὅταν ἄνωσα ἀνδραγατοὺν νὰ εὐχαρίστη. Ἦμωσιν, εἶμαι καὶ θὰ εἶμαι Ἕ- ἑλην καὶ Ἀξιωματ μέχρι τῆς τελευταίας μου ἀντιποσῆς, ἀγαπῶ δὲ πάντα νὰ ἄνωσα τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν ὄνομα νὰ σὺνεται πάντα ἐνθάδε, ἀλλὰ ἔχουμεν τὸ κακὸν ἡμεῖς οἱ Ἕλληνας πάντα νὰ γερνιάζωμεν, ἀλλὰ αὐτὸ εἶναι προ- ατοφροῦν καὶ πρέπει νὰ ἐποκέσωμεν.

Τώρα, ἡμᾶς κ. κ. Προέδρε δὲν σὰς ἐρωτῶ- ῖτε σὰς ἐγνώσῃτε εἰς τὸ Σικάγο, καὶ ἐπεὶ σὰς ἐξέτιμησά, διότι ὁ τροπὸς ποὺ μετρίει- ῖτε τὸ καθε τι ἔστιν ἄριστος καὶ καλὸς σὺντάμα δὲ καὶ συμπεφρον διὰ τὴν ἀγαθότησιν μας καὶ δι' αὐτὸ ἐξέτιμησά τὰς ἐργασίας σας καὶ σὰς ἐγνώσῃτε ἐγὼ καὶ οἱ φίλοι μου ἐν Μίγαν Προέδρον, διότι εἶχανε πεποι- θῶσιν ὅτι θὰ ἐργάζοσθαι διὰ τὴν ἐξάρτησιν τοῦ ὁμοπατριῶν μας καὶ πραγματὶ δὲν ἐθα- δένωμεν νὰ ἴδωμεν τὰ ἔργα σας καὶ σὰς ἐπεμνησθῶσιν περισσοτέρως ἀπὸ καταβά- λειτε καθημερινῶς διὰ τὴν ἐξελίξασθαι τὴν Ἀξιὰ μας περισσοτέρως.

Ἄνευ ἑτίμου, διατίλη μὲ ἐξαιρετικὸν ἀδελφικὴν ἀγάπην, ὁ σὰς

HARRIS PAPPAS

(ἢ ΧΑΡΙΑΗΜΟΣ Η. ΧΑΡΙΑΗΜΟΥ).

Η ΠΕΝΤΑΜΟΡΦΗ ΔΑΦΝΗ

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ποῖον ὠθησα πρὸς τὴν αὐτοκτονίαν. Ἐ- παιδὴ ἀγαπῶσα τὴ Δάφνη, εἶχα γένοιτο πρελλὸς ἀπὸ ζήλεια. Τὴν νύχτα τῆς παραμονῆς τοῦ γάμου τῆς, συνέντησα τὸν Γιάγκο καὶ ἐσυκοφάντησα τὴ Δάφνη ὅτι ἔτε δὲθεν τακτικὴ στής καρὰ Μαρῆς. Ἐκείνος δὲν πίστευε καὶ πῆγαμε μαζὴ στής καρὰ Μαρῆς τὸ σπῆτι, ἣ ὅποια ἐ- ἐδεδίωσα τὴν συκοφάντην μου καὶ εἰδείξε μάλιστα καὶ τὴ φωτογραφία τῆς Δάφνης ποὺ τὴν εἶχε μαζὴ μὲ τῆς φωτογραφίας τῶν ἄλλων κοριτσιῶν. Ἐγὼ εἶχα δώσει τὴ φωτογραφία τῆς καρὰ Μαρῆς καὶ τὴν πλῆρωσα καὶ γόνηκα συνένωχ τὸ ἄτιμο σγελίον μου. Ὁ Γιάγκος δὲν ἐγενεῖ θυμὰ τῆς ἀτίμου πλεκτόνης μου πῆγε κ' ἐρτο- κτόνησεν. Ἡ Δάφνη εἶναι ἐνας πραγμα- τικὸς ἄγγελος. Τὰ δάκρυά τῆς καὶ τὸ σῆμα τοῦ Γιάγκου, τὰ πληρώνω μὲ τὸ σῆμα μου, ἀπὸ δὲν μπορῶ μὲ ἄλλον τρό- πον νὰ καθαρίσω τὴν ἀτιμίαν μου. Ὅλα αὐτὰ θὰ τὰ βροδίσω καὶ ἣ καρὰ Μαρῆ.

Hellenic Triumph

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we would consider ourselves indeed very fortunate.

Our president, Mrs. Const. Markos, in her own engaging manner, bestowed her thanks and gratitude to his Grace, Metropolitan Gennadios for delivering such a stimulating, instructive, and thoroughly interesting theme. She assured His Grace that not only was it a

delightful and interesting experience to listen to him, but the opportunity to hear him was a great honor.

Mrs. Markos then proceeded to introduce the musical program that ensued. The national anthems were played on the piano by Miss Elaine Pittas. Then, the pride and joy of our chapter, Miss Bertha Floros, possessed of an opulent and beguiling voice, succeeded in touching everyone's heart by singing "O Ponos Tis Manas," a beautiful song, beautifully sung. Miss Euthalia Broolis, the talented fourteen-year-old piano marvel, received the homage of admiring eyes by her expertly and artistically played piece, "Souvenirs of 1821." Comic relief was furnished by the King's Jesters from the Terrace Room of the Morrison Hotel. The audience emitted shrieks of delight when this gay and jaunty group gingerly started to play their invigorating songs on their guitars, and singing them in a manner of true jesters. Mr. John Anast, Jr., another young marvel of the violin, played a solo which received no end of praise. We take profound pleasure in observing our younger generation so rapidly advancing in culture and showing great promise of becoming outstanding masters in their particular field. The highly talented Mr. Tom Tsoumas, accompanied at the piano by Miss Elaine Pittas, emotionally stirred us by singing "Sta Xena Treho"—a song near to our hearts and sung as only Mr. Tsoumas can sing it. We are proud and boastful of having in our midst a gifted friend such as Mr. Tsoumas.

We wish to render a deeply felt tribute of gratitude to His Grace, Metropolitan Gennadios, who had the extreme kindness and keen interest in our chapter to deliver such a highly intelligent lecture; and, for another underlying reason, because he is such an ardent and obviously staunch Hellenic idealist—a Hellene after our heart.

DEMETRA PAPAIGIANE

Dedicated to Ahepa's Thirteenth Convention

By REV. THOMAS J. LACEY, Delphi No. 25
(To be sung to the tune of "Three Blind Mice")

On to St. Paul!

We will vote to elect the Ahepa queen,
We will witness the greatest parade ever seen,
We look to the date with excitement keen—

August 16

On to St. Paul!

Minnesota beckons each brother on
To ten thousand lakes sparkling gay in the sun;
The tales of huge fish caught will afford us some fun—
Fish Fairy Tales

On to St. Paul!

Yes, on to St. Paul is our rallying cry,
We will get to Ahepa Convention or die,
Let's drink to convention in "mastiha" or rye—
Our lucky 13th

On to St. Paul!

We will meet in convention without any strife,
To many a brother 'tis the chance of a life,
Perhaps he'll return from the West with a wife,
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**Midshipman Demetrios J. Vellis at Annapolis:
"Mother of Navy Men"**



Demetrios J. Vellis

PACIFIC CHAPTER, No. 235, and the entire Greek Community of San Francisco rejoiced in learning that Demetrios J. Vellis, son of our Past District Governor and Past President of Pacific Chapter, had passed the entrance examination to the U. S. Naval Academy and has commenced his studies and training at Annapolis.

Born in San Francisco, Calif., on June 7, 1916, and in-

spired, perhaps, by a sea faring tradition in his family and urged along by childhood ambition, he graduated from the Elementary and High Schools of this city, took a preparatory course for the Academy and ranked highest out of 27 candidates in the Eighth Congressional District of California, competitive examinations held by U. S. Congressman John J. McGrath, and had received from him "First Principle appointment."

We of San Francisco and particularly the membership of Pacific Chapter share in the pride of his parents as he is the first Greek boy from the West to be appointed to the Naval Academy.

His father, John D. Vellis (Velisaratos), whose unusual executive ability and genial nature have endeared him in the hearts of all who know him, although one of the pioneer residents of San Francisco, having lived here over 40 years, is a native of Cephalonia, "One of the Ionian Gems"—while his mother, also born in San Francisco, of British ancestry, is naturally possessed with further love for the sea—strengthened in an environment of relatives and friends hailing from the island of Andros, where a short period of her earlier life was spent. Surely heritage and destiny played their part in shaping the course of our future Admiral.

No greater pleasure and joy was ever afforded me as Chairman of the Publicity Committee of Pacific Chapter than to record this commendable achievement.

We are confident beyond any shadow of doubt that Midshipman Vellis during his stay at the Academy will ever remember and practice the immortal words of that great American, Captain Lawrence, "Don't give up the ship." It is traditional at the Academy that no Midshipman ever gives up no matter what the odds.

We know our Metro, his character and sterling qualities; he is a credit to our race—and four years hence, when he graduates from Annapolis "Mother of Navy Men," a son will go forth as "An Officer and a Gentleman by an Act of Congress."

And may we express the hope that other young men in the United States of Hellenic birth or extraction in whose breasts must dwell an irresistible desire to serve this great land of our adoption in the manner in which the immortal Kanaris served

the motherland—emulate the determination and patriotic endeavor so splendidly exemplified by Metro J. Vellis.

THEODORE C. ANDRONICOS,

Chairman, Publicity Comm., Pacific Chapter, No. 235.

Our people of this entire section of Western America and especially those of us comprising the membership of the Pacific Chapter, No. 235, of our beloved Ahepa, are deeply grateful to that splendid gentleman, U. S. Congressman John J. McGrath, for all his kindness and services rendered to our compatriots. And we sincerely hope that our brother members and fellow countrymen of that jurisdiction will always remember that in Congressman McGrath we have a true friend worthy of our highest esteem and consideration.

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Thirteenth National Convention the Luckiest and Most Successful

Major Events Enumerated by the Editor

THE CHRONICLE in minute detail the events and achievements of the thirteenth convention of the Ahepa, held in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the week of August 16, would require much more space than there is available in this issue. However, the writer will endeavor to touch upon the high spots, setting forth some of the outstanding accomplishments which unquestionably made this convention the best in the history of the organization. The excellent results proved that the apprehension which usually surrounds the numerical expression "thirteen" is entirely unwarranted and unfounded.

SUNDAY

Several thousand of those who formed the vanguard of convention visitors joined in a religious service, with His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras, head of the Greek Orthodox Church of this Continent, officiating at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church of Minneapolis. The service was followed by a picnic at Lake Minnetonka which was sponsored by the Hellenes of the Twin Cities. The mammoth gathering on the picnic grounds

was addressed by United States Senator Elmer A. Benson; Honorable Thomas A. Latimer, Mayor of Minneapolis, and Archbishop Athenagoras. Colorful Greek dances in which the members of the Daughters of Penelope, an auxiliary of the Order of Ahepa, took a prominent part, featured the entertainment.

Sunday evening twenty-five neophytes were inducted into the Order of Ahepa in a special initiation ceremony, conducted by a special degree team which was headed by John Zaniias of Des Moines, Iowa.

MONDAY

Honored by the presence of State and City officials and His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras, the 13th National Convention was formally opened amid unsurpassed splendor and great enthusiasm, in the spacious Grand Ballroom of the Lowry Hotel by the Convention Director, Brother Peter Kamuchey, Archbishop Athenagoras, assisted by a number of clergymen, conducted an elaborate invocation ceremony that marked the

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The opening of the convention at the Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minn.



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Ἀλέξανδρος Ζαΐμης

Ο ΕΥΚΛΕΗΣ γόνος τῆς ἠρωϊκῆς καὶ ἀρχοντικῆς οἰκογενείας τῶν Καλαβρυτῶν, Ἀλέξανδρος Ζαΐμης, ἀπέθανε πρὸ τινῶν ἡμερῶν ἐν τινὶ νοσοκομείῳ τῆς Βιέννης εἰς ἡλικίαν 81 ἐτῶν. Ὁ γηραιὸς πολιτευτὴς ἐζησεν ἀρετὰ νὰ ἴδῃ τὸν Ἑλληνικὸν Λαὸν ἠνωμένον, πρᾶγμα τὸ ὁποῖον ὀλοφύγως ἐπόθησε καὶ πολλαπλῶς καὶ ποικιλοτρόποις ἐπεδίωξε νὰ ἐπιτύχῃ.

Ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος Ζαΐμης ὑπῆρξεν ἀντάξιος ἀπόγονος τῆς ἠρωϊκῆς οἰκογενείας, ἡ ὁποία ἐπὶ αἰῶνας ὀλοκλήρως ἐμόχθησε διὰ τὴν ἐθνικὴν μας ἀνεξαρτησίαν. Προικισμένος μὲ ἐξαιρετικὰ φυσικὰ χαρίσματα καὶ μὲ ὅλα τὰ μέσα τῆς ζωῆς, ἀφού ἐτελείωσεν τὴν Νομικὴν Σχολὴν τοῦ Ἑθνικοῦ μας Πανεπιστημίου καὶ συνεπλήρωσε τὰς σπουδὰς του εἰς τὰ ἀνώτατα ἐκπαιδευτικὰ ἰδρύματα τῆς Εὐρώπης, ἐροίχθη νεαρῶτατος εἰς τὴν πολιτικὴν, ὅπου δὲν ἤργησε νὰ διακριθῇ καὶ καθέξῃ τὰ ἔπιτα ἀξιώματα τῆς χώρας.

Λόγω τοῦ συμφιλιοτισμοῦ τοῦ πνεύματος καὶ τῆς προσότητος τοῦ χαρακτήρος του, τὰ βλέμματα τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ λαοῦ εἰς πᾶσαν δύσκολον περιστάσειν ἐστρέφοντο πρὸς τὸν ἐκ Καλαβρυτῶν εἰσαγορευθέντα. Ἐγνώριζεν ὁ Ἑλληνικὸς λαὸς ὅτι ἐν τῷ προσώπῳ τοῦ Ἀλεξάνδρου Ζαΐμη θὰ εἴσῃ τὸν ἄνθρωπον ποῦ ἀπαιτοῦσαν αἱ περιστάσεις. Καὶ πρᾶγμα ὁ δικτατορὴς πολιτευτὴς ἐφάνη πάντοτε ἀντάξιος τῶν προσδοκιῶν τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ λαοῦ ποῦ μὲ τόσῃ ἐμπιστοσύνην τὸν περιέβαλε. Ὑπῆρέτησε τὴν πατρίδα του μὲ πίστιν καὶ ἀφοσίωσιν καὶ ὡς Προϊθηπουργὸς καὶ ὡς Πρόεδρος τῆς Δημοκρατίας, χωρὶς νὰ παρασθῇ ἀπὸ τὰ πολιτικὰ πάθη καὶ μίση, τῶν ὁποίων ἐγένετο μάρτυς κατὰ τὰ πενήκοντα χρόνια τῆς λαμπρᾶς πολιτικῆς σταδιοδρομίας του.

Τὸ 13ον Συνέδριον τῆς Ἀχέλας

ΤΟ ΕΝ St. Paul, Minnesota ἄσθι λαβὼν χώραν 13ον ἐτήσιον συνέδριον τῆς Ἀχέλας, ἐσημείωσεν ἰξαιρετικὴν ἐπιτυχίαν ὅψ' ὅλας τὰς ἐπέψεις. Κατὰ κοινὴν ὁμολογίαν τὰ ἀποτελέσματα τοῦ ἐν λόγω συνε-

δρίου ἀπέδειξαν περιτράνω τὴν δυναμικότητα καὶ ζωτικότητα τῆς Ὄργανώσεως καὶ τὸ ἀδιάπτωτον ἐνδιαφέρον τῶν συνέδρων διὰ τὴν ἐπίλυσιν τῶν φυλετικῶν μας προβλημάτων.

Δὲν περιορίσθησαν οἱ συνέδροι μόνον εἰς ζητήματα ἀφορῶντα τὰ μέλη τῆς Ὄργανώσεως, ἀλλὰ μετὰ μεγάλου ζήλου καὶ ἐξαιρετικοῦ ἐνδιαφέροντος ἐπελήφθησαν ὅλων τῶν προβλημάτων ποῦ ἀντιμετωπίζει ὁ Ἑλληνισμὸς τῆς χώρας ταύτης, θεσπίσαντες πρόγραμμα διὰ τὴν ἰδρύσιν κοινοφελῶν ἰδρυμάτων. Δὲν εἶναι βεβαίως εὐκόλουν νὰ κατορθωθῶσιν μεγάλα ἔργα ἐντὸς μικροῦ χρονικοῦ διαστήματος. Τὰ μεγάλα ἔργα καὶ χρόνον πολὺν χρειάζονται καὶ δαπάναις μεγάλας ἀπαιτοῦν.

Τὰ πρῶτα βήματα ἐγένοντο ἤδη μὲ τὴν νιοθέτησιν τοῦ Φιθσιατρείου ἐν Albuquerque, New Mexico, καὶ ἡ Ἀχέλα θὰ καταβάλλῃ ὅλας τὰς προσπάθειας πρὸς ἐλίτευσιν τοῦ προγράμματος αὐτοῦ.

Αἱ Προσεχεῖς Προεδρικαὶ Ἐκλογαὶ

ΔΕΝ ΕΙΝΑΙ ἐπαβολὴ νὰ τονίσῃ τις ὅτι αἱ προσεχεῖς προεδρικαὶ ἐκλογαὶ θὰ εἶναι αἱ σοβαρώτεραι καὶ πρῶτα ἐκλογαὶ εἰς τὴν ἱστορίαν τῶν ἠνωμένων Πολιτειῶν, λόγω τῶν πολλῶν καὶ σοβαρῶν ζητημάτων, τὰ ὁποῖα ἐδημιούργησαν αἱ περιστάσεις κατὰ τὰ τελευταῖα χρόνια. Ἡ ζωηρὰ κίνησις ποῦ παρατηρεῖται κατὰ τὰς προεκλογικὰς αὐτὰς ἡμέρας, καὶ τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον μὲ τὸ ὁποῖον παρακολουθοῦν τὴν πολιτικὴν κίνησιν ἐκείνοι οἱ ὁποῖοι θὰ ἐξασκήσῃν τὸ ἔμφιστον τὸν καθηκόντων τοῦ πολίτου, μαρτυροῦν πλήρως τὴν σπουδαιότητα τῶν ἐκλογῶν τῆς 3ης Νοεμβρίου.

Εἰς τὴν περίπτωσιν αὐτὴν οἱ ψηφοφόροι δὲν θὰ παρασθῶσιν ἀπὸ δημοκόποις, οὔτε ἀπὸ τὰς συνήθεις πολιτικὰς ἐποσχέσεις, ἀλλὰ ζυγίζοντες τὰ πράγματα μετὰ τῆς προσπαθείας προσοχῆς, θὰ ἐκλέξουν τὸν ἄνθρωπον ποῦ χρειάζονται αἱ περιστάσεις.

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opening of the convention. Following the invocation Brother Kamuchey, on behalf of the Arrangements Committee and the members of the chapters of the Twin Cities who had worked diligently to make the necessary arrangements, welcomed the distinguished guests and the members of the organization who had traveled by every means of transportation from every section of the United States and some parts of Canada to be present on this memorable occasion. At this point the audience rose and sang "America" and the first stanza of the Greek National Anthem. Then Brother Kamuchey introduced the Honorable M. H. Gehan, Mayor of the City of St. Paul; Mr. Carl Cummings, President of the St. Paul Civic and Commerce Association; Mr. E. Rasmussen, representative of the Governor of the State, and His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras, all of whom addressed the gathering. Supreme President V. I. Chelithes responded very eloquently on behalf of the organization. With the presentation of the other members of the Supreme Lodge, past Supreme Presidents attending the convention and members of the Mother Lodge, a recess was taken before convening for the election of the convention staff.

The convention re-assembled in the afternoon and was called to order by Supreme President V. I. Chelithes. Brother C. G. Paris, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, was called upon to render his report. With the number of votes determined as of that time, the delegates proceeded to elect permanent officers of the convention. Brother A. A. Pantelis of Chicago was elected Chairman; Andrew Dritsas of New York City, Vice Chairman, and Angelo J. Manousos of Tacoma, Washington, Secretary. The officers of the convention were obligated and installed by the Supreme President. Brother Pantelis, voicing the sentiment of his colleagues, thanked the delegates for the honor bestowed upon him, pleaded for cooperation and assured the delegates that every effort would be made to expedite matters so that the convention would come to a close not later than Saturday evening. It can be said without fear of contradiction that the impartiality and fairness shown by the chairman and his aides to all who expressed a desire of taking part in the debates endeared them in the hearts of the delegates. While the chairman was determined to carry out his plans, it is gratifying to observe that in every major issue ample time was allotted for debate and he did not bring it to a close unless he was fully assured that the issue in question had been discussed from every angle and that the delegates were properly informed of its significance. Following the reading of a number of congratulatory telegrams, the convention recessed until 9:00 A. M., Tuesday, in order that sufficient time would be afforded the chairman of the convention to appoint the various committees.

TUESDAY

After the convention was called to order a number of com-



Among the convention visitors: Left to right: Mr. William Hellis, New Orleans; Hon. Lincoln MacVeagh, United States Minister to Greece; Mrs. Frank Polanti, Chicago, and Hon. Demetrius Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States.

mittees were announced and, as is usually the case, the members of the Supreme Lodge were called upon to render their reports. Supreme Governor Thomas D. Lentgis, Supreme Counsellor D. G. Michalopoulos and Supreme Vice President C. A. Tsangadas rendered individual reports, while Supreme President V. I. Chelithes, Supreme Secretary C. G. Economou, Supreme Treasurer August Rogokus and Supreme Governor George K. Demopoulos rendered a combined report which was delivered by the Supreme President.

Late in the afternoon the convention recessed (reports were continued to the following day) to enable the delegates and visitors to attend the military review at Fort Snelling, in honor of His Excellency, Demetrius Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States. The Greek diplomat was accorded a fifteen-gun salute when he appeared at the Fort. He reviewed the Third Infantry with Brigadier-General David L. Stone and other Garrison officers.

GRAND CONVENTION BALL

The grand convention ball, held Tuesday evening in the magnificent ballroom of the Lowry Hotel, was the largest social event of the convention. The selection of an Ahepa Queen was one of the features of the evening. Miss Marion Santrizos of Minneapolis was chosen by the judges as the fairest one of all who competed for the honor.

WEDNESDAY

Supreme President V. I. Chelithes continued reading the voluminous combined report and was followed by the Supreme Secretary who rendered his report as Editor of the Ahepa Magazine. Aside from the hereinabove mentioned reports, the



View of the huge crowd attending the convention banquet.

reports of a number of special committees that had been appointed by the Supreme Lodge, pursuant to the mandate of last year's convention, were rendered. Brother C. G. Paris reported for the National Projects Committee and Brother George C. Vournas, for the National Banquet Committee. The report of the Commander-in-Chief of the 1936 excursion to Greece, Supreme Vice President Tsangadas, was also given. In the interim a number of committees which had been appointed by the chairman of the convention were getting their reports in shape.

CONVENTION PARADE

Wednesday afternoon was set aside for one of the most outstanding events of the convention, the parade. The following excerpt from the "St. Paul Pioneer Press" of August 20th tells the story:

"2,500 AHEPANS JOIN IN COLORFUL PARADE

"SIX BANDS AND DRUM CORPS LEAD MARCHERS; GREEK FLAG ON CAPITOL

"The blue and white-banded flag of ancient Greece floated with the Stars and Stripes above Minnesota's Capitol Wednesday as Greco-Americans paraded St. Paul's loop.

Uniformed members of the Order of Ahepa and affiliated groups, the Sons of Pericles and Daughters of Penelope, marched through crowded streets 2,500 strong.

The parade marked the midpoint of the Ahepa's thirteenth annual national convention, which continues through Sunday.

Led by a color guard, a motorcycle escort and national officials of the Greco-American organization, men and women

marchers swung through the streets to the music of bands and drum corps.

Reviewing the parade, said to be one of the largest in the history of the organization, were Archbishop Athenagoras, primate of the Orthodox Greek Church in North and South America; Demetrios Sicilianos, Greek minister to the United States; Lincoln MacVeagh, American Minister to Greece; V. J. Chebithes, national president; William D. Kleason, St. Paul, chairman of the convention, and Miss Marion Santrizos of Minneapolis, 1936 Ahepa queen.

Bands and drum corps which participated in the parade included Post No. 3, American Legion; Keewatin, Minn., band, St. Paul Ladies band, Sleepy Eye Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Hudson, Wis., band.

All men wore white trousers and dark coats and red fezzes. Several women's groups wore colorful regalia.

Five elaborately decorated floats, depicting Greek men and women famous in world history, were entered in the parade.

Winners in competition at the parade were: Bands, Keewatin, first prize of \$100; Hudson, second prize of \$50; drum and bugle corps, Post 3, American Legion, first prize of \$100; Sleepy Eye Legion band, second prize of \$50; marching units, Rochester, first place, awarded a trophy; Duluth, second; floats, Minneapolis, first; Des Moines, second.

A delegation from Syracuse, N. Y., was awarded a trophy for the largest representation from the farthest point from St. Paul.

Contest judges were Gus Barfuss, commissioner of public safety; Dr. C. A. Ingerson, county coroner; Peter Lisowsky, Lloyd Plette, Joseph Peyer and H. G. Balster.

Delegates and visitors attended an open convention session Wednesday night. Business sessions will continue today, and tonight the conventioners will participate in the annual dinner.

Archbishop Athenagoras, the Greek and American ministers and Governor Clyde L. Herring of Iowa will be principal speakers."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The convention was called to order Wednesday evening by Vice-Chairman Dritsas, whereupon the Hospital Committee made its report and the resolution concerning the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was adopted by the convention. Moreover, the legislative committee made a partial report. At twelve o'clock, midnight, the convention recessed until nine o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY

When the convention was called to order Thursday morning, past Supreme Governor Christ Athas, of Salt Lake City, announced the receipt of a letter from past Supreme Vice President P. S. Marthakis who was unable to attend the convention because the State Legislature of Utah, of which he is a member, was called into special session at the time. Brother Marthakis extended his good wishes to the delegates for a successful convention and invited them to attend his wedding ceremony which was taking place on the 30th of August.

By this time a number of committees had completed their reports. The convention thereupon received a partial report of the Resolutions Committee and the reports of the Educational, Americanization, Canadian Affairs, Excursion, Grievance, Officers' Reports, Athletics, Emergency Fund, and a supplementary report of the Legislative committee.

GRAND CONVENTION BANQUET

More than a thousand people, filling the grand ballroom of the Lowry Hotel to capacity, participated in the brilliant banquet tendered by the St. Paul chapter, Thursday evening, in honor of the officials and delegates to the 13th national convention. Among the celebrities that graced the speakers' table were His Excellency, Lincoln MacVeagh, United States Minister to Greece; His Excellency, Demetrius Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States; His Excellency, Governor Clyde Herring of Iowa; Honorable Elmer A. Benson, United States Senator from Minnesota, and His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras, who offered a prayer for Governor Olson who then was lying sick in the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota. The following article, describing the banquet, is taken from the "St. Paul Pioneer Press" of August 21st:

"GREEKS' CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD LAUDED HERE

"Glowing tributes to the contributions of Greece and its citizens to the world were paid in St. Paul Thursday night by speakers representing city, state and national governments and civic groups.

In speeches at the convention dinner of the national conclave of the Order of Ahepa in the Hotel Lowry, more than 1,000 Greek-Americans heard their mother country lauded for its outstanding gifts to civilization and were praised as 'some of the nation's finest citizens.'

"Your organization," they were told by Governor Clyde L. Herring of Iowa, "has provided one of the finest means of assuring our country excellent Greco-American citizens. The oath which your order has adopted should be taken by every American citizen."

W. A. Ganfield of Wabasha, Wis., president of Carroll college, Waukesha, Wis., said that 'nations like individuals stand for great ideals and thus we are apprised that ancient Greece stood for art and the beautiful.'

'Advancing civilizations, like growing men change their customs, their manners and their expressions. Yet the traditions and art of ancient Greece remain with us still. Hellenic ideals and culture have found a large place in the life and the literature and affairs of modern men, and for that which we cherish in life today, we are indebted to the man of yesterday.'

Congressman Melvin J. Maas, praising civic efforts of the order in this country, declared that 'America is only what the contributions from our citizens from other countries has made it.'

Pleading for continuation of world peace, Lincoln MacVeagh, United States Minister to Greece, said: 'Let us take the counsel of the great exponents of sanity, the founders of our civilization, the ancient Greeks, and resolve to do our share to keep our country from falling into any more excesses, whether of an old or new variety.'

Harry H. Peterson, Minnesota attorney general, asserted that 'your order is a direct incentive for every American to develop and progress in enterprise of civic and educational nature.'

Other speakers at the dinner included Archbishop Athenagoras, primate of North and South America of the Hellenic orthodox church; Mayor Gehan, Senator Benson, Demetrius Sicilianos, minister from Greece to the United States, who spoke in Greek; V. I. Chebithes, supreme president of the order; Stafford King, state auditor; General E. A. Walsh; J. N. Jackson, president of the St. Paul Association; James Dimopoulos, president of Sons of Pericles Chapter No. 270, and W. D. Kleason, chairman for the convention.

The dinner, termed 'one of the most successful ever held by the order,' was marked by a one-act Greek playlet, musical entertainment and presentation of awards."



Left to right: Soterios Nicholson, V. I. Chebithes, Harry J. Booras and Christ Athas * * * In this group are past, present, and who knows * * *

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

With the social functions now over, the business sessions of the convention continued in full swing. As a matter of fact, the last two days were the busiest ones. During this time the delegates studied and passed upon the reports of the remaining committees, selected a convention city and elected the personnel that will guide and manage the Ship of the Ahepa for the coming year.

SELECTION OF CONVENTION CITY

A great deal of interest centers around the selection of a convention city. Every year there are a number of cities vying with each other to win the Ahepa convention. This year the city of Syracuse, New York, emerged victorious in what may be termed a "sizzling" hot campaign. Brother Nicholas Anagnos, with his aides, Daniel Pananicles and Theodore Limpert, managed their campaign remarkably well. No better paradigm of perseverance need be cited than this one, for, after so many years of continuous effort, the brothers from Syracuse finally succeeded. They promised to show wonders next August. We feel confident that they will try their best to please everybody, if that is possible.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS

"Now, gentlemen of the convention," said Chairman Pantelis, "the time has come to proceed with the nomination and election of officers." This statement was received with a somewhat mixed feeling, a feeling of pleasure and regret; pleasure, because the task of the delegates was coming to a close and regret, because soon thereafter they would be departing for their

respective cities, carrying with them not only happy thoughts and pleasant reminiscences but regrets in separating themselves from the friendships renewed and formed and the good fellowship enjoyed during the week.

The election of the Supreme Lodge officers this year lacked the zest and fighting spirit we have witnessed in the past. This was not due to an indifference of attitude or lack of spirit on the part of the aspirants for the various offices but to the repeal of that provision in the constitution which precluded Supreme Lodge officers, excepting the Supreme Secretary, from succeeding themselves. The removal of that obstacle was clearly tantamount to the re-election of the Supreme President and perhaps, as the final result showed, to the re-election of the other incumbents.

The following were chosen to serve until we meet in Syracuse the third Monday in August, 1937: V. I. Chebithes, Supreme President; D. G. Michalopoulos, Supreme Vice President; Constantine G. Economou, Supreme Secretary; August Rogokos, Supreme Treasurer; Andrew J. Dritsas, Supreme Counsellor; Thomas D. Lentgis, Supreme Governor; Speros J. Cosmos, Supreme Governor.

The newly elected members of the Supreme Lodge were obligated and installed by the retiring Supreme Vice President, C. A. Tsangadas. Following the installation the delegates stood in silence paying tribute to the late Governor of the State of Minnesota, Honorable Floyd B. Olson and adopted a resolution, copies of which were forwarded to the family of the late executive and to the State Capitol through the Secretary of State of Minnesota, expressing their deep regret and profound sym-

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The New Supreme Lodge Officers

Left to right: Thomas D. Lentgis, Supreme Governor; August Rogokos, Supreme Treasurer; D. G. Michalopoulos, Supreme Vice President; V. I. Chebithes, Supreme President; C. G. Economou, Supreme Secretary; Andrew J. Dritsas, Supreme Counsellor, and Speros J. Cosmos, Supreme Governor.



AHEPA HITS HER STRIDE

FOURTEEN short, colorful years have lapsed into history since eight mild-mannered men looked mindfully upon the face of their brain-child, clasped hands, and in tones solemn and serious, pronounced its profoundly meaningful name—"The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association"—now universally known, loved and honored by the magically simpler name—"Ahepa".

The ideas and ideals, principles and purposes embodied in this new creation were so sound and sane in sense and reason, so essential and necessary to an ancient race in a new world, and so full of promises to accomplish the objectives for which it was brought forth, that its introduction to the Hellenes on the American Continent was received with great faith and favor.

Good men and true, broad-minded men of learning and experience, men of progressive and enterprising spirit, souls of unquestionable loyalty and devotion, staunch patriots and stout believers in the ability of Hellenism to take care of and come into its own—the highest exponents of every walk and calling in the United States and Canada—espoused the cause of the new Order, worked whole-heartedly for its development and patiently awaited the time and season when their labors would be crowned with success.

Aims and Purposes

Stripped of all superfluous trimmings and furbelows, the bed-rock purposes on which the Order of Ahepa was founded are two:

1. To weave strong fraternal bonds of unity by which the people of Hellenic ancestry will be drawn and held together for the preservation and perpetuation of their rich and glorious heritage, and for meeting squarely and solving properly the problems which confront and concern them. And,

2. To promote on this continent a better and more comprehensive understanding of the Hellenic people, awaken in them a greater interest in the political, educational, social and commercial life of the country in which they live, and to muster into the service of that country the noblest attributes and loftiest ideals of Hellenism.

Efforts and Results

Every act and deed by, for and on behalf of the Order of Ahepa has been performed for the accomplishment of the foregoing objectives, and for the fulfillment of the purposes which a broad and liberal interpretation thereof can embrace.

Would that it were possible to enumerate completely and describe fully the manifold and masterly services of the Order in its always sincere and often heroic efforts to attain its high mission and to truly serve the present day needs of Hellenism.

But, while neither the time of the reader nor the space of this publication permit an elaborate and detailed recital of all the deeds done, and the results obtained by the work and influence of this Order, yet, a passing reference to some of the effects produced through its operations will be sufficient to show the quality, character and worth of the Ahepa.

1. Wove Bonds of Unity

Through the local, district, and national meetings, conventions and functions of practically every conceivable type and nature, conducted under the auspices of the Ahepa throughout the country, thousands of people became known to and acquainted with each other, and, as a direct result of these contacts, strong friendships have been created, happy marriages have been effected, the spirit of Hellenism has been revived and a decidedly noticeable increase of interest and devotion toward Hellenic ideals and traditions, culture and learning has been developed.

2. Renewed Relations With Motherland

The Order of Ahepa has successfully conducted seven excursions to Greece and is now preparing for another one to sail next March, as an Easter pilgrimage to the land of our origin. The sentimental, social, moral, patriotic and educational values of these periodical trips to the homeland must be left to the imagination, for they simply cannot be described in words, neither can they be measured or estimated in terms of silver or gold. Those of us who have not gone on one of these Ahepa Excursions to Greece do not know what and how much we have missed. Let all of us who have never done so, take advantage of the opportunity next March.

3. Inspired Individual Excellence

This Order has provided a forum and brought to the forefront many noteworthy personages of the Hellenic race—especially of the younger generation—by creating suitable occasions on which they had the opportunity to be heard and seen in action. Many young men—and old ones too—discovered and developed their powers of reasoning logically, arguing convincingly and speaking eloquently on the varied and various forums of this Order. These are powers and qualities of incalculable value in any field of endeavor.

4. Glorified Hellenic Heroes

The Ahepa, at the expense of tens of thousands of dollars, has immortalized the name and fame of heroic Hellenic characters by erecting and dedicating to their memory monuments and

statues of bronze and marble. Of these the marble statue of Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and the bronze likeness of George Dilboy at Somerville, Massachusetts, are excellent examples. Every one who witnessed the unveiling of these monuments, amid the pomp and glory of the nation, was imbued with the highest possible respect and admiration for the Hellenic race.

5. *Stopped Unfair Comments*

The leadership of this Order took up the cudgels and fought with all its might and main to purge the theater and press from acts and articles injurious, unfair and unfavorable to the good name and reputation of the Hellenic people.

6. *Good-will Creator*

The stately functions which are periodically given by the Order, and always attended by the most prominent public officials, educators, clergymen, business and professional men of the country, afford the American citizens of Hellenic descent the rare privilege and opportunity to become personally acquainted and exchange views with them, thus effecting a better understanding and creating good will of priceless value.

7. *Contributed to Worthy Causes*

This Fraternity has never overlooked an opportunity to contribute most generously to every great and good cause, and for the relief of those in distress or in need. Its monetary contributions for the victims of the hurricane in Florida, of the floods in Mississippi, of the earthquakes in Corinth, the Dodekanese and Halkidiki amount to well over \$60,000; to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army, American Legion, Museum in Athens, Boy Scouts, hospitals and sanitariums over \$50,000; to churches here and abroad over \$95,000; for the fatherless children of Greece, and for the relief of sick and needy members and non-members in this country over \$165,000; for the erection of the Agricultural College in Corinth and toward the purchase of the Holy Cross Institute at Pomfret, Connecticut, over \$58,000; for the maintenance of Greek schools in this country over \$160,000; and for the aid of students of Hellenic descent in the colleges and universities over \$50,000. Upwards of \$650,000 of contributions made for the foregoing causes and purposes of which records have been kept at the National Headquarters, not taking into consideration the many, many sums contributed directly to various needs and causes by individual Chapters of the Order and which have not been reported to, or recorded at the Headquarters—such sums in all probability, equal, if they do not surpass, those on record.

8. *Provide Against Emergencies*

The system of operating the Ahepa Emergency Fund was amended and revised by the recent National Convention at St. Paul, Minnesota, to benefit every member in good standing. This, in effect, means that, beginning January 1st, 1937, every Ahepan who is in good standing with the Headquarters of the Order is automatically insured for \$200. So, when an Ahepan pays his dues he is really building a savings account—in addition to the privileges and advantages he enjoys from his membership in the Order.

9. *Silver District Ahepa Tuberculosis Sanatorium*

To approve the altruistic and humanitarian spirit which prompted the Ahepans of the Silver District No. 17 to purchase

a spacious and completely equipped sanatorium in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the treatment of those Hellenic people who suffer from tuberculosis, and to assure the successful operation of this great undertaking, the recent National Convention of the Ahepa adopted a mandatory resolution requiring that each and every chapter of the Order declare the month of February, for five consecutive years hereafter, as the "National Ahepa Sanatorium Dance Month," during which every chapter of the Order shall stage a public dance, charging for admission a fee of not less than \$1 per person, and that all profits derived from these dances be transmitted to the Supreme Lodge for the care and maintenance of patients in that sanatorium.

The Ahepans of the Silver District deserve the highest commendation for their sacrifice and initiative in establishing for the use and benefit of Hellenism this much needed institution, and it is the sacred duty of every Chapter to support them in accordance with the mandate of the thirteenth National Convention.

10. *Plans Orphanage and Infirmary*

The delegates to the thirteenth National Convention at St. Paul, took cognizance of the fact that there are in this country thousands of orphaned children of Hellenic descent who need a home where they can be clothed, fed, educated and reared as they should be; and there are many old men of the Hellenic race who are no longer able to work and support themselves. For the solution of these strictly Hellenic problems, an appropriation was made and a committee appointed to locate a suitable site on which the Order of Ahepa shall establish and maintain an orphanage and a home for the aged.

11. *Sons of Pericles*

"As the twig is bent, the tree will be inclined." The Order of Ahepa has, long ago, recognized the philosophical truth of this wise old saying, and has sponsored the organization of the Hellenic youths in this country into the National Order known as the "Sons of Pericles."

The purpose of this Junior Organization is to keep these young men within the bounds and under the influence of Hellenism; to inculcate upon them due respect and reverence for their nationality; to awaken in them a fair appreciation for the Hellenic language, culture and traditions; to enable them to become acquainted with each other, and to imbue them with a just, honest and sincere pride and admiration for their race.

For the accomplishment of these ends the Order of Ahepa has expended vast sums of money and a tremendous amount of time, but it is time and money well spent, for in so doing it is wisely investing in the future of Hellenic manhood.

12. *Daughters of Penelope*

Realizing the fact that the women of Hellenic descent and those who are married to men of Hellenic origin are confronted with problems which are peculiarly their own, the Order has adopted as its senior auxiliary, the Order of the Daughters of Penelope, whose aims and purposes are similar to those of its own.

13. *Maids of Athens*

To completely balance the system, and to bring under its glorious banner and within its wise guidance the entire Hellenic family of the nation, this Order has also accepted the sponsorship of the Maids of Athens.

This Junior auxiliary is similar in scope, principles, purposes and ideals to that of the Sons of Pericles. It is composed of unmarried young women of Hellenic stock and its function is to provide a common forum in which its members meet for their mutual pleasure, wholesome entertainment and general advancement.

14. *Pride of Hellenism*

The Ahepa is a fraternal Order of which the whole world of Hellenism may be justly proud. Its entire career has been one of grand and continuous contribution to the enlightenment, comfort and happiness of humanity. It has fed the hungry, clothed the naked, ministered to the sick, buried the dead, rendered aid and comfort to the widows and orphans, and supported the cause of education and learning.

Here, on the American continent, the Order of Ahepa is the living temple of Hellenic conscience—representing the wisdom, courage, patriotism, charity, dignity, prestige, hope and integrity of Hellenism. It is the due guard and guide of present and future destinies of the Hellenic people. Through it the very soul of Hellenism on this continent speaks, inspires and works the wonders of an illustrious race.

For these, and for countless other reasons, it is an honor, a privilege and a distinction of the highest order to be identified with and be a member of the Ahepa—to have a share in the great work it is now doing, and in the greater accomplishments which it is certain to achieve in the future.

All Hail Ahepa—God's Gift to Hellenism!

V. I. CHERITHES.

Attending the World Power Conference



The Minister of Greece, Demetrios Sicilianos, flanked on his right by Soterios Nicholson, Washington attorney and delegate representing the Public Ownership League of America, and on his left by George Halkiopoulos, representing the Hellenic Nation.

DURING the week of September 7 to 12, inclusive, there was held in Washington the Third World Power Conference, and the Second Congress on Large Dams. This is the first time that the World Power Conference met in America. The first World Power Conference was held in London during the year 1924, and the second in Berlin, in 1930. Smaller regional Conferences on the subject have also been held in Sweden, Switzerland, Japan and elsewhere during this period.

It was said that this Third World Power Conference was the greatest of all held heretofore. There were about six hundred accredited delegates from abroad. Fifty-four countries were represented by large and small delegations. It appears that the largest delegation was from Germany—130 delegates; 100 from England, 75 from France, 30 from Japan, 20 from Poland and 16 from Switzerland.

Two sons of Hellas were among the delegates. Past Supreme Counsellor of the Order of Ahepa, Soterios Nicholson, repre-

sented The Public Ownership League of America (a national organization advocating municipal and public ownership of electricity, gas, water and other utilities in the United States, thus reducing the rates for the benefit of the consumers, instead of the power trusts and private utilities companies taking the profits) and George Halkiopoulos, a distinguished Civil Engineer, representing Greece. Mr. Halkiopoulos came from the Mother Land for that purpose. He is a graduate of Harvard University.

The word "Power" is very broad and includes conservation of coal, oil, gas and the proper coordinated utilization of stream flow for all purposes. It involves such experiments in regional plan as the TVA. It covers the whole field of production and distribution of power. It takes in all the engineering problems involved in dam construction, in building, operating and maintaining stream power plants. It furnishes power to the consumer, whether through privately-owned utilities, or through municipal or public ownership, as well as cooperative power plants and whether or not aided by Government Agencies. It means a complete survey of both government and private capital.

The World Power Conference involved two sets of problems—economical and technical. The "National Power Economy" topic, for instance, was broken up into 13 subjects; on each of which papers were contributed, and conferences were held in many meeting places. The main Conference and Congress sessions, however, were held at the Government Auditorium, Commerce Auditorium, and the National Museum Auditorium. The Technical part, which was discussed by engineers and technicians, was likewise broken up into many subjects and oral discussions. Each of the fifty-four nations had the right to participate and discuss through their delegates any or all subjects. More than 400 papers were read or submitted as a contribution to the Conference. Papers were summarized and delivered in four languages of the Conference—French, German, Spanish and English. Each Conference had an official reporter who summarized these papers and formed the basis of discussion at the sessions.

President Roosevelt spoke during the Friday afternoon session, September 11, and at the close of his address he pressed a button which started for the first time the twelve needle valves of the generators at Boulder Dam. The effect of turning on the current was recorded by radio from Boulder Dam on a nationwide broadcast which was received also in the Constitution Hall.

Sesquicentennial of the Constitution of the United States

MAYOR WILSON of Philadelphia announced, as he radioed the sound of the cracked old Liberty Bell around the world on the Fourth of July, that next year Philadelphia would celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of The United States of America, and he broadcast an invitation to every American citizen to participate in this epochal event, first, by communicating with him directly as to particulars; secondly, by telling others about it, and thirdly, by actually attending the celebration and visiting the very spot on which the signing of this famous, world-changing document was consummated.

It is expected that this celebration will be second only in interest to Americans, if not actually first, to the great World's Fair to be held in New York in 1939 for which millions of dollars have already been appropriated.

Governors of all States, mayors of all cities, principals and presidents of all schools, leaders of all patriotic societies, and all other loyal American citizens are expected to assist in making the Sesquicentennial of the Constitution one of the greatest public events since the Bicentennial Celebration of the birth of George Washington. Those who are unable to come to Philadelphia will undoubtedly arrange local celebrations with suitable programs in honoring the birth of "the greatest of all human documents." Our constitution was built largely on the principles of Plato's Republic.

To Mayor Wilson of Philadelphia belongs the credit of having originated this splendid plan for celebrating the signing of the Constitution, and to him, no doubt, will belong the glory of having made this historical event a brilliant success.

BYRON MOCK.

A Book Review

Sappho of Lesbos, by Arthur Weigall
Frederick Stokes, New York

THE first woman poet in all history has been made to live again in Arthur Weigall's enchanting story of Sappho of Lesbos. He properly prepares us for a just and keen appreciation of Sappho's art and life by painting a vivid background for the drama in which she was a leading actor.

Understanding her contemporaries, the manners and morals of her time, we can forgive much that we may have held against her, that is, if an immortal ever needs forgiveness.

Sappho antedated the Golden Age of Greece, he points out, by at least a century, having been contemporary with The Seven Wise Men of Greece, with Psammethichos, Pharaoh of Egypt, Croesus of Asia Minor, Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Buddha of India, and Aesop, the great fabulist.

Pittakos, one of the Seven Wise Men, was Tyrant of Lesbos and ruled her home city, Mitylene, with an iron hand, but fostered art and literature. Rome was then an unimportant little city-state ruled by primitive kings.

Faithfully, almost lovingly, Mr. Weigall has gathered all the known fragments of Sappho's works and has presented the best

known translations of these priceless immortelles for his readers, who, if poets, will gather fresh creative inspiration from the re-reading of Sappho's odes under the spell of Mr. Weigall's understanding comments.

We can then well understand why Plato called Sappho the Tenth Muse; also, why Solon, on his death-bed, prayed that he might live long enough to commit to memory one of her latest odes—the Ode to Memory. To Sappho's contemporary, Solon, most famous of the Seven Wise Men of Greece, is attributed the well-known slogan, "Know Thyself."

Of Sappho's numerous love affairs, Mr. Weigall treats sympathetically, almost as if he had been one of her fortunate, or unfortunate, lovers himself. He paints a tragic picture of her final act in the drama of her colorful life as she throws herself from the Leucadian rock into the sea because she had grown old and had lost her hold on her youthful lover, Phaon, to whom one of her most beautiful odes was written. He gives this poem complete, one of the few Sapphic odes extant which is not a fragment.

Mr. Weigall's biography of Sappho is a splendid romance, thrilling as a best-selling novel, with the dazzling figure of the Lesbian Lark the center of pre-Golden Age, epoch-making drama.

The book fascinates the reader whether he is interested in the art of poetry or not. The mere romancer will find food for his imagination such as is seldom presented to him. The historian will revel in the lucid account of Lydian, Lesbian, and Attic culture which formed the immediate background of the Golden Age of Greece. Financiers will marvel at the methods that enriched the ancient Lydian kings. Mining engineers will be intrigued into further investigation of the methods used by Croesus, Sappho's contemporary, in dredging the river Pactolus for the gold that made him the richest man in the world, and to this day the synonym for wealth. Dramatists looking for plots will find them in plenty between the covers of this book.

In Swinburne's opinion, Sappho was the greatest poet who ever lived, and, so far, this is the best book ever written on Sappho and her times. Major Curtis Hidden Page epitomizes her power as follows:

The dust of Sappho's heart lies still
Beside the dust of Helen's breast.
But Helen's beauty, Sappho's song shall thrill
Nations unborn beyond the farthest West.

BYRON MOCK.

CONVENTION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Souvenir books of the St. Paul national convention may be purchased by applying to the Executive Committee, Ahepa National Convention, Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minn. Price, 50 cents each.

Comments of "Atlantis" and "National Herald" in Connection with Our National Convention and Activities of the Ahepa Generally

We take pleasure in reproducing the following excerpts from the above-mentioned newspapers and wish to assure their editors that we appreciate their kind expressions greatly.

ΑΤΛΑΝΤΙΣ

AUGUST 16, 1936
Τὸ Συνέδριον τῆς Ἀχέπα

Ἐπὶ τοὺς αἰσιωτέρους τῶν οὐρανῶν ἀρχίζον ἄμμερον ἐν Σαίεντ Πάουλ τῆς Μιννιότας αἱ ἐργασίαι τοῦ 13ου κατὰ σειράν, ἐτησίου Ἐθνικοῦ Συνεδρίου τῆς Ἀμερικανικῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Ἐκπαιδευτικῆς Προοδευτικῆς Ἐνώσεως τῆς Ἀχέπα. Ἐξ ὧν δὲ τῶν μέχρι τοῦδε ἀνγκυρωθειῶν Ἀχέπικων Ἀμφικτυονῶν, ἡ ἱερατικὴ θὰ εἶναι ἡ ἀπουδαιότερα ἐπὶ πᾶσαν ἔποσιν. Ἡ κρατίστη καὶ μεγίστη Ἀμερικανοελληνικὴ μας Ὄργανωσις ἐκινῶν, ἰδιαιτερώς ἱετός, ἀποκλῆρον τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τὸ ἰνδιαφέρον, διότι ἀποκλῆρος ὁ Ἀμερικανικός Ἑλληνισμὸς ἐπιπέθη πλέον ἐπὶ ἡ Ἀχέπα εἶναι ἡ φυλετικὴ του προτοπορία ἐν τῇ θετῇ μας Πατρίδι, ἐν τῇ γενετικῇ τῶν παιδιῶν καὶ τῶν ἑγγόνων μας, καὶ οὐ πρωτίτως ἐκ τῆς φιλοφυλετικῆς ἑρατικῆς τῆς Ἀχέπα θὰ ἐξαρτηθῇ κατὰ μέγιστον μέρος τὸ ποῖόν τοῦ Ἀμερικανοελληνικοῦ μέλλοντος ἐν τῷ Νέῳ Κόσμῳ. Συντρέχον ὅθεν πάντες οἱ λόγοι ὅπως ἀκέραιον ἐκδηλωθῇ τὸ ἰνδιαφέρον τῶν Ἀμερικανοελλήνων διὰ τὴν Ἀχέπα, καὶ ὅπως ἀκέραιον χαρίσθαι τὴν ὑποστήριξιν του ὁ Ἀμερικανικός Ἑλληνισμὸς πρὸς τὴν μεγίστην Ὄργανωσίν του, ἡ ὁποία τὴν προαγωγὴν καὶ τὴν ἀνάδειξιν καὶ τὴν κραταίωσιν τῆς φυλετικῆς μας ὑποστάσεως ἴθετον ὡς βᾶσιν τῆς ἑρατικῆς τῆς, καὶ ὡρίσθη ὡς σκοπὸν τῆς! Ἐν τῷ ἱερατικῷ Ἐθνικῷ Συνεδρίῳ τῆς Ἀχέπα θὰ τεθοῦν ἐπὶ τάπητος τὰ ζητήματα καὶ τὰ πράγματα τοῦ Ἀμερικανι-

κοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ, καὶ θὰ ἐξουχισθοῦν αὐτὰ ἐπὶ τὴν ἔποσιν τοῦ ὅτι δὲν τίμηθα πλέον εχθροῖς ἐν Ἀμερικῇ, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ἔποσιν τοῦ ὅτι ἡ φυλετικὴ ἡμῶν ὀντότης διημορφώθη ὀρθοῦς, διότι φυσικῶς ἐξελλίθη, καὶ εἶναι, καὶ πρέπει νὰ εἶναι, καθαρὸς Ἀμερικανοελληνικὴ. Ἄν δὲ δὲν λείψον ἐκείνοι ἐξ ἡμῶν οἱ ὁποῖοι ἰθελουφλοῦν, ἀτακατώνται, καὶ προβαδίζονται ἐπὶ δὲν κατενόσαν τὴν ἀλήθειαν, θὰ ῥηθῶσιν καὶ θὰ περιστέλλονται ἐν τούτοις ἐκείνοι ἐξ ἡμῶν οἵτινες ἐκ τῶν πραγμάτων ἐπιπέθησαν, καὶ θεωροῦν ὡς ἰντελῶς περιετὴν πᾶσαν ἄλλην ἑρατικὴν τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ ὡς ἀνόλου, ἐκ τῆς τῆς φυλετικῆς ἑρατικῆς. Καὶ οἱ πολλοὶ, τῶν οἱ πλείστοι ἐξ ἡμῶν οἱ ὁποῖοι δὲν ἰθελουφλοῦν καὶ δὲν προβαδίζονται, θὰ πράξουν τὸ αὐτὸ, θὰ ἀγωνισθοῦν σθεναρῶς καὶ ἀνενδότως ἐπὶ τῆς εἰς τὸν ἀνώτατον βαθμὸν ἰνυχόσεως τῆς Ἀχέπα. Ἡ Ἀχέπα ἀπέδειξεν ἤδη, ὅτι συνεχίζει τὸ μέγα φυλετικὸν μας ἔργον ἀπὸ ἐκείνου τοῦ εἶχαν ἀθάση οἱ προτοπόροι, οἱ πρώτοι μετανάστες, καὶ τὸ ἀνεχίζει με ἀσέτημα, με ἀνένδον, με σοφῶς κατεστρωμένον πρόγραμμα καὶ με σαφῶς διαγεγραμμένον σχέδιον!

Ὅσοι μετέχον τοῦ Ἀχέπικοῦ Συνεδρίου καὶ ὅσοι δὲν μετέχον αὐτοῦ, ἐκ τοῦ ἴδιου ἱεροῦ, ἐκ τοῦ ἴδιου ἑλογοῦ καὶ πόθου διακνίονται, ὅπως κατοχυρώσων τὴν Ἀχέπα ὡς Ὄργανωσίν, ὡς προτοποριαν τῆς φυλῆς μας ἐν τῇ ἰνδύῳ καὶ δημοκρατικῇ γῶσιν ἐν ἡ

διαβιοῦμεν ἡμεῖς καὶ θὰ ζήσων οἱ ἀπόγονοί μας. Καὶ ὅσοι, λοιπόν, μετέχον τοῦ Ἀχέπικοῦ Συνεδρίου καὶ ὅσοι δὲν μετέχον αὐτοῦ ἐνεργῶς, ἐκ τοῦ σκοποῦ καὶ τῶν ἰδεῶν τῆς Ἀχέπα πρέπει νὰ ἀντελῶσιν ἑμπνευσίν, καὶ θάρρος, καὶ ἑγκατερόσιν, καὶ εἰς τὴν ἀφιλοκεροῦ, εἰς τὴν ἀνιδιοτελεῖ καὶ εἰς τὴν ἀνιστερόβουλον ἐξουχρησίν τοῦ σκοποῦ καὶ τῶν ἰδεῶν τῆς πρέπει νὰ ἀφοσιωθοῦν. Ἄν ἄλθε τὸ πλῆρωμα τοῦ χρόνου ἵνα λάβων ὄρακα καὶ ὄσα τὰ ὄσα φιλοφυλετικὰ ἐπιλοδοξήσαν νὰ δημιουργήσων οἱ διοικοῦντες καὶ οἱ ἀπαρτίστοντες τὴν Ἀχέπα, τὸ ἱερατικὸν τῆς Συνεδρίου θὰ δόσῃ εἰς αὐτὰ ἑθὴν καὶ ὑπόστασιν. Ἄν δὲν ἐπίσταν εἰσέτι τὸ πλῆρωμα τοῦ χρόνου, ἢς μὴ ἀσχάλλη τις καὶ ἢς μὴ ἀσημονῇ, διότι ὅτι δὲν ἔγινε σήμερον, θὰ γείνη ὁ ρι σ μ ε ν ω ς αἰ μ ριον! Ἀρκεῖ μόνον τῆς Ἀχέπα τὴν ἔννοια νὰ ἔχη ὁ Ἀμερικανικός Ἑλληνισμὸς, καὶ ἡ Ἀχέπα ὡρισμένως, καὶ τώρα καὶ πάντοτε, θὰ ἔχη τὴν ἔννοια τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ! Μὲ τὴν Ἀχέπα ὅθεν ὁ Ἀμερικανικός Ἑλληνισμὸς, καὶ ἡ Ἀχέπα με τὴν φυλὴν μας, εἰς τὰ φυλετικὰ ἔργα, εἰς τὴν ἰνδολογίαν, εἰς τὴν αἰωνίαν προοπάθειαν ἐπὶ τῆς φυλῆς μας! Καὶ ἡ ἱερατικὴ Ἐθνικὴ Ἀμφικτυονία τῆς Ἀχέπα, ἡ ὁμοφώνια τῶν μεγάλων φιλοφυλετικῶν ἀποστάτων, καὶ παρὰ τὸ πλεονὸν τῆς Ἀχέπα ὅλα αἱ δυνάμεις καὶ ὅλοι οἱ παράγοντες τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ!

Ἀσίδωρ Φανός.

Φυλετικοί Νομοθέται •

AUGUST 18, 1936

Ἐκατοντάδες οἱ ἀντιπρόσωποι καὶ χιλιάδες οἱ ἐπισκέπται εἰς τὸ 13ον Ἐτήσιον Ἐθνικὸν Συνέδριον τῆς Ἀχέπα. Σημαιοστέλλιστοι δὲ αἱ «Twin Cities» Ἅγιος Παῦλος καὶ Μιννεάπολις τῆς Μινнесότας, καὶ πρωτοφανῆς ὁ ἐνθουσιασμὸς ὁσποῖς δυνεὶ τὰ στήθη τῶν Ἀχέπα-νῶν Ἀμερικτανῶν καὶ ὀλοκλήρου τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τοῦ παρακολουθοῦντος τὴν Ἀμερικτανικὴν των. Καὶ ὑπὸ τὰς εὐλογίας τῆς γηραιᾶς Ὁρθοδόξου ἤρχισαν ἐν Ἅγιῳ Παύλῳ ἀπὸ τῆς χθὲς αἱ ἐργασίαι τοῦ ἐτηρίου Ἐθνικοῦ Ἀχέπα Συνεδρίου. Φυλετικὴ ἡ ὄψις καὶ ἡ ὑπόστασις τῆς Ὁργανώσεως Ἀχέπα καὶ φυλετικαὶ ἦσαν, εἶναι καὶ θὰ εἶναι αἱ κατευθύνσεις τῆς. Τὸ δὲ 13ον Ἐθνικὸν Συνέδριον τῆς, ὄχι μόνον θὰ ἐπικυρώσῃ ἀπαξ ἔτι τὴν μεγάλην ταύτην ἀλήθειαν,

ἀλλὰ καὶ θὰ τὴν κατοχυρώσῃ μέχρι τοσοῦτου σημείου, ὥστε νὰ τὴν καταστήσῃ Εὐαγγελικὴν τῶν ἀληθειῶν διὰ τὸν Ἀμερικανικὸν Ἑλληνισμὸν. Ἀπὸ τῆς ἀσαφέτου βέβαιως τῆς πίστεως ἐπὶ τὸ φυλετικὸν ἡμῶν μέλλον, μέχρι τῆς ἐπιβολῆς τῆς πίστεως ταύτης διὰ φυλετικῶν ἔργων, δὲν εἶναι μεγάλη ἡ ἀπόστασις. Ἀληθὴς ἡ πίστις καὶ μεγάλα καὶ αἰωνόδια τὰ ἔργα τῆς, εἰς οὐδὲν δὲ θὰ ὑστερήσῃ ὁ φυλετικὸς ὀργανωσμένος Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλληνισμὸς, προκειμένου νὰ ἀποδείξῃ τὴν πίστιν του διὰ τῶν ἔργων του.

Ἐθνικὸν τὸ Συνέδριον τῆς μεγίστης φυλετικῆς μας Ὁργανώσεως, καὶ κατέχουσαν τὰς θέσεις των ἐν αὐτῷ οἱ ἀριστεῖς τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ οἱ ἐμπνευσμένοι πρωτοπόροι μας, ὅλοι οἱ φυλετικοὶ μας

παράγοντες, ὅλοι ὅσοι ἔχουν γνώμην, καὶ ὅσοι ὅσοι ἔχουν θέλησιν καὶ πίστιν, καὶ ὅσοι ὅσοι ἐν ὄρατιον μέλλον φιλοδοξοῦν νὰ σφρηλατήσουν διὰ τὰς ἐπιχειρούμεναις Ἀμερικανο-Ἑλληνικαῖς γενεαῖς, καὶ τὸν ἀκαλόγουν τῶν φυλετικῶν μας παραδόσεων, νὰ θεπίσῃσιν δι' αὐτὰς, φυλετικοὶ νομοθέται οἱ Ἀχέπα καὶ Ἀμερικτάνοι, καὶ ἡ τῶν Ἀμερικτανῶν δὲ παράδοσις, εἰς τὰ μεγάλα καὶ τὰ θαυμαστά τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς φυλῆς ἔχει τὴν ἀρχὴν. Εἰς τὴν φυλετικὴν νομοθεσίαν τῆς Ἀχέπα ἀποβλέπει ὁ Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλληνισμὸς ὡς πρὸς Κιβωτὸν Διαθήκης, καὶ ὡς τοιαύτην πίστιν θὰ τὴν διαφυλάττῃ καὶ ἐνδελχῶς θὰ τὴν περιρροῦρῃ. Α. Φ.

Τὰ Πεπραγμένα
AUGUST 23, 1936

Τὰ πεπραγμένα τοῦ λήξαντος ἡμερῶν 13ον Ἐτηρίου Ἐθνικοῦ Συνεδρίου τῆς Ἀχέπα θὰ σημειώσωμεν σταθμῶν μέγαν ἐν τῇ φυλετικῇ σταδιοδρομίᾳ τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ. Μία μεγάλη, μία πρωτοφανῆς αἰσιοδοξία ἰσχυροποιεῖ τὴν ἰδεετικὴν παναχέπακὴν συνείδησιν, καὶ ἅς ἐκρηθῶμεν ὅλοι ὅτι ἡ μεγάλη αὐτὴ αἰσιοδοξία θὰ ἀποβῇ ἡ ἀδελτεία τῶν θετικῶν, τῶν βιωδύμων Ἑλληνοφυλετικῶν ἔργων ἐν τῇ θετῇ μας Πατρίδι. Τὴν μεγάλην ταύτην αἰσιοδοξίαν, τὴν δικαιοδοξίαν ἄλλως τε τὰ πράγματα, διότι καὶ μεγάλως ἐνδύχεται ὁμοῦται ἡ Ἀχέπα, καὶ αἱ οικονομικαὶ συνθήκαι βελτιοῦνται ὀλον ἐν Ἀμερικῇ, καὶ διῆ ἀκροατικῶς ὁ Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλληνισμὸς δι' ἔργα, καὶ ὀργὰ πρὸς ἄξιαν λόγου φυλετικὴν δρασίν. Πᾶν ὅ,τι θεωρεῖ ὡς ἀπαραίτητον, πᾶν ὅ,τι θεωρεῖ ὡς χρήσιμον καὶ ὡς ἐκδοτικόν, καὶ πᾶν ὅ,τι θὰ κατοχυρώσῃ τὴν φυλετικὴν του ὀντότητα ἐν Ἀμερικῇ, διακαῶς τὸ ποθεῖ ὁ Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλληνισμὸς καὶ μετὰ θαυμαστῆς προθυμίας καὶ ἠλογενεστότης ζήτει τὸ ἐπιδοκῆ. Ἡ δὲ μεγίστη καὶ κρατιστα ὀργάνωσις του, ἡ Ἀχέπα, εἰς αὐτὴν ὀδερεῖ, προκειμένου καὶ τοῖς πῶθους μας νὰ δικαιώσῃ καὶ τὰ καλὰ καὶ τὰ ὀφέλιμα τῶν φυλε-

τικῶν μας κατευθύνσεων νὰ προσέσῃσιν καὶ νὰ καλλιεργήσῃ δεδόντως. Δικαίως ὄθεν ὁ Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλληνισμὸς τὴν Ἀχέπα θεωρεῖ ὡς τὴν μεγάλην, τὴν ἀδάμαστον φυλετικὴν του πρωτοπορίαν, καὶ ἔχει πάντα λόγον νὰ ἀπεκδέχεται παρ' αὐτῆς τὴν φυλετικὴν του διάδοσιν καὶ μεγαλοφυῶν! Διὰ πάντα ταῦτα ἐκονομῶμεν ὀργικῶς ὅτι τὰ πεπραγμένα καὶ τὰ τεθεσπισμένα τῆς ληξάνσης ἡμερῶν ἐν Σαιντ Πὼλ Παναχέπακῆς Συνεδρίσεως, θὰ σημειώσωμεν σταθμῶν μέγαν ἐν τῇ φυλετικῇ μας σταδιοδρομίᾳ καὶ ἰσχυρότατον θὰ καταστήσωμεν τὸν ἀνεκτικὸν δεῖξον μεταξὺ τῶν ἐπιχειρούμενων Ἀμερικανο-Ἑλληνικῶν γενεῶν.

Φυλετικὴ νομοθεσία, μία ἐκάστη τῶν ἀποφάσεων τῶν ἰθνηκῶν συνελεύσεων τῆς Ἀχέπα, καὶ τὸ σύνολον τῶν ἰδεετικῶν τῆς ἀποφάσεων, ὁ φυλετικὸς μας Δεκάλογος εἰς ὃν ἀδιασείδτως ἀσαλεύτως καὶ ἀπασιγκλίτως πρέπει νὰ ἀφοσιωθῇ ὁ Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλληνισμὸς. Ἡ Ἀχέπα ἰδεολογία πρέπει νὰ εἶναι ἡ μόνη ἰδεολογία τῶν ἐν Ἀμερικῇ ὀμογενῶν καὶ τῶν ἀπογόνων αὐτῶν. Ἡ Ἀχέπα εἰς τὰς κοινότητας καὶ εἰς τὰ κοινοτικά μας ἰδρύματα, χορηγός, παραστάτης καὶ ὀνομαστῆς αὐτῶν, ἡ Ἀχέπα εἰς τὸν ὄργανον διὰ τὴν ἀποκτικὴν εὐαγῶν, κοινω-

δελῶν, ἐκπαιδευτικῶν καὶ φιλανθρωπικῶν καθήκοντων, ἡ Ἀχέπα πάντοτε, μετὰ τὸ ταμεῖον καὶ ἀνοικτὸν ἀνὰ πᾶσαν ὀργάνωσιν διὰ τὰς φυλετικὰς ἀνάγκας τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ. Καὶ προκειμένου διὰ τὴν ἀντι πᾶσης θηρίας ἐνδύχουσι τῆς Ἀχέπα, οὐδὲμία πρόθεσις ἢ προκατάληψις, οὐδὲμία ἀδιαφορία καὶ οὐδὲμία ἀπροθυμία δικαιολογεῖται πλέον. Ὅσον ταχύτερον προσάρμοσθ ὁ Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλληνισμὸς τὴν Ἀχέπακὴν ἰδεολογίαν εἰς τὸ φυλετικὸν του «ἴναι», καὶ εἰς πᾶσαν φυλετικὴν του προσέθεσιν, τόσον ταχύτερον θὰ πικνωθοῦν αἱ δάλαγγες τῆς μεγίστης μας Ὁργανώσεως, πρῶγμα τὸ ὀποῖον θὰ ἰσοδυναμῇ μετ' ὀριστικῶν κατοχυρώσεων τοῦ φυλετικοῦ μας μέλλοντος ἐν τῇ θετῇ μας Πατρίδι. Μετὰ τὴν Ἀχέπακὴν ἰδεολογίαν ὀπλισμένος ὁ Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλληνισμὸς, θὰ μεγαλοφυῶσῃ ὡς σύνολον, εἰς ὅλα τὰ πεδία τῆς δραστέως του ἐν Ἀμερικῇ. Καὶ θὰ δοξάζῃ τὴν αἰωνίαν Ἑλλάδα, καὶ θὰ τιμῇ τὴν Ἀμερικὴν, τὴν ἰσχυροῦσαν καὶ δημοκρατοῦμένην, ἡ ὀποία τῷ παρέχει καὶ τὰ μέσα καὶ τὴν ἐκκρίαν νὰ προάγῃται καὶ νὰ διακρίνεται.

Ἀνιδόντις Φανός.

ΕΘΝΙΚΟΣ ΚΗΡΥΞ

AUGUST 17, 1936

ΤΟ ΑΧΕΠΙΚΟΝ ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΟΝ

Σ ΗΜΕΡΟΝ ἀρχίζον εἰς τὸ St. Paul, Minn., αἱ ἐργασίαι τοῦ δεκάτου τρίτου Ἀχέπικου Συνεδρίου. Ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν ἀντιπροσώπων τοῦ συνεδρίου καὶ τῶν ἐν ναυί μελῶν τῶν προσδραμιόντων νὰ παρακολοθησῶν τὰς ἐργασίας εἶναι, καθὼς τονίζον τὰ τηλεγραφήματά μας, κατὰ πολὺ ἀνώτερος τῶν ὄσων εἶχον προσέλθῃ κατὰ τὸ προηγούμενον συνέδριον. Χθὲς κατὰ τὴν λειτουργίαν τὴν ὁποίαν ἐτέλεσαν ὁ αὐτ. Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος εἰς τὸν ναὸν τοῦ Ἁγίου Γεωργίου τῆς γερμανικῆς παροικίας Μιννεαπόλεως, εἶχον προσέλθῃ ἀπὸ τῶν δύο χιλιάδων. Κατὰ τὸ ἀπόγευμα δὲ ὑπερδυσχilioi συμμετέσχον εἰς τὴν ἐξοχικὴν ἐκδρομὴν τῆς Κοινότητος. Ἐνώπιον τοῦ ἐθνικοῦ πλῆθους ὁμίλησεν ὁ ἀρχηγὸς τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, τοῖσας τὰς ἰδεῶς ὑπὸ τῶν ὁποίων ἐπιτίεται ἡ Ἀχέπα, ἐξελιχθεῖσα εἰς τελειουργὸν δυνάμιν πρὸς διατήρησιν τῶν ἐθνῶν ἡμῶν καὶ θερμοκρασιακῶν παραδόσεων ἐν τῇ γῆρα ταύτῃ. Μὲ αὐτὸ τὸ θετικόν, τὸ καθωρισμένον πρόγραμμα, πρὸς καλλιέργειαν σκοπῶν Ἑλληνικῶν, ἡ Ἀχέπα θὰ δυνήθῃ ὄχι μόνον νὰ διαφυλάξῃ τὰς δυνάμεις τῆς, ἀλλὰ καὶ θὰ καταστῇ ἐνδύτη ἀγαπητὴ εἰς τὸν ἀπόδημον Ἑλληνισμόν. Εἶναι ἀξιοσημείωτα τὰ ὅσα ἐδήλωσεν ὁ θερμοκρασιολόγος Ὑπατος Πρόεδρος τῆς Ὀργανώσεως κ. Βασίλειος Τσιμπιδῆς. Ἐτόνισεν ἐκεῖνο τὸ ὅποιον εἶναι θεσθεωμένον καὶ ἐκ τῶν ἐπισημῶν ἀριθμῶν ὅτι, δηλαδή, ὁ ἐθνικοῦσμος τῶν μελῶν ἔχει ἀναντιῶθῃ, χιλιάδες δὲ Ἀχέπας, οἱ ὁποῖοι διὰ διαφόρους λόγους εἶχον ἀποσπῶθῃ, ἐπιστρέφον εἰς τὰς τάξεις τῆς Ὀργανώσεως μὲ μεγαλύτερον ζῆλον καὶ μὲ περισσότερον ἀναφορὴν τὸ ἠθικὸν αὐτῶν καὶ μὲ ἐδραστεῖαν τὴν πίστιν των διὰ τὴν ἐν τῷ Νέῳ Κόσμῳ ἱστορικὴν ἀποστολὴν τῆς Ἀχέπας.

Ο ΚΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ ΤΣΙΜΠΙΔΗΣ

Ο ὙΠΑΤΟΣ Πρόεδρος τῆς Ἀχέπας κ. Βασίλειος Τσιμπιδῆς ἐπεξελέγη διὰ τοῦσιν ὑπὸ τοῦ συνεδρίου τῆς Ὀργανώσεως. Ἀπὸ τῆς ἰδρυσεως τῆς Ἀχέπας πρῶτην φορὰν ἔχει ἐκλεγῆ ὁ πρόεδρος διὰ τοῦσιν. Διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου τρόπου ἐπεξελέγησαν καὶ δύο ἄλλοι τῶν ἀξιωματικῶν τῆς Ὑπᾶτης Στιᾶς, ὁ Ὑπατος Γραμματεὺς Κωνσταντῖνος Οἰκονόμου, καὶ ὁ Ὑπατος Ταμίας κ. Αἰθουσιος Παγκῶς. Δὲν εἶναι ἀνεξήγητον διατὴν ἡ ἐκλογὴ τοῦ κ. Τσιμπιδῆ καὶ τῶν δύο ἄλλων συναγαγῶν του ἐγένετο κατὰ τοιοῦτον τρόπον, πρωτοφανῆ εἰς τὴν ἱστορίαν τῆς Ὀργανώσεως.

Οἱ σὺνδροι δὲν ἐπέβησαν μόνον ὑπὸ τὴν ἐπίβρῃαν τῆς γνωστῆς συναρπαξίσεως εὐλαστίας καὶ τῆς μαγνητικῆς προσωπικότητος τοῦ ἀρχηγοῦ των. Ἐψηλάφησαν τὰ ἀπὸ τῶν πρῶτα καὶ τὸν ἀριθμὸν τῆς καταπραγματοῦσιν ἀληθῶς δεσμεύσεως μὲ τὴν ὁποίαν ἰσπερνῶσιν κατὰ τὰ τελευταῖον ἔτος ἡ προεδρία τοῦ κ. Τσιμπιδῆ. Ἐκληρονομήθησαν, ἐνχαριστῶς, ὅτι ὁ ἐπιανελεγεὶς διὰ τοῦσιν Ἀρχηγὸς ἐδιδάσκει κατὰ τὸ λῆξαν ἔτος τῶν ἀριθμῶν τῶν μελῶν, ὅσοι ἐπέβησαν τὰς ἐπαγγελίας των πρὸς τὴν Ὀργάνωσιν. Ἐνέγραψε δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ πεντακόσια νῦν μέλη. Μὲ ἄλλους λόγους ὁ κ. Τσιμπι-

Ἡ ἐπαναφορὰ χιλιάδων μελῶν καὶ ἡ προσθήκη νέων ἀποτελεῖ φαινόμενον ἐξόχως τιμητικόν, ἰδιαίτερος διὰ τὸν ἡγέτην τῆς Ὀργανώσεως. Κατὰ τὴν διάρκειαν τῶν τελευταίων δώδεκα μηνῶν ὁ κ. Τσιμπιδῆς περιέτρεξε τὸ μέγιστον μέρος τῶν καθ' ὅλην τὴν χώραν τμημάτων. Ἐνεφανίσθη παντοῦ ὡς ἓνας ἐθναπόστολος, πρόμαχος τῆς γλώσσης καὶ τῆς Ὀρθοδοξίας. Παντοῦ ὁμίλει εἰς γλώσσαν Ἑλληνικὴν, τὴν ὁποίαν ἤδη χειρίζεται μὲ ὄσην εὐκολίαν καὶ δυνάμειος μεταχειρίζεται τὴν Ἀγγλικὴν. Αἱ ὁμίλια του εἰς τοὺς ναοὺς τῶν Κοινοτήτων ἢ εἰς τὰς αἰθούσας τῶν τμημάτων, περιστροφόμενα εἰς τὰ προβλήματα τῆς ζωῆς τῶν ἀποδήμων, εἰς τὴν ἀνάγκην νὰ ἐνισχυθῶν τὰ ἐκκλησιαστικὰ καὶ εκπαιδευτικὰ ἰδρύματα—750 ἐθνικὰ ἰδρύματα τῶν 250 ὀργανωμένων Κοινοτήτων μας—ἐδημιούργησαν παντοῦ ἀπερίγραπτον ἐνθουσιασμόν. Ἡ ἱεραποστολὴ αὐτῆ τοῦ κ. Τσιμπιδῆ συνετέλεσεν κατὰ μέγα μέρος ὥστε νὰ αὐξήθῃ κατὰ πολλὰς χιλιάδας καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν ἐνεργῶν μελῶν τῆς Ἀχέπα ἢ ὅσοι ἐμφανίζονται εἰς τὸ 13ον αὐτῆς συνέδριον μὲ ἐνθουσιασμόν, ἐνθουσιάζοντα τὰς καλλιτέρας ἡμέρας τῆς σταδιοδρομίας αὐτῆς.

Σήμερον τὸ πρῶτὸ γίνεται ἡ ἐπίσημος ἐναρξίς τοῦ συνεδρίου δι' ἀγιασμοῦ, τελεταρχοῦντος τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου, θὰ ἐκφωνηθῶν οἱ σχετικὸι ἐναρκτήριοι λόγοι, τὸ δὲ ἀπόγευμα θὰ γίνῃ ἡ ἐκλογὴ τοῦ Προεδρίου τῆς Συνελεύσεως. Ὅλα προμνησίου ὅτι ἡ 13η Συνέλευσις θὰ σημειώσῃ νέον σταθμὸν πρὸς ἀνασυγκροτήσιν τῶν ὀργανωμένων δυνάμεων τῶν ἀποδήμων καὶ πρὸς διακρίσιν ὅλων τῶν ἱερῶν πραγμάτων τῆς ἐθνικῆς κληρονομίας τῶν πατέρων μας. Πρὸς τοὺς συνέδρους τῆς σημερινῆς ἱστορικῆς συνελεύσεως τοῦ St. Paul, Minn., ὁ «Ἐθνικὸς Κήρυξ» διαβιβάζει τοὺς θερμοτέρους χαίρετισμοὺς τῶν εὐχόμενος πλουσίαν τὴν κατοποροίαν πρὸς τὸ καλὸν τῆς μεγάλης ὀργανώσεως καὶ ὁλοκλήρου τοῦ ἀποδήμου Ἑλληνισμοῦ.

δης παρέταξεν ἐνώπιον τῶν σὺνδρων τὸν ἀριθμὸν τῶν 17-256 ἐνεργῶν μελῶν, ἧτοι σχεδὸν διπλάσιον ἀριθμὸν τῶν ὄσων ἀτελογίσθησαν κατὰ τὸ προηγούμενον συνέδριον.

Ἐπετεύχθη δὲ τὸ εὐοκίωστον αὐτὸ ἀποτέλεσμα κυρίως καὶ πρωτίτως διὰ τῆς πυρρινῆς ἐνεργείας καὶ διὰ τῆς αἰχμαλωτισίσεως προσωπικότητος τοῦ Ἀρχηγοῦ.

Ὁ κ. Τσιμπιδῆς ἔχει ὅλα τὰ χαρίσματα ἐνὸς δημιουργικοῦ ἡγέτου τῆς Ἀχέπας Ἐμπνέει. Καὶ ἐμπνέεται. Ἐχει τὸ φυσικὸν χάρισμα μιᾶς σπανίας εὐλαστίας. Εἶναι σάν καταρρακτῆς σταν ὁμίλῃ, εἴτε εἰς τὴν Ἀγγλικὴν εἴτε εἰς τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν. Πάστειν δὲ καὶ εἰς τὴν ἀποστολὴν τῆς Ὀργανώσεως τὴν ὁποίαν αὐτός, εἰς παλαιότερα ἔτη, ἐπέβαλε καὶ τὴν ἀνέδειξεν, ἐπεκτείνας τὸ κράτος τῆς ἀπὸ τὸν Ἀτλαντικὸν μὲχρι τοῦ Εἰρηνικοῦ.

Ὁ κ. Τσιμπιδῆς εἶναι προκαιομένος καὶ μὲ πολλὰ ἄλλα χαρίσματα ἡγεσίας. Ἐχει ἀνεξάντλητον ἐνθουσιασμόν καὶ αἰσιοδοξίαν. Ἐχει φυσικὴν ἀγαθότητα. Τὸ πρόσωπόν του γελᾷ διαρκῶς. Εἰς τὰς ἀναστροφὰς ἀκτινοβολεῖ ἡ γοητεία τῆς προσωπικότητος του, μὲ τὴν ὁποίαν αἰχμαλωτίζει τὰ πλῆθη. Εἶναι δημεγέρτης ἐν τῇ καλῇ ἐννοίᾳ τῆς λέξεως.

Ἄλλ' εἶναι καὶ καλοκάγαθος. Λησμονεῖ δέ, Λησμονεῖ εὐκόλα τὰς πικρίας, τὰς ὁποίας ποτίζεται ὑπὸ τοὺς ἀντίπαλους του. Εἰς τὴν ψυχὴν του δὲν εὐρίσκουν ἕδαφος πρὸς μόνιμον ριζοβόλησιν τὰ μισῆ καὶ τὰ πάθη. Οὐτε αἰσθάνεται τὴν ἀνάγκη νὰ συγχωρῇ, ἀφοῦ λησμονεῖ τὰς ἀνθρωπίνους ἀδυναμίας. Φιλοσοφεῖ μὲ στωϊκότητα καὶ ἀταραξίαν, ἔχων ὑπ' ὄψιν του ὅτι οἱ ἄνθρωποι οὐτε ἀπετέλεσαν, οὐτε θὰ ἀποτελέσουν ποτὲ κοινωνίαν ἀγγέλων.

Οἱ θαυμασταὶ του ἀριθμοῦνται κατὰ λεγεῶνας Ἄλλὰ καὶ οἱ ἀντίπαλοί του τὸν ἀγατοῦν κατὰ βάθος. Διὰ τὴν καλοκαγαθίαν του. Καὶ διὰ τὴν ἀνεξικακίαν του. Οἱ ἀντίπαλοί του αἰχμαλωτίζονται ὅταν εὐρεθοῦν ἐνώπιόν του καὶ ἀντικρῶσιν τὴν ἀκτινοβολίαν τοῦ μειδιάματός του.

Ὅταν, ἀναλαμβάνουν πέρυσι τὴν Ἀρχηγίαν, ἀντελήφθη τὴν ἀραίωσιν τῶν Ἀρχεπικῶν τάξεων, ἀπηύθυνεν πρὸς τοὺς ἀποχωρησάντας παλαιούς συναγωνιστάς του προσωπικὰς ἐπιστολάς. Τοὺς ἐθέρμανε. Τοὺς ἠλέκτρισε. Καὶ τοὺς ἐπανεφέρην εἰς τὴν μάνδραν.

Ἔχομεν εἰς χεῖράς μας μίαν ἀπὸ τὰς ἐπιστολάς πού ἔγραψεν ὁ κ. Τσιμπιδῆς πρὸς τοὺς διὰ διαφόρους λόγους ἐγκαταλείψαντας τὰς τάξεις τοῦ Τάγματος. «Ζητῶ—γράφει Ἑλληνιστὶ μὲ ἐπιβλητικὸν τόνον, αἰχμαλωτίζοντα—ἀπὸ σένα τὸν καλαίμαχον συναγωνιστήν, ὡς προσωπικῆν ἐκδούλευσιν καὶ εἰδικῶς χάριν τῆς φυλετικῆς μας ὑποστάσεως ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ ταύτῃ, νὰ ἐπιστρατεύσῃς καὶ πάλιν δι' ὀλίγον χρόνον τὰς ψυχικάς σου δυνάμεις καὶ τὸν ἱερὸν ἐνθουσιασμόν σου ἀπὸ τῆς ἀναδιώσεως τῆς Ἀρχεπικῆς ἰδεολογίας». Καὶ μεταχειριζόμενος εἰκόνας μαχῶν καταλήγει τονίζων: «Ὁπλίσι, λοιπόν, πρῶτος μὲ τὴν παλαιάν σου πανοπλίαν καὶ σπεῦσε νὰ δώσῃς τὸ: «παρών» εἰς τὸ πεδῖον τῆς μάχης. Ἡ παρουσία σου εἰς τὰς τάξεις τῶν ἀγωνιζομένων φαλλάγγων, θὰ ἐμψυχώσῃ τοὺς λιποψυχήσαντας, θὰ ἐνθαρρύνῃ τοὺς ἀποθαρρυνθέντας καὶ θὰ ὁπλίσῃ μὲ θάρρος καὶ ἱερὸν ἐνθουσιασμόν τοὺς ἀγωνιζομένους ἡρωϊκῶς εἰς τὰς ἐπάλξεις τοῦ Ἀρχεπικοῦ Φρουρίου».

Ἔτσι. Μὲ αὐτὴν τὴν φωτιὰ τοῦ ἐνθουσιασμοῦ καὶ τῆς πίστεως, μὲ αὐτὰ τὰ συναγερετικὰ πολεμικὰ του παραγγέλματα κατώρθωσεν ὁ Βασίλειος Τσιμπιδῆς νὰ διπλασιάσῃ τὰ στελέχη τῶν παλαιῶν συναγωνιστῶν του.

Ἐξηγεῖται δὲ διατὶ προχθὲς οἱ ἐν St. Paul συνέδρου ἐπανεξέλεξαν τὸν δημιουργικὸν δημηγέτην διὰ νὰ ἐπαναφέρῃ τὴν Ἀχέταν εἰς τὴν παλαιάν δύναμιν αὐτῆς καὶ τὴν δόξαν.

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Thirteenth National Convention the Luckiest and Most Successful

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pathy. Thereupon the convention, at 11:15 o'clock P. M., Saturday, adjourned *sine die*.

By far, perhaps, the most important accomplishments of the thirteenth annual national convention were the adoption of the \$200 provision of the emergency fund and the Ahepa Sanitorium. Thus we see that the achievements of the last convention marked the beginning of a more intensified effort for full realization of the aims and purposes of our fraternal order.

This story would be incomplete did we not express our gratitude and appreciation to each and every individual who assisted in making the convention the success that it was. To the dignitaries who honored us with their presence we extend our heartiest felicitations; to the newspapers of the Twin Cities and the Greek newspapers throughout the Union, we are indebted, indeed, for the accurate accounts carried of the convention activities and the comments they were so kind as to make.

In closing we wish to congratulate the chairman of the con-

Athas Nominated

ANOTHER immigrant of yesterday, Peter E. Athas, has entered the political arena. The news reached us that Brother Athas of Salt Lake City, Utah, was recently nominated by the Republican Party for the State Legislature. Thus we see that besides Brother Marthakis, who now serves in the Senate, the Hellenes of Utah will have one of their group in the House of Representatives as well.



Peter E. Athas

About thirty years ago Brother Athas left his native town, Levidion, Arcadias,

Greece, and came to the United States. For the last twenty-nine years he has been a resident of the State of Utah. Soon after his arrival to the land of opportunities he entered the business world and has for the last twenty years engaged himself in the drug business. At present he and his brother, Christ, past Supreme Governor of the Ahepa, operate three drug stores, two in Salt Lake City and one in Magna, Utah.

But aside from his proclivity in business, Brother Athas for more than twenty years has been active in politics. Many Levidians have already distinguished themselves in the political field and he could not be different than his compatriots. So with his desire to enter politics tuned to its highest pitch, he organized the first Beehive Republican Club of Utah and served as its president for fifteen years. These services have been recognized by the Republican Party by nominating him for the Legislature.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, Brother Athas has taken great interest in the affairs of the Hellenic Orthodox Church of Salt Lake City, and served as its president for two terms. While in that capacity he organized the first Hellenic Athletic Club in Utah. When the Order of Ahepa made her advent on the horizon of Utah, he was among the first twenty-five persons who organized "Beehive" Chapter, No. 146, and he and his brother, Christ, have been very active in Ahepa circles ever since.

Brother Athas is married and has a family of four—two boys and two girls.

We join with a host of well-wishers that Brother Athas may be successful in the coming election.

vention, Brother Pantalis, and his staff, for conducting the business of the convention in such an efficient manner. We also wish to congratulate Brother William Kleason, chairman of the convention committee on arrangements, and the members of his committee for their tireless efforts in making the necessary preparations for this the Thirteenth National Convention.

Introducing Two Ardent Ahepans



ΕΥΓΑΓ. ΝΟΜΙΚΟΣ

ΙΩΑΝΝΗΣ ΜΑΝΤΑΣ

Ο κ. Εὐάγγελος (Βόν) Νομικός και ὁ κ. Ἰωάννης Μαντᾶς εἶναι μεγαλοεπιχειρηματίαι ἐν Σικάγῳ καὶ κοινωνικοὶ καὶ ἔθνικοὶ παρῶντες πρώτης γραμμῆς. Ὁ κ. Νομικός καταγόταν ἀπὸ τὴν νῆσον Ἀμοργῶν καὶ ἀνασχολεῖται εἰς ἀνεταναμένας θεατρικὰς ἐπιχειρήσεις. Ἐπὶ σειράν ἔτων διὰ μεγάλων θυσιῶν καὶ προσπαθειῶν πρᾶγμα τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ ἀθλητισμοῦ μεταξὺ τῶν Ἀχέπας καὶ τῶν γιῶν τοῦ Περικλέους ἐν Σικάγῳ, καταρτίσας δύο ὁμάδας Base Ball, τὴν μίαν ἀπὸ Ἀχέπας καὶ τὴν ἄλλην ἀπὸ Περικλεΐδας, καὶ ἔχον ἀποκτήσει λαμπρὰν φήμην εἰς τὸ ἀθλητικὸν πεδίον τοῦ Σικάγῳ. Αἱ δύο ὁμάδες ἤλθον ἐφέτος εἰς τὸ St. Paul δι' ἐξέδων τοῦ κ. Νομικοῦ καὶ ἔκαμαν λαμπρὰν ἐπιδείξιν τῆς ἰκανότητός των. Ὁ κ. Νομικός ἐξελέγη ἐφέτος Περικλεΐστικος Κυβερνήτης τῆς Ἀχέπας Περικλεΐστικῆς τοῦ Σικάγῳ, διαρίσθη πρόεδρος τῆς Συμβουλευτικῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς τῶν γιῶν τοῦ Περικλέους καὶ ἐξελέγη ὑπὸ τοῦ Συνεδρίου τῆς Ἀχέπας Ἀθλητικὸς Διευθυντὴς τῆς Ὀργανώσεως (Athletic Director).

Ὁ κ. Ἰωάννης Μαντᾶς καταγόταν ἀπὸ τὴν νῆσον Ἰκαρίαν καὶ εἶναι ἐργολάβος θεμεσίων καὶ ἰδιωτικῶν ἔργων μεγάλης ὁκλήρ. Εἰς ὅλα τὰ κοινωνικὰ καὶ ἔθνικα κινήματα τοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς καὶ Βίαις τοῦ Σικάγῳ, εὐρίσκειται πάντοτε εἰς τὴν πρώτην γραμμὴν. Ὁ κ. Μαντᾶς εἶναι ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῶν ἔργων καὶ τῶν μεγάλων ἀπορροσῶν, αἱ δὲ χειρονομίαι του εἰς τὰ ἔθνικα ζητήματα ὑπῆρξάν πάντοτε γενναίαι. Ἀπλοῦς καὶ ἀπείροτος εἰς τὸς τρόπους, τὰ πλεῖστα εὐλόγως ἠλλοίωσαν τὴν χαρακτῆρα του. Παραμένει ὁ ἴσος μεγαλόψυχος ἀρχοντογενεὴς καὶ ζῆ μόνον εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἐκείνον τοῦ ζῆσε πρὶν γίνῃ πλούσιος εἰς γῆρας καὶ τοῦτο διότι εἶναι κατὰ πολὺ πλουσιώτερος εἰς εὐθῆματα. Ἐπὶ σειράν ἔτων ἦτο Ἀχέπας ἀλλὰ κάποιος ἀδίστα-

ρος. Ἀπὸ πέρσι ἤρχισε νὰ ἀνδιαφέρηται καὶ εἰργάσθη διὰ τὴν ἐκλογὴν τοῦ παιδικοῦ τοῦ φίλου καὶ συμπατριώτου Βασίλ. Τσιμπιδου. Ἀπὸ πέρσι εἰς ἐφέτος ἀπέδειξε δι' ἔργων ὅτι εἶναι ἀγωνιστὴς τῆς Ἀχέπας καὶ τὴν τελευταίως ἔχει ξεσηπαθῶσαι ὑπὲρ τῆς Ἀχέπας ἰδεολογίας. Εἰς τὸ ἐφετεῖνον Συνεδρίον ἐβράσεν ὡς ἀρχιεπιτελάρχης τῆς Τσιμπιδικῆς στρατιάς, σκορπίζων παντοῦ τὴν ζωηρότητα καὶ τὴν εὐθυμίαν μετὰ κληματαύρια του καὶ τοῦς γέλωτάς του. Ὁ κ. Μαντᾶς καὶ ὁ κ. Νομικός ποῦ συνδέονται διὰ στενωπῆς φιλίας καὶ συνεργάζονται εἰς ὅλα τὰ ἔθνικα ζητήματα, ἀποτελοῦν ἓνα πολύτιμον κομμάτιον διὰ τὴν Ἀχέπα.

Message of Appreciation to the Order of Ahepa

THE George Dilboy Memorial Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to the Order of Ahepa for its endorsement of the Foundation's patriotic program; and further, expresses gratitude for the generous donation of two thousand dollars voted to the Foundation's Fund by the Supreme Lodge in its 1936 National Convention.

It is proper that the Dilboy Memorial Foundation likewise express its gratitude to the Eighteenth District for its gift of one hundred dollars voted in its 1936 District Convention, and to the Thirteenth District for its gift of fifty dollars and its presentation of a resolution in the Thirteenth National Convention of the Supreme Lodge requesting its moral and material support of the George Dilboy Memorial Foundation.

To honor the valorous deeds of an outstanding Hellenic-American hero of the World War, to create a symbol expressive of Hellenic character, of Hellenic soul, and to hurl a challenge to future generations of American citizens to give their best to the nation—embodies the ideal sponsored by the Dilboy Memorial Foundation in erecting a memorial statue and fountain at Hines, Illinois, to the brave soldier, George Dilboy, fallen on the battle field in defense of his adopted country.

It is so noble a program as herein described that the Dilboy Memorial Foundation urges all loyal and patriotic-minded Ahepans to support. Again thanking the Order of Ahepa for its splendid cooperation, the George Dilboy Memorial Foundation has the honor to remain,

Sincerely appreciative,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
GEORGE DILBOY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.

There is an excellent opportunity of acquiring a set of "Pythagoras" from 1923 to 1931, at \$25.00. This price includes postage and mailing expenses.

"Pythagoras," a monthly publication in the interest of Free Masonry of Greece, was owned and edited by the late Alexander P. Alexandropoulos. The articles are written in Greek, with a few in English.

Should you be interested in securing one of these sets, communicate with Mrs. Catherine A. Alexandropoulos, 51 Fernum St., Athens, Greece.

Presenting Member of the Mother Lodge and His Charming Daughter



Speros J. Stamos

IT IS with pleasure that we present to our members and readers generally one of the founders of the Ahepa, Brother Speros J. Stamos, and his beautiful daughter, Miss Stamatia S. Stamos. Miss Stamos was born in Atlanta, June 19, 1919. She is now an honor student in the senior class of the Lynn, Massachusetts, High School and fully intends to enter

college. Her past and present scholastic accomplishments are the best evidence of future attainments.

"Uncle" Stamos, as he is known to thousands of Ahepans, hails from Argos, Greece. As one of the founders of the Ahepa he worked diligently for the propagation of its principles. He attends the national conventions and follows the activities of the organization with a great deal of interest.

"Uncle" Stamos is now steward of the exclusive Club Mayfair of Boston, Massachusetts, and is always glad to see his fellow Ahepans during their sojourn in the "Athens of America."



Miss Stamatia S. Stamos

University Prize Awarded to "Son"

FROM Iowa City comes the news that Ted Panos, of Casper, Wyoming, who is a medical student at the University of Iowa, was awarded the Lowden Prize for excellence in the Greek language. The result was announced following the competitive examination taken by all the students who are enrolled in the University's course in classical Greek.

He enrolled at the University in September 1934, entering the Pre-Medical

College. During the past two years he has attained a four-point average, being placed on the honor roll since his entrance.

Brother Panos is a member of the Casper, Wyoming, Chapter, which he has served as President. In 1934 he was a delegate to the Chicago Convention of the Sons of Pericles. We congratulate Brother Panos and wish him continued success.



Ted Panos

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FRATERNITY NEWS

District No. 1

The District Convention at Savannah

THE eighth annual convention of District No. 1 was held in Savannah, Georgia, on July 12, 13 and 14, at the Hotel Savannah. On Sunday, the 12th, the visitors attended special services in the morning at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, in the afternoon taking sight seeing trips about the city. In the evening they were guests on a moonlight boat ride, sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, local Greek sorority.

At 10:30 a. m., Monday, Charles Lamas, president of Savannah Chapter, No. 5, called the convention to order at a public meeting. Rev. G. Elias, rector of St. Paul's, gave the invocation. Addresses of welcome were made by Shelby Myrick of Savannah in the absence of Mayor Gamble, and Harvey H. Wilson, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Nick T. Angelakos responded.

The first business session opened at the hotel at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon when the roll call of officers and delegates, appointment of committees, and a general business session took place. Adjournment was at 4:30 o'clock. During these hours the visiting women were entertained by the ladies' auxiliary of the local Ahepa chapter. At five o'clock the conventioners formed a motorcade to Savannah Beach for games and swimming.

The convention officers were John Demosthenes of Savannah, chairman; John Nichols of Savannah, vice chairman; Nick Mamalakis, Savannah, secretary; Chris Athanas, Columbia, S. C., chaplain; and D. Diasourakis, Charleston, S. C., warden. The following committees were named to serve during the ensuing year.

Nominating: William Logothetes, chairman; Chris Athanas, D. Diasourakis, and George Moore. Extension: Peter Bikas, chairman; John Nichols, George Economy, and James Curtis. Grievance: Z. J. Siskos, chairman; Peter Bikas, N. Flesser and I. Pleiconis. Resolutions: Nick Mamalakis, chairman; George Carellas, Steve Brown, and Nick Angelakos.

Plans for holding joint meetings with other chapters in various cities of the First District during the year were discussed, and further action upon the matter will be taken up at a later date.

Brother Nick T. Angelakos of Sumter, S. C., of the Columbia chapter, was re-elected District Governor, at the closing business sessions, and Charleston was selected for the next convention. Nick Mamalakis, well known young Savannahian, was elected District Secretary; Col George Moore of Atlanta, Lieutenant Governor; Z. J. Siskos of Columbia, Treasurer, and John Demosthenes of Savannah, Marshal.

A resolution was adopted calling for a concurrent convention at the same place in the future of the Ahepa and Sons of Pericles. A resolution of regret was adopted on the re-

cent tragic death of Peter Carellas, late District Governor. Resolutions of appreciation were also adopted for the hospitality of the Solon Chapter of Savannah, the city, and others for aid in making a success of the convention.

The evening brought a round of entertainment, lasting into the early morning, and included such things as a beauty contest, a dance, a drill exhibition, a baseball game and a dinner, bringing to a close the annual district convention.

Miss Sophie Pappas, who was chosen "Miss Ahepa of 1936" last March, was adjudged the most beautiful of the contestants in the beauty contest. As the winner, she is entitled to enter a national contest in Minneapolis later in the year. Giving Miss Pappas a close race for the honors were Miss Anna Creticos, of Charleston; Miss Stella Theodore, of Greenville; Miss Olga Sabbagha, of Columbia; and Miss Helen Poulos, Atlanta.



Nicholas T. Angelakos, of Sumter, S. C.,
Governor of District No. 1

Activities of Plato Chapter No. 4, Charleston, South Carolina

AT THE district convention held in Savannah, Georgia, in July, the brothers of Plato Chapter, No. 4, attended in a large number. Those who were unable to go have no idea what a good time they missed for our district conventions have come to a point where they lack none of the atmosphere of national conventions and the brothers looked

forward to it with great anticipation. The Solon Chapter of Savannah is to be complimented on their handling of the entire convention and we hope to repay them when the district convention takes place here in Charleston next year. Don't forget to look for Brothers Bill Logothetis and Jimmy Gianaris who manage to be here, there and everywhere at the convention.

With much regret and a heartfelt loss, we bade goodbye recently to two staunch young brother Ahepans who left our midst for the North to further their studies. Our Secretary, Brother Wm. L. Campbell, left for Detroit, Mich., and our Captain of the Guards, Brother James J. Demos (well-known as the "Colonel" since he enacted this part so admirably in our famous operetta, "O Vaptisticos"), left for New York City. These "Two Musketeers" were always foremost in all Ahepa activities and are already missed by everyone (particularly the young ladies). We put aside our personal feelings, however, and sincerely wish them luck and best wishes for a successful future. We hope they won't stay away from Charleston too long. Are you reading this Colonel?

The successor to our Past Secretary is the beloved Brother Tony Hadgis, the well-known maestro and virtuoso of many musical instruments, particularly the violin and cello, who had been away from us for a number of years. Brother Hadgis had been in Charlotte, N. C., connected with the Columbia Broadcasting Company as recording musician. We are happy to have him with us again and we know he will make a very conscientious Secretary.

Hurrah! for our Brother President V. Chebithes. His personal letters sent to the many old-timers who had become somewhat slack in connection with our chapter activities did not fall on deaf ears. The writer approached one of our brothers who had not taken an interest in our chapter or paid his dues for a time. We wanted to restate him and were very much surprised by his answer. "What are you talking about?" he asked indignantly. "Why, I've been a member of our chapter for 13 years. How much do I owe you?" When we told him the amount, he paid us up to the minute. And is Brother President Chebithes a well-known leader? Here is the answer in brevity: The writer was walking the sidewalks of our city early one morning several years ago when someone approached me and said, "Greco, Greco?" "Yes, yes," I answered. "What can I do for you?" "Do you speak Spanish?" he asked. "No, but I speak Italian," was my reply. "Come have a cup of coffee with me as I would like very much to talk to you," he said. What could I do in such a case but accept his invitation. "What is your name?" I asked the stranger. "My name as they call me and as I am now is Don Petru S—, Captain of the Argentine S.S. L— unloading in the port now. My real name is Ahmet Kerim, Argentine citizen of Turkish descent, born in Kastoria of Makedonia. I

cannot talk English very much. I read a little here and there and I understand a little. Here I have with me a book, THE AHEPA, which a Greek friend of mine left on the ship and believe it or not, I have read and re-read this book admiring its spiritual and fraternal asset. Here is the book." I was astonished to see the voluminous copy of "THE AHEPA," edited by Brother Chebitzes, who for this very reason was so criticized and antagonized at the Miami convention. My stranger friend, for we became real friends after that, continued, "My friend, you are indeed lucky to have someone like your Brother Chebitzes to guide you and you are to be admired for having the feeling and the courage to follow leaders of this caliber." That is how far the name of Vaselios I. Chebitzes has gone!

Fall is here now and schools everywhere are opening their doors. This brings to our minds the fact that we have quite a number of our younger Ahepans and Sons of Pericles who are advancing in the various fields of study and of whom we are justly proud. Cadet Peter W. Lempesis, son of Brother and Mrs. Wm. P. Lempesis, is a junior at The Citadel, the Military College of the South, where he has been awarded a full scholarship for his athletic prowess. Pete has made a name for himself in athletics by winning several boxing golden gloves, a medal for being an excellent guard and All-State football player. Our chapter presented Pete with a silver cup some time ago for being one of the most outstanding Greek athletes in the South. Pete holds the rank of Sergeant this year and is a member of both boxing and football varsity teams. He is a past president of the Sons and will soon join our ranks of Ahepans, we hope. Come on Sons! We want you! Another one of our boys who entered this institution this year is Cadet Peter P. Leventis, Jr., son of Brother and Mrs. P. P. Leventis, of Charleston and Gastonia, N. C. Peter was quite a football player during his high-school days and we all look forward to seeing him on Citadel's varsity soon. Other Greek boys at this stately school overlooking the Ashley River are: Cadets Paul Psillos, senior, of Darlington; Manuel Sturgis, sophomore, of Greenwood; Constantine Ferris, sophomore, of Orangeburg, and two freshmen, Cadets Kerhulas, of Union, and Mellos, of Florence. Entering the College of Charleston as a freshman is Harold P. Creticos, son of Brother and Mrs. P. H. Creticos. Harold is an officer of the Sons and closely connected with all its activities.

With great pleasure, we heard of the engagement of the Vice President of our chapter, Dr. Elliot Botzis, son of Brother and Mrs. Peter Botzis, and Miss Mary Mammalakis, lovely daughter of Brother and Mrs. J. Mammalakis, of Savannah, Ga., which was announced during the summer. Dr. Botzis is an honor graduate of the Medical College of South Carolina where he received his diploma in pharmacy. We wish this well-matched young couple much happiness and eagerly look forward to eating some of their wedding cake. Mr. Peter Botzis, a younger brother of Elliot's, also recently received his diploma in pharmacy and is now connected with a well-known and progressive local drug house. Peter is a former officer of the Sons.

Mr. Sam Trakas, son of Brother and Mrs. Andrew Trakas, of Charleston and Gastonia, N. C., left us recently to continue his studies at Temple University. Lots of luck to you, Sam.
P. N. PAPPADIMOS.

District No. 2 Tampa Chapter Wins Loving Cup Spirit of Chapter High

THE district convention of the Second District, held in Miami, Fla., on July 5, 6 and 7, was a great success. The Lycurgus Chapter, No. 12, of Tampa, Fla., won the loving cup that was given by the district to the chapter that initiated the largest number of new members and obtained the most reinstatements. Brothers John A. Manikis, our President, and George Bacalis were our chapter's delegates to the Miami conclave and were instrumental in having the district convention come to Tampa next year.

We are having great success with our "deserter" cards and it would be a good idea for any chapter to use them. There has been an increase in attendance and a renewed interest in our chapter since we started using these cards.

The Lycurgus Chapter is already making preparations for the district convention in 1937 by appointing committees, drilling our Degree Team, and other preliminary work, and all the members are as busy as bees. It does our hearts good to see our members taking such an interest in the work and giving the needed cooperation to make our convention a success.

Speaking of the Ahepa orphanage and old people's home, we are going to let our brothers know that Florida is the place to locate it. Old people and children especially need sunshine and warmth in the winter and cool breezes in the summer, and Florida cannot be beaten for climate. Then, there is the economy and hospitality our beautiful state is noted for, and if the Ahepa gives us the privilege to investigate and get data about a location in Florida, preferably around Tampa, the Lycurgus Chapter will give all the cooperation needed to establish the good work here.

JOHN A. SELLAS, Secretary.

Palm Beach Ahepans Entertain Delegates at Miami Convention

AT THE Miami district convention, Palm Beach Chapter, No. 18, through its President, Brother George Miller, invited the dele-

gates and visitors to visit West Palm Beach, and on Thursday, July 9th, about one hundred of them were entertained at a dinner dance held at the beautiful Savoy Club.

President Miller and Past President Nick Draze received and introduced the visitors and the entertainment committee served a delightful dinner. Brief speeches were made by President Miller, District Governor Kerice and Brother Draze. Following the dinner, the evening was occupied with Greek and American dancing and other forms of entertainment. Our younger generation was well represented and contributed much to the success of the affair.

Miss Anastassiou, a young radio star of Tarpon Springs, sang several solos in Greek. Mr. George Markos, son of Brother Markos, rendered several violin selections. Little Miss Tsacrios of Live Oak, Fla., a talented tap dancer, danced several numbers. Miss Mary Bleziotis of Gainesville, pleased the audience with piano solos. Junior Brother Pappas of Jacksonville, gave an exhibition of the "Hasapico" dance. Brother Anastassiou, principal of the Greek school of Tarpon Springs, sang a group of songs which were very much appreciated, with Mrs. George Miller at the piano. Mrs. Prasinos of Chicago, carried off the honors for the evening as the best dancer.

The affair in general was a great success for everyone had a delightful and pleasant time and the hospitality of the members of Chapter No. 18 was praised highly by the visitors.

ALBERT ZAKIS,
Secretary.

District No. 3 Durham (N. C.) Chapter No. 277 Holds Huge Picnic

ON THE 27th day of August we held our annual picnic and dance at Lakewood, N. C., and it proved to be even a bigger success than the one held last year. Cars began to arrive from every direction before noon, bringing our good friends and brothers, and before three o'clock the park was crowded. Visitors came from Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Reidsville, Mabane, High Point, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Greenville, Goldsboro, Ra-



The "deserter" mailing card of the Lycurgus Chapter which brought back most of the delinquent members with renewed interest and determination.

leigh, N. C.; Danville, Va., and Burlington, N. C.

The members of the entertainment committee, under the capable leadership of Chairman Steve Changaris and his able assistants, Gus Soumas, Thomas Skliris, E. T. Katalas, George Nicolaou, Manos Kapsalis, Sam Gogos, and Spiros E. Alexion, were responsible for the success of the day; also the ladies of the Hellenic Society who sold the tickets. Those who so generously gave their time were: Mesdames Changaris, Galiphianakis, Dakis, Catala, Soumas, Nicolaou and the Misses Helen Capsalias and Christina Changaris.

At five o'clock a delicious luncheon was served during which entertainment was furnished by a local orchestra. After lunch an open meeting was called by the Acting President, Gus Soumas, who introduced the first President of the Durham Chapter, Brother J. G. Thomas, and the preceding President, Brother E. T. Katalas. Brother George Livas, who was away on an European trip, was represented by Brother Gus Soumas. Brother Soumas also introduced Brother Martin Buras, President of the Danville, Va., chapter, who responded with a few words and invited all of us to attend the picnic of his chapter. Then Brother Soumas thanked everyone for so generously contributing to the pleasure of the day, especially "Pete" and "Mike" of Wilson, N. C., who were instrumental in securing a donation toward the refreshments served from the True Blue Brewing Company. In conclusion Brother Soumas introduced the speaker of the day, Brother Steve Changaris, Treasurer of District No. 3. Brother Changaris responded by giving an impressive talk, in which he very cleverly stressed the contributions made by our ancestors and stated that we should feel proud of our nationality. He outlined a few of the major accomplishments of the Order and urged everyone who is not an Ahepan to join the organization and help the cause. In concluding, Brother Changaris read a letter from District Governor Paris conveying regret that on account of another important engagement he was unable to be with us.

At the conclusion of the speeches the floor was cleared and the balance of the evening was spent in dancing. During the intermission Greek songs were sung by Mrs. James, Miss Voutrakis of Raleigh, and Mrs. Nickolaou.

Publicity Committee,
Durham Chapter.

Durham Girls Excels in Art

WE ARE very happy to announce that Miss Christina Changaris, who recently graduated from the Durham High School with highest honors, has enrolled in the Womens College of North Carolina and will major in art. Miss Christina is the daughter of Brother Steve Changaris, Treasurer of both the local chapter and District Lodge No. 3.

During her high school career, Miss Christina received many medals and first awards for her work. In the Duke State Graphic Arts Contest she was awarded first medals in Representation in Color, Illustration, Lettering and Design and Life Drawing in Monochrome. In the State Creative Arts Contest (Raleigh) she received first award in Miscellaneous Classification. She won a scholarship to Title School of Art at the University of North Carolina; received first award in the



Miss Christina Changaris

Atrusa Poster Contest; tied for first place in the Durham Garden Club Poster and Soap Carving Contests and received a Certificate of Merit from the National Humane Poster Contest of Latham Foundation.

MEMBERS OF DURHAM CHAPTER.

District No. 4

Harrisburg Chapter Holds Annual Picnic

OVER 300 people enjoyed a picnic held by Harrisburg Chapter, No. 64, in the spacious grounds of Fort Hunter, at the Rockville Bridge on the banks of the beautiful and picturesque Susquehanna River.

The members brought their own baskets and the refreshments were provided by the chapter. Various games were played and of course the ever popular Greek folk dances rounded out a day of enjoyment.

A beautiful traveling case with a tray of ladies' toilet articles was chanced off and won by Brother Cassimatis of York.

Visitors were present from York, Hanover, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Baltimore, Md. Due credit must be given to the chairman of the picnic committee, Brother Nick Touloumis, and his able assistants for the efforts they put forth to make the picnic the success it was.

THEODORE H. CALOPEHS.

Secretary.

Wheeling Chapter Initiates New Members at Parkersburg

THE Wheeling Chapter of the Order (Mistakes, No. 68) conducted initiation ceremonies in the City of Parkersburg, W. Va., for a class of ten candidates. The initiation was conducted by the capable and well-liked District Governor of the 3rd District, C. G. Paris, of Lynchburg, Va. He was assisted by Barbavasilis Essaris, District Governor of the 4th District, A. W. Petropoulos, Basil J. Daniels,

Michael Costas, of Wheeling, W. Va., and Dr. Sam Zafiriou of Yorkville, Ohio.

The candidates were: James Parikakis, Nick Dandos, Steve Tatalos, Pete Aslanides, Trifon Mirmithakis, Phillip Palouras, and George K. Tourloudis, all of Athens, Ohio, and Constantine Basle and John N. Vergis, of Wheeling.

After the ceremonies a buffet luncheon was served for the visiting brothers and their ladies by the members of Parkersburg, with Angela and Elly Carras acting as hostesses.

A. W. PETROPOULOS,
Publicity.

Lancaster Mourns Passing of Member

LANCASTER (Penna.) Chapter, No. 71, reports the death of their beloved member, John Goumas. Burial of the deceased Ahepan took place in Coatesville, Pa., July 31st. The Order of Ahepa was well represented.

In the passing of Brother Goumas, the Lancaster chapter has lost one of its sincerest members.

NICK HARRIS,
Secretary.

Fifth Annual Convention of Yankee District No. 7

THE fifth annual convention of District No. 7 of the Order was held June 7th and 8th at the Stratfield Hotel, Bridgeport, Conn., with our chapter, No. 62, as host to the delegates from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The convention was held in our city as part of the centennial celebration of Bridgeport, Conn. Delegates and Ahepans and their friends began to register early Sunday at the Stratfield Hotel, which was decorated properly with Greek and American flags. The whole city celebrated this Ahepan holiday as part of the centennial celebration.

The first important function was a special Doxology at the Greek Orthodox Church. The official opening of the convention took place Sunday afternoon by the President of the Chapter, James Zabettas, who welcomed the gathering in behalf of the Bridgeport Chapter. The city was well represented by State Senator Taft, who welcomed all in behalf of Bridgeport.

Business sessions followed at which discussion of policies and plans for the coming year's program were taken up.

During the convention the visiting ladies were guests of the Daughters of Penelope of this city.

The banquet which took place at the aristocratic Stratfield Hotel was something that our city will never forget. More than 500 members of Ahepa and their friends attended.

Mr. George E. Johnson, Past Supreme Vice President of Ahepa, who acted as toastmaster at the banquet, told the gathering that Ahepa has become the medium through which the Sons and Daughters of Hellas have learned to appreciate and understand the Sons and Daughters of America.

Praising Ahepa as an educational group of progressive American citizens, our Mayor Jasper Melevy said, "You are citizens of this country and you know the principles upon which it was founded. That is the reason that the opinion of your Order is felt and that

is why you have become the impressive group that you now are."

The Chairman of the Centennial Committee, Mr. Buckingham, speaking in favor of the Order, said, "Those who come to us are apt to be more loyal to our laws and our constitution than we ourselves are. Bridgeport thinks a lot of the Order of Ahepa and we hope that Ahepa thinks a lot of Bridgeport."

In behalf of Ahepa spoke George Demopoulos, Supreme Governor of the Order, who said, "Americanism is nothing more or less than Hellenic principles projected into a country that best allows their free play. Ahepa is a magnetic name. It represents Americanism and forward movements. The traditions of Greece are the traditions of this country."

Entertainment of the evening was a floor show, including specialty dancing acts and tap dances by artists. American dancing followed until morning.

The executive committee consisted of Anthony Smith, Chairman; James Sentementes, Vice Chairman; Nicholas Farmassony, Secretary; Athan Prakas, Treasurer; and Anthony Achilles, Orestes Regas, William Vlandis and James Zabetas.

During the business session on Monday, final plans for the scholarship trust fund for those unable to go to college were completed.

With the election of James G. Sentementes of Bridgeport as District Governor; Spiro Karambela, Lieut. Governor; Theodote Scambul, Secretary; Theodore Constantine, Treasurer, and Andrew Petersen, District Marshal, the fifth annual convention of District No. 7 ("Yankee" District) ended, with the delegates having a farewell supper at the Ahepa Hall.

Danbury was selected the meeting place for the next convention of the District.

JAMES B. CONSTAS, Secretary.

District No. 8

Festivities at Fitchburg

AT ONE of our community's recent social events the engagement of Brother James Karis, Past President of Fitchburg (Mass.) Chapter, No. 266, to Miss Pauline Bicoles, daughter of Brother John D. Bicoles, was announced. It was the third event of its kind in the Bicoles family in one month. Georgiana, the oldest daughter, was married first; then a son, James, a prominent member of the local chapter, became engaged to a fair Helene of Bristol, Conn., and a week later Brother Karis and Miss Pauline announced their engagement.

Amid a throng of friends and relatives from various parts of New England and New York the two pledged vows. A scene of gaiety and merriment prevailed at the home of Brother Bicoles as all sang, danced, ate and drank to the health and happiness of the engaged couple.

Brother Karis is one of the local chapter's most active members, being a charter member and having served as Secretary, Vice President and President of the chapter.

The members of the Fitchburg Chapter extend their sincerest congratulations to Brother Karis and his fiancée.

ALEX SVOLIS.

District No. 9

Daughter of Bennington Ahepan Retains State Championship in Shorthand

IN JUNE, 1935, Miss Viola Felopulos won the Vermont School Championship in Shorthand, and to date retains the distinction of being the only Vermont student holding the 160-word per minute gold medal awarded by the Gregg Company for proficiency in shorthand and transcription work. The test was taken before a committee appointed by the Gregg Company.

Miss Felopulos whilst attending Bennington High School won the Edmunds' Memorial Essay Contest Medal in Literature and English. She graduated with honors in 1933, and began her business course at St. Joseph's Commercial in September of that year. During her second year at S. J. C. she received membership in the Order of Gregg Artists, and the Order of Artistic Typists. The Gregg Company awarded her the Certificate of Achievement.

Bennington College offered the opportunity to Miss Felopulos to test her skill in secretarial work. When the college closed at the end of the student year she was retained by the executives in charge of the School of the Dances. During the fall term of the court she has been busily engaged in court reporting. Miss Felopulos is the daughter of Brother Peter J. Felopulos.



Miss Viola Felopulos

District No. 10

More Than Five Hundred Attend Benton Harbor Picnic

THE third annual picnic of "Fruit Belt" Chapter No. 292 of Benton Harbor, Michigan, was held Sunday, July 19th, at Peterson's resort. Many prominent members of our Society attended, including District Governor Leo J. Lamberson of South Bend; Nick Kandis of LaPorte, past district governor; Mike Scappellato, president of the South Bend chapter; Peter Evans, president of the Kalamazoo

chapter, and many other officials and members of our fraternity in Michigan and Indiana.

George Andrews and Peter Moutsatson were co-chairmen of the affair. Past president Nick Dorotheon and District Treasurer Tom State were on the reception committee. President Peter Kerhulas, John Kanalos, Michael Pavlides, Alex Gust, William Couvellis, John Govatos, James Smerniotis and John Alex contributed their efforts towards the success of the outing. The "high spots" of the picnic were the excellent chicken dinner served by the chapter and the highly entertaining floor show and orchestra whose services were donated by our brothers from the Michigan Hotel.

The American public attended in large numbers and expressed their pleasure in being invited. They enjoyed themselves immensely. The crowd was estimated at five hundred.

Brother Alex Gust promoted a raffle on prizes which he himself created of a distinctly Hellenic pattern.

Besides being a success as far as entertainment was concerned, the picnic also brought in considerable revenue.

The chapter is out to achieve bigger and better picnics and to co-mingle and become better acquainted with the public with which it deals. So far it has succeeded.

JOHN A. GOVATOS,
Secretary.

District No. 12

Anderson Chapter is Host to Eleventh District Convention

Large Attendance

CONVENTIONS as a whole are conventions and when you see one of them, you see them all. This is especially true with Ahepa District Conventions where the opportunities and possibilities for something different and unique are limited. But And here is where the convention of the 11th Ahepa District, held at Anderson, Indiana, comes in. This was a convention! These Anderson Hoosiers know how to put over a thing and we may all well profit by their experience and example. From every angle one may look at it, the Anderson Convention was a grand and glorious affair. Why? We are sure we do not know. Perhaps it was due to the Andersonians, Ahepans and non-Ahepans, who proved themselves excellent hosts; perhaps it was due to the delegates, alternates and their friends; or maybe it was due to the efficiency and the cooperation of the various convention officials and committees. Still the paramount fact remains that from the financial, social, and legislative angles, this was the outstanding convention in the history of our district.

A perusal of the convention minutes and the articles in the local press will convince anyone of that fact. Both of the Anderson papers, "The Herald" and "The Bulletin" gave a tremendous amount of publicity and it was nothing unusual for both papers to devote an entire column to the affairs and activities of every convention session. At this time we wish to thank the editors in question for their wonderful cooperation. The following is taken from "The Bulletin" (June 29, 1936), as an example:

Past Presidents of Ypsilanti Chapter of Toledo, Ohio



Left to right: Thomas Fisher, Constantine Rouppas, Nicholas A. Pappas, C. G. Maludy, Hela Kagin.

Ahepans Open Annual State Meeting Here

Fifth Convention of Eleventh District Continues Three Days

STATE HEAD OF GROUP SPEAKS

Committee for Session Selected at Meeting Yesterday

James Prokos, Local Chairman, Welcomes Delegates, and Attendance at American-Hellenic Gathering Is Near Hundred

The fifth annual convention of the Order of Ahepa in the Eleventh district, comprising Indiana chapters, opened yesterday for a three-day session, and 100 guests from Indiana cities were here today to attend the meeting.

Attendance is expected to reach 300 by tomorrow evening when the annual state banquet is to be held at the Eagles Home, with C. A. Tsangadas, Detroit, Supreme Vice-President, as speaker and honor guest.

The three-day meeting of Ahepans, known as the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, started Sunday forenoon at the Eagles Home when James Prokos, local President and General Chairman of convention committees, called the session to order and extended a welcome to visiting delegates. Len J. Lamberson, South Bend, Governor of

the Eleventh district, responded and took charge of the session. The first business taken up was the selection of the following convention officers: Chairman, Sam Skufakis, Hammond; Vice-Chairman, Tom Tsiolis, South Bend, and Milton Kourbetis, South Bend.

Convention committees named were as follows: Legislative, L. B. Kalamaras, South Bend, Chairman; Michael Ross, Hammond, Tom Chamas, Muncie; resolutions for national convention, Nick Mentis, Muncie, Chairman; Nick Piakos, Kokomo; George Kontras; grievance, Steve Grammas, Hammond, Chairman; George Mikalos, Kokomo; James Heliotes, Fort Wayne; welfare and social, Sam Skufakis, Hammond, Chairman; L. Spurrison, Anderson; A. Eliopoulos, Gary; M. Ross, South Bend; T. Tsiolis, South Bend.

Officers Here

All officers of the district organization, which has 1,500 members, are here for the meeting, including Gov. Lamberson; Lieut. Gov. James Michos, Gary; Secretary M. Kourbetis, South Bend; Treasurer Pete Pancel, Anderson and Marshal George Mikalos, Kokomo.

Business sessions were held this forenoon and this afternoon pertaining to affairs of the orders.

Ten candidates were initiated at ceremonies held last night at the Eagles Home.

The annual meeting of the Daughters of Penelope, women's auxiliary of the Ahepa, is being held in connection with the meeting. Yesterday was devoted to registration. A luncheon was held at 1:30 o'clock this after-

noon. Tomorrow the women will have their initiation and candle ceremony.

Prominent members of the American-Hellenic organization from eight Indiana chapters are here for the convention. Officers will be elected tomorrow afternoon.

Local men in charge of arrangements for the session follow: executive committee, Chairman, James Prokos; Vice-President, Gus Pancel; Second Vice-President, George Anton; Treasurer, Andrew Blassaras; Secretary, John Lambros; Assistant Secretaries, Leonard Spurrison and Thomas Marianos; sub-committees, General Chairman, Leonard T. Spurrison; program, Gus Pancel, Leonard Spurrison, James Prokos, Thomas Curtin; banquet, George Anton, Peter Cerlas, Jack Maugas. Tom Cotter; tickets, Gus Pancel, Thomas Cochifa, John Michos, Louis Cochos; publicity, Eli Alatazas, Leonard Spurrison, Peter Pancel; registration, James Prokos, Peter Pancel, George Janetos, George Michos, John Lambros, Nick Pancel, Thomas Cochifa and Alec Mantsarakis.

Guests Registered

Early guests of the Ahepa convention listed at the Hotel Anderson, registered headquarters, were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. G. Michos, Mr. and Mrs. P. Carelas, Mr. and Mrs. L. Chochos, Mr. and Mrs. J. Michos, James Rowlias, of Marion; T. Mentis, N. Mentis, Mr. and Mrs. N. Liveratos, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rorris, of East Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. P. Mallers, J. Heliotes, G. Koutras, V. Theodore, of Fort Wayne; J. Malios, of Lafayette; Alex Eliopoulos, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dallis, of Gary; Mr. and Mrs. S. Grammas, Mr. and Mrs. S. Skufakis, C. Tsatsos, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ross, of Hammond; Mr. and Mrs. L. Lamberson, M. Kourbetis, L. Rizos, T. Tsiolis, of South Bend; Mr. and Mrs. G. Georgeopoulos, J. Angelo, Mrs. Zaharakos, Mr. and Mrs. L. Spurrison, of Indianapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Pia, of Tipton.

This convention was important also because it went through its final stage of transition and fully recognized and duly honored the younger Ahepans of the State of Indiana. Not only were the vice chairman and secretary of the convention, Bros. Tsiolis and Kourbetis, respectively, but the District Lodge is composed, with two exceptions, of younger folks. Here they are: Leo J. Lamberson, Governor; Leonard Spurrison, Lieut. Governor; Milton Kourbetis, Secretary; Steve Grammas, Treasurer, and George Mikalos, Marshal. This recognition was not due only to the ability of these youngsters, comparatively speaking, or to their sheer will power, but to the willingness and trustworthiness of the "old guards" who did not hesitate to take full cognizance of the work which the younger fellows had done in their respective chapters and past conventions, and gave them the right to officially represent them in the Ahepa circles in the State. The old guards of the 11th District are to be congratulated for their initiative in officially recognizing the younger generation. With the "old timers" and the "youngsters" working side by side, in full faith and confidence of one another, Ahepa cannot help but take a tremendous stride towards her ultimate goal.

Among the important legislative acts passed by the convention were the following: The District Lodge was authorized to establish an annual prize or scholarship for excellence in the study of Greek or any other Hellenic con-

tribution to society with the Indiana University for a period of four years; to contribute approximately \$100 to the Greek Orthodox Diocese; the taking of a complete census of the Greek population in the State with special emphasis on the business and professional men; and the forbidding of the use of the "basket" as a means of collecting money at a dance sponsored by Ahepa.

We are aware that in many conventions it is difficult to get the delegates to come in time for the sessions but we have a remedy: Have some kind of Greek music, preferably a "sirto" like "Mia Popadia" and a "tsamiko," like "Enas Aetos." Get the fellows started at dancing and your troubles will be over. Of course there is a chance of the fellows getting so enthusiastic that the chairman will have the time of his life trying to make them stop dancing and come to order. We had an experience in this too—at our convention. Bros. Ted Mentis, our own George Givot, and John Morris pounded the ivories of the piano for many a "sirto" and "tsamiko," and it was nothing unusual to see brothers like Eliopoulos, Dallis, Koutros, Lamberson, N. Mentis, Rezos, Procos, Georgeopoulos, Skufakis, Ross, Alatzos, N. A. Kandis, Kourbetis and many others working up the old timber.

The banquet on Tuesday night was a fitting finale to a successful convention. More than 800 guests were present, with many local and State officials participating. Thanks to Bro. Grammas and the committee in charge, special sections and tables were set for the delegates and the district officers. The guests and the speakers were outstanding in many respects and particularly in this: when called upon for a few remarks by the toastmaster, they did confine themselves to a few remarks, which you will agree is rather unusual at any banquet.

C. A. Tsangoulas, now Past Supreme Vice President, was the honor guest and principal speaker of the evening. In his characteristic style he gave us a resumé of his trip to Greece, the high esteem in which Ahepa is held by official and non-official Greece, and emphasized the tremendous progress which Greece is making to firmly establish herself in the family of nations. With his humorous stories he presented his audience a complete picture of the Greek immigrant and his rise from a section worker to an important figure in the social, economic, and political life of America. His insistence on talk of modern Greece and the modern Greek was in keeping with what Prof. H. Seely of Ball State College, who preceded Bro. Tsangoulas, had to say. Prof. Seely said, in part, that Greece today is a worthy daughter of ancient Hellas, and that the modern Greek can well be set side by side with the ancient heroes, philosophers, and statesmen. While the world is fully aware of the contributions of ancient Greece, it knows hardly anything of what Greece and the Greeks are doing today. It is the paramount duty of the Ahepans, he said, to educate the American public to that effect. Prof. Seely taught for several years at the University of Salonica, Greece, and astonished the audience when he arose and spoke fluently in Greek. Personally we think he stole the show.

After the banquet we danced to a 10-piece orchestra. Thus, old acquaintances were renewed, new friends were made—we are speaking of the "opposite sex" as Ted Mentis would say. While as yet we have not heard of any matrimonial ties having resulted from the

convention, we know that several reservations were made and that one of these days the question will pop up.

With a final sigh and a goodbye of "I'll see you at the Fort Wayne Convention next year," the last dance was danced and each of us went his way—some to dream—some—oh, well, such are conventions and convention sweethearts.

The following verse we consider appropriate—and with it we close:

Two lovers dancing
'Neath dreamy lights of blue;
Two lovers romancing
Pledging to be true.

Two lovers parting
'Neath dreamy lights of blue,
Two lovers sighing
For now they were through.

MILTON KOURBETIS,
District Secretary.

Brother Kouroubetes Celebrates Double Anniversary

BROTHER MICHAEL KOUROUBETES, member of South Bend Chapter, No. 100, recently celebrated a double anniversary—his 51st birthday and 30th wedding anniversary. Brother and Mrs. Kouroubetes were married in Hlembotsari, Greece, on August 6, 1906. Mrs. Kouroubetes' maiden name was Katherine Haijis, a resident of the same city.

Brother Kouroubetes immigrated to the United States in 1909 and settled in Salt Lake City, Utah. There he remained until 1913 when he returned to his motherland and joined the Greek army which was at that time engaged in a death struggle with Turkey and later with Bulgaria. He fought during the war and was honorably discharged. Due to the economic conditions then prevalent in Greece he returned to America this time with the intention of making America his home. After several short stops in the eastern industrial centers, he went to Chicago Heights, Illinois. There he remained until 1919 when he moved to Mishawaka, Indiana, and became engaged in business. Having made up his mind to make America his home, he sent for his wife and son, Milton. They joined him in June, 1921. They have two other children, John and Helen, born in Mishawaka. Brother Kouroubetes is the father of Brother Milton Kouroubetes, Secretary of District Lodge No. 12.

Present at the celebration were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Magraimes; Brother and Mrs. Sam Maros, Mr. Louis Loucas and Bro. and Mrs. George Dallis of Gary, who made a special trip to make the acquaintance of the "bride" and "groom," after having met Milton at the district convention at Anderson and found that they both were "Thebaï."

District No. 13

Peoria's Ace Tennis Players

THE winning of three major titles by three members of one family out of 232 capable entrants is considered somewhat of an extraordinary feat, in fact it is the first time such a thing has occurred in sports circles. However, the Baseleon family just couldn't be

denied in the finals of The Journal-Transcript Handicap tennis tournament at Peoria, Ill., on Sunday, July 6th. Matilda won the women's title, while brother George copped the men's championship. Brother Andy was defeated by George and received the runner-up trophy.

George, Andrew and Matilda are the only children of Theodore and Aspasia Baseleon. It is a coincidence that Matilda and George should both emerge champions of the tournament for they are also champions of the dance, having won wide acclaim for their beautiful classical dancing. They started dancing as youngsters and are now considered the most talented, perfect dance team in Peoria.

Their talent is not only limited to the above, they are also accomplished musicians. George and Matilda play piano while Andrew has won several college violin scholarships. He is working intensely to become a concert violinist. While at high school, George won several awards for oratory, having won the city oratorical contest in his junior year.

Mr. and Mrs. Baseleon are naturally very proud of their children; they educated them in all arts and the results are indeed gratifying. George is a loyal member of the Peoria Chapter, No. 234, of the Ahepa, having served six years as Secretary and as President of the chapter in 1935. At present he is Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Only two years ago Matilda one day happened to be at the park tennis courts watching her two brothers play. She became interested in the game and asked if she could learn to play. Her brothers invited her on the courts and after two or three times of play saw that their sister possessed unusual ability. They then began serious coaching and in a year she not only won the city title but during an inter-city tournament she defeated the Tri-State champion of 1935. Matilda is considered a splendid player and it is predicted that if she continues her rapid progress she may be competing in national tournaments of tennis very soon.

Peorians Celebrate at Picnic

THE seventh annual Ahepa Picnic of Peoria (Ill.) Chapter 234 was held Sunday, July 19th, at Luthy's Alps. More than two hundred ladies and gentlemen and their children attended. Out-of-town guests were present. A large group headed by Father Fotios Porekes came from Pullman, Illinois. A string quartet marching about the crowd playing their instruments furnished the music.

The ideal weather, the music, the good dinner, the cheerfulness of the people fanned by human emotions filled everyone with joy; and, to make the occasion more joyful, Congressman Everett M. Dierksen, of our district, got up and announced that Brother George Chalmers, president of the chapter, and his charming wife were the proud parents of a seven-pound girl. Cigars and beer flowed freely from our president and past president, Peter Xanos, grandfather of the new born girl.

There was a speaking program and Brother Chris Barres was the master of ceremonies.

Mr. Theodore Xanos, one of our youngest Ahepans, led the singing of the American Anthem; Mr. Petropoulos of Pullman, Ill., led in singing the Greek Anthem. The American and Greek flags and the Ahepan banner were gently waving. Everybody saluted.

Father Nicholas Spillyotis, pastor of the All Saints' Church, emphatically declared that if we expected to perpetuate the Greek language amongst our people, we must support the school.

Father Porekes from Pullman, Ill., and former pastor of the All Saints' Church, spoke with zeal. "All civilized people are familiar with what the ancient Greeks have contributed to the world, and I hope," he said, "that the modern Greeks, whether born in Greece or America, do not fail to make a name for themselves in this great land of America." He spoke again just before he left for his home. His face seemed to be illuminated with happiness. "It makes me happy," and he really was, "to see such a congenial and happy crowd enjoying themselves just as if they were one big family."

John Canakis, Theodore Kutsos, Christ Berres and Peter Xanos, Past Presidents, spoke of Ahepa's activities in the community.

George Thomas, Tom Dafnis, John Hage, John Vallis and James Stevens, all Ahepans, furnished music for the Greek dancing which lasted until ten p. m.

Our pioneer business man, Mike Dallas, came early and stayed late and surely did his part. Andrew Douglas, John Douglas and Jimmy Vlastis were in charge of the entertainment.

JOHN DAGLAS.

Greeks Win Honors in Beloit Centennial

IN THE drizzling grey rain at the Beloit Centennial, the white, marble-like beauty of the Greek float stood out in startling contrast. The bystanders grasped with amazing clarity the story depicted by Pericles standing at the head of the float addressing the Athenians in their building of the Acropolis. Cheered and applauded by thousands, the judges awarded this float, sponsored by the Greeks of Beloit, first prize for beauty and historical significance. To Gus Perry, chairman of the float committee and President of the T. L. Wright Chapter of the Ahepa, goes much of the credit.

Also in the Centennial parade was the float entered by John Spyreas, one of Beloit's leading retail merchants. This float, a huge market basket filled with a bevy of attractive girls throwing candy to the crowds, won special honorable mention for commercial floats.

Greeks Represented in Madison Centennial

FURTHER honors were given Beloit's prize-winning Greek float when a special invitation, to enter it in the Wisconsin State Centennial parade at Madison, Wisconsin, came from the committee in charge there. Milwaukee, in collaboration with Beloit, contributed to the float the character of Diogenes, lantern in hand, "seeking some one to talk to." Selected from the hundreds of other floats—laurels were again given to the Greeks of the state when this float was for a second time awarded first prize.

ELIZABETH CETCHES.

Springfield Chapter Hard at Work

ABRAHAM LINCOLN Chapter, No. 189, of Springfield, Illinois, has set the ball rolling and we are determined to make our chapter one of the best in the Ahepa domain.

Daughters of North Shore Ahepan Outstanding Graduates



Miss Theodora Limberopulos



Miss Sylvia Limberopulos

In our recent campaign we not only got our membership back in the active list by 100 per cent, through reinstatement, but we secured many new members and are getting still more of them. At our last meeting we initiated quite a few members, the initiation team from St. Louis performing the work excellently. The team was headed by past District Governor John Karzen whose co-workers were Brothers C. B. Johannides, Rodopoulos and Kokorekes. After the ceremonies we enjoyed refreshments and dancing.

Another group will soon be initiated and then will come our annual ball.

G. GRAY, Secretary.

District No. 15

Air Capital Chapter Host to Convention Delegates and Guests

THE district convention of District No. 15 was held on July 19th to the 21st inclusive, at Wichita, Kans., the local "Air Capital" Chapter, No. 187, acting as host.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of San Francisco, Monsignor Callisto of Chicago, conducted the church services at St. Mary's Orthodox Church the morning of Sunday, the 19th, most of the delegates arriving in time to attend. Registrations commenced at noon and by nightfall there were about 300 registered at the Allis Hotel. Afternoon activities included the initiation of three new members into the Order, and in the evening Greek cafe entertainment was presented under the direction of George Lefler of the Wichita Chapter.

The first official sessions of the convention opened at 10 a. m., Monday morning at the Allis Hotel, with addresses of welcome by Brother Chris Stathis, President of the Wichita Chapter; Hon. Robert Israel, Mayor of Wichita; H. M. Van Auken, executive secretary of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, and Chief of Police O. W. Wilson. Response to the addresses of welcome were made by V. W. Birchall, District Governor, of Tulsa, Okla. At noon the members of the local chapter were hosts at a luncheon for the visitors and delegates at the hotel. The business ses-

THE Misses Sylvia and Theodora Limberopulos, two lovely daughters of Bro. and Mrs. Dimitrios Limberopulos, an active member of North Shore Chapter No. 94, were the only sisters to graduate from Wright's Junior College this June. Both girls were outstanding in the eyes of their fellow students and popular with the entire school body. They were active in literary work and in social affairs and school benefits. Such charming hostesses did they prove to be at the treat that they were appointed permanent Chairmen of the Reception Committee and in this capacity had the honor to receive Mayor Kelly; Miss Vitum, the prominent social worker; Mrs. Hefferan, the only woman board member of the Chicago schools and several other socially prominent people.

All together, these two fine girls, of whom all Hellenes can be proud, not only successfully finished their studies, but also excelled in extracurricular work; and many are their companions and professors who are proud to call them their friends.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the two young ladies, Sylvia and Theodora, as well as to their proud, and rightly so, parents.

TIMOTHY M. BISHOP.

tion opened at 2 p. m. Albert C. Offenstern, President of the Air Capital Chapter in 1934 and 1935, was elected chairman of the convention; Theodore Bercolos of Tulsa was selected convention secretary, and George Poulson Treasurer. While the members were in session, the wives and daughters were taken on a sight-seeing tour of the city and in the evening they attended a reception at the country home of Mrs. Sam Bushong. A meeting of the Sons of Pericles was held also in the afternoon under the chairmanship of Chris Petrow of Fairmont, Nebr., Supreme Vice President.

The events of the evening were marked by a magnificent banquet in the Allis ballroom. Victor Murdock, editor-in-chief of "The Wichita Eagle," was the principal speaker. Additional addresses were given by Chris Petrow, Supreme Vice President of the Sons of Pericles, and George Chumas, of the local Ahepa chapter. The balance of the evening was devoted to dancing and other entertainment.

Business sessions were resumed early Tuesday morning. The following officers were elected to head the district lodge during the coming year: V. W. Birbillis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, District Governor; George Poulson, past president and treasurer of the local Air Capital chapter, lieutenant district governor; Theodore Bereolos, Tulsa, secretary; A. C. Christopoulos of Lincoln, Nebraska, treasurer, and Simon Anagnos of Kansas City, Missouri, marshal. The new officers were installed by George Chumas, Lincoln, Nebraska was awarded the 1937 convention.

The officers of the executive convention committee were: Sam Bushong, chairman; Chris Stathis, vice chairman; Albert Offenstein, secretary and George Poulson, treasurer.

Ball Ends Conclave

Ahepa's royal court with queens representing the various chapters was an event of Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. It was presented under the direction of Chris Gober of the Heart of America Chapter of Kansas City, Mo. Christina Leber of Wichita was crowned queen of the royal court and annual ball in ceremonies preceding the dancing in the Allis ballroom. Her escort was George Leber. Those who attended the queen as representatives of the various chapters were: Minus Christian, Grand Island, Neb.; Connie Vlahakis, Oklahoma City; Tula Andrews, Tulsa; Helen Petrow, Omaha, Neb.; Ethel Lagas, Kansas City, and Sophia Christopoulos, Lincoln, Neb.

Greek dancing featured the intermission. The ball brought to a close the convention which was attended by several hundred delegates and visitors from surrounding states. The District officers extended high compliments for the manner in which Wichita entertained its guests.

An Expression from a Guest at Wichita's District Convention Banquet

Order of Ahepa

DURING the annual convention of the "Air Capital" Chapter of the Ahepa Lodge, I was invited with the presidents of other civic clubs to be the guest of the Order at their feature banquet. It was a real pleasure and privilege to accept this invitation, for with that one evening's insight into its purposes that which had been to me only the name of an organization became a living, vital force.

The word Ahepa is formed of the initial letters of American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. As the name indicates the organization is composed of persons of Greek origin who find expression through the Order for those ideals and aspirations which for twenty-five hundred years have shaped the lives of the earnest people of the little peninsula beyond the Ionian Sea.

It is touching, inspiring, and somehow challenging to witness the earnestness, sincerity, and patriotic devotion to an adopted country, which is evidenced by these people in their effort to build into an American civilization, some of the glory that was Greece.

Among the aims of Ahepa is the naturalization of every Greek who makes his home in the United States, and the rearing of their children to be Americans in the truest sense



Miss Christina Leber of Wichita, Kans., who reigned as queen of the annual ball which brought to a close the district convention.

of the word. At the same time they seek to retain the integrity of their heritage of Grecian culture and to emulate amidst a western civilization the immortal Socrates, Homer, Alexander, and Pericles.

Much of the so-called menace of our foreign population recedes into unimportance with the realization of the contribution Ahepa is making to America.

HARRIETTE O. WHITE,
President of Wichita Business and
Professional Women's Club.

(The article was first printed in *The Newscette*, monthly news letter of the Wichita Business and Professional Women's Club.)

Two "Tulsians" Seated On District Lodge

TULSA Chapter No. 13 has resumed its 1936-37 program after a great vacation of conventions. It sent a large delegation to the Wichita district convention and again it was well represented at the national convention in St. Paul.

Tulsa had the honor of seating two of its members as District Lodge officers: Brother V. W. Birbillis was elected District Governor and Theodore J. Bereolos, District Secretary.

The Tulsa people that attended the Wichita convention had a wonderful time and No. 13 seemed to be the chapter whose pep lasted from beginning to end. The delegates gained many educational ideas which we expect to put forth. Tulsa carried away the prize for being the most advanced chapter of the year 1935-36.

Our chapter is planning a great hall to be held in late October. The committee appointed has the plans almost completed and will give out complete details later. The Southwest will be invited to see the grandest hall in years.

The national convention at St. Paul was a great success, judging from the reports of our delegates. We look for the results of the St. Paul Convention to not only increase the membership but also to form a better organization and more smooth, educated and co-operative chapters.

THEODORE J. BEREOLOS,
Secretary.

District No. 18

Supreme President Visits Billings Chapter No. 237

IN THE month of July we had the honor to have with us Supreme President V. I. Chebithes and it was the first time our chapter has been visited by the Supreme Lodge officer. The Billings chapter was organized in 1929 by P. S. Marthakis, then Supreme Vice President.

I cannot express how much the little visit did help our chapter, not only in the organization, but also to get back the old members and also some new ones.

Members of the Billings chapter were very enthusiastic to hear Brother Chebithes, and I think he will always be remembered by his kind words and manner. Brother Chebithes is a master leader and we are glad the national convention elected him again. He knows what our Order and every chapter needs, and if we keep him on the "iring line," we think he will make a greater and better Ahepa.

J. G. ADAMS,
Past District Governor.

District No. 20

Supreme President and Doctor Polyzoides Feature Speaking Program of Convention Banquet

THE district convention of District No. 20, which includes the chapters of southern California and Arizona, opened July 18th in the Hotel San Diego, San Diego, Calif., with registration of delegates and the official reception by Mayor Percy Benbough of Supreme President V. I. Chebithes. The following day was devoted to a tour of places of interest in the city and presentation of an Ahepa day program at the Exposition. The business sessions began on the third day, Monday, in the chamber of commerce auditorium.

The annual banquet, at which Supreme President Chebithes delivered the feature address, was held Monday evening in the Hotel San Diego. More than 300 members of the Ahepa filled the Pompeian Room of the hotel to pay homage to their leader. "It came from the Greek!" With this phrase as a central theme, Brother Chebithes outlined the heritage of ancient Greece and its influence on America. "America's language, scientific terms, culture, art, political and social systems all date back to the glory that was Greece," he pointed out. "We are the 'youngest' adopted children of America."

George Kalliris, chairman of the banquet, introduced E. J. Fostinis, attorney from Los Angeles, who acted as master of ceremonies. Brother Fostinis introduced the presidents of each of the ten chapters in the 20th district.



Looking pretty—Ahepans of Santa Barbara ready to step into parade, July 4th.

then introduced District Attorney Thomas Whelan; Superior Judges Gordon Thompson and Clarence Hardin; County Assessor Crowell D. Eddy; Police Judge Clarence Terry; Coroner, Chester Gunn; Vice Mayor, Bruce Stannard, and the other featured speaker of the evening, Dr. Adamantios Th. Polyzoides, famed professor, writer and radio commentator. Dr. Polyzoides was greeted by Judges Hardin and Thompson, acting for the county, and Vice Mayor Stannard, representing the city.

"A new prosperity is rising on the horizon—a new and greater glory of Greece, to be found in America," Dr. Polyzoides said. "On this Pacific coast, there is a greater opportunity for new life, for progress, and in San Diego there is to be found one of the finest Greek Christian communities in the entire world.

"The Greeks shall never disappear. We are marching today as we marched in the days of Pericles, of Alexander the Great, and of Byzantine. And all the fervor, all the love of beauty, the fine ideals, that actuated the Golden Age of Greece, are being re-born and nurtured in America.

A program of entertainment was presented by children of members after the speaking program.

On Tuesday there was a continuation of business sessions in the auditorium of the chamber of commerce; an afternoon tea for the wives and families of delegates; a tour of the city and surrounding points of interest; and the farewell ball in the Hotel San Diego.

All in all, the San Diego chapter proved to be a wonderful host and the convention was one which we feel could hardly be surpassed.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Santa Barbara Chapter Awarded Third Prize in City's Float Parade

THE Santa Barbara (Calif.) Chapter No. 243 captured the third prize in the gigantic float parade of the city of Santa Barbara on July 4th. The chapter's float was decorated in pepper houghs and masses of flowers. On the float, which was accompanied by members of the chapter, rode Joyce G. Ellis as "Columbia," accompanied by Florence Das-

kaly, Homer Tunger, Hariklie Cagoulides, Sophie Cagoulides, Mary Calores and Olga Tunger, representing various branches of the chapter's organization.

Fifteen hundred persons participated in the most elaborate and spectacular patriotic parade staged in the history of this seaside city. The many floats of varied decorations, the gay uniforms of innumerable patriotic lodge members and the pastel-shaded costumes of young girls made a brilliant spectacle of the lengthy line, upon which the sun shone through a lifting fog.

Occupying the reviewing stand were Admiral William D. Leahy, commander of the battle force, United States fleet, and his staff. Assisting the chief reviewing officer were Commander H. R. Hein, executive officer, and staff of the U. S. S. "Tennessee," and several prominent civilians.

GEORGE ELLIS.

District No. 21

Americanization

By Dorothy Rockwell

WAKE UP, sluggish Americans, you whose forefathers came here so long ago; newer Americans are among us, Americans who were born in all other nations of the world. These later arrivals to our Country are far more eloquent in expressing their Americanism because oppression is still a familiar cast-off yoke.

Shake off that lethargic pride of ownership and turn to embrace your newly acquired fellows. Learn from them an allegiance more fervent, a patriotism more heartfelt than you have ever known.

A new day has dawned, a new America is in the making and you will be out of step if your Americanism is of the copy book variety.

Unless your ancestors lived in wigwams and were the first to be here, they, too, came across the waters. Be glad then, Americans, that we have maintained a government for all people, with Liberty and Justice upheld.

Renew your own allegiance, foster that democracy the first emigrants so wisely established and so gallantly fought for.

Consider the contributions of these other peoples to our wealth of intelligence, and judge them fairly as they seek adjustment to our ways.

Teach your young to be grateful for the privilege of living in America, and above all to be proud of our Great Country.

(Note: The above article was an aftermath of the inspiration the writer derived after hearing of the ideals of the Order of Ahepa as expounded at the convention banquet of the Golden Gate District, held in San Jose, Calif.)



Santa Barbara's Prize-winning Float

Left to right: Miss Joyce G. Ellis, Homer F. Tunger, Miss Olga F. Tunger, Miss Sophie A. Cagoulides, Miss Florence C. Daskalon, Miss Mary D. Coulouris and Miss Hariklie A. Cagoulides.

The San Diego Union

THE SAN DIEGO UNION: SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 19, 1936

LEADER OF HELLENIC ORDER IS GREETED HERE



Seen as V. I. Chibethis, supreme president, American Hellenic Educational Progressive association arrived yesterday for the Southwestern district convention. Upper—At the railroad station (left to right) James Marlikas, local chapter finance chairman; George Kalliris, convention chairman; George Cheronis, local chapter president; S. C. Palmer, local chapter secretary; Chibethis, Mayor Percy J. Benbough, Nicholas Chames, district lieutenant governor; E. Parlas and R. S. Polletas. Lower—Mayor Benbough, Angelina Papas, official convention hostess, and Chibethis.

AHEPA CHIEFTAIN ARRIVES; URGES NATIONS' AMITY

A 10-month tour of the United States came to an end here yesterday with the arrival of V. I. Chibethis, supreme president of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive association, international Greek society. He appealed in his first talk with fifth annual southwestern district convention delegates for amity among nations and pledged that descendants of Greece in this country take a more active part in its social and political activities.

Studying local conditions over the nation and assembling suggestions for Ahepa activities, to be taken up

in national convention in St. Paul next month, Chibethis has noted an increased trend for Greeks to take part in American activities and adopt the customs and habits of the country.

"The Ahepa purposes are to educate our people to become better citizens of the United States," he said, "and to guide them in obtaining citizenship and in obeying the laws. We have 65,000 members nationally and I have found the last several months a growing interest in politics, civic activities and social endeavors."

Sees Roosevelt Winner

"A state of resignation grips the voters," Chibethis said. "They appear resigned to Roosevelt's reelection. The potency of his political machinery is too tremendous to be counteracted by the quickly-built Landon machine. Even though Landon be elected, he must continue the present administration's undertakings or else revolt will inevitably arise."

In a recent discussion in the White House, Chibethis said Mr. Roosevelt had assured him, on advice from Ambassador McVey, that the state of apprehension over a possible revolt following return of King George to the throne now appears to have been dissipated. Our king is ruling wisely and the royalists' coup d'état has resulted in a wise and fair administration," he declared.

"It is vital that we strive for world amity, but I do not believe jingoists' reports that a state of fearful international unrest exists are founded upon a substantial basis of fact.

"Reports coming to my attention since I left Washington indicate the spark of world revolt flared only momentarily when England pressed for sanctions in the Italian-Ethiopian crisis, and that when the ghost of trouble fled, we again achieved a state of waiting. The world does not want war."

Travel Gains

Analyzing economic conditions, Chibethis said "we are enjoying a greater travel volume than we did even in 1929. Payment of the bonus is partly responsible; a general spirit of optimism has helped; expositions such as yours, which I will visit tomorrow, have assisted us."

A Washington lawyer, and a former soldier, Chibethis is married to the daughter of the late Gen. James Russell Slayton. He came to the United States in 1906, attended Centre college, played on its noted football team, was graduated later from the law school of George Washington university. He has served four terms as Ahepa president.

On Chibethis' arrival yesterday, he was greeted at the railroad station by leading San Diego members of Ahepa society and by Mayor Percy Benbough, who officially welcomed him.

District No. 22 And Why Not Crow?

AHEPANS in the State of Washington are still "crowing" over the feats of Grays Harbor Chapter No. 179 of Aberdeen, Washington, of which chapter John K. Gotsis, of Raymond, is president. Its efforts have won the chapter an outstanding place in the community life of Raymond through their participation in the annual "All Nations" celebration, sponsored by the Raymond Chamber of Commerce, July 2, 3 and 4.

Brother Gotsis has gathered about him the small group of his chapter brothers who reside in the Willapa Harbor city and for three years has successfully promoted the construction of a float which has captured first prize in the "All Nations" parade. The brothers from Grays Harbor, other southwest Washington cities, Seattle and Portland have joined with the Willapa Harbor group to make the Greek contingent the largest national group in the parade each year.

The floats portray ancient Hellenic mythology and history, this year's prize winner representing a scene from the battle of Marathon. The ideas back of the floats, as well as the fine detail with which they were constructed, have contributed largely to their success, according to unofficial reports of judges.

This year the Greek float not only was a winner in the Fourth of July parade at Raymond but Louis Eliopolis, standard bearer of the Greek section, took a costume prize.

Supreme President V. I. Chebithes honored the celebration with his presence and delivered a stirring address to Greeks assembled from all parts of the Pacific Northwest at the Masonic Hall. The Supreme President was hailed as one of the finest orators ever to speak at the Raymond celebrations. His wit, erudition and poise won salvos of applause from all who heard him. The crowd numbered almost as many who were not Greeks as those who were.

To Brother Gotsis goes the credit for the organization of the Ahepan participation in

the unusual "All Nations" celebration. His enthusiasm and organizing force have kept the Willapa and Grays Harbor groups "on their toes" and have made them an outstanding organization in both communities. His ability has been recognized by his election to the presidency of the Grays Harbor chapter and to the combined office of District Lieutenant Governor and Marshal at the convention of the 22nd district in Tacoma last June. He was accorded signal commendation by Supreme President Chebithes on the latter's visit to Raymond.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Royal Canadian District No. 24 Saskatoon Members Hold Picnic

ABOUT 150 members of the Greek colony in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, held their annual picnic at Exhibition Park on Sunday afternoon, August 23rd. The program was arranged and refreshments and prizes provided by the Saskatoon chapter. All kinds of races were held and prizes were received by the following winners in the contests: *In children's events:* Harry Girgulis, Helen Geatros, Veneta Kaplanis, Steve Barootes, Ted. Captain, Evangeline Kortez, Chrissie Girgulis, Guss Barootes, Jim Pelechos, Philip Pappas, Kathleen Captain, Marie Pappas, Steve, Mirras, Leonard Pappas, Marjorie Pappas, Victoria Ballak, Irene Pappas, and Helen Thanagan.

In the women's events: Mrs. A. Kortez, Mrs. G. Kaplanis, Mrs. W. Geatros, Mrs. N. Kangelis, Mrs. J. Mirras, Mrs. T. Kortez, Mrs. Guss Kortez.

In the men's events: Mr. J. Mirras, Mr. Joe Gardiner, Mr. Andrew Pappas, and Mr. Christ Thanagan.

Champions in men-and-women's events: Mrs. Kaplanis and Mr. J. Mirras. Those in charge of the program were: W. Girgulis, J. Mirras, S. Leakos, G. Thanagan, G. Karabelis, and H. Thanagan.

Special guests at our picnic included Mrs. A. Lallas, Mrs. N. Kangles, and sons, Harry and Jimmy Kangelis. All are from Regina.

After the picnic supper, Greek dances in the open air were enjoyed by all, the music being supplied by Mr. G. Kaplanis and Mr. A. Pappas. This concluded one of the most successful gatherings the Saskatoon Ahepans have ever held.



Evangeline Kortez

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kortez of Saskatoon, as she appears in her "Miss Ahepa" costume.

Ladies of Saskatoon Organize

In March, 1936, the Ladies of the Greek Community of Saskatoon, Canada, organized, with the following officers: President, Mrs. T. Kortez; Vice-President, Mrs. G. Kortez; and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss H. Thanagan. Since that time, several enjoyable teas have been held at the various homes of the ladies. These afforded many happy get-togethers and enabled this group to jointly entertain at their homes the lady guests at our district convention last June. We are indeed grateful to the ladies for their great assistance and take this opportunity to express our appreciation and sincere wishes for their future success.

ACHILLES KORTES,
District Secretary.



Float of the Aberdeen (Wash.) Chapter in the "All Nations" celebration parade

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St. Paul Convention a Brilliant Success

Most Vital and Significant in History of Order

THE Seventh National Convention of the Order of Sons of Pericles held at St. Paul, Minnesota on the week of August 16th was undeniably the greatest and most important convention held by the Order thus far.

It is realized that it is customary to label every Convention the "largest, most magnificent, epoch-making, etc."; yet it is felt that it may be stated without any fear of contradiction, that the Sons of Pericles' St. Paul Convention was the most vital and most significant Convention of all those held by the Order in the past. Vital because the delegates were conscious of their great obligations, and with unequalled interest and earnestness carried through their determination to solve the many problems confronting the fraternity, and to formulate the proper courses for its future. Significant because in holding a Convention for the first time in our history at the same time and place as the Ahepa National Convention we were able to effect a closer understanding and a greater degree of relationship between the Junior and Senior Orders of Ahepa.

The Convention formally opened its sessions on the 18th day of August in the imposing Marquette Room of the Ryan Hotel, and was called to order by Christ Mavriles, General Chairman of the Convention Committee. Brother Mavriles welcomed the delegates in behalf of the Olympus Chapter, No. 35, of Minneapolis. Brother Mavriles presented Mayor Gehan of St. Paul, who welcomed the audience with a speech that was a great deal more than a mere official welcoming address. The Past Supreme President, Charles G. Geanopoulos, then responded for the fraternity, thanked the Mayor for his highly inspirational expressions, and proceeded to speak on the plans and purposes of the Sons of Pericles. The next speaker was Supreme Advisor, Senior Brother Van Nomikos of Chicago, who conveyed the best wishes of the Supreme Advisory Board and of the Supreme Lodge of the Ahepa. The members of the Supreme Council were all called on for a few remarks, and when they finished the official opening was completed.

Following a short recess, the business sessions were started with Brother Geanopoulos as Chairman, Brother Christ J. Petrow, as Vice Chairman, Brother Andrew Spheeris as Secretary, and Brother George Trapshanis as Assistant Secretary. Brother Socrates Corelis, Past Supreme Treasurer, delivered the invocation in English and in Greek. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Supreme Governor Constantine Poulos presented the report of his committee which was approved and accepted. The Supreme Officers were then called on for their reports. Supreme Governor, Brother Thomas Roumell reported his work in the Middle-West, and developed his ideas and recommendations for the strengthening of the organization. Supreme Governor Poulos, recounted a number of his visits to various chapters in different sections of the

country and reported their needs, and their expectations from the Order. He also proclaimed the great necessity of a new Ritual and Installation services. Brother Socrates Corelis, Past Supreme Treasurer gave a complete financial report of the condition of the Order for the past two years. Brother Andrew Spheeris, Past Supreme Secretary reported the removal of Headquarters from Milwaukee to Washington, D. C., and the aid that he gave in this effort. The Supreme Vice-President, Brother Christ J. Petrow gave a complete report of his many activities and services for the fraternity in the past two years. He reported his work with the Periclean and later his connection with the Ahepa Magazine. He presented his work of supervising the activities and work of the District Governors, and his meetings with the members of the Supreme Advisory Board. Copies of Past Supreme President, Charles G. Geanopoulos' Report were distributed to all the delegates as he read it. His report dealt with the growth of the Order, its present needs, and recommendations for various changes. Upon the completion of the reports, the Chairman announced the appointment of several committees to carry out the work of the Convention, with the following Chairmen in charge: Resolutions Committee, George Anderson; Legislative Committee, Charles G. Geanopoulos; Ritual Committee, Christ J. Petrow; Reports Committee, George Trapshanis; Ahepa Committee, Constantine Poulos.

The afternoon sessions were recessed when Archbishop Athenagoras arrived to address the delegates. His Grace was deeply interested in our work, and expressed great hope in our organization.

It is impossible to chronicle here in this

brief outline, in the minute form it would require, the complete record of the business sessions and deliberations of the Convention. However, it will be attempted to present here, without elaboration, the major changes made, and the future policies formulated by the Convention.

1. A revision of the Districts to conform with those of the Ahepa. Strengthening of the Districts by the establishment of District Lodges similar in size and makeup to those of the Ahepa, and provisions for holding combined District Conventions of both Orders.
2. The broadening of the powers of the Supreme Advisory Board. Appointment of Deputy Supreme Advisors to supervise the activities of the various districts.
3. Establishment of Annual National Congresses to be held at the same time and place as the Ahepa National Conventions. Delegates to these Congresses to be the several District Governors. These Annual Congresses to take the place of our Biennial Conventions.
4. Preparation of Ritual and Installation Services. Acceptance of Greek Ritual.
5. The lowering of the minimum initiation fee, and of the amount sent to Headquarters. The raising of the Per Capita Tax from 60 cents to \$1.00.

By Wednesday evening the business had been completed and the elections of new Supreme Council officers was in order.

Brother Christ J. Petrow was elected Supreme President; Brother Constantine Poulos, Supreme Vice-President; Brother George Trapshanis, Supreme Secretary; Brother George Anderson, Supreme Treasurer; Brothers



Members of the Supreme Council with those of the Advisory Board
Seated, left to right: Constantine Poulos, Christ Petrow, George Anderson.
Standing: George Polyzois, Van Nomikos, Petros Tsopelas, C. G. Paris,
Peter Razatos. (George Trapshanis and William Peratino, the other
Supreme Officers, are not pictured.)

George Polyzois, William Peratino, and Peter Razatos were elected to the offices of Supreme Governors.

The new Supreme Council was publicly installed at the Sons of Pericles Convention Ball that evening by Past Supreme President Geanopoulos.

Words can neither fully nor adequately describe the feelings of the delegates as this truly momentous Convention came to a close. The general feeling and accepted attitude however, was that many necessary changes were to be brought about in the organization; and that the Sons of Pericles were once more on the right road to their destined heights.

Introducing the New Supreme Council

It is with great honor and pleasure that we present to you here the young men who comprise the new Supreme Council of the Order of Sons of Pericles, which was elected at the Seventh National Convention of the Order held in St. Paul, Minnesota, the third week of August.

To the high office of Supreme President the convention unanimously elected Brother Christ J. Petrow of Fremont, Nebraska. His unanimous election to this office was a fitting tribute and a glowing recognition of his sincerity, his ability, and his continuous unselfish services for two years as Supreme Vice-President.

Brother Petrow is a charter member of the "Cornhusker" Chapter No. 94, which he served in its various offices. In 1933 he was appointed Governor of his District, and in that office he served very well. At the Sixth National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, he was unanimously elected Supreme Vice-President, thus establishing a record of being the first Supreme Officer to be unanimously elected to two terms as a member of the Supreme Council. His strenuous efforts in behalf of the organization during the past two years are known to all, and need not be repeated here.

In high school Brother Petrow took an active part in dramatics, forensics, and journalism. He served as Business Manager of two scholastic publications in high school. In addition to Hi-Y activities, he served both as local Vice-President and President of the Eastern Nebraska Older Boys Conference. He was an active DeMolay and at one time a State Officer. Last June he was appointed by one of the Senators from Nebraska to serve as a Deputy Sergeant at Arms at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Supreme President has begun his third year at Swarthmore College, in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, which he is attending on a scholarship.

Brother Constantine Poulos, former Supreme Governor, was elevated to the office of Supreme Vice President. Brother Poulos has been a member of the Order since 1930, and served his chapter, "Socrates" No. 6, of Lynn, Massachusetts as both secretary and president. He was secretary to the famous New England Conclave held in Lynn in 1931, and since that time has been delegate to many district and National Conventions. At the Chicago Convention he served notably on a number of committees and was there elected Supreme Governor. During his term as Supreme Governor, Brother Poulos visited a large number of

chapters throughout the country, and also worked earnestly on plans for a new ritual. At a meeting of the Supreme Lodge of the Ahepa with the new Supreme Council after the conventions in St. Paul, it was decided to place Brother Poulos at the Headquarters in Washington, D. C., to establish a closer cooperation between the chapters and the Supreme Council Headquarters, as well as to bring about a more effective supervision and coordination of the fraternity's activities.

For the office of Supreme Secretary, the delegates selected Brother George Trapshanis of Chicago, Illinois. Brother Trapshanis has been President of the widely known "Lord Byron" Chapter No. 11, for two years. He has attended the last three National Conventions of our Order, and played prominent parts in all of them.

He was President of his graduating class at McKinley High School. In his junior year at DePaul University he received a scholarship, and for this—his senior year—he received another scholarship. He is a student in the College of Liberal Arts. Brother Trapshanis is a member of the University's Debating Team, as well as Advertising Manager of "The De Paulia." He is a member of a number of fraternities, including the Blue Key National Honorary Fraternity, the Phi Kappa Alpha, and the Phi Sigma Epsilon. The latter is an organization of Hellenic young men and women of college ranking, and Brother Trapshanis is its present president.

Brother George Anderson of Baltimore, Maryland was elected Supreme Treasurer. Brother Anderson was a member of the Baltimore Ahepa Patrol back in 1932, and thus became imbued with the Ahepa spirit. So much so, that when the Plato Chapter No. 80 of the Sons was organized in Baltimore in 1933, he could not wait for his initiation but went to Washington, where he was initiated by the Sons chapter there. In 1934 Brother Anderson traveled with the Baltimore Ahepa Patrol, of which he was then 1st Sergeant, to the Columbus Ahepa Convention where it was awarded Second Prize. He served his Chapter as Secretary in 1934, Vice President in 1935, and President in 1936. He has been a delegate to nearly all the Conventions held by his District, and at the last one in Washington, last spring, he was unanimously elected District Governor.

Brother Anderson went to Greece with his family in 1930, and returned the fall of that year to enter Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. While at the Institute he was very active in extra-curriculum work, excelling in dramatics, wrestling, and swimming, as well as serving as Business Manager of the "Poly Press." From the Polytechnic Institute, Brother Anderson entered the Baltimore City College. There he was Assistant Business Manager of the school publication, "The Owl." This year he is continuing his studies in the school of Business Administration of the University of Baltimore.

To the three offices of Supreme Governors the convention very intelligently and conscientiously elected Brothers George C. Polyzois, William Peratino, and Peter Razatos.

Brother George Polyzois hails from Omaha, Nebraska. In high school he was a member of many clubs, as well as being on the Varsity Debating Team, and a 1st Lieutenant in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He attended Creighton University and there won a scholarship. In elementary school he once saved a

little girl from being run over, and for this brave deed was awarded a medal.

Brother Polyzois was both Treasurer and President of his chapter, and Governor of his District for the last two years and, despite the fact that his district was one of the largest in the Order, he kept it unusually active at all times. He has attended numerous district and National Conventions of the fraternity, and is very well known throughout the Middle and Northwest. He is at present holding a responsible position with the Smithfield Ham Company of Virginia, which he won over a very large field of candidates.

Brother William Peratino is a charter member of the Pythagoras Chapter No. 9 of Washington, D. C. He attended McKinley High School, where he was a member of the school magazine's staff for four years, serving as Business Manager for two years. He was a member of the "Quill and Scroll," National Journalistic Honorary Society, as well as a member of the Washington Chapter of the National Honorary Society. He graduated in 1934 as Treasurer of his Class. At high school he received a scholarship to Benjamin Franklin University, from which he graduated in June, 1936; finishing second in his class; awarded a gold watch and one year's membership in the Accounting Society, NACA; and receiving a Bachelor of Commercial Science Degree. He is now connected with a well-known public accounting firm in Washington, and at the same time taking a Master of Commercial Science Course at the Benjamin Franklin University.

Brother Peratino has served his chapter as High Priest, Secretary and President. He is very popular in the Greek circles of Washington, Roanoke, and Baltimore. He was Editor of the Chapter's five-page weekly newspaper, "The Pythagoran."

Brother Peter Razatos was one of the organizers of his own chapter, the "Rocky Mountain" No. 83 in Denver, Colorado. Brother Razatos went on a trip to Greece with his father some time ago, and can yet vividly describe the Acropolis and the Parthenon. He attended Denver High School, and excelled to such a degree in cadet work that by the time he graduated he was made a lieutenant. He has held many offices in his chapter, including Master of Ceremonies, Vice-President, and President. He was Deputy-Governor of his District and was instrumental in adding Wyoming to the states in our fold. He aspires to be a lawyer and is now attending Denver University.

Speech of Acceptance

Christ J. Petrow, Supreme President

MY BROTHERS:

It is with a mingled feeling of appreciation and respect that I have accepted at your hands the highest gift of recognition that more than 5000 of America's finest Greek youth can give—the position of Supreme President of the Order of Sons of Pericles.

Naturally my heart is filled with appreciation for the compliment, and yet at the same time the realization that for the coming year it will be my duty to assume the leadership in spreading everywhere the teachings, gospel, love and respect of the fine things for which our Order stands. You may rest assured that the very best that is within me will be yours to command.

Ten years ago last January ten Greek boys met in the rear booth of a cafe in the city of Manchester, New Hampshire; there the nucleus of our present day organization was formed. From that small beginning, the Sons of Pericles today has grown into an international organization, enjoying a membership of over five thousand and with over one hundred and fifty chapters extending into forty-four states of the union and three provinces of Canada. Surely no petty ideals could have made such an organization. Today the Sons of Pericles is truly a philosophy of living, based upon the oath of our ancestral predecessor, the Athenian youth, who promised to leave his community and country in a better condition than which he found it. We believe that in the preservation and reverence of our Hellenic heritage we are to some degree contributing our part in making our country a better place in which to live.

You and I have only a lease on life and what we do with that lease in the short time that we are here is for us to determine. Youth today in the United States is living in a very fortunate age. Everybody who lives or has lived in America has benefited by it. Why? Because political liberty was the common right of every American citizen and because hopeful opportunities presented themselves for economic betterment. Today, we the youth of America have a tendency to be too snug and self-satisfied. We do not fear the military might of any ambitious dictator. We are free to write, to talk, to assemble, to travel, to organize, yes, to think, so long as we refrain from undue interference with others. That is the unchallenged heritage of America and this heritage must be preserved. It will remain up to the youth of this country to see that these principles of American Government, originated by our ancestors, will not be violated.

The time is not far away when the new youth of this country will assume the positions of responsibility in our nation. We as members of the Order of Sons of Pericles should train ourselves in order to fully qualify for those responsibilities of tomorrow. The people of our communities have already begun to look to us as the coming leaders in every legitimate, charitable and human enterprise. We must not fail in the administration of that trust. Let the Sons of Pericles stand for a progressive and constructive citizenship. It is worthwhile practicing those teachings of charity, justice, filial and brotherly love. Our organization, our country needs the perpetuation of these doctrines. Our heritage should stand for an enrichment of our present day culture. You, my brothers, working as one inseparable group can make for the Sons of Pericles a firmer place in the element of useful service. No one member of the fraternity can do it alone. No Supreme President can do it by himself. He has to have help. If you are more interested in what you can get out of the order than what you put into it you are of no benefit to yourself much less to the Sons of Pericles. Petty jealousies, selfish ambitions, greed and avarice so common to human nature must continue to be relegated into the world of darkness. This great opportunity is yours as well as mine. As your Supreme President I consider that each and every one of you is just as much a part of that high position as am I and I call upon you to join with me in working together for the cause of the Sons of Pericles. "The

world is ours, let us strive to leave it in a better condition than we found it."

We Neolaters

By O. Theatiz

MONDAY morning at St. Paul I was notifying His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras that the opening of our Convention had necessarily been postponed until Tuesday morning at 9:30. The perpetual twinkle in his eyes seemed brighter as he asked me in English, "Greek Time?"

At the moment I considered it very humorous, but in thinking it over later, I realized that it was much more serious than humorous. The fact that the utter disregard for promptness is so thorough, and so widespread among our people is far more tragic than funny. It has become the known fact that the Greek people in all America never start anything at the appointed time. It is the accepted theory that there is no need of going to a Greek affair scheduled for seven o'clock at seven o'clock, because it will not begin until eight-thirty.

However, the greater tragedy today is the realization that we young American-Greeks are accepting and practicing "Greek Time." We, who are so quick to notice the mistakes of our elders, and so prone to prove them "old-fashioned," and "behind-times," are carrying on their sacred tradition of preservation of "Greek Time." We like to boast of our advancement, yet we are promoting such a backward movement. We are quick to call attention to our higher education, but instead of seeking to perpetuate the finer ideals and virtues of our parents, we are selecting one of their greatest vices to preserve and pass down to our children as part of their "glorious Greek heritage." Our chapter and committee meetings are usually called to order at least one hour after the announced time. We are continually late for rehearsals and drills. If we decide to go to church in body, we always get there in time for the closing prayers. And so on through all our activities.

The dangerous evils of these practices are now beginning to make themselves prominent. Today, we find "Greek Time" slowly creeping and penetrating into our individual lives. We are late for business appointments and personal engagements. We are never on time for private affairs. How far can we afford to let this go? I do not believe that I have to elaborate here on how harmful such occurrences can be to one's future, nor how impossible it is to live down an ugly reputation of undependability. It is no longer a humorous matter as so many of us have been wont to treat it. We must come to an immediate realization of the seriousness of this problem.

Let us, who are supposed to "know better," strive to change this condition. Let us first accustom ourselves to being on time for all our own affairs, regardless of how unimportant. Then let us start all our functions, whether public or private, at the scheduled hour. Let's do away with "Greek Time!"

New Bureau to be Placed in Service

IMMEDIATELY after the Chicago Convention of our Order in 1934 a Bureau of Service and Activities was announced to the

chapters through the Periclean. Because of the many necessary changes in our organization it was not considered advisable to begin work, at that time, on this very important department. The new Supreme Council elected at the St. Paul Convention restudied the idea, and asked the Supreme Vice-President, Constantine Poulos, who originally presented the resolution for the establishment of this department and plans for its operation at the Chicago Convention, to make preparations for placing this Bureau in immediate service.

Brother Poulos has notified the Supreme Council that he will begin operation of this new department on December 1st. He will circularize all the chapters, shortly before that time, with lists of the material and manuscripts prepared.

The following brief outline shows what this new Service Bureau intends to offer.

It will be able to advise any chapter on the best methods for: holding successful meetings, dances, parties and public affairs; writing letters to old, suspended, inactive and new members; writing letters for special meetings; and correct approach to possible applicants for membership.

It will be able to supply mimeographed manuscripts on: ideas for odd dances and parties; ideas for publicity; and "when and how to write articles for publication in newspapers."

It will provide lists of plays, suitable for production, and will also attempt to get reductions on royalties for these plays. It will provide suggestions and programs for special days and holidays.

It will provide subjects for lectures and debates. It will furnish plans for the best methods for organizing, Degree Teams, Bugle and Drum Corps, Dramatic Guilds, and Church Choirs.

It is believed that this new Bureau will prove very helpful to the chapters, and will aid them from making the same mistakes that have proven costly to other chapters and other organizations.

1936 With the Platonians

THE year 1936 has proven to be quite successful and progressive for the Plato Chapter No. 80 of Baltimore, Maryland. The officers installed in January by Senior Brother Peter Samios, Past District Governor of the old Ahepa district No. 8, were: George Anderson, President; Theodore George, Vice-President; George Mesologites, Secretary; and George Charles George, Treasurer.

On Sunday, March 8, a number of the members, grouped under the name of Plato Players, presented the tragic, didactic, and realistic drama, "Mother Earth." The starring roles were enacted by Brothers Theodore George and George Thomas George, while supporting parts were capably handled by Brothers George Mesologites, George Anderson, Louis Karangelis, and Nicholas Anderson. The play impressed all those who saw it, including a number of professors of John Hopkins University, who were guests of the Plato Chapter that evening. The presentation was a dramatic, social and financial success, and as proof, the cast has been invited to present the play before the Hellenes of Newport News, Virginia, sometime during this coming November.

On July 1st, along with the Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope chapters of Baltimore, the Plato Chapter embarked on a delightful moonlight cruise down the Chesapeake Bay, aboard the S. S. *Dixie*.

At the District Convention held at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., on July 6th, the Plato Chapter was well-represented by a delegation consisting of Brothers George Anderson, George Mesologites, George Thomas George, and Harry Anderson. Baltimore took the Convention "by storm," so to speak, for George Anderson was elected District Governor, and Brother Mesologites was honored with the position of District Secretary. And on top of that, the Plato Chapter's Degree Team won the U. G. Paris trophy from the famous Washington Degree Team. The boys who formed this championship team were: George Anderson, George T. George, George Mesologites, George C. George, Louis Karangelen, Theodore George, and Harry Anderson. Both Baltimore and Philadelphia have claims to the Wrestling Trophy of the District, so the Convention decided that the winner would be decided by a match to be held this winter. The wrestling which climaxed a great season last year by trouncing the Washington team, is managed by Senior Brother Nick Nestor Janicek, President of the local Ahepa Chapter.

On Sunday, July 19th, the Plato Chapter defeated the Baltimore Junior G. A. P. A. in a soft-ball game at the annual picnic of the local GAPA units.

A membership drive has been instituted by the chapter this year, and the toll-book is acquiring more and more names of new members, who will help us keep up our good work.

Florida Footlight Follies

PHIDIPPIDIEN Chapter No. 138 of Jacksonville, Florida presented a program of mutual entertainment followed by dancing on Sunday, June 14th. The entertainment was entirely in Greek, and was put on by the members of the chapter assisted by a number of the local young Greek ladies. The many Greek skits, playlets, acts, and songs were enthusiastically received by the large audience. Gullie Alexander, Virginia Kalogerakus, Mary Gcoris, and Mary Kalogerakus were the charming young ladies who so cheerfully and rapidly aided the boys. The Sons who took part in the entertainment were: Sam Felos, Evangelos Pappas, Peter Kalogerakus, James Megan, Peter Lenas, and Theodore Poulos. The many parents and friends who made up the audience were greatly enthused by the efforts of the young people.

The dancing started immediately after the show, and except for a slight intermission, during which refreshments were served, the dancing continued until late in the evening. The committee in charge of this very successful affair was headed by Brother Paul Lambrou.

New Supreme Officers Visit Washington

THE Pythagoras Chapter No. 9 of Washington, D. C., was very fortunate when four Supreme Council officers happened to be in the capital at the same time, and attended the

regular meeting of the chapter that was held Tuesday evening, September 8th, at the Odd Fellow's Temple. Brother Constantine Poulos, Supreme Vice-President; Brother George Anderson, Supreme Treasurer of Baltimore, Maryland; Brother Peter Razatos, Supreme Governor of Denver, Colorado; and Brother William Peratino, Supreme Governor of this city were the four members of the new Supreme Council who so honored our chapter.

The meeting was opened by Brother Peratino, who conducted it in a fine manner. Brother Peter Phucas presented his report of the District Convention, after which, Brother Peratino gave his report of the National Convention, and then proceeded to announce his resignation due to his election to the Supreme Governorship. This elevated Vice-President, Brother Louis Levathes to the office of the Chapter President, and Brother Phucas was unanimously elected to fill the vacated position of Vice-President. Following the regular business, Supreme Vice-President Poulos was called upon to install the two officers. Brother Poulos performed the installation in a dignified manner assisted by Brother Anthony Sembeos as Master of Ceremonies.

After the installation ceremonies the Supreme Officers spoke briefly and enthusiastically concerning the chapter and the entire fraternity. The new President, Brother Levathes, also made a few interesting remarks as he closed the meeting.

Baseball at Hammond

ON Sunday, July 12th, the base ball team of the Pygmalion Chapter of Hammond, Indiana, played the Ypsilanti Chapter of Chicago as an added feature of the local Ahepa Chapter's picnic. Mr. E. Thompson, president of the Ahepa chapter, offered a dollar to the player hitting the first home run of the game. For eight innings Mr. Thompson's dollar was unclaimed but with two out and two mates on base in the last half of the ninth, Brother Beresolos of the Hammond team belted the ball into deep left-center field for a home run to win the award. Beresolos' round tripper failed to help his team's cause as Ypsilanti won, 15 to 11, and evening the season's series between the two teams at one game apiece.

With the coming of the fall season the Pygmalion Chapter is preparing a complete program for another lively period. Having heard the report of the St. Paul Convention from their delegate, Brother Ted Sarantis, the chapter is now more determined than ever to prove itself one of the leading chapters of the Order of Sons of Pericles.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary News Achievements of the "Eos" Chapter

FOLLOWING the leadership of our very gracious and untiring President, Mrs. Etta Naciopoulos, "Eos" Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, San Francisco, Calif., has continued to forge ahead to the goals that somehow do not seem so remote as they were a short time ago. It is very interesting to note that after a chapter has grown to be a few years old the goals that were our ambition do not seem at all difficult of attainment and as they stand as monuments of work well done we must of course create new ones; the fundamental principle of the Order remaining unchanged naturally.

For the membership as a whole we cling to the intellectual activities that must be predominant in a group of women of all ages if that group is to survive. We also understand that the restlessness which is inherent in all young people must be given some mode of expression so we have created over the last three years a series of activities where they can be the participants and we, the elder group the audience. It has been an admirable arrangement. Some of their activities are noted among the doings in Eos Chapter, which follow:

1. Entertainment Committee, Mrs. William Petros, Chairman, has provided a great many sociable occasions some of which were enjoyed also by our Ahepan brothers. There have been lectures by excellent speakers upon subjects of interest to an intelligent group of ladies. Our annual May Dance given this year in the Roof Garden of the Whitcomb Hotel was a great social and financial success. The people here have been so pleased by the tenure of our public affairs that they are fired with the spirit of keen anticipation whenever a forthcoming event is announced. The Fall Whist, the proceeds of which goes to the Greek schools, is the next form of entertainment planned.

2. The Drama Committee, Mrs. Walter Peterson, Chairman, have delighted us with their presentations. Mrs. Peterson not only has a genius for presenting plays, but is gifted with an unusually beautiful singing voice and as she is very generous with her talent we often have the pleasure of hearing her sing.

3. The Music Committee, Mrs. Eugenia Lagios, Chairman, have developed choral singing to a fine degree. Our ceremonial songs are lovely; it seems a pity that they can't be done for the public, however there has been some thought given to other music which we will be able to present for them in the future.

4. The Basketball Team, Irene Pagonis, Captain, walked away with the championship in their division of the GAA this spring. The other local chapters of our Order should have athletic teams. There would be so much more fun for our team itself and the rest of the members also if the spirit of friendly rivalry which



Members of the Drill Team, "EOS" Chapter

Lower row, left to right: Helen Panas, Mary Pantoleon, Tessie Crinos, Francine Lourentzos, Irene Pagonis, Eugenia Lagios, Paulen Lagios. Second row, left to right: Elaine Katon, Helen Constantine, Chrisantho Milarides, Chrissy Braimes, Ellen Petrudes, Bessie Braimes. Holding banner, left to right: Mrs. Etta Naciopoulos, President; Mrs. C. K. Katon, Vice President.

exists between the chapters here could be extended to the athletic games also.

5. Our Drill Team, Mrs. Francine Lourentzos, Captain, is our pride and joy! It is the chapter's youngest child and after only eight months' practice drilling they were awarded the first prize at the District Convention in San Jose this summer. It was their first public appearance. They were all a little nervous before their turn came to go on, but when that whistle blew that business on hand was all that occupied their minds and did they give a beautiful performance! The auditorium just reverberated with the applause accorded them. Their score was 98.6 points out of a possible 100. The United States Army Officer judges informed our President that if this were really their first appearance they had nothing to worry about in the future. That was a compliment indeed.

6. Mrs. Ellen Antipa and her members of the Sick Committee go quietly and efficiently about their duties. This is a very necessary part of our organization.

7. Our dancing groups are not a committee but every time we are invited to participate in competitive Greek Folk Dancing, Eos Chapter comes home with the first prize. We have won two cups this year, one at the Independence Day exercises and one at the annual Ahepa picnic.

Taken by and large this being first in so many things is very gratifying to us all but it

does keep us on the qui vive. This feeling is probably greatly responsible for the close feeling of sisterhood which is so intense in Eos Chapter.

GLADYS K. KATON,
Publicity.

Penelope Chapter No. 15 Columbus, Ohio, Presents Classical Greek Drama

ON AUGUST 30, Penelope Chapter, No. 15, Columbus, Ohio, presented its first classical Greek drama. The play, "The Nostalgia of Odysseus," was produced in the University Hall auditorium on a background suitable to the spirit of the classical drama. The play dramatizes a part of the Homeric poem, "The Odyssey."

Odysseus, ruler of Ithaca, a victim of the wrath of the gods, is held captive on the enchanted island of Calypso for seven years, after having been tossed about upon the sea. Athena, the constant protectress of Odysseus, protests at the council of the gods against the injustice done to her hero. Therefore Zeus despatches Hermes, the swift-footed messenger, to bid Calypso to dismiss her prisoner guest and send him on his voyage home. She reluctantly bids him build a boat on which he sets sail for home, but on the way is wrecked

on island of the Phaeacians. He swims up the mouth of the river where he lands and makes a bed of leaves under a thicket.

Next morning, Nausicaa, the fair daughter of Alcinous, ruler of the Phaeacians, in obedience to a vision, goes with her maidens to wash the linen of the household in the river. Odysseus awakes by the voices of the maidens and presents himself as a suppliant to Nausicaa, who gives him raiment, and directs him how to find her father's palace. The Phaeacians welcome him and feast him. On the next day, they give him gifts and send him home.

Odysseus, cast in a deep sleep, is set ashore at Ithaca by the Phaeacians, where on awakening, does not know it. Athena, in the form of a shepherd, informs Odysseus that he is at last at home and instructs him what to do. He discovers himself to his son Telemachus. Euryclia, an old nurse of Odysseus, upon bathing his feet, recognizes her master. He devises plans with his son to kill the wooers. Finally he makes himself known to his beloved wife, Penelope, who had been waiting patiently all this time for him, and establishes himself in the rightful place of King of Ithaca.

This play was produced under the direction of the competent and ardent leader, Mrs. Elvira Triffon, former teacher of the local Greek School and Vice President of Penelope Chapter. The cast was well chosen and the costumes and scenery were faithfully executed according to classical detail.

The role of wandering Odysseus was played by Mr. Peter Paulus, a student at Ohio State University. His interpretation of the part was exceedingly well done and the audience was moved by the dramatic force of his speeches. He was ably supported by Miss Helen Vayian as Penelope, Mr. Steve Steffens as Hermes, Miss Bess Karres as Calypso, Miss Esther Brown as Nausicaa, Miss Amelia Chakeres as Athena, Mr. Harry Vayian as Telemachus, and Miss Mary Vayian as Euryclia. Mr. George Brown, Mr. Harry Vayian, Mr. Peter Georgiton, and Mr. Michael Chakeres played the parts of the rowers. Miss Helen Vayian, Miss Thespian Triffon, Miss Amelia Chakeres, Miss Jeanette Deonesos, Miss Katherine Georgiton, Miss Sofia Coumantar, and Miss Mary Vayian were the nymphs and maidens of Nausicaa.

The dances of the nymphs, arranged by Miss Naomi Allenbaugh, added greatly to the effectiveness of the play. To continue the classical effect even during intermission Miss Mary Karres, President of Penelope Chapter, dressed also in a classical costume, sang "Nezaida Ton Gialou." Miss Jeanette Deonesos played a classical piano solo and also sang a vocal solo.

The occasion for the presentation of the play was highly cultural to honor the winner of the Theta Pi contest, a contest whose objective is to revive interest in Greek civilization among high school students of Hellenic descent. At the same time, the interest so awakened may arouse in the student a desire to pursue and further his knowledge of that beautiful language which no other language excels in beauty. And to fulfill this worthy purpose, Penelope Chapter sponsored this contest, awarding a prize for the best written essay on any subject bearing to the Odyssey.

Last May 10, a group of young, eager Hellenes assembled in the Greek Church auditorium, to write their essays in the presence of the Theta Pi Committee. The result of the essays showed that great effort was put forth by each entrant on writing the subject most interested to him. Such subjects as "The

Characteristics of Penelope as Depicted by Homer," "Was There a Homer?," "The Influence of Homer on Subsequent Literature," and many others were chosen by the contestants.

These essays were later judged by a committee of three, comprised of Mr. Angel Triffon, chairman, Dr. C. H. Solomonides, and Dr. T. N. Manos. In the opinion of the three judges, Miss Georgia Roumeliote, a young lady of unusual talent and a senior in high school, received first place. She chose to write upon "The Influence of Homer on Subsequent Literature." Miss Roumeliote is also the recipient of several musical awards. Miss Sofia Anast ranked second, and honorable mention went to Miss Helen Vayian, Miss Thespian Triffon and Miss Georgia Anast.

During intermission Miss Esther Brown introduced the winner of the contest to the audience and called upon Mr. Triffon to present the award to the young lady. Mr. Triffon offered his hearty congratulations to Miss Roumeliote upon presenting the loving cup to her, and wished her further progress.

The success of the affair may be attributed to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Triffon and to the Theta Pi Contest Committee comprised of Miss Esther Brown, Chairman, Mrs. Elvira Triffon, Miss Mary Karres, and Miss Mary Chakeres.

ESTHER BROWN,
Secretary.

Anderson Ladies Entertain Convention Guests

ON THE occasion of the district convention of Ahepa, District No. 12, held in June, Anderson Chapter, "Nausicaa," No. 7, of the Daughters of Penelope, entertained the visiting ladies with a theatre party given at the Paramount Theatre by the courtesy of Mr. Van Noy, manager.

On Monday afternoon the ladies were

entertained at a luncheon, given at the Club Royale, in the Anderson Hotel, after which we adjourned to the mezzanine floor where the children gave a musical program. Those participating were: Miss Ann Pancel, who sang two solos, accompanied by Miss Bessie Cachifa; Sophie Pancel and Eulyn and Berth Anton, trio of violins, two selections, accompanied by Miss Ann Pancel, piano; George Alatza, accordion selection, accompanied by his Elaine Alatza; Miss Hazel Blassaras, piano solo; Mary Prakas, tap dance solo, accompanied by Mrs. N. Mallers. An encore by George Alatza, on his accordion, closed the program. The ladies met at 7:00 p. m. again to go to the State Theatre, courtesy of Mr. Mueller, manager.

Tuesday noon at 12:00, the Nausicaa Chapter held an initiation and candle light ceremony, at the Eagles Lodge. The candle light ceremony was open to the public and many attended. A short meeting was held by the ladies afterwards.

Three Presidents of various chapters of the Daughters of Penelope were present: Mrs. S. Grammas, Hammond, Ind.; Mrs. L. Lamberston, Springfield, Ohio, and Mrs. Kalias, Fort Wayne, Ind.

In the evening the banquet and dance were given. A very good time was enjoyed.

BESSIE CACHIFA,
Secretary.

MISSING—GEORGE TSAPAS

Will anyone who knows of the whereabouts of George Tsapas, of Levetsova, Sparta, Greece, please communicate with the Ahepa Headquarters, Investment Building, Washington, D. C.



Participants in the play, "The Nostalgia of Odysseus," sponsored by Penelope Chapter of the Daughters, Columbus, Ohio. Rowing from left to right, first row: Mary Vayian, nymph; Jeanette Deonesos, nymph; Georgia Roumeliote, recipient of Theta Pi award; Mary Karres, vocalist; Sofia Coumantar, nymph. Second row: Katherine Georgiton, nymph; Esther Brown, Nausicaa; Helen Vayian, Penelope; Peter Paulus, Odysseus; Mrs. Elvira Triffon, Director; Bess Karres, Calypso; Amelia Chakeres, Athena; Thespian Triffon, nymph. Third row: George Brown, rower; Harry Vayian, Telemachus; Steve Steffens, Hermes; Michael Chakeres, rower; Peter Georgiton, rower.

ΠΕΝΝΙΕΣ

ΑΠΟ ΤΟ 13^{ΟΝ} ΕΤΗΣΙΟΝ ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΑΗΕΡΑ ΕΝ ΣΤ. ΡΑΥΙ

Υπό ΗΛΙΑ ΤΖΑΝΕΤΗ

Γενικώς ομολογείται ότι τὸ ἐρετινὸν Συνέδριον τῆς Ἀχέπας, ἦτο ἓνα ἐκ τῶν ἀρίστων καὶ τὸ πλέον ἐποικοδομητικὸν εἰς ἀποράσεις ἐξ ὧν ἔχουν λάβει χώραν μέχρι σήμερον.

—Ὁμοίως γενικῶς ομολογείται ότι τὰ ἐτήσια Συνέδρια τῆς Ἀχέπας, ἔχουν λάβει πανελληνίον πανηγυρικὸν χαρακτήρα, οὕτως ὥστε θεωροῦνται τὸ μεγαλύτερον κοινωνικὸν γεγονός παρὰ τῷ Ἑλληνισμῷ τῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

—Ἐκτὸς τῶν ἀντιπροσώπων, εἰς τὰ Συνέδρια προσέρχονται πλήθη Ἑλλήνων καὶ Ἑλληνίδων ἀπὸ ὅλα τὰ σημεῖα τῆς Ἀμερικανικῆς Συμπολιτείας, παρακολουθοῦν μὲ ἐνδιαφέρον τὰ τῶν Συνεδρίων καὶ λαμβάνουν μέρος εἰς ὅλας τὰς Ἀχέπας τελετάς.

—Αἱ Ἑλληνίδες σύζυγοι ἀντιπροσώπων καὶ ἐπισκεπτῶν, ἀποτελοῦν ἰδικὸν τὸν κόμπον διαρκούντος τοῦ Συνεδρίου. Οἱ ἄνδρες τῶν εἶναι ἀπησχολημένοι μὲ τὰς ἐργασίας τοῦ Συνεδρίου καὶ ἀφοῦ παύσονται ἐπιματῶς τοὺς ἀναμένον διαρκητῶν, ἀναγκάζονται νὰ κάμνουν ἰδικὰς τῶν γυναικείας συναστροφάς, γνωρίζονται ἀναμεταξύ τῶν καὶ διασκεδάζουν ἐν εὐθυμίᾳ σὰν καλὰ παλαιὰ φίλοι.

—Κατὰ κανόνα, αἱ Ἑλληνίδες ποῦ ἐρχονται εἰς τὰ Συνέδρια, σύζυγοι καὶ θυγατέρες ἀντιπροσώπων ἢ μή, εἶναι ὠραῖαι, ὁμιλητικαὶ καὶ διαγυτικά, οὕτως ὥστε προσδίδουν ἓνα ἐξαιρετικὸν ἀρώμα καὶ χάριν εἰς τὴν ὅλην κοινωνικὴν κίνησιν. Αἱ Ἑλληνίδες ἔχουν μάτις τοῦ μαγνητίζου καὶ ὑπνωτίζου. Εἶναι πολὺ ὠραῖαι, μοῦ ἔλεγον δύο κυρίαι Ἀμερικανίδες ποῦ μὲ ἠρώτησαν περὶ τοῦ Συνεδρίου καὶ τῆς σημασίας τῆς λέξεως ΑΗΕΡΑ.

—Εἰς ὅλας τὰς πόλεις ποῦ ἔλαβον χώραν τὰ διαφόρα Συνέδρια τῆς Ἀχέπας, οἱ Ἀχέπας καὶ οἱ ἐπισκέπται ἀφῆνον τὰς ἀρίστους τῶν ἐντυπώσεων. Εἶναι αξιοπρεπεῖς καὶ σοβαροὶ Κύριοι καὶ ἀποφεύγουν κάθε ἀσχηματῶν καὶ παρεκτροπῶν. Ἰδίως οἱ διευθύνται τῶν ξενοδοχείων εἰς τὰ ἅποια λαμβάνουν μέρος τὰ Συνέδρια ἐκδηλώνουν παντοεισρέπως τὸν ἐνθουσιασμὸν τῶν διὰ τὴν ἀμειψτὸν διαγωγῆν τῶν Συνεδρίων.

—Μόνον εἰς τὸ ἐρετινὸν Συνέδριον ἐπιχειρώθησαν μερικαὶ ζωηρότητες καὶ ποῦτο ὠφείλετο εἰς τὸ γεγονός ότι ὁ διευθυντὴς τοῦ Νωτέλ Λόφο, ὁ κ. Κλήσον ἦτο Ἑλληὴν καὶ κατὰ συνέπειαν οἱ συνέδριοι καὶ οἱ ἐπισκέπται εἶχον περισσότερον

θάρρος. Αἱ ζωηρότητες ἦσαν τραγῳδία καὶ χορὰ ὅλην τὴν νύκτα εἰς μερικὰ δωμάτια τοῦ Νωτέλ καὶ μίαν ἡμέραν μὲ ὅμας ἀνδρῶν καὶ γυναικῶν ἤρχισαν νὰ χορεύουν μὲ τραγῳδίαν τὸν «Ἀητό» καὶ τὸν «Ττάμικον» εἰς τὸ λάμπω. Τὸ πρῶμα ἦλθεν εἰς γνώμην τοῦ προέδρου τοῦ Συνεδρίου κ. Α. Παντελή, ὅστις ἐπέτελεν ἐπιτροπὴν μὲ τὴν ἐντολήν νὰ σταματήσουν τοὺς δημοσίους χοροὺς εἰς ἀκατάλληλον μέρος οἱ διασκεδάζοντες. Ὁ χορὸς ἐσταμάτησεν ἀνευ ἀντιρρήσεων.

—Τόσον οἱ κάτοικοι ὅσον καὶ αἱ ἀρχαὶ τῆς πόλεως Σαιντ Πάολ, ἐξηδύλησαν αἰσθήματα λίαν φιλόξενα πρὸς τοὺς Ἀχέπας καὶ δι' αὐτῶν ἀπέδωσαν μεγάλαν στρατιωτικὴν τιμὰς εἰς τοὺς ἀντιπροσώπους τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ τῆς Ὀρθοδόξου Ἐκκλησίας.

—Ἡ παρέλασις, ὁ χορὸς, τὸ δείπνον καὶ ἡ ἀθλητικὴ ἐπίδειξις τοῦ Base Ball μεταξύ Περιηλεῶν καὶ Ἀχέπας ἦσαν γεγονότα λίαν ἐνδιαφέροντα καὶ ἐπιτυχῆ ἐν τῇ ἐκτελέσει τῶν.

—Ταυτόχρονα μὲ τὸ Συνέδριον τῆς Ἀχέπας, εἰς ἄλλην αἴθουσαν ἔλαμβανον χώραν καὶ τὸ ἐτήσιον Συνέδριον τῶν Γιῶν τοῦ Περιηλεῶς. Πρὸ τοῦ θορόδου, τοῦ ὄγκου καὶ τῆς ἐπιρροῆς τοῦ Συνεδρίου τῆς Ἀχέπας, ἡ παρουσία τῶν Γιῶν ἦτο σχεδὸν ἀφανὴς καὶ οὕτω διὰ τοῦ εὐστήματός τοῦ ταυτόχρονον τῶν δύο Συνεδρίων, ἀδικεῖται πέρα πάλω οἱ Περιηλεῖται, οἱ ὅποιοι παραμένουν ἐν ἀπογοητευτικῇ ἀφανείᾳ.

ΚΟΙΝΟΒΟΥΛΕΥΤΙΣΜΟΙ

Ἐνα ἐκ τῶν πλέον ἀξιολόγων κατορθωμάτων τῆς Ἀχέπας, εἶναι ἡ ἐπιτολὴ καὶ ἐξέταξις εἰς τὰ Συνέδρια τῶν κοινοβουλευτικῶν κανόνων καὶ θεσμῶν, οἱ ὅποιοι τηροῦνται μὲ ἀξιοθαύμαστον σεβασμὸν. Ὁ στίχος τῆς ἐπιδείξεως τῆς ἐξελίξεως τῶν ὁμογενῶν μας εἰς τὸ πεδίον αὐτὸ εἶναι: τὰ Συνέδρια τῆς Ἀχέπας, ἡ Βουλὴ οὕτως εἶπεν τῶν Ἑλλήνων τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Αἱ συζητήσεις διεξάγονται καὶ αἱ προτάσεις καὶ τὰ φερύματα υποβάλλονται συμφώνως μὲ τὴν πέμπτην ἐκδοσὴν τῶν κοινοβουλευτικῶν κανονισμῶν τοῦ Ρόμπερτς. Εἰς τὸ Ἀρχαικὸν Κοινοβούλιον ἐπικρατεῖ τοιαύτη λαμπρότης καὶ τάξις εἰς τὰς συζητήσεις καὶ τοιαύτη εὐλάβεια πρὸς τοὺς κανόνες, ποῦ θὰ τὴν ἐξήλεσαν καὶ αὐτοὶ οἱ Ἀγγλοὶ ἐν τῇ Βουλῇ τῶν Κοινοτήτων.

«Κύριε πρόεδρε. Παρακαλῶ ὅπως ἡ ἔδρα ζητήσῃ ἀπὸ τὸν ἀγορευόντα νὰ ἀνακαλέσῃ τὴν φράσιν ὡς ἀνάρμοστον καὶ θίγουσαν ὀρισμένους ἀντιπροσώπους», εἶπεν ἓνας ἀντιπρόσωπος διακρίτων τὸν ἀγορευόντα.

«Ἀνακαλῶ προθύμως τὴν φράσιν ἀφοῦ θεωρεῖται ἀνάρμοστον ἀνεφώνητον ἀμέσως ὁ ἀγορευὸν πρὶν ὁ πρόεδρος ἐκφέρει γνώμην.

«Ἡ ἔδρα δὲν θεωρεῖ τὴν φράσιν ἀρεπὴ καὶ παρακαλεῖ τὸν ἀγορευόντα νὰ προχωρήσῃ καὶ τὸν διαμαρτυρηθέντα νὰ καθῆται, διότι δὲν ὑπάρχει ζήτημα ἀρεπείας» ἐπρόσθεσεν ὁ πρόεδρος.

«Ἀποδέχομαι μετ' εὐλαβείας τὴν ἀποφῆν τῆς ἔδρας», εἶπεν ὁ διαμαρτυρηθεὶς καὶ ἐκάθησεν.

«Ἐν τοιαύτῃ περιπτώσει, ἵνα ὑποδοχθῆται τὴν ἀποφῆν τῆς ἔδρας καὶ ἀφοῦ δὲν ὑπάρχει ζήτημα ἀρεπείας φράσεως, ἀνακαλῶ τὴν ἀνάκλησιν», ἀπήντησεν ὁ ρητορεύων καὶ οὕτω ἐλήξε τὸ κοινοβουλευτικὸν ἐπεισόδιον μὲ σοβαρότητα καὶ χιούμωρ.

«Κύριε πρόεδρε. Σήμερον τὴν πρωίαν, διαρκούντος τῆς συζητήσεως περὶ μοῦ διέφυγαν λέξεις τινές μὲ κάποιαν ἀπότομον βιαιότητα, τὰς ὅποιας μερικοὶ συνέδριοι παρετήρησαν ὡς στρεφόμενος ἐναντίον τῶν προσωπικῶς. Τοῦτου ἐνεκεν κ. πρόεδρε, ἐπιθυμῶ δι' ἑμῶν νὰ ζητήσω συγγνώμην ἀπὸ ὅμας, ἀπὸ τοὺς παρεξηγηθέντας τὰς λέξεις καὶ ἀπὸ τοὺς συνέδριους γενικῶς καὶ θέλω νὰ διαδεδωκίω πάντας ὅμας ότι, οὐδέποτε διανοήθη νὰ θίξω τὰ αἰσθήματα διακεκριμένων φίλων καὶ συνέδριων, τοὺς ὅποιους βαθύτατα ἐκτιμῶ. (Χειροκροτήματα).

«Κύριε πρόεδρε. Σύμφωνα μὲ τὴν ἀπόφασιν τοῦ περυσίου Συνεδρίου, ἡ Ἐπιτροπὴ ἐπὶ τῆς ἰδρύσεως Ὀργανοτροφεῖου.....».

«Ἐἴθε ἐκτὸς θέματος. Παρακαλῶ καθῆσθαι.....».

«Μὰ κύριε πρόεδρε. Χθὲς καὶ προχθὲς προσπαθῆσαι νὰ ὁμιλήσω περὶ τοῦ ἰδίου θέματος, μὲ εὐχάσθη ἐκτὸς θέματος. Ἔως ποῦ θὰ εἶμαι ἐκτὸς θέματος;»

«Ἐθὰ εἴθε ἐκτὸς θέματος μέχρις ὅτου τὸ θέμα ἔλθῃ κανονικῶς ἐπὶ τάπητος.»

«Καὶ ἂν δὲν ἔλθῃ τὸ θέμα ἐπὶ τάπητος, δὲν δύναμαι ἐγὼ νὰ φέρω τὸν τόπητον ἐπὶ τοῦ θέματος;»

«Βεβαίως δύνασθε, εάν μεταμορφωθίτε εις Μωάμεθ και πάτα σεις από βουνό άρου έκείνο δέν έρχεται σέ σάρι».

«Εύχαριστώ διά την ύπόδειξιν της λύσεως κ. πρόεδρε. Μιμούμενος τόν Μωάμεθ θά φέρω τόν τάπητα επί του θέματος».

(Χειροκροτήματα).

Ο πρόεδρος Α. Παντελής, όρίζει να άμείψουν δύο όπέρ και δύο κατά μιας προτάσεως. Καθορίζει πάντε λεπτά δι' έκατον άμειψήν διά να άναπτύξη τός άπόψεις του και όρίζει τούς άμειψήσ. Ο πρώτος άμειψήσ που θά άμείψη όπέρ της προτάσεως άνήλθεν εις τό βήμα και είπε:

«Κύριε πρόεδρε. Τό υπό συζήτησιν θέμα είναι ύψιστου ένδιαφέροντος. Θα σάς παρακάλω να δώσετε εις τούς άμειψήσ από δέκα λεπτά διά να άναπτύξουν έκτεώς τός άπόψεις των».

«Από ποιά μέρος της Ελλάδος κατάγεσθε κύριε Σύνεδρε, άρώτησεν ό πρόεδρος».

«Από την Λακωνίαν. Είμαι Λάκων και πολύ υπερήσνος δι' αυτό κ. πρόεδρε».

«Λάκωνι! Τότε άπόδειξέ τα. Τίμησε την Λακωνίαν. Μίλησε Λακωνικά».

«Έχετε δίκαιον κ. πρόεδρε. Θα άμειψώ Λακωνικά ως γνήσιος Λάκων».

«Κύριοι Σύνεδροι. Ύψιστα συμμέροντα 'Ασέλφότητος επίδύλλων υπερφύριστι προτάσει» είπε Λακωνικά ό Λάκων Σύνεδρος και κατήλθε του βήματος χειροκροτούμενος. Η πρότασις υπερεφύρισθη.

ΙΠΠΟΤΙΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΟΦΡΟΝΗΣΕΙΣ

Μεταξύ τών διαφόρων ήγητόρων, ίδίως τών τώσ ύπάτων προέδρων, ύπάρχουν διαφοράι γνώμων και διεξάγονται ζωηρά συζητήσεις επί φλεγόντων ζητημάτων. Λι συζητήσεις διεξάγονται με βίαιον χρωματισμόν αλλά εις γλώσσαν εύπρεπή. Οι πρωτοσταίς του Συνεδρίου ως και οι θεσπαι τών θεωρησών, φανταζονται ότι μεταξύ τών συζητούντων ύπάρχει πάθος και αίσος. Κατόπιν όμως μένου έκπληκται και προφανώς εύχαριστερήμενοι, βλέποντες μετά την φηρορρίαν επί του υπό βίαιον συζητησιν θέματος, να συγχάριξ ο ήττηθείς τόν νικητήν και κατόπιν να συντρέγουν και να συνομιλούν με άδελφικόν πνεύμα σάν άληθείς κύριοι και άκρωσ πολιτισμένοι άνθρωποι.

Λι έκλογαί τών ύπάτων άφισματούσων είναι τό πλέον ένδιαφέρον σημάσιον τών Συνεδρίων. Εκεί επίδεικνύεται ή πρής τόν ίπποτισμόν εξέλιξις του Έλληνος μεταπολέτου.

Ο ήττημένος ύποφύρισ, έγείρεται, πλέκει τό εγκώμιον του νικητού αντιπάλου του και τόν συγχάριξ θεωρώσ, χωρίς

να φανερώνη σημάσιον πείσματος ή πικρίας. Δέχεται με την ίδίαν γαλήνην και φυγραιμίαν την γλυκύτητα της νίκης και την πικρίαν της ήττης. Εφείτος ύπεδείχθη δι' έπανεκλογήν εις τό άξίωμα του Ύπάτου Προέδρου ό κ. Βασ. Τσιμπιδης. Ο έκ Μολίν, Έλλ. θανός άμειψήσ κ. Σπ. Κόσμος έκκαμε την ύπόδειξιν, δώσας εις την άμείψιν του άριστοτεχνικόν χρωματισμόν και ζωηρότητα.

Ο τώσ Ύπατος Πρόεδρος κ. Άχ. Κατσώνης, άνήλθεν εις τό βήμα και εξ ύνόματος της Τσιμπιδικής ούτως είπειν άντιπολιτευόσως, ύπεστήριξε την πρότασιν του κ. Κόσμου. Ο κ. Κατσώνης, με νηρηλιότητα που έφανέρονε τά ειλικρινή του αίσθήματα και με την ρητορικήν άριστοτεχνικήν δεξιότητα που τόν διακρίνει, έπλεξε τό εγκώμιον του κ. Τσιμπιδου και εξήγησε την διά βοής έκλογήν του υπό τό ζωηρό χειροκροτήματα τών συνέδρων.

ΤΑ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΑ

Μερικοί έκ τών αντιπροσώπων, παραπονώνται και διαμαρτύρονται ότι εις τά 'Αγέπικα Συνέδρια ύπάρχουν πολιτικά. Και όμως εύρίσκονται άν άδίκω και ζητών τά άπολόσις παράλογα και άδύνατα. "Αν έλλειπαν τά πολιτικά από τά Συνέδρια της 'Αγέπικς, θα έπακράτη τοιαύτη γαλήνη και τοιαύτη κωραστική μονοτονία και νεκρα που θα έμοιαζεν σάν Συνέδρια σκίου ή άρσινων νεκρών. Τά πολιτικά δίδουν ζωή, ζωστή και ρωμαστικόν χρώμα εις τά Συνέδρια. Γίνονται ζωώσις, κινήσις, άνεσοκατωτάματα, συνδυασμοί όμαλοί και άνωμαλοί, προσχωρήσις, αποχωρήσις και ένα σιωρή ζωώσις που δίδουν ζωηρότητα και ένέσις δράσεως εις τούς συνέδρους.

Η έκλογή του Πάπα υπό τών Θεοφόρων Καθολικών Άρχιερίων, γίνεται κατόπιν πολυάκωνων πολιτικών ζωώσεων. Η έκλογή του Οικουμενικού Πατριάρχου έκρίνετο και έστηρίζετο επί τών πολιτικών ζωώσεων τών Πατριάρχων. Τό ίδιον συμβαίνει με τούς ήγητόρας όλων τών θρησκουστικών ζωώσεων. "Αν λοιπόν εις τοιαύτα ήθροματα ούδενίον σγάσιν έχοντα με τός ανθρωπίνους άδυναμίας και ματαιότητας και έχοντα μένον θεϊον προσησμόν, παίζουν τά πολιτικά τόν συνήθη ρόλον των, είναι άδύσις παράλογος και άπολόσις άνοικονόμητος να εξίσιν μερικοί να εκδιωχθούν τά πολιτικά από την 'Αγέπικ, ζηλητή να εκδιωχθή ή ζωή, και μάλιστα από Όργάνισιν άποτέλοσμενην από Έλληνας που διά μέπου τών ζώωνων ζιστώθησαν ως σολή με φαιοτόρις και πολιτικά. Πρέπει να έμειθα υπερήσμονι που και εις τόν κλάσον αυτόν εξειλιχθησαν άνελόγως, ούτως ώστε τά πολιτικά παρά τη 'Αγέπικ έχων λάθει ήθικόν χρώμα και έκδηλωσις ίπποσικιάς.

ΤΟ ΠΑΘΗΜΑ ΤΟΥ Κ. ΗΛΙΑ ΤΖΑΝΕΤΗ

Ο κ. Ηλίας Τζανετής, γράφει κάθε χρόνο τός έντυπώσεις του από τά Συνέδρια της 'Αγέπικς. Μας χενίξει όλους με τόν άμειψτον χουμοριστικόν τρόπον που γράφει, ίδίως όμως χενίξει και ξεχενίξει περισσότερο τούς στενούς του φίλους.

Είναι χρόνια τώρα που σέ κάθε Συνέδριον, κάποιοι αντιπρόσωποι, εν συνεννοήσει προφανώς, του κλέβουν τό μαστούνι του. Έκείνος διαμαρτύρεται εις τό προεδρείον, αλλά τό μαστούνι γίνεται άφαντον.

Πέρσει από Σικάγο, τουκλεσαν τό μαστούνι του και τόν παναμά του, ούτως ώστε διά πρώτην φοράν παρουσιάσθη εις τό St. Paul χωρίς μαστούνι και χωρίς καπέλλο, επίδεικνώνσ σάν κόλλετζ' μπόυ την μεγαλοπρεπή του φαλάκρα.

Αφού δέν είχε ούτε μαστούνι ούτε καπέλλο και ήτο άρκατά δύσκολον να του κλέβουν τά καπούσινα του, του έπαίξεν τό εξής παιγνίδι, τό ύποιον παρακαλείσθε να δημοσιεύσθε ως τό περιγράφο κατωτέρω, έκτός αν ό ίδιος τό αναφέρει εις τά δικά του στίσσα.

Ο Τζανετής έσθασε από St. Paul την Δευτέρα τό μεσημέρι. Τό άπόγευμα ήλθε διά πρώτην φορά στην συνεδρίαν ως αντιπρόσωπος του Τμήματος Springfield, Mass. Εις την είσοδον της αίθούσης του λέγει ένας ύψηλόσωμος φρουρός:

«The pass word please».

Ο Τζανετής ήρχισε να ξόνη τό κεφάλι του. «Φίλε μου, δέν τό ξέρω. Δηλαδή τό ξέρω αλλά τό ξέχασα», είπεν ό Τζανετής εις τόν κέρθερον φρουρόν.

«Απαγορεύεται ή είσοδος. Δέν επιτρέπεται να ξεχωρήσ».

«Τί θα πη απαγορεύεται! Άστειλώσται: Δέν βλέπετε πως είμαι αντιπρόσωπος!»

«Δέν τό ξέρω γώ αυτό. Η τό pass word ή μετά δέν μπαίνεισ».

Οι αντιπρόσωποι του New Jersey και ό Σεντομάνης με τόν Κούσρη από τό Κοννέκτικουτ, ειτήρχοντο εις την αίθουσαν και εξήγησε την βούθειαν των.

Ο Αντ. Δεδόπουλος από τό Jersey City είπαι εις τόν φρουρόν:

«Ακουσε δώ φρουρά! Ο κύριος αυτός ούτε 'Αγέπικς είναι, ούτε αντιπρόσωπος, ούτε Έλληνας. Είναι 'Αρβάνιτης παρακαλοσιστής. Τά μάτια σου τέσσερα, μή τόν άφήσεσ να μπή μέσα. Πρόσεξε μή τί καταφέρη!»

«Don't worry, brother. I'll take care of this bird».

«Βρά πατριώτη, αυτόι τό πατράζου».

Δέν τούς βλέπεις πού κρυφογελούν; "Αφησέ με νά μπό μέσα».

«Άντε, κάτω ἔξω κι' αὐτά δέν περ-
νάνε σέ μένα».

«Άκουσε 'δὸ πατριώτη. Εἶμαι Ἀχέ-
παν καὶ ἀντιπρόσωπος, πρῶην Supreme
Governor καὶ ... καὶ... καὶ με λένε Ἡλία
Τζανετῆ. Δέν ἔχεις ἀκούσει ποτέ τὸ ὄ-
νομα Τζανετῆς; Δέν τὸ διάβασες πω-
θενά;

«Τζανετῆς!!! I never heard of such
a funny name!...»

Στὴ πόρτα διεξήγατο ζωηρὰ λογιμα-
χία μεταξὺ τοῦ ἀκάμπτου φρουροῦ καὶ τοῦ
Τζανετῆ. Ὁ φρουρὸς εἶχεν ἀγριέσει καὶ
ἀγένητο ἀπειλητικῶς. Ἐκείνην τὴν στιγ-
μὴν εἰσέρχεται ὁ Γεώργιος Βουρνᾶς καὶ
ἠρώτησε τί συμβαίνει.

«Βρε Τζωρτζ, Πῆς αὐτονοῦ τοῦ
στακρωτῆ τοῦ χωροφύλακα νά μ' ἀφήσῃ
νά μπό μέσα. Δέν μ' ἀφήνει νά μπό ἐ-
πειδὴ ξέχασα τὸ pass word».

«Φρουρέ! Ἄφες τὸν κυριὸν νά μπό
μέσα. Εἶναι καὶ Ἀχέπαν καὶ ἀντιπρόσω-
πος».

«Εἶσαι εἰρηυρῆς; Τὸν πάρνεις ὑπ' εὐ-
θύνην σου»

«Ναί-ναί, Ἀπολύτως ὑπ' εὐθύνην
μου».

«Καλά, δώσε μου τ' ὄνομά του νά τὸ
γράψω κάτω. Δέν θέλω μπαλάδες. Ἄλ-
λος μοῦ λέει πὼς δέν εἶν' Ἀχέπαν, ἄλλος
πὼς εἶναι Ἀρβανίτης καὶ νά σοῦ πῶ δέν
μ' ἀρέσει αὐτὸ ἢ φάταξ του οὔτε ἢ φαλά-
κρα του. Μοιάζει σὰν Ἀρβανίτης!»

«Τί λές βρε πατριώτη! Σ' ἀλήθεια τὸ
λές πὼς δέν ξέρεις τὸν Τζανετῆ!»

«Δέν ἔχ' ἀκούσει ποτέ μου τέτοιο ὄ-
νομα».

«Αἰσπὸν ἄκουσε 'δὸ νά τοῦ πῶ ποῖς
εἶναι. Εἶναι ἀντιπρόσωπος ἀπὸ τὸ Spring-
field, Mass., πρῶην ὑπατος κυβερνήτης,
Ναυπώτης, γραφεὶς, συγγραφεὺς τῆς Φι-
λικῆς Ἐταιρίας καὶ ἔχει γραφεὶ σὺ πε-
ριετικῶν τῆς Ἀχέπαν τὰ «Λουκάνικα».

«Τὰ Λουκάνικα! με τὸ ρῆξ, με τῆς
πατάρας καὶ με τὸ λαχνοῦ»

«Ναί-ναί, Ἐκεῖνα τὰ «Λουκάνικα».

«Καὶ τῶχει γραφεὶ αὐτὸς ἔδω ὁ κῆ-
ριος!»

«Πῶσαι, ἄντε τῶχει γραφεὶ».

«Ὡστε τὸ τῶχεις γραφεὶ τὰ «Λουκάν-
ικα» πατριώτη!»

«Πῶσαι, ἄντε τῶχει γραφεὶ».

Βρε Χριστιανέ μου! Τί μοῦ κολωνο-
χῆς τόσην ὄραν Τζανετῆς, Springfield,
Supreme Governor, ἀντιπρόσωπος καὶ
τόσα ἄλλα πράγματα; Δέν μὴλλοις τό-
σην ὄραν «Λουκάνικα» πού θένονταν ὅλας
οἱ πόρτες; Ἄντε λοιπόν. Πῆρκα μέσα
καὶ χαίρω πού σέ γνώρισα. Κι' ἄλλη
φορὰ λέγα «Λουκάνικα» καὶ ἡ εἰσόδος

θάνει ἐλευθέρη καὶ γιὰ τὸν παρόντα
ἀκόμα».

Ἔτσι χάρις στὴν ἐπέμβασι τοῦ Βουρνᾶ
πού δέν πρόλαβαν νά τὸν εἰσπονήσουν οἱ
συνωμοτῆ καὶ χάρις στὰ «Λουκάνικα»
μπῆκε μέσα ὁ Τζανετῆς, εἰ δ' ἄλλως ἀ-
κόμα θὰ περιμένον ἄπ' ἔξω χωρὶς μπα-
στοῦνι, χωρὶς καπέλλο καὶ με τὴν φαλά-
κρα τοῦ λαμπροκόπουσαν.

PETER TSOPELAS
Philadelphia, Pa.

ΠΑΡΑΠΟΝΟ ΜΙΚΡΑΣ ΚΟΡΗΣ

Ἐπὶ ΣΤΑΘΗ Α. ΜΗΟΖΙΚΑ

*Ἀγαπίω τὴν Ἀχέλα
καὶ ἦθελα γιὰ μιὰ σιγμῆ,
ἀπὸ κομπούκι λούμαι
νά γινῶμεθα παιδιά.*

*Καὶ αἴλιος τῆς Ἀχέλα
νά γινῶμεθα τακτικῶ...
μιὰ... Νά πάω ἢ ὀργή νά πάω...
γιατί νά εἶμαι θηλακῶ;*

*Μαμά μου... λέγω σὴ μαμά...
γιατί δέν μ' ἔκαμες παιδάκι;
νά γιν' Ἀχέπαν μιὰ φορὰ
καὶ νά φορῶ υἱοῦκι;*

*Καὶ ἡ μαμά μου ἀπατιῶ...
Κοιτῶνι μου σιωχῶσαν,
εἶναι Ἀχέπαν ἀνεπίστως
κόρη μου ὁ μπαμπᾶς μου.
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Judge Commends the Ahepa

THERE never has been in all time, nor is there today any nation like the United States of America, particularly in this respect, that it is composed entirely of citizens who are descendants of those who left other nations for various reasons. Such is the uniform characteristic of the citizenship. The Indians alone are descendants of natives. We are a nation of many peoples. This peculiar characteristic of the citizenship of the United States is far-reaching in its effects. It undoubtedly accounts for the peace which, with one terrible exception, has existed between this and other nations for many years. It is responsible in a large measure for the love of a pure republican form of government existing in the hearts of the vast majority of our people. While it might have been a menace it has become a blessing.

In all of us there is a peculiar tenderness for the homeland of our ancestors. There is nothing improper or un-American in such a sentiment. It is the same attitude the youth feels for his parents to whom, though devoted, he leaves to make his own home. All of us know that though he carries with him a tender regard for the traditions of his parents this in no way

interferes with his new obligations or with any change that may be necessary to adjust himself to the new environment.

It is only when those who join us bring with them those traits, which must be as undesirable in the homeland as they are here, that any objection can be made.

The Greeks have much of which to be proud, both in their ancient and modern history. The fine culture and sturdy firmness of their ancestors furnishes a warp through the woof of our national life contributing not a little to the high type of citizenship found in this nation.

Any organization, therefore, which embodies both a vehicle for the transmission of the fine traditions and culture of such a people as the Greeks and at the same time emphasizes the true principles of democracy, constituting the foundations of this nation, is deserving of commendation by every true American.

The Order of Ahepa is an American institution, composed of Americans—who believe in and love the Nation, maintaining at the same time a proper and affectionate regard for the native land of their fathers. As such, I highly praise its attitude and activities. Its strength lies in its integrity.

JUDGE SIMON ROSS,

Presiding Judge Court of Appeals,

First Appellate District of Ohio,

Cincinnati, Ohio.



A glimpse of the huge crowd that attended the special services held in honor of His Excellency, Demetrius Sicilianos, Minister of Greece to the United States, at Saint Sophia Church, Washington, D. C., on November 1st. His Grace, Archbishop Athenagoras, officiated.

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Book Review

Let Them Eat Caviar by George Abell and Evelyn Peyton Gordon.

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FOR the past fifteen years that I have resided in Washington, I have been asked by my friends in the "Provinces" (Eparchias) about life in the Capital—political, social and diplomatic. In my replies, I have endeavored to give a picture of the particular field in which they were interested, inwardly wishing that some day a book would be written about Washington to which I could refer all the curious or interested.

At last this book has been written by George Abell, a syndicated writer for Scripps-Howard, and Evelyn Peyton Gordon, former Society Editor of the Washington Post. "Let Them Eat Caviar" is both a record of living Washington and an exposé of Capital "Society" replete with all its name implies—gayety, sarcasm, indignation, disgust, pity, laughter, frowns, laughter and more laughter. The authors constitute themselves a committee of two spectators before whom passes the gaudy, laboring whirligig known as Washington's "Smart Set" running around in circles as diligently as though it were actually getting somewhere. They succeed admirably in being reporters, commentators and moralists at the same time. Their humor is akin to that of the immortal Will Rogers—refreshing, lively and without sting.

The authors' material, their manner of handling it, and their literary style are truly excellent. Here are no sly insinuations, no idle gossip, no anonymous characters, no qualified statements. Their very frankness and lack of apology convince this reviewer that Miss Gordon and Mr. Abell know not only whereof they speak, but why.

Particularly clever are the titles of the chapters, which are true labels of the dynamite they contain. To mention a few: "Winks Over the White House" tells the tragic story of the Roosevelts sticking the pin of common sense into the social balloon; "The High Cost of Lying" heads the chapter covering the diplomatic set; "Going to Pieces with Dignity" describes the staff at the British Embassy; "Parade of the Dodoes" refers to those inhabitants of the city who are now politically "dead"; "This is on the House" and "Senators Without Togas" turn the spotlight on the long-suffering House and Senate; "Absurdities Washingtonienses" takes the more vulnerable members of the Smart Set for the proverbial "rib." The fifteen superb illustrations by Brian Brown add to the completeness of the book.

Many incidents reported in the book, such as that of the debutante and the detective at the Soviet Embassy and the Prince of Wales (now Edward VIII) and his American hostess, are far more engrossing and humorous than the fiction turned out by the most imaginative—and expensive—Hollywood scenario writers. (Messrs. Lichtman, Skouras and Alpersen please take notice.)

Needless to say, the book is unreservedly recommended.

GEORGE C. VOURNAS.

December 5, 1936.

The Meaning of the Ahepa Tuberculosis Sanatorium

BY GEORGE ADES

Governor of Ahepa Silver District No. 17
Mayor of Grants, New Mexico

INDIVIDUAL sacrifices of time and economic gain on the part of many a Greek residing in the Ahepa Silver District #17 are the chief characteristics of those who are working hard daily to make the Ahepa Sanatorium Hellenism's National Monument #1.

Out here in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the deep West begins and the Great American Desert has its start, a handful of Greeks took the initiative last June to establish The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium. This move was taken not for their own benefit but for that of their Greek brothers the country over who have been unfortunately afflicted with tuberculosis. This handful of Greeks who were living out here in the "sticks" decided that not only money will they have to put up but also a lot of time. They decided that once they get going, all of them must take their turn in serving gratis for this great idea of restoring life to otherwise dead brothers.

Among the first instigators of this philanthropic idea was Brother Nick John Matsoukas, formerly of Chicago, but, because of the reasons of health, is now permanently a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico. A graduate of the University of Chicago, class of 1929, with a degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, Brother Matsoukas is a charter member of North Shore Chapter #94, Chicago, and was its first secretary. Under his secretaryship, the Chapter, within the short period of one year, grew to be what was then the largest chapter of the United States.

Upon graduation from the University of Chicago Brother Matsoukas joined the editorial staff of the Chicago Daily News, the fourth largest daily paper in the world. He is the first Greek-American to be employed by a major metropolitan American daily newspaper in the capacity of editorial writing.

As a reporter he covered many national stories and scooped several big national stories. However, while he was devoting his time to the newspapers, his own writing, and his publicity offices, it seems that overtime work had weakened his lungs and active tuberculosis was discovered by Brother Dr. Minas Joannidas. In 1934 he was confined to three different tuberculosis sanatoriums and finally gave up hope of ever curing him-

self in the East and decided to come to Albuquerque as a last effort to regain his health. His life in Albuquerque has been active ever since he came. Understanding from first-hand experience the need for the erection of a Greek tuberculosis sanatorium, he became an instigator for the idea. He felt it his duty to aid. He is fully aware of the individual sacrifices that we, as Greeks, must undergo, so that others, less fortunate, may live a bit longer.

From last June until next June, Brother Nick John Matsoukas has been working and will

work with full time, and that means at least 14 hours a day, in the interest of the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium.

Cooperating with the Board to its fullest extent, Brother Matsoukas was originally approached to serve in some capacity in the realization of this idea but in return he offered his full-time services for the entire first year.

No one connected with the work of the Sanatorium, amongst our own people, is collecting one cent of money from the Sanatorium. However, there is one exception to this rule. Brother Matsoukas is that exception. For his services as Executive Secretary of the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium from June, 1936, to June, 1937, Brother Nick John Matsoukas is to receive at the next Annual District Convention of the Ahepa Silver District #17 to be held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, the net sum of One Dollar (\$1.00).



George Ades, "Father of the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium," receiving congratulations from Peter Matsoukas of Chicago, upon the purchase of the Ahepa Sanatorium in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Peter Testipes, District Secretary from Denver, looks on.



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The Verdict of the People

IF there was any doubt in the mind of anyone as to how the people stood with reference to the policies enunciated by the Chief Executive, that doubt was completely eradicated by the results of the historic elections of November third. On that date the electorate expressed its sovereign will in the most explicit manner and overwhelmingly re-elected President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to lead the nation for another term of four years. The trust and confidence reposed in the great humanitarian by the people so faithfully served by him since March 4, 1932, was an expression of gratitude for what he has already done towards the rehabilitation of the country, and a clear mandate for continuation of the benevolent principles so strongly advocated under Rooseveltian leadership. The sweeping victory of President Roosevelt has very few parallels in the history of American politics. That this was a great personal triumph, it is pretty well conceded. His captivating personality and his sincere endeavors of restoring prosperity during these trying years endeared him in the hearts of the people.

The magnitude of the Democratic sweep naturally gives rise to comments regarding the rights of the minority. No better authority need be cited to allay any fears that may exist along these lines than the President's speech, delivered at Poughkeepsie, New York, the day before the election. Referring to the Convention of the State of New York, held in the year of 1788, in which his great, great grandfather participated, he said, among other things:

"At that time the problem before this Convention in Poughkeepsie was whether the State of New York would ratify, in the absence of a Bill of Rights, the Constitution as it was laid down. And, finally, the dele-

gates from this state, up there in the little old stone building, ratified it only on this condition: 'In full faith and confidence that a Bill of Rights would be added to the Constitution after the country was started under the new form of Government.' And, largely because of the insistence of the State of New York in demanding a Bill of Rights, almost immediately the new government submitted to the States the first Ten Amendments to the United States Constitution. And so you will see that not only in my own person but also by inheritance I know something not only about the Constitution of the United States, but also about the Bill of Rights."

The superlative tribute which the people of the United States accorded the Chief Executive is naturally gratifying to him, but it also imposes upon him great responsibilities. Those responsibilities transcend the limitation of a Party line, for Mr. Roosevelt was re-elected President of the whole nation and he is responsible to the whole nation. In the difficult task of restoring lasting prosperity, he needs, and should receive, the support of all the people.

The sportsmanship characteristic of the American people again became evident the day following the elections. The will of the electorate was accepted in a Democratic fashion. And now the whole Nation, a great Nation, with a great leadership, guided by the spirit and the genius of American democracy, is marching forward.

We welcome this opportunity, Mr. President, to express our heartiest congratulations upon your spectacular re-election, along with our best wishes for abundant and most prolific success during the next four years.

The Gifts of the Greeks

By Judge Joseph L. Heffernan

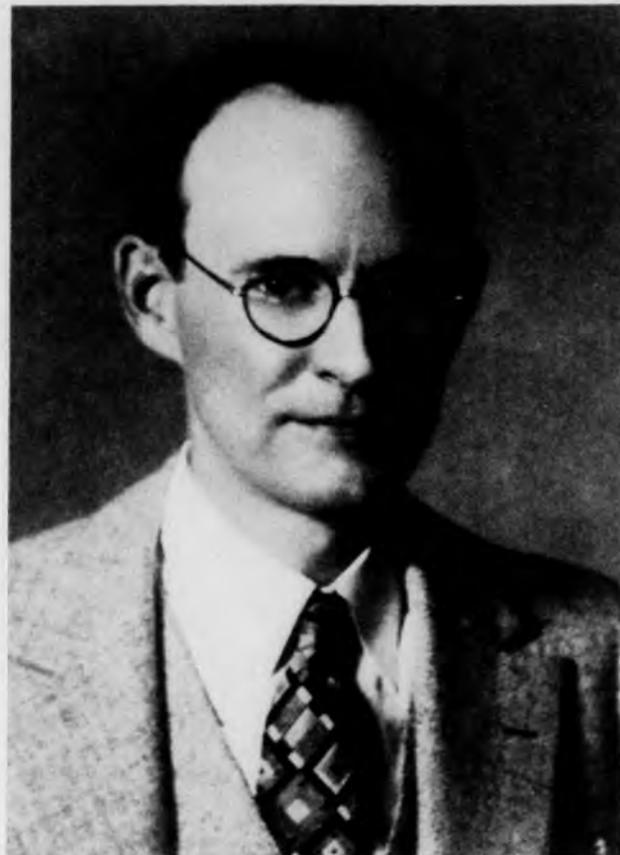
EDITOR'S NOTE: Judge "Joe", as he is familiarly known to countless friends, was a judge and then mayor of Youngstown, Ohio, and at present is legal counsel of the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C. Judge "Joe" is a profound student of philosophy and history, and an orator of distinction. He long has been known both as an authority on Hellenic history and as a warm, sympathetic friend of the Greek people. We are happy to publish his scholarly, luminous and timely article.

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year, and in some ways it is quite a struggle. I have just been trying to do my shopping. The business streets of Washington are so crowded that after bucking the line for an hour I wonder why so many men and women get the same idea at exactly the same time. I must confess, too, that never yet have I succeeded in doing my Christmas shopping early. Usually, I am rushing about the last afternoon, getting the gifts for my own family and trying so hard to make up my mind as to what each member of the household would like.

So this evening, after bumping into four hundred neighbors who glared at me just as fiercely as I glared at them, I sat down in my fire-side chair to wonder a little about Christmas gifts. From such thoughts, I asked myself: What is the finest gift that a person might receive? Solomon, it seems to me, gave a good answer, when he said: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding."

Then I asked: What nation has given the greatest gifts to mankind? An answer came to that also, and I am going to tell you about it, even if you will not agree with me.

So let us look back over the pages of history, turning the centuries one by one. From the robust present of America, we travel across the Atlantic to the disquietude of Europe. There we retrace the by-ways of time, through the nations we know today to the romance of the Middle Ages. Linger a while with Bayard Richard Coeur de Lion, and Bertrand du Guesclin, we hear the clash of arms and the tumult of tournaments; we see rising before us the majestic cathedrals which are the new glory of Gothic art. We ramble on to visit with the mighty Charlemagne and with him ride through the far reaches of his empire. We chat briefly with the Merovingians and with the brave young Vercingetorix, as he prepares to



Judge Joseph L. Heffernan

lead his gallant Gauls against the overpowering force of Caesar.

Then the way opens wide before us, and we march southward to imperial Rome. Here, it seems, we must stop; for here we find power and organized government, the origin of our law, the overwhelming oratory of Cicero, the undying poetry of Virgil. Here we watch the statesmen going to the senate, led by old Cato himself, while around us every one, with St. Paul, boasts that he, too, is a Roman citizen. This, we think, must be the end of our journey. Rome above all has given to men their finest gifts.

While we linger in awe, however, there hobbles toward us a bent and hideous man, whose lame leg drags as he slouches near. Yet his eyes are bright with shrewdness; his smile is warm and friendly. Even while we watch, his ugly face is transfigured with charm; his crooked form is cloaked with the dignity of a rare man. We recognize our old friend, Epictetus, the philosopher-slave.

"Ah, yes," says Epictetus, on hearing of our long quest. "But you must remember: No great thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen. You have, indeed, come far; yet you must journey still on. Go you now to Greece."

So at last our quest is ended. Wrapped in the tissue of time, the gifts which Greece has given to the world lie before us. As we open them one by one, they have the soft tone of old ivory. Caressed by the hand of age, they yet reveal the enduring freshness of eternal spring.

Perhaps most precious to us is the one which we recognize as the lovely ideal of Liberty. We wonder how, amid the hills of ancient Hellas, it was first conceived. What was there in those hardy people or their environment to inspire thoughts

of independence? We recall that even the name by which we know Democracy comes from those valiant patriots: for their "demos" is our "of the people".

Then gently we lift the papyrus marked Poetry. Carefully we unroll it, and here in enduring lines we see the most thrilling story ever told. Ancient and heroic days return, while we read in the Odyssey romance and drama which will never fade. So we bless the name of Homer, first and greatest of poets.

Near by, too, are other packages marked Literature. Here we discover the beloved names of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides; of Chionides, Exphantides, and Magnes; of Herodotus, Thucydides, and Xenophon. Also we find an alluring assortment of Oratory, and heartily do we enjoy its imperishable glory, while we read the names of friends we shall never forget. Among them are Protagoras, Prodicus, Antiphon, and Androcles, Lysias, and Isocrates; but what is our joy to find the most beautiful gift of all from Demosthenes himself.

Across the way, then, is an enticing heap marked Art, and at first glance we know how priceless are these gifts. Indeed, we all agree that they are precious not only because the most perfect the world has ever known, but also because other nations will feel their universal influence. Architecture, sculpture, and painting are presented in this magnificent array. There are columns so graceful they seem to float on the air, temples as exquisite as jewels. No less beautiful, too, are the statues which quickly catch our eyes; for the Discobolus of Myron is here and the masterpieces of Phidias, as well as those of Praxiteles and Scopas.

Eagerly looking further, we see a large package of great value. It is marked Statesmanship, and we know that these gifts will be treasured long after the men who made them have gone with smoky-faced Charron. One card bears the name of Lycurgus, law-giver of Sparta. We gather about to wonder at this revelation of government in the Peloponnesus; but even while thus we stand in wonder the goddess, grey-eyed Athena, draws near and tells us that goodly, indeed, are the gifts from the fathers of Athenian democracy. So spake unto us Athene, daughter of Zeus, and we turned to behold the gifts of wise Solon and of Clisthenes, too. But most splendid of all are those of godlike Pericles, and we know that not soon again will men behold the like of the perfect statesman.

Yet more our treasures are. The warrior patriots, too, have added theirs, so we find that we are not forgotten by Miltiades at Marathon, nor by Leonidas and his three hundred Spartans heroically defending Thermopylae. Themistocles has sent models of his two hundred ships; there are remembrances from Thebes presented by the brave Pelopidas and the gallant Epaminondas, who for ten years almost alone upheld the banner of democracy.

Now the end draws near. We come at last to a heap of gifts which have an especial appeal. These are marked Philosophy, and we recall that even the word itself has been given to us by our Hellenic friends. We discover that Plato has sent us his books. Devotedly we turn the pages, entranced with language which is the essence of beauty. Brilliant in imagination, incomparably graceful in style, penetrating in analysis, such prose is indeed poetry; yet so alive is the thought that clearly this towering intellect will influence men for countless ages. Socrates, most honest and courageous of men, left word that his own books had been lost in the mail of antiquity, so that he had nothing actually to be read; but that Plato would tell us what he had often said. Anaxagoras likewise had lost his books, as also had Parmenides and Xenophanes; but like Socrates they, too, sent messages by the others. Old Diogenes, however, sent only a comic sketch of his Athenian neighbors,

with the suggestion that we were welcome to share his tub.

Last, then, we took up those gifts from the man who in intellect stands above all other men like Mount Olympus rising from the plain of Thessaly. We knew that here was a friend both simple and true, with knowledge that was encyclopedic and achievements in science, literature and philosophy, never equalled. Well might we call him the universal genius; for no one else could ever so greatly amaze and influence the people of all ages as Aristotle.

Our quest is ended. We appreciate, indeed, that no other force has contributed so much to the culture and civilization of the world as has the intellectual and artistic efflorescence of ancient Hellas. In every land and in every age, its influence has spread, until in the march of progress it became part of the life of the New World. After the lapse of two thousand years, no other nation is more in tune with Hellenic spirit than is America. The ideal of liberty conceived in Thebes and Athens is preserved by our free citizens. The essentials of democracy developed in the Athenian assembly are inherent in the laws and institutions of our representative government. Even the public works by which Pericles glorified Athens, while giving employment to his people, are reflected in the projects by which we overcome our own depression. Truly, the citizens of the two great democracies are kindred. The ancient merges with the modern. The achievements of Greece are still the vital inspiration of America.

At this Christmas season the people of the United States may well think in deepest appreciation of those of Greek descent who have resisted centuries of oppression, to preserve their language and their nationality. In throwing back the Turk, they proved no less valiant than their heroic ancestors at Thermopylae. In adapting themselves to life in America, they proved no less devoted than the patriots whose spirit lighted the world. With these neighbors in the new home of democracy, we should strive for that understanding of Solomon; for with understanding comes abiding friendship.

To me it now seems that the glad festival of Athena is reproduced in our own Christmas. In thought, I see the processions moving through the ancient marketplace, while today in every American city the people similarly prepare for their great rejoicing. We shall make merry together. Peace on earth to men of good will. The bright lights shining in the windows but reflect the inner light of our new hopes. For many things this Christmas we shall all be thankful, but all men of good will, remembering the past, will lift up their hearts in rejoicing for the Gifts of the Greeks.

To the Members of the Ahepa, Their Families,
and the Readers of the Ahepa Magazine,
the Editor Extends His Best Wishes for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY
and Very
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Ahepa Coming of Age

BY NICK JOHN MATSOUKAS

*(Executive Secretary of the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium
Albuquerque, New Mexico)*

IT TOOK a bit of foresight, determination, and enthusiasm for the few Greeks living in the glorious Southwest to conceive and instigate the idea of the First Greek Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the Americas.

The same virtues that were the property of this handful of Greeks were also the property of the convening Ahepans in Santa Fe, New Mexico, last June, who passed a motion for the founding of the Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium.

The Ahepa Silver District Convention in Santa Fe, N. M., last June will go down in history as the District conclave that aroused the consciousness of the Greek and his duty towards his fellow brothers.

But what the Ahepans of the Silver District started in Santa Fe last June the Ahepans convening in the Thirteenth annual Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, finished. Glamorous as it would have been, the St. Paul Convention Hall housing the delegates of the National Convention became glittering with hope as three delegates, namely, George Ades, P. C. Dakis, and Bob Katson presented the greatest human bargain to the Ahepa delegation.

In its gist, their proposition, their offer, consisted solely of one thing: Will mighty Ahepa and benevolent, charitable Hellenism, realize their duty towards those less fortunate ones and join in a life-saving venture by assisting in the maintenance and support of The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium, founded in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as a non-profit and charitable institution?

In other words, we as Greeks, numbering some 600,000 in America, are being offered an opportunity—the first and only

opportunity so far offered us—to prove that we are composed of spiritual material that spells more than the idea of cash-register symphonies and discords.

With a little effort on our part we have the opportunity to save the lives of many a Greek who is suffering from tuberculosis. And if we cannot save his life, at least we can make his last days on earth a comfortable occasion. The acceptance and approval of this offer coming from the Southwest definitely marks the beginning of the "Ahepa Coming of Age." From here will be determined our strength, our power to do and undo, to construct worthwhile things and destruct misery and petty jealousies. If The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium becomes a crowning success within the next two years, then we do know that the field is open for orphanages, old people's homes, and other institutions of a charitable nature.

Hellenism has a definite advantage in the establishment of The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium. Its main advantage is that it already has an erected institution, completely equipped with the latest word in scientific implements, ready to operate on March 25, 1937, ready to assist those who are struggling to regain health. What is now known as The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium is a group of four main buildings and six cottages, constructed of brick and in the Spanish architectural tradition, built on the most enviable location in the City of Albuquerque, at an altitude 5,000 feet above sea level. This used to be the most exclusive tuberculosis sanatorium in the Southwest prior to its foreclosure by the Occidental Life Insurance Company, which came about with the depression. Rentals in this Sanatorium used to run as high as \$225 per month, but



The Infirmary or Main Building of the Ahepa Sanatorium.

people caught short with the depression era discovered that they had to leave this exclusive spot and seek cure elsewhere on a more economical basis. The total value of this property is estimated at \$250,000. However, the transaction was closed by The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium, Inc., for the sum of \$50,000. The members of the Ahepa Silver District, purchased this Sanatorium not for their own use, for ninety-nine per cent of them are perfectly healthy men and women, but

for the use of Hellenism. They bought and paid for this themselves. These people are not wealthy. They are ordinary business men, in some respects cash-register fiends, collectors of nickels and dimes. But as they collect nickels and dimes frugally and conscientiously they also dispense with them when it comes to a holy cause like The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium. It is important to remember that there aren't more than two hundred Greeks in The Ahepa Silver District; still they gave to Hellenism its first national institution.

However, the presence of its up-to-date buildings is not the only advantage that The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium has. It is commonly recognized in scientific circles that climatic conditions, steady, temperate, and unchanging weather, are of great advantage in the treatment and eventual cure of tuberculosis. New Mexico, and particularly Albuquerque have that advantage. Albuquerque is the "health capital of the health country." It is an empire of the sun, an enchanting land, a country where time stands still, and nature takes its course. It is a country where if the sun fails to come out for one day that is a sure sign that the end of the world has come about; still the world goes on. It is a country magnificent in natural beauties, rich in unexplored resources, colorful in its social make-up. It is the Deep West, where the Indian, the Mexican, and the Anglo-Saxon, and every other racial type in the world have mingled and produced for America its most distinct conglomeration of racial types. With rain seldom occurring, mountains galore, desert land at their foothills, and canyons on their boundaries, a Greek's stay in New Mexico for health reasons or otherwise always proves most successful. And coming to New Mexico is like visiting Greece. Everything is present that is present in Greece, with the exception of the sea, and that a tubercular can do without.

With the purchase of The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium, the Greeks of the Southwest sent Brothers George Ades, P. C. Dakis, and Bob Katson to St. Paul, instructing them to inform the rest of Hellenism what they had accomplished thus far. They were instructed to invite Hellenism into a partnership in a life-saving venture and to arouse the kinder instincts and charitable natures of the Convention delegates and see that they too, join hands and help the few who alone are try-



Nick John Matsoukas
Executive Secretary of the Ahepa Silver District
Sanatorium Committee.

ing to put the greatest enterprise of American Hellenism across.

The Convention at St. Paul whole-heartedly pledged its support, whole-heartedly it voiced its opinion that Ahepa will lead the crusade in the war against billions upon billions of tuberculosis germs habitating the weak lungs of physically rundown brothers. And as Ahepa raised its voice, so did the Mother Church. The Seat of the Archdiocese announced its unlimited support. It has pledged itself to whole-hearted cooperation, and the Head of our Church in the Americas has declared the Church on the side of the leadership of The Ahepa in forging ahead with this humanitarian project. Daily letters are pouring into the offices of The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium, congratulating those in charge and the Greeks of the Southwest for their initiative in this work. It is evident that the establishment of this Sanatorium was a definite need, a service that will have the unlimited support of every right-thinking and respectable and charitable Hellenic.

In their praise, in their exultation, these people also ask a multitude of questions. They are all answered at the earliest possible time. And because this article aims to be informative, I shall enumerate the answers to a group of the most prominent questions that have been asked constantly.

1. The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium opens its doors to Hellenism on Thursday, March 25, 1937.

2. It is a non-profit and charitable institution, dedicated to the noble work of rendering scientific medical care and moral and spiritual assistance to the unfortunate Greek who has been afflicted with tuberculosis and is struggling to regain his health once more so that he may be able to take his place in the sun again.

3. The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium will accept patients of all stratas of economic life. Being a charitable institution, seventy-five per cent of its capacity will be charity; twenty-five per cent will be for pay from those who have it and can afford to give it.

4. The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium will be maintained and supported from the nickels and dimes of the Greeks of America, and will at all times, from its inception until time immemorial, remain strictly a Hellenic institution.

5. Its medical staff shall be composed of specialists in tuberculosis—people who have assisted thousands upon thousands of otherwise hopeless cases of tuberculosis to avert death.

6. Applications for admission to The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium, either as paying patients or as free patients, will be considered and accepted by the first of the year.

7. The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium has at this time established an information bureau for all those who desire the necessary information, and they will be supplied the same by writing to The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium, P. O. Box 1360, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

8. The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium was founded by Greeks who are members of the Archontic Order of The Ahepa, and it is an institution that will treat Greeks of all stratas of society and economic life. The only prerequisite to receive treatment in The Ahepa Sanatorium is that you are afflicted with tuberculosis.

I am in hopes that the above eight points cover the majority of the questions that the Greeks of America want to have answered regarding the work of The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium. However, there is one question that the Greeks of America must answer for themselves. Will they assist in the maintenance and support of this Sanatorium, to be operated as a humanitarian live-saving venture for the sole benefit of our suffering Greek brothers?

You may write your own answer to this question. And when

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Ο ΑΝΘΡΩΠΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΑΣ



Ο Κοσ. ΒΑΣΙΛΑΚΟΣ δεχόμενος τα συγχαρητήρια από της αντιπροσώπου του Έθνικού Συναγώνου.

ΚΑΤΕΥΘΥΝΟΜΕΝΟΙ προς την λεωφόρον Πενναύβιας, τας αλυσιματινός ώρας της 10ης Οκτωβρίου, παρατηρήσαμεν ότι αι διερχόμενοι εμπροσθεν του Λεωκού Οίκου και ακριβώς ετή γωνία που έχει στήσει τα λημματα του από πολλών έτων ο κ. Στέφανος Βασιλάκος, διάκοπτον απότομος τον δρόμον των και έρχονται έρπνητακόν βλίμια ετών παιδιθρόλητα «Μισούλη» που φέρει τόσον καλά τα Peanuts και Pop Corn, ώστε ή εισοδία των και τους Προέδρους και μέλη τας πρώτας κερίας της χώρας άκόμη να καταγορητεύουν, διά να άνακατέφωρον περί τινος άσυνήθους έσοδου.

Ερπίσαμεν ετήν εν λόγω γωνίαν καθ' ήν στιγμήν αι αντιπροσώποι του τόπου συνήλεγον σχετικώς πληροφορίας προς δημοσίευσιν, και αι φωτογράφοι κατεγίνοντο να άποθανατίσουν τό γεγονός διά της φωτογραφικής μηχανής, φωτογραφίζοντες τον «Μισούλη», επί του όποιου έφαινετο ή άγγελία ότι αι προσδοκίαι ήν έρών θα έδιδοντο εις τον Έθνικόν Συναγώνον, και τον κ. Βασιλάκον άπειλούντα την κυράν κ. σοφίαν, ή όποια ένετάλη να έξαρτάη τα έρχοματήρια του Έθνικού Συναγώνου ετών γεννηθόσων Έλληνα της πρωτεύουσας.

Δεν είναι ή πρώτη φορά πού ή εκ Πετρίνης, Λαοδαίμονος, έλασον την καταγωγήν Βασιλάκος, προσήγαγε γεννηθόσων τόσον εις τον Έθνικόν Συναγώνον όσον και δι' άλλας άγαθουργίας σπουδές. Ούτοι είναι ή πρώτη φορά που προσήλασε την προσήλην των δημοσιογραφών. Ο τόπος της πρωτεύουσας έχει πολλούς περιγράφει ήν κατακεκμημένως την δράσιν του άσυνήθους μετανάστην.

Κατά τήν 28 χόσνια που κατέχει την επίβλητον αυτήν θέση ο κ. Βασιλάκος έσχε τό έξαιρετικόν κάτεχημα να σχετισθή με τήν έπίστατη άγρονομία της χώρας και με έξαιρετική εχρηστική άναπολεί ετών παλαιάς ήμερας έπιδεικνύσων φωτογραφίας έμφυθείας καθ' ήν στιγμήν αι διάφοροι Πρόεδροι ήγόραζον τά προϊόντα του. Εξ τας γεννηθείας αυτών άφαιρείται ή ποιότητα της έσοι διαμονής του. Μόλις από άλλων μηνών ήλθον άπολήθη προς έκδοσιν από της άστυνομίας, αλλά ή έγκρισις έπιβασε της κοινής Ρόζβετ έματάσων τας άπειλάς και όπως έξασκοσθη να παραμένη ετήν θέση του. Καί τώρα που έλανεξέλιξη ή μέγας ανθρωπιστής Φωφελίνος Α. Ρόζβετ διά να καθοδηγήη την χώραν εις μεγαλειότατον εθιμότητα, κατά τό προσήλη τέσσηρα χρόνια, ο κ. Βασιλάκος θα μεσοκομή ετήν του Λεωκού Οίκου γωνίαν και θα έξασκοσθη να διδή αφειδώς και ετών Έθνικόν Συναγώνον και δι' άλλας φιλανθρωπιστικές άσκασις.

The Ahepa Coming of Age

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the proper time comes, when you, too, are asked to enlist in the legion of those who have assisted, you may proudly say: "I will do my best towards the success of The Ahepa Silver District Sanatorium."

ΑΧΕΠΑ

Καινούρια τώρα Λάδαρα σάν τοῦ Εἰκοσι "Ένα
 ἐχούνηται στής Ἀμερικῆς τῆς Πόλεως Ένα - Ένα.
 Καί ἔχοντα στή Ένα τους πλεονό την Σιαροσολιομένη
 και από άλλα την περιήγητη την Ἀστροσολιομένη.

Καλοῦν με πέντε γράμματα Ἀδέλφια χωρισμένα
 να ἔλθουν και εἰς τόν ἴσκιον τους να ζήσουν ἡνωμένα.
 Μακρῶν από την Διάρσει, μακρῶν από την Αἰγόνια
 πού μας κρατοῦσε ἀγκυλώσους μέσα στήν κατωχρόνια.

Ἀχέπα ἔν τῶ γράμματα και προχωροῦν πάντοτε ἐμπρός
 στή δὴθα τους συντριβεται καθένας τους ἔχθος.
 Καί ἀσκαίνονται οἱ Ἀχέπανοι οἱ με μίαν ἐλπίδα
 με νέα δόξα και τιμή στή μακρονή Πατρίδα.

Ἐλευθερία ἢ θάνατος φώναζαν τότε. Τώρα
 Ἐλευθερία ἔχουμε, Ἀδελφωσίνης ἡλθεν ἡ ὄρα.
 Ἐλευθερία ἢ θάνατος φώναζαν τότε οἱ Γενναῖοι
 και ζήτω ἡ Ἀχέπα μας φώναζουμε ἡμεῖς οἱ Νέοι.

Ἐλάτε τῆς Ἀμερικῆς Ἑλληνας Πατριῶται
 και μέσα εἰς τό Τάγμα της γενίτη Στρατιῶται.
 Καί ἄς ἐργασθόμε οἱ μεζ με ὅλη την καρδιά μας
 Φελεκτική Κληρονομία να μείνη στή Παιδιά μας.

ΣΤΑΥΡΟΣ Α. ΚΡΕΜΑΣΤΙΩΤΗΣ

P. P. Bridgeport Chapter No. 62, Bridgeport, Conn.

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FRATERNITY NEWS



District No. 1

"Solon" Chapter Holds House-Warming in New Quarters

OCTOBER first in Savannah is "moving day" for everyone who desires a change of address, and this year the "Solon" Chapter took advantage of an opening in cozier quarters and moved its lodge room to the DeKalb Building. The move was a good one for it has stimulated interest, and the smaller sized lodge room has made everyone feel "at home." A noticeable increase in attendance has also been shown.

In celebration of the change from the old to the new meeting place, the chapter has arranged a "house-warming" on December 2nd, when it is expected that the entire membership will attend a special program and banquet arranged for its election night meeting. Besides an attractive menu, consisting of chicken, salads, cheeses, drinks, etc., a very fine program of entertainment has been arranged and we feel sure that the chapter will enjoy one of the best meetings in its history. Brother Nick Angelakos, District Governor, has been invited to address the members, and an invitation has been sent to our neighboring chapter in Charleston, S. C. We are anticipating their visit with much interest and feel sure that they will enjoy the program prepared for them.

The "Ajax" Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, which we sponsor, has been reorganized and has gotten off to a splendid start. An entirely new set of youngsters have been initiated into the Junior Order to take the place of the young men who graduated and left the chapter without sufficient membership, thus causing temporary inactivity. These new fellows have certainly added much spirit and enthusiasm to their meetings.

At present the boys are deeply interested in the coming basketball season and practice sessions are now being held. It seems as though there is plenty of good material on hand to produce another team to successfully defend the district championship which they have won in the last three tournaments. Among other events planned is an "Amateur Night," when the boys and girls of Savannah will exhibit their talent in competition for prizes. The "Ajax" Chapter has also pledged its solid support for the Church Choir and every member has announced his intention to join. The Solon Chapter is indeed very proud of its "Sons" and we are backing them 100 per cent in their work.

Immediately after the new officers have been elected and installed, a series of speeches by prominent Savannah men will be worked out for the meetings, and other matters of interest and importance will keep the "Solons" busy for the coming year.

NICK MAMALAKIS.

Gay Settings Feature Ball of Birmingham Chapter Queen Crowned



Miss Helen Stathakis, the Queen

ONE of the most auspicious social affairs of the fall season was the dance given by Birmingham (Ala.) Chapter, No. 3, Sunday evening, November 15, in the beautiful and spacious Club Florentine. More than 300 people danced to the strains of Johnny Parkman's Orchestra. The ballroom was beautifully decorated and the attractively gowned ladies surely lent additional color and beauty to the affair.

The main feature of this brilliant event was the crowning of "Miss Ahepa of 1936" who was chosen from a large number of Southern beauties. The coveted crown was awarded to Miss Helen Stathakis, lovely young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stathakis. In the midst of colorful fittings and in an atmosphere of sentimental emotion, Miss Stathakis, rightfully deserving the title of "Miss Ahepa" of Birmingham, was introduced by the president of the chapter, Brother Nick Flessas. Miss Alrodite Papageorge, "Miss Ahepa of 1935," who acted as hostess of the evening, crowned Miss Stathakis as "Miss Ahepa of 1936," in a brief but impressive ceremony, and presented her with a beautiful bouquet and a lovely gift in behalf of the members of the chapter.

After the crowning of "Miss Ahepa," dancing was resumed. During the intermission, the grand march was held. Brother Flessas and Mrs. Flessas led the march and were followed by the other officers and members of the chapter.

Much credit for the success of the affair must be given to the members of the committees who labored untiringly, sparing neither time nor effort to make this ball a truly unforgettable event.

SPRO GREENWOOD, Secretary.

District No. 3

"Mary Washington" Chapter Celebrates Anniversary

THE "Mary Washington" Chapter, No. 290, of Fredericksburg, Va., celebrated its fourth anniversary on October 19th with a formal banquet and dance, at which high tribute to the Greek nationality and its contribution to the peace and welfare of the world and its accomplishments was voiced by distinguished speakers.

More than two hundred guests participated in the most interesting and delightful event held in District No. 3 since its inception. Among those present were His Excellency, Demetrios Scillianos, Minister from Greece; Lieutenant Governor James Price, of Virginia; Major General Charles H. Lyman, U. S. M. C., Quantico, Va.; V. L. Chelithes, Supreme President; C. G. Economou, Supreme Secretary; District Governor C. G. Paris, and Mayor Marshall King of Fredericksburg.

The event which received the commendation of the citizenry of Fredericksburg is better described in an issue of "The Free Lance Star" in the following excerpts:

"Lieut. Gov. Price lauded the Order of Ahepa for 'the fine example it is setting in teaching us to become more American' and commended the Greeks of Virginia for their 'inspirational service to the Commonwealth.'

"Expressing gratification at the esteem in which Greeks are held in their adopted land, His Excellency, Mr. Scillianos, who was introduced as 'not only a statesman but a man of culture and a man of letters,' recalled the warm tribute paid his people by another Virginian, and incidentally greatly associated with Fredericksburg, James Monroe. The Greek Minister's address was delivered in his native tongue.

"Mr. Chelithes reviewed the history of Greece and the pronounced influence early Greece had on the art, architecture, government, education, business, and medical science of the modern world. 'We may invade any college classroom in the world today,' he said, 'and will find the pupils studying and reading the poetry, the history, the philosophy, and the drama that was thousands of years ago written by the Greeks.'

"We should feel proud that we represent a race of people of whom there is no older in the world."

"Continuing, he said, 'I believe the Greek people have proved themselves worthy of their

great ancestors during their brief residence in this great country. By honest labor and honest frugality they have prospered and they have won the respect and admiration of their fellow Americans."

Defended Flag

"The Ahepa Supreme President pointed out that thousands of American citizens of Greek birth served in the World War to 'defend the integrity of the flag.'

"We feel that we have purchased our rights, our loyalty with our blood," he said, adding that "Every Ahepan is ready to sacrifice his all, if need be, for the progress, the common good, the prosperity, and the peace of America."

Praises Greek School

"The Greek language school established here for Fredericksburg and Quantico residents was praised by District Governor Paris. Mr. Paris termed this a contribution to good citizenship. "And after all," he said, "when we hear talk of the various 'isms,' isn't it only natural that we as good citizens associate ourselves with the only real 'ism'—and that is Americanism."

"Mr. Paris took occasion to voice the gratitude of his people to Major General Lyman, commanding general of the Quantico Marine Barracks, for his courtesy and consideration. He referred to General Lyman as 'the next Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps' but the latter expressed himself as loathe to accept such an honor were it conferred upon him.

"For me to leave the post at Quantico to become the political head of the Marine Corps would not, to my mind, be a promotion," declared General Lyman in a later brief address.

"I can honestly and sincerely say I would much prefer to serve the remaining three years of my assignment at Quantico rather than receive the appointment of Commandant of the Marine Corps."

"Another Quantico officer, Captain William Mann, U. S. Navy Medical Corps, likewise spoke briefly. He was introduced by Past District Governor George Eliades, as 'a real and true friend of our people.'

"Fredericksburg's greetings to the visitors, many of whom came from Washington, Richmond, Hopewell, Norfolk and other parts of the state, were extended by Mayor King. Mayor King commended the aims of the Order of Ahepa and expressed the hope that the out-of-town guests would return often to this 'cradle of American history and liberty.'

"Yesterday afternoon Mayor King, Commonwealth Attorney W. B. F. Col, Ben T. Pitts, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and a group of other local executives conducted the Greek Minister and his official party on a tour of the historic shrines here. They also paid a visit to the Quantico and Marine posts during the afternoon, following a luncheon given for the Greek delegation by the city of Fredericksburg.

"His Excellency, Mr. Scillianos, voiced his thanks for the hospitality accorded him by Fredericksburg's officialdom at last night's banquet.

Guests Introduced

"Entertainment features were provided by Miss Eva Kataphiotis, talented young local violinist, who was accompanied at the piano by Prof. Fred A. Franklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Leon D. Canellas, Washington dancers, accompanied by Miss Blanche Russell; George Sembecus, baritone, accompanied by Miss Virginia Sembecus; and Levein J. Houston, Fredericksburg, pianist.

"Among the guests of honor and distinguished visitors who were introduced by Mr. Eliades were, in addition to the speakers; Stephen Koundouriotis, Chancellor of the Greek Legation; Dr. Morgan Combs, President of the Fredericksburg State Teachers' College; W. B. F. Cole, Commonwealth's Attorney; Capt. Alan Shapley, of Quantico; State Senator S. Bernard Coleman; C. G. Economou, Supreme Secretary of the Ahepa; Achilles Cationis, Past Supreme President of the Ahepa; Paul Virvas, president of the host chapter; C. A. Abbey, past president of the host chapter; presidents of the various state chapters; and Cotchy Pappandreon, chairman of the program committee.

"The banquet was followed with music by Roland Leveque's Orchestra."

WEDS PROMINENT AHEPAN



Mrs. George J. Boines, who became the bride of Doctor Boines of Wilmington, Delaware, at her home in Chester, Penna., on September 3rd, 1936. Brother Boines and his bride have returned from an extended tour to California, the National Parks of the West and a visit to the Ahepa Sanatorium at Albuquerque.

Katina Agnew Qualifies for Service Award

AMONG the ten students who qualified for the Bronze Distinguished Service Awards, during the Senior Inaugural Assembly of the Forest Park High School of Baltimore, was Miss Katina Agnew, daughter of Brother and Mrs. Theo. S. Agnew. Brother Agnew is the secretary of Worthington Chapter, No. 30, Baltimore. The honor of receiving the awards was only conferred upon six per cent of the Seniors, who were instrumental in outstanding service in extra-curricular activities.

Miss Agnew has participated and has been outstanding in many different types of organizations in her school. For three years she has been an able member of the Glee Club. Last year she was vice-president of the Invincibles. The Leaders' Club has claimed her for two years. She has taken part in inter-class sports. Aside from these activities, she has received a Non-Athletic Award and was Chairman of the Junior Tea Dance Committee.

Miss Katina has two definite hobbies, and excels in both. Foremost is music—she loves to sing and intends to make singing her career. If Katina is as diligent when she gets outside of school as she is now, we are quite sure she will succeed, and it won't be long before we'll be thrilling to her voice in "Carmen," "La Boheme" and "Madame Butterfly." Her second interest is knitting. She has knitted dresses she really can wear.



Leading officials of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and members of the local chapter honoring Minister Scillianos.

Durham Ahepans Return From Trip Abroad

BROTHER GEORGE LIVAS, President of Durham (N. C.) Chapter No. 277, and Bro. Phelix Selavoanis of Chapel Hill have returned recently from a trip to Greece. Both are looking a shade tanner than they did before they left. Believe me, boys, we are glad to have them back, for both are well liked and beloved in the chapter and our community. Much to our surprise they returned without escorts or body guards, but they are still young.

PAUL NEAMON.

Greensboro Welcomes Return of Chapter Officers and Their Families

AFTER traveling through Greece for the last six months, we are glad to have with us again Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Calathas and Mr. and Mrs. E. Emanuel. Brother Calathas is president of the General Greene Chapter, No. 257, of Greensboro, N. C. He formerly resided in Durham and is chiefly responsible for the establishment of the chapter in Greensboro. Brother Emanuel is the treasurer of the Greensboro chapter and with his brother, John, operates the Emanuel Cafe of our city.

Our visitors, just returning from Greece, speak highly and enthusiastically about our Motherland. They visited Salonika—Samos is their native country. Now what we want is that they get down to their Ahepan duties and make up for lost time.

STEVE CHANGARIS,
District Treasurer, Dist. No. 3.

District No. 4 Activities of the District

NEW and spirited enthusiasm has taken hold of every member of the Fourth District. From the moment "Barba" Bill Essaris became Governor, his activities have never ceased. He has already visited every chapter in the eastern part of Pennsylvania—some of them more than once—and practically all the chapters in the western part of this great district.

On Sunday, September 20, a District Lodge meeting was held at Reading, Pennsylvania, to which all the chapter-presidents of the eastern part of the district were invited to hear the program adopted by the district officers. The members were honored by the presence of our Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, who presided. Those who attended were: District Governor William Essaris; Lieutenant Governor Anthony Kapouralos; Marshal Peter Stathopoulos and District Secretary Peter P. Kaldes. The District Treasurer, William Pappadakis, was absent on account of illness. The chapter-presidents who were with us were: Paul Kaldes, Keystone Chapter No. 84; Peter Demopoulos, Black Diamond Chapter No. 55; L. S. Shaiko, Spartan Chapter No. 26; Theodore Johnson, Hercules Chapter No. 226; James Toulas, William Penn Chapter No. 61, and M. Maerides, Red Rose Chapter No. 71. Many others also attended. Topics of importance that were discussed included Combined Meetings, District Dances, Scholarships, etc. It was voted that a combined meeting

shall take place in Washington, Pennsylvania, on October 4, 1936. The dates on which the District affairs should be held were not set but it was arranged tentatively that Lancaster should promote one in the East and Pittsburgh, in the West, the proceeds from these affairs to be placed in one fund for scholarships.

On October 4, 1936, the combined meeting was held at Washington, Penna., with Uniontown, New Castle, Pittsburgh and Wheeling chapters participating. Nearly three hundred members were present. Supreme President V. I. Chebithes was the principal speaker and he delivered a very inspiring address, coupled with the "sales talk" that each member should use in bringing back old members and taking in new ones. Present from the district lodge were: Barba Bill Essaris, Governor, who outlined the work of the district; Anthony Kapouralos, Lieutenant Governor; Peter P. Kaldes, Secretary. Others present were: P. W. Katsafanas, Past Supreme Treasurer; James Steliotes, chairman of the Advisory Board of the Sons of Pericles; Arthur Karkalas, past Supreme Governor, and many others. The host chapter had arranged refreshments, and Greek music and a good time was had by all.

Member of Allentown Chapter Receives Degree From Lehigh University



Achilles N. Sakellarides

THE ever growing ranks of our Greek-American scholars who have received higher degrees from American Universities were joined recently by Brother Achilles N. Sakellarides of Lehigh Chapter #60, Allentown, Pa.

Brother Sakellarides recently has received his degree of Master of History and Political Science with high honors during the Founder's Day exercises at Lehigh University.

The subject of Brother Sakellarides' 300-page thesis was "European Diplomacy and the Greek War of Independence." This scholarly work is based on the transcribed archives of the Foreign Offices of England, Austria, Russia, and France, as well as on two hundred other books. The thesis won high praise from the faculty of the University and its author expects to have it published soon in the form of a book. A London publishing company has assured Bro. Sakellarides that his book will be placed in every university and public library in the world. The young Greek-American author throws new light on many points of this very interesting subject.

We understand Brother Sakellarides has already been offered a chair in a well-known University.

Brother Achilles Sakellarides is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Nicholas Sakellarides, of Bethlehem, Pa., and a brother of our Reverend Brother, Demetrios Sakellarides, of Wheeling, W. Va.

A. SENCUS.

Mayor of Chester Sends Message of Appreciation to Local Ahepans

It is a pleasure to reproduce the following letter sent to the members of Chester Chapter No. 79 by the Mayor of the city:

"CITY OF CHESTER
"PENNSYLVANIA

"September 14, 1936.

"Chester Chapter No. 79,
"Mr. Andrew Varikis,
"Chester, Penna.

"My dear Andrew:

"May I thank you for the neatly framed photograph of our delightful banquet held some weeks ago that you presented to me. Mrs. Ward and I prize it very highly. You are always kind and thoughtful and we appreciate your friendship very much.

"At the next meeting of the Chester chapter, may I ask that you convey to my fellow members of that Order my gratitude for the honor paid to me as Mayor at your banquet and assure them that the cordial and generous treatment tendered to Mrs. Ward and me touched us deeply.

"Will you also convey to the officers and members of our chapter my high appreciation, and assuring you and them of my high regard, I have the honor to remain,

WILLIAM WARD, Jr.,
Mayor.

Philadelphia Chapters Hold Combined Meeting

ON MONDAY evening, September 28, "Hercules" Chapter No. 226 and "Spartan" Chapter No. 26 of Philadelphia held a combined meeting. T. P. Johnson, president of the Hercules chapter, presided, and L. Shaiko, president of the Spartan chapter, was vice-president. Brother P. Tsopelas, Supreme Advisor of the Sons, gave us a clear and concise report on the accomplishments of the national convention. Supreme President V. I. Chebithes delivered the main address. District Governor William Essaris also spoke. B.

Stolis, president of the Chester chapter, and A. Coote, president of the Camden chapter, headed large delegations from their chapters. Refreshments were served.

MICHELL KAROMFELY, *Secretary.*

District No. 6 Up-State Tour of District Governor Loris

Binghamton

The opening meeting of the Up-State tour of the District Governor and the District Marshal, was held at the Iosmidas Chapter in Binghamton, New York, on Sunday, October 4. The District Governor addressed the members at a closed meeting, and later addressed the members of the Greek community who had gathered in the auditorium of the Greek church to hear the remarks of the District Governor and to see the movies of the National Convention and of the Empire State Convention furnished by the District Marshal, Brother Limpert.

On this particular day, the first meeting of the Empire State District Lodge was held and the following members of the District Lodge were present: District Governor, Michael Loris, Lieutenant Governor, Theodore Manicas; District Secretary, Socrates P. Zolotas; District Treasurer, Chris Fragos; and District Marshal, Theodore Limpert. This proved to be a very beneficial meeting, and plans for the betterment of the Empire State District were formulated.

Endicott

The District Lodge, with the exception of the Secretary, attended the meeting of the Endicott Chapter, the following day, where the District Governor addressed some thirty-five members, and after the meeting a party was given in honor of the District Governor.

Elmira

At a meeting of the Elmira Chapter, held on October 6, after the Governor spoke for ninety minutes, the Brothers were so enthusiastic that they clamored for more. The meeting was closed, and an informal discussion was held which lasted until 3:00 A. M.

Rochester

In the auditorium of the Rochester Greek Church, on Oct. 17, some two hundred members of the community turned out to hear the Governor's message which proved to be very inspiring to the Greeks of Rochester.

Buffalo

Thursday, October 8, the District Governor was guest of the William McKinley Chapter of Buffalo, New York. Before the meeting, a dinner was given in his honor which was attended by all the members of the Ahepa Chapter and the leaders of the Greek community. Brother Loris spoke simultaneously to the Ahepans, Sons of Pericles, and the Daughters of Penelope. The remarks of the Governor were heard with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm, and were followed by an open forum.

The next two days were spent in Syracuse going over the tentative plans for the National Convention which will be held in Syracuse in 1937.

Albany

Sunday, October 11, was spent in Albany, and this meeting, which was attended by all the members of the District Lodge with the exception of the Lieutenant Governor, proved to be a huge success. Following the very enlightening meeting, refreshments "a la Greek" were served.

Schenectady

Columbus Day found the District Governor visiting the Schenectady Chapter. Inasmuch as this chapter had no representative at the National Convention, the Governor thought it would be advisable to give the highlights and the various interesting legislation enacted at the National Convention. The audience was very attentive and listened with a great deal of interest to the remarks of the Governor. After the meeting, an informal get-together was held and refreshments were served.

Syracuse

The following day the Governor was a guest of the Syracuse Chapter where a testimonial supper was held in his honor. After speaking to the Ahepans for a lengthy time, the Daughters of Penelope Chapter was invited to hear a few remarks from the District Governor. This, too, proved to be a very interesting meeting, and the Brothers greatly appreciated the visit of the District Governor, who is very enthusiastic over this chapter which is promising big things for the convention of 1937.

Utica

The Utica Chapter was visited on Oct. 14, and although the reception was as good as could be expected; yet the attendance at the meeting was rather small. However, the Governor did not hesitate to attempt to solve the problems confronting this chapter.

Watertown

The Watertown Chapter the next day gave the Governor something to talk about. This chapter covers an area of 110 miles, and yet when the Governor addressed the gathering, he found a check waiting for him to register with the archives of the Ahepa, thirty-seven members in good standing. After the meeting, the brothers took the Governor out and showed him that "true Greek hospitality."

Lecture at Delphi

The Delphi Chapter was very fortunate on October 15 to listen to the splendid lecture of Dr. Magoffin of New York University, whose archaeological ramblings in Hellas will be remembered for a long time by the some eighty-odd people who attended the meeting. This lecture, supplemented by slides, proved to be of tremendous interest to the audience. We are grateful to Dr. Magoffin for the splendid lecture, and certainly hope that we will be honored by his presence in the very near future so that we may learn more about our Motherland.

V. L. at Freeport

October 21 found the Supreme President, V. L. Chelibites; the Supreme Treasurer, A. Rogokos; the District Governor, and the District Secretary guests of the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter, which was having an initiation. The chapter also bestowed the Farmer's Degree upon Past District Governor, Nicholas Nicholas, and Editor of the *Ahepan Messenger*, Thomas Paledes, for services rendered towards the betterment of the Farmer's Chapter. Approximately ninety brothers were present



Brother Michael Loris, energetic Governor of "Empire" District No. 6, who spares neither time nor effort on behalf of his chapters.

to hear the first speech in the Metropolitan area of V. L. Chelibites, and after the meeting, we all partook of Retsina and Leg of Lamb.

Dance at Yonkers

The Yonkers Chapter on October 25 gave a fine dance. The Mayor of Yonkers and the District Governor were the principal speakers. Almost two hundred people were present, and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

"Uncle Bill" at Brooklyn

On Monday, October 26, everyone journeyed to the Brooklyn Chapter to hear none other than that famous philosopher of the Ahepa, Barba Vasilis Essaris, pinch hit for V. L. The chairman for the evening was the Supreme President, but the principal speaker was "Uncle Bill," who managed to talk for almost an hour, giving us one of the most interesting addresses on the fraternity, its needs, and its shortcomings, and what lies ahead of us. Brother Essaris was up to his philosophical heights that evening and held his audience spellbound. After his talk, many of the brothers present asked questions, and Brother Essaris answered in his own inimitable style.

Past Presidents' Night at Hermes

The next evening many of the brothers, who for some reason or other had failed to attend the Brooklyn Chapter meeting to hear "Uncle Bill," filled the Ahepan Center to capacity at the meeting of the Hermes Chapter, and again Brother Essaris gave a lecture. Since this was the Past Presidents' night, the most famous of Past Presidents, none other than V. L. Chelibites, was present; the District Governor and his Secretary were also there.

Gala Combined Initiation

The Combined Initiation of the Delphi, Upper Manhattan, and Hermes Chapters is still being talked about in Ahepan circles. This initiation, with Delphi Chapter acting as host, proved to be a revival meeting; in

addition to bringing to the fold many brothers who had absented themselves from Ahepa meetings for the last few years. There were almost two hundred people gathered from many miles around the Metropolitan area to see for the first time the District Governor's crack Degree Team in action. This Degree Team is the pride of the Metropolitan chapters, and under the District Governor's leadership is attaining greater heights in the art of carrying out the initiation rituals. The Supreme President, the Supreme Treasurer, the Supreme Counsellor, as well as the District Governor, Secretary, and Treasurer, were present, and also the "Who's Who" of the Metropolitan Chapters. After this wonderful meeting, the brothers were surprised to see a real old-fashioned Greek dinner prepared for their benefit.

Poughkeepsie

The District Governor, with the Supreme President, in an attempt to revive the activities of the Poughkeepsie chapter, thought it advisable to pay this chapter a visit, and at an open meeting held on November 6, they spoke to the people of the Greek community in Poughkeepsie and proved to them that the Ahepa is beneficial and needed in every Greek community for it is this organization which has upheld the ideals and principles of our race and through this organization they will continue to foster.

Lecture at Brooklyn Chapter

The Brooklyn Chapter was very fortunate in having the Honorable Judge S. Sabatino give a very interesting lecture about the procedure in magistrate court at their meeting held on November 9. Judge Sabatino was highly commended by the various officers of the District for his splendid work on the bench and for his Philhellenic attitude.

Queensboro Chapter

The Queensboro Chapter started a drive to initiate fifty new members into the local Sons of Pericles Chapter, and on November 11, the first initiation of this drive took place. Five future Ahepans were inducted into the mysteries of the Junior order. After the Sons of Pericles' meeting, the fathers, not wishing to be outdone by the sons, had six candidates to initiate into the Order of Ahepa, and again the District Governor with his Degree Team performed the ritual. This meeting attracted about fifty-five brothers and proved to be very interesting.

Empire State Camp Project

This plan, although in its infancy, has taken the members by storm and everyone who has heard of it has not only accepted the idea and congratulated Mr. Loris but many have already offered financial assistance. The membership as a whole feels that this Camp Project will prove a big boom to the Organization and is another step towards realizing the wonderful principles of the Order of Ahepa.

The plan calls for an estate of about 150 to 200 acres around one hundred miles from New York City with good railroad facilities and near the main highways. The estate will have a lake of about forty acres. Around this lake lots will be cut and sold to Ahepans, where they can build cottages and spend their summers in a Greek Ahepa Community and in the winter enjoy hunting.

At the far side of this property a certain tract will be set aside for young children to

go camping and live the outdoor life. A large community house is to be built and here the dances and meetings will be held. Tennis courts are to be built and, as more revenue is received, more modern improvements for the welfare and comfort of the Ahepans and their families will be made. This is to be a non-profitable venture and every summer the Community will invite as many Greek orphans and destitute persons as it can accommodate, gratis. The Community will be governed by the property owners and upon their shoulders will rest the welfare of this Empire State Camp Project.

District No. 8 Past District Marshal Wed to Miss Chipouras



Brother Charles D. Reveliotis and his bride

THE marriage of past District Marshal Charles D. Reveliotis of Forest Hills, Massachusetts, to the charming Miss Despina A. Chipouras of Lynn, took place on Sunday, June 7th, 1936, at St. George's Church, Lynn, Mass., the Reverend Christopher Argyrides officiating. More than fifteen hundred relatives and friends from the New England states and New York attended this beautiful wedding. Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras of Boston honored the occasion.

The Misses Virginia Chipouras and Georgia Reveliotis served as maids of honor, and the bridesmaids were The Misses Crystal Chipouras, Sophie Andrews, Peggy Speliotis,

Betty Chipouras, Tina Baroutsos, Anna Vardilos, Stasia Vardilos and Bessie Reveliotis. Ushers were Messrs. George Chipouras, brother of the bride, and Charles Trefes, George Andrews, Charles Speliotis, Arthur Gouzoulis, James H. Vardilas, Alex Reveliotis, Charles Meledones and James C. Vardilos. Little Louis Trefes was the ring bearer. The flower girls were Athena, Poppy and Gloria Chipouras.

Our best wishes for many years of happiness are extended to our past District Marshal and his bride.

District No. 9 District Ahepans Picnic at "Cascades"

ON Sunday, September 27, the third annual outing of District No. 9 was held at the beautiful "Cascades," Saco, Maine. Mass was held at the picnic grounds, the Reverend Demetrios Gollaras of the Greek Orthodox Church, St. James, of Biddeford, Maine, officiating.

A delicious roast lamb dinner was served in rustic out-door style by the members of the Biddeford & Saco Chapter.

Past Governor Nicholas Chachamuti introduced the officers of the District Lodge to those present, in the following order: District Governor John Dimtsios of Nashua, N. H.; Lieutenant Governor Peter Manty of Bangor, Maine; District Secretary Peter T. Tsiales of Manchester, N. H.; District Treasurer John Lampros of Dover, N. H.; District Marshal James L. Sardonis of Nashua, N. H., and last but not least, the President of the Biddeford chapter, Sophocles Victor, especially mentioned for his untiring, enthusiastic work for the Order. They were given a rousing welcome by the gathering.

A feature of the outing was a grand raffle of beautiful gifts of which Brother Sam Anagnostis had charge and we must say he did a good job of it, trying to raffle off anything he could get his hands on.

Singing and dancing was enjoyed by all until dark.

NICHOLAS ECONOMOS,
Secretary, Biddeford & Saco Chapter.

Thesseum Chapter Loses Staunch Member

FUNERAL services for Brother Louis Bobos, a former resident of Dover, New Hampshire, and a member of the local chapter, who died on Friday, November 6, in Lowell, Massachusetts Hospital, were held in Dover, at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Sunday, November 8th, at 3 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Constantine Vasilion. The members of the Thesseum chapter at Dover conducted the funeral rites and attended in a body.

Brother Bobos, who was 39 years of age, was born in Pidina, Calamata, Greece, and came to this country in 1913. He resided in Dover until six years ago when he went to Newburyport, Mass.

Brother Bobos has many friends who will regret the news of his passing. He is survived by his parents and two brothers in Calamata, Greece.

ATHAN G. COSTABAKIS

District No. 11

Ypsilanti Chapter Celebrates
Tenth Anniversary

YPSILANTI Chapter No. 118 of Toledo, Ohio, celebrated its tenth birthday with a ball in the Silver Ballroom of the New Secor Hotel, on October 11th.

The ball brought to a close a day filled with activities. At 11:00 P. M. a group of distinguished guests, escorted by the boys of the Ypsilanti chapter, attended church services at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. Luncheon was served at 1:00 P. M., and a closed meeting was held at 3:00 P. M.

The chapter was honored with the presence of Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; George Loucas, District Governor of Ohio; Leo Lamberson, District Governor of Indiana; many national, state and civic leaders, as well as brother Ahepans and their families from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Jackson, Lorain and Kalamazoo.

Members of the committee were George Theodore, chairman; assistants, Constantine Papandreas, Michael Zaros, Anthony Adams, Charles Poulos, Charles Andros and Thomas Fisher, president of the chapter.

Seamos-Alex Nuptials

Toledo loses another bachelor and gains a charming young matron. On October 17, Miss Helen Seamos of Homestead, Pennsylvania and Brother Louis Alex of Toledo were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony at an impressive ceremony in the Holy Trinity Church, with Father Demetry officiating.

A dinner and reception for two hundred guests was held at the Odd Fellows Temple. Dancing was the order of the evening.

Brother Alex is Secretary of Ypsilanti Chapter No. 118 of Toledo, having acted in this capacity for the past two years.

GUS THEODOROS.

Governor Loucas Arouses Interest
of Louisville Ahepans

BROTHER GEORGE E. LOUCAS, our energetic and young District Governor, visited George Dilboy Chapter No. 129 of Louisville, Kentucky on Sunday, October 4th. With him were our District Marshal, John P. Harris, and his father, Brother P. J. Harris, both of Cincinnati. The meeting, called in honor of the District Governor, was a success in every respect, and a 100 per cent attendance greeted the youngest Governor our district has ever had. He gave a forceful and convincing address which stimulated the interest of our members to the nth degree.

After the meeting a little get-together party was enjoyed in our club room. Refreshments and sandwiches were served, after which an open discussion took place on pertinent questions of the fraternity. This was decidedly one of the liveliest meetings our chapter has experienced in some time and we look forward eagerly to Governor Loucas' next visit to our city.

Brother Loucas, as I stated above, was accompanied by one of Ahepa's well known personalities, Brother John P. Harris of Cincinnati, our district marshal, who also made a few well-timed remarks.

LOUIS P. MENARDIS.

Secretary, George Dilboy Chapter No. 129.

District No. 12

Hammond Chapter Establishes
Community Center

HAMMOND CHAPTER, No. 123, has made considerable progress in the year of 1936, under the leadership of Emanuel J. Thompson, President.

After the establishment of the chapter of the Daughters of Penelope early in the year, the chapter's attention was focused on the establishment of a Community Center which was to cover under one roof a Greek Orthodox Church, a Greek School and a hall for meetings of the Ahepa, Sons of Pericles, Daughters of Penelope and the Hellenic Ladies' Society and to also serve as a meeting room for any emergency that might arise.

The Ahepa Chapter took the initiative and appointed a committee which, with the cooperation of the other Greek organizations, called a general meeting on November 8th and elected the following community officers: Peter Brahos, President; John Pappas, Vice President; Charles G. Tsatsos, Secretary; Pericles Primis, Treasurer, and S. Skufakis, S. Korellis, William Alexander, Peter Loftus, Louis Karras, George Dixon and Tom Economou, Governors. These officers received instructions to find a suitable location. Two weeks later the committee announced that the place had been found at 617 State Street, formerly the Odd Fellows' Hall, and we expect to have church services there before the year is over.

At the meeting on November 11th, after initiating Brothers James Kostopoulos and James Brahos, District Governor Leo Lamberson delivered an inspiring speech. District Secretary Milton Kourletis and District Treasurer Steve Grammas also spoke on the good of the order. Refreshments were served in the dining room of the K. of P. Hall where the chapter has been meeting for the past ten years.

CHARLES G. TSATSOS,

District Treasurer.

District No. 13

Chapters Received Instructions
From the National Director
of Athletics

WTF TAKE pleasure in reprinting the first circular sent to the Ahepa secretaries by Brothers Van A. Nomikos, the National Director of Athletics of the Ahepa, and Lew Blatz, Assistant Director, which I am sure our readers will find of interest:

"No doubt you are aware that at the 13th National Ahepa Convention, a new department was created, that of Athletics.

"The purpose of creating such a department is for the organization to sponsor athletic events, thereby attracting hundreds of our young men to the ranks of Ahepa, who in the past, not understanding the ideals and fundamental principles of the Order, took it for granted that they had nothing in common with the elder Ahepans, thereby refraining from joining our ranks.

"Aside from the above reason, the publicity that the organization in general will receive from the Press throughout the country on the various athletic activities of this department, and the good will derived therefrom, will be a

tremendous factor in assisting us in presenting our people to the American public in general, in the most favorable light.

"This has already been demonstrated in Chicago the past five years, where Ahepa and Sons of Pericles baseball, basketball, wrestling and boxing teams have been competing with other amateur teams for honors, with very satisfactory results. Incidentally, the Woodlawn Chapter No. 93 Ahepa Baseball Team reached new heights this year (1936) by capturing the Chicago Amateur Baseball Championship.

"What has been done in Chicago can be done in your City or District on a smaller or larger scale—as conditions warrant. You must, of course, bear in mind that this cannot be accomplished without untiring effort and work on your part.

"In order to get the ball rolling, it is suggested by the National Athletic Directors to proceed as follows:—

"Each District Governor appoint some athletically minded Ahepan as Director of Athletics in his particular District; in all cases, and by all means, eliminating politics, and appoint the man best fitted for the job. In cases where the District Governor considers himself as the proper person, he himself should act in this capacity. The District Director in turn will appoint Athletic Directors in each Chapter in the District; again the man best fitted for the job is recommended.

"The Chapter Director is responsible to the District Director, and the District Director of Athletics, together with the District Governor, are responsible to the National Director of Athletics, who of course, is responsible to the Supreme Lodge. Reports on progress made and athletic events held by the Chapters or Districts should immediately be sent to the National Athletic Headquarters.

"Brothers—The National Directors of Athletics have been laboring strenuously, outlining athletic programs best fitted for our organizations, on larger as well as smaller scales, and such programs will be forwarded to you by your National Director as soon as this letter is acknowledged and District Directors are appointed.

"We hope that your District will be represented at the National Ahepa Indoor Athletic Tournament, to be held in Chicago some time in the spring of 1937. Events will include wrestling, boxing, swimming, handball, basketball, etc. More details, however, of said tournament will be supplied on request by the National Director.

"We hope that we have clearly outlined above the initial procedure in establishing this new department, and anticipating an early reply and acknowledgment of this letter, giving us name and address of your District Director, we remain,

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

VAN A. NOMIKOS,

National Director of Athletics.

LEW BLATZ,

Asst. Director.

Charter Member of Peoria Passes
to Great Beyond

ON THURSDAY, June 18, 1936, Peoria Chapter No. 234 of Peoria, Illinois was shocked by the untimely passing of its beloved brother, Peter Hatzis. Brother Hatzis was a

charter member and first president of the Peoria chapter, serving in this capacity for two terms. He established a splendid record, giving freely of his time and efforts for the success of the chapter he headed.

Brother Hatzis was one of the founders of the recently erected and beautiful All Saints Greek Orthodox Church. He was known throughout the state for his knowledge of the restaurant business. He owned and operated the "Illinois" and the "Coffee Cup" restaurants and he was especially well liked by his patrons and enjoyed a large circle of friends.

Brother Hatzis was born at Mytilene, Greece, May 5, 1888. He came to the United States at an early age and had been a resident of Peoria for 22 years. Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth, two brothers, Nick Hatzis of Peoria, and Paul Hatzis of Greece.

Although the passing of this beloved brother is an irreparable loss, he leaves behind him the kindest of memories which will live forever in the hearts of his friends as a true Ahepan and a real friend.

THEO. KOTSOS.

District No. 14

Duluth Chapter Represented in Beauty Contest



Miss Florence Vipoulou

MISS FLORENCE VIPOULOU, daughter of Mrs. Mary Vipoulou, of Virginia, Minnesota, was the representative of the Duluth Chapter No. 267 of the Ahepa in the beauty contest held recently at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Vipoulou is a graduate of the aristocratic school for girls, The Villa Sancta of Duluth, from which she received a B. A. degree. She has been recently appointed instructor of Dramatics in the Virginia U. School and conducts a Greek hour on the radio, delighting us with her voice.

Aberdeen, S. D., Ahepans Entertain at Dinner-Dance

THURSDAY, October the fifteenth, was a special occasion for the local and out of town members of Aberdeen Chapter, No. 249, Aberdeen, S. D.

At our last regular meeting of October 1st we decided to have our annual Dinner-Dance on October 15th instead of the regular meeting of our chapter, and that the usual plans and arrangements be made for this affair. A hunting party was organized, consisting of Brothers Peter Pagones, Dan Cacavas, Gust Giaras, Past Presidents, and Sam Drichas, Vice President, to venture out to the fields and bag enough young male pheasants for the banquet. The making up of the hunting party is always a happy event for it offers an opportunity to a large number of our group to get out and hunt pheasants, display their skill as marksmen and enjoy the fellowship and sociability of the hunting expedition.

This year the banquet was served in the private dining room of the Savoy Cafe of which the president of our chapter, Sam Cartsos, and Brother Nick Giaras, are the owners. The dining room was appropriately decorated with the Ahepa colors, azure and white, and chrysanthemums adorned the tables, which with the added attraction of candle lights made a very beautiful setting. At the conclusion of the banquet, President Sam Cartsos thanked the committee in charge of arrangements, and all the out of town members of the local chapter and their friends for traveling such long distances to attend this event.

The dance which followed the dinner lasted until the early hours of the morning when the party broke up into smaller groups that dispersed to private homes where the celebration continued till daylight and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

Out of town members who attended this event were: Mr. and Mrs. George Mamolas, Mr. and Mrs. Nick D. Economy, Mr. George Zervas and Miss Erickson, all of Huron, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kotsikas, Oakes, N. D.; and Mr. and Mrs. George Efthimiou, Lisbon, N. D.

HARRY CACAVAS.

District No. 15

"Tulsans" Hold Charity Ball

THE Tulsa (Oklahoma) Chapter No. 13 held an elaborate "Southwest" ball on the evening of December 2nd, 1936, at the Mayo Ballroom. Joe Linde's 9-piece orchestra furnished the music, which buzzed in the ears of the dancers from 9:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M. More than 500 people attended and all had a wonderful time. This was the greatest entertainment our chapter has presented since 1930, the proceeds of which went to charity. Again the Tulsa chapter will distribute Christmas baskets to the poor. It would be a fine thing if all the chapters could likewise aid the needy in their communities. Officials and heads of organizations in Tulsa attribute the success our chapter is enjoying to these benefit balls that are held annually.

Brother Andrew Christ and Miss Roilos of Tulsa were married recently in an elaborate ceremony. Guests from all parts of the state were present to extend their congratulations.

We are pleased to report that Brother Theodore Zuppas is recovering from the misfortune with which he met a year ago.

THEODORE J. BERGOLIOS,
Secretary.

District No. 17

Doctor Argyr of Pueblo Laid to Rest

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER No. 160 of Pueblo, Colorado, mourns the loss of our late Brother Ahepan, Dr. Nicholas Argyr, who passed away October 2nd, 1936, at his Del Notre, Colorado, home.

Dr. Argyr was graduated from the University of Boulder, Colorado, and two years ago moved to Del Norte, Colorado, to practice his profession. He was stricken with double pneumonia, which caused his sudden death. His body was brought to Pueblo for burial at the family plot. Services were held at the St. John Greek Orthodox Church. Reverend Issaias Pascopulos of the Denver Church conducted the funeral services. Members of the chapter took charge of the body and the entire Greek Community attended the funeral, as well as members of the Denver and Walsenburg chapters.

Dr. Argyr was laid to rest by the side of his late father and mother, Dr. Christ and Katherine Argyr. His father died four years ago and his mother, a noble personality, died eight years ago. She was a graduate of Robert College at Constantinople and came to America in the early nineties.

Dr. Nicholas Argyr, who was 33 years old at the time of his death, is survived by his beloved wife, Agnes, and one brother, Solon, who is living in China, serving in the U. S. Navy. Dr. Argyr was a charter member of our chapter and served as its first secretary. His loss leaves a deep wound in our ranks. The chapter will always cherish his memory for the services he rendered to our chapter and to the Ahepa cause. To his dear wife, brother and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

GEORGE KERSEY.

Denver Chapter Mourns Three Deaths

ON THURSDAY, November 12th, Mrs. Gus Belleris, mother of Mrs. Theodore Demos of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Nick Belleris, passed away after a long illness.

On the same day, Mr. Hughes, beloved father of Mrs. Gus Baines, past president of the Daughters of Penelope of our local chapter, met with an automobile accident and died two hours later at Greeley Hospital.

On November 21st, our beloved Brother, James Diamantopoulos, husband of Mrs. Irene Diamantopoulos and father of six boys and two daughters, died suddenly from a heart attack. He came home immediately after work, apparently in the best of health, and laid plans with his family for a hunting trip early next morning, when he was suddenly stricken.

The members of the Denver chapter extend their deepest sympathy to these three families.

SAM D. ELLIS.

District No. 18

Great Falls Organizes Auxiliary Organization

THE Great Falls (Mont.) Chapter No. 229 recently held its first meeting after the summer vacation. I say vacation because we were supposed to adjourn from May to October. However, we called a special meeting to honor our ex-lauded Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes, when he visited Great Falls. On this occasion we also had with us District Governor Peter Sargen; Brother Leventides and past district governors, Daddakis and Gus Marinos, all three hailing from the mining city of Butte, the home town of our Senators Wheeler and Murray. It must be a good city since so many prominent men come from it.

In August we called another special meeting, having with us this time Supreme Governor Thomas D. Lentgis of Seattle; District Governor Sargen; past district secretary Ben Anottol of Missoula; Brother Kefkelis; Nick Vitos, president of the Tacoma, Washington, chapter and Bro. Manousos. We formed a chapter of the Sons of Pericles at this time as well as one of the Maids of Athens. We are very proud of both of them. Brother Lentgis initiated the Maids and Brother Manousos put the boys in the harness. We also secured three new members at this meeting, so you see the summer was not actually a vacation. After the meeting the dignitaries were dinner guests of Brother George N. Geranos. Delightful entertainment was provided and delicious refreshments were served.

District No. 19

Salt Lake City "Sons" Initiated in DeMolay

LOUIS and Cosma Cairo, sons of Brother and Mrs. P. E. Cairo of Salt Lake City, were the first Greek boys in the state of Utah to be initiated in the Grand Council of the Order of DeMolay at the Masonic Temple, Friday evening, October 9, 1936.

A banquet for fathers was held during the evening with one hundred attending. After the dinner, initiatory degrees were conferred upon Cosma Cairo, Louis Cairo, Frank Zelly, Wilford Amritz and Richard McGillis. Robert C. Flandro, master counselor, was in charge, and Jack P. Clayton, toastmaster. Dr. H. P. Kirtley, E. B. Heister and Joseph Dyer spoke.

The two boys are active students of West High School where they are taking post-graduate work. They excel in music, each playing four different instruments. They are taking private lessons under the directions of Conductor Kenneth Roylance at the McCune School of Music and Art. Cosma is first Lieutenant in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Band and Vice-President of the Sons of Pericles, in which Order both boys have been active for the last five years.

Frank S. Land, founder and secretary general, extended his heartiest congratulations to the two boys and Brother and Mrs. P. E. Cairo in a letter recently received.

ROBERT E. STAKE.

District No. 20

A Report From the "Hesperia" Chapter

Gala Picnic Held

ON AUGUST 16th "Hesperia" Chapter No. 152 of Los Angeles, California, in conjunction with its auxiliaries, the Daughters of Penelope and the Sons of Pericles, celebrated its seventh birthday with a gala picnic at the beautiful Verdugo Woods Estates. Close to one thousand Ahepans, including their families, attended. It was considered by all to be the gayest picnic ever sponsored in the community of Los Angeles. Entertainment was furnished for both young and old. Swimming, baseball, horseshoeing, horseback riding, tennis and golf were among the amusements offered to the young generation, while some of the older folks amused themselves by watching their youngsters participate in the various games and still others enjoyed themselves and made merry by taking part in the traditional Greek folk dances.

There were a million and one things to do at this picnic and everyone seemed to be doing them and having a great time. Yet when evening rolled around, no one was too weary to climb to the lodge, which was situated on top of a hill, and enjoy three hours of American dancing to a very snappy orchestra. The festivities began at nine in the morning and ended at nine in the evening—twelve hours of continuous fun. No wonder we are eagerly awaiting the next Ahepa picnic!

Hesperia Holds Open House

On September 21st, following a regular meeting, open house was held by the Hesperia chapter. The guest speaker of the evening was our good brother, Anthony Aroney, past District Governor, who recently returned from the tour of Greece which he and Mrs. Aroney made with the Ahepa Excursion. Brother Aroney's talk, dealing with his many adventures while in our native country, proved to be very interesting and enjoyable.

During the same evening we were also entertained by members of the Sons of Pericles who exhibited the motion pictures of their Second Annual Junior Hellenic Olympiad. These pictures were taken by Bill Cosulas, one of the best amateur photographers in our city. It was really thrilling to see our boys on the screen taking part in the various sports and being crowned victors by the Olympiad Queen, just as we see in the newsreels of the recent XI Olympiad. Refreshments were partaken of and we look forward to the next open house of the Hesperia chapter which it is hoped will be held in the near future.

E. D. BROTSOS,

Secretary.

Material for the next issue of the magazine should be on hand at the Ahepa Headquarters not later than January 10, 1937

SUPREME PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS OF MOUNT ROYAL CHAPTER NO. CJ-7



C. D. Tsipuras, Secretary; C. Halikas, President; V. I. Chebithes, Supreme President; J. Tsandilas, Vice President; John Alsalinos, Treasurer.

Past Supreme Vice President Marthakis Takes Bride



The bridal party. Left to right: Messrs. Bill Athas, Emanuel Kerikas, Andy Stavropoulos, Martin Lambros, Charles Athas, George Strike, George Marthakis, P. S. Marthakis, Mrs. P. S. Marthakis, Mrs. G. N. Strike, the Misses Angie Stavropoulos, Virginia Athas and Eugenia Batestas.

OF MUCH interest to Salt Lakers, and many other Utahans was the wedding Sunday, Aug. 30th, at 4:30 p. m. at the Greek Orthodox church, when Miss Marguerite Stavropoulos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stavropoulos, 440 North Third West Street, became the bride of Peter S. Marthakis, an instructor at the West high school and a member of the state legislature. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Callistos of Chicago, assisted by the Rev. Gavallas of the local Greek church. There were over 1500 people present at the ceremony.

The church was decorated with tall floor baskets of coral gladioli and yellow marigolds and palms and ferns. Among the flowers was a basket presented by the "Danaos" Society of which the bridegroom is the president.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in her wedding gown, a Lanvin model of shimmering white satin with tulle veil bordered with Chantilly lace which fell from a halo of seed pearls and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of Madonna lilies.

Miss Angie Stavropoulos, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Miss Virginia Athas was bridesmaid. They wore frocks fashioned alike of eggshell lace reelingotes over eggshell satin, with large hats of brown and rust glass. They carried muffs of Talisman roses, and lilies of the valley.

The matron of honor, Mrs. G. N. Strike, wore a model of jade green crepe and carried Talisman roses. Little Jean Batestas of Ogden was flower girl and wore a dainty frock of blue moire taffeta and carried a silver basket of rose petals, which she scattered in the pathway of the bride.

G. N. Strike was best man and William Athas and Andrew Stavropoulos were the ushers. Emmanuel Kerikas was ring bearer. Mrs. Stavropoulos, mother of the bride, was

gowned in black lace, with a corsage of gardenias and roses.

A reception was given in the evening at Starlite gardens at the Hotel Utah. The bride's table was decorated with a large wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom and banked with feathery asters.

P. E. Athas was master of ceremonies and C. E. Athas was toastmaster. Among those responding to toasts were Governor Henry H. Blood, Mayor E. B. Erwin, George A. Eaton and Charles H. Skidmore. A gift from the local house of representatives, of which the bridegroom is a member, was presented by Dr. E. E. Monson.

Four hundred persons attended the reception, among them being guests from New York, Wyoming, Michigan and San Francisco.

The couple left for a wedding trip to California. The bride's going-away ensemble was of rust and black. They will make their home in Salt Lake City after September 10.

THE NEW YEAR

A bird whose flight has just begun,
A flower unopened to the sun,
A tree with leafage yet concealed,
A book with pages unrevealed,
A pathway feet have never trod,
A stepping-stone that leads to God,
A cloister with its high-priest hid,
A gift-box with unlifted lid,
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With Time the Pilot at the wheel.

—Byrd Mock.

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**District No. 23
Convention of "Beaver District"
No. 23 and Banquet Tendered
to Supreme President
V. I. Chebithes Under the
Auspices of Mount Royal
Chapter, CJ-7,
Montreal, Canada**

THE first convention of Beaver District, No. 23, which under the edict of the Twelfth National Convention, supplants old 35th and 36th Districts was, after persistent efforts of Past 36th District officers and this Chapter, held in the Blue Room of the Windsor Hotel, on Sunday, November 22nd, 1936.

Although this convention was almost four months overdue, due to the great difficulty in organizing the Ontario Chapters of old 35th District, said District being without a District Lodge and whose Chapters, prior to the advent of the Supreme President's visit last May, were completely dormant, we are indeed happy to record that the spirit displayed leads us to believe and hope that the banner of AHEPA will again fly at top mast in the hearts and minds of our brothers from Ontario.

The work of the convention, which was called to order by Past District Governor Peter Agateos, of the old 36th District at 3 o'clock, proceeded smoothly and after a lengthy explanation by Supreme President V. I. Chebithes on legislation enacted at the National Convention at St. Paul and an inspired speech on the ideals and projects of the Order, settled

down to the selection of a city for the next convention and the election of officers.

The laurels went almost all to the brothers from Toronto, who were fortunate to win the convention for next year and also to have elected two of their brothers to the District Lodge. These brothers are, Bro. Frank Bazos, District Governor, and Bro. Michael Georgas, District Secretary. The others officers are, Bro. John Booris of Ottawa, Lieutenant District Governor; Bro. Constantine K. Speridakos of Montreal, District Treasurer, and Bro. John Fellas of Ottawa, District Marshal.

The new officers of the district, who we assure are men of very exceptional capabilities, have undertaken a task of the greatest responsibility and we take this opportunity to most heartily congratulate them on their election and express the hope that through their efforts and sagacious guidance, Beaver District, No. 23, will be able to report to the next convention that it has accomplished what it has set out to do and that is, to be, if not the very best, one of the very best Districts, AHEPA possesses.

Our most sincere thanks go to the Supreme President, whose tireless work and willingness to co-operate lent an added impetus to the efforts of the organizing committee and thereby assured the success realized, also to the delegates and brothers present, for the excellent ideas advanced and fraternal interest displayed. It is exhibitions, such as this, that prove the great need for an organization like ours, for it brings out the best in us and by cementing the bonds that bind an otherwise scattered people, bring a unity of purpose, a determination to live a nobler and more useful life and to perpetuate the highest and noblest

Hellenic ideals and principles in generations to come, which since the dawn of time have been an inspiration to all civilized peoples, regardless of creed or race. These efforts cannot but have the greatest beneficial results, not only to the members, but to every one who is privileged to have coursing through his veins Hellenic blood.

Banquet

To celebrate the occasion, a banquet, primarily organized in honor of Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, was given by the Mount Royal Chapter, CJ-7, at the Windsor Hall, of the Windsor Hotel. The affair had been publicized for a month previous to the date set and a large attendance was expected. It is noteworthy, however, to state that it exceeded even the wildest speculations advanced and necessitated a change from the Rose Room, originally set aside, to the Windsor Hall, a room almost twice the size. Even here, however, the management of the hotel were hard put to accommodate the crowd.

The extra inducement for the appearance of such a large gathering was, of course, the presence of the Supreme President, whom some people had heard speak on his first visit to Montreal last May. They were not disappointed, for his speech, although not as long as the first, made a most profound impression, not only on the people of Hellenic extraction, but on the distinguished visitors, experienced speakers and parliamentarians themselves. His oratorical powers, interspersed as they always are, with the most wholesome witicism, are not new to the members of the Order of AHEPA. Nevertheless, they never fail to thrill anew and rekindle the spark of

Ahepanism in their souls and everyone feels a sense of disappointment, when he sits down, surprised that he spoke for so long, the time, literally, flying away.

Among other speakers and guests were: Mr. Leo J. McKenna, Acting Mayor of Montreal; Messrs. J. Savignac, Chairman, W. S. Weldon, Hector Dupuis and Ovide Taillefer of the Executive Council of the City of Montreal; Mr. W. J. Hushion, Federal Member of Parliament; Hon. Gilbert Layton, M. L. A., Minister Without Portfolio in the Quebec Provincial Parliament; Alderman Adhemar Raynault, Dave Rochon and George Layton, His Excellency, Mr. George Alexakis, Acting Consul General of the Kingdom of Greece; the Rev. E. Chrysolaras, Pastor of the Hellenic Orthodox Church, Holy Trinity, and Mr. Philip Colivas, President of the Community.

This affair, or rather, this kind of an affair, has become an institution in this city and is well liked by the people, who have shown an increased interest in each succeeding one. This one, however, has doubled its popularity and has done more to bring the name of AHEPA to the fore than all previous affairs ever attempted. Skeptics and others not conversant with the ideals and principles of the Order came, some to laugh, others to ridicule, but all went away with a new conception of their ideas on the subject and there is no man or woman, who attended, in this city today, who does not yearn to be identified in the movement and who does not look up to it, as the best thing that could have happened to the Hellenic race.

The guests were delighted with the songs and dances of a little girl of nine years, Miss Kay Tranis, who showed a most promising aptitude and great skill for a child of her tender years. Her clever interpretations captivated the hearts of many and none other than our Supreme President was so impressed that he insisted he be photographed with her. We predict a great future for this youngster.

Our thanks go to the Banquet Committee, composed of Bros. C. K. Sperdakos, S. Colivas, E. Stamos, C. Camitses and M. MacLachlan for their arduous labors in connection with the preparations; the President, Bro. C. Halkas, for his tireless and ever present control; the Vice-President, Bro. J. Tsandillas, for his ceaseless cooperation; the Treasurer, Bro. J. Atsalinos, for the excellent entertainment provided, and in general all and everyone who had a hand in the success of the attempt.

Bro. MacLachlan acted as chairman.

CARRIS D. TSIPRAS.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Seventh Anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope

THE sands of time flow silently and rapidly through the hour glass and bring on November 16, 1936, the seventh anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope. I feel the urge of expressing again my congratulations to our beloved President of the Grand Lodge, Mrs. Alexandra Apostolides, who by her graciousness and deep sympathy has worked wonders during these last seven years to the end that we have now close to sixty chapters in all parts of the United States that have operated successfully since 1929. Each chapter, from the time of its organization, fell right in step with those before it and they have helped to construct a fine strong fraternal bond between the members of the auxiliaries and the Ahepa chapters. Throughout the ritualistic work of the Daughters of Penelope, the spirit of Ahepism prevails; the traditions and educational theories of both Greece and America are studied so that they may be passed on to the children. It is therefore our hope that before long there will be an auxiliary of our sisterhood to each chapter of the Grand Order of the Ahepa.

The work during these past seven years has entailed unspoken hardships and has not always been a bed of roses, but with President Mrs. Apostolides' untiring perseverance at the helm and the help of all officers and members of the chapters who work in unison and with patience, we have grown each year. When we remember the great patience and sacrifice of our immortal namesake, Penelope, Queen of Ithaca, ours is small in comparison, and I hope and pray that all members of our grand Order will work harder and redouble their efforts in the new year to make their chapters just what your Grand Lodge officers expect, for

Organizations are not made by those afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead,
When everyone works and nobody shirks,
You can raise a chapter from the dead,
And when you make your personal stake,
Your sisters will make theirs, too,
For it's not the individual or the chapter as a
whole,
But the everlasting teamwork of every bloom-
ing soul.

None of us, I am sure, is working for a title or personal gain but for the glory of building and being members of this splendid Order. So let us keep on building for time and eternity and leave for those who follow an Order that is better than all others; let us never relax but instead take courage, and if you have been faithful in the past, redouble your efforts, no matter how beautiful the tone of any one string in the harp may be—in richness it alone cannot give out the music that a perfect instrument can give. That is why we must have loyalty, patience and the cooperation of every member so that each one does her share in building the foundation upon which we now stand, and make it stronger and stronger each year.

In the past several years, the Daughters of Penelope has taken a prominent part in both District and National conventions of the Order of Ahepa and much credit should be given President Mrs. Matina Constantine of the "Diomedes" Chapter of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and her members for the work done at the Ahepa district convention; also the former Miss Marianne Strenghes of St. Paul, Minn., President of that chapter, and her members for their part in the Ahepa national convention.

Once again, and I am sure that all the sisters of our splendid organization join me, I say, "All Hail! and hearty congratulations to our President of the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Alexandra Apostolides. May the ensuing years find her always at the helm, and all that you have hoped for you shall yet achieve. It has been one of my great pleasures to work with and under your guidance, without which I could not have succeeded in organizing and installing ten chapters in the past six years of my office, and if in my small way I have helped to lay one of the corner-stones, using our motto, "Patience is a virtue," I must thank you.

For I pray the prayer all Sisters do
That some day we may clasp hands with you;
And wherever you stay, or wherever you go,
May the beautiful ideals of our sisterhood
grow;
I know I will, and all sisters, too,
Work for the love of the Order, and You.

Mrs. MARIA ASOUMANAKIS,
District Organizer,
Rock Island, Ill.

Alethea Chapter Presents Drama and Comedy

TO MAKE a Greek affair successful, it used to mean plenty of food and drinks, with all the children in the family present, and then gatherings on the side talking about this and that. But nowadays, Greek affairs are changing gradually but surely. Since the organizations of men, women, and young folks, that is; Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens, and Sons of Pericles, the Greek people have become better acquainted with each other and their field of friendship has become wider. Although we have lived in the same city for years, and greeted each other on the street, it wasn't until the organizations were established that we really knew our friends and their inner selves.

The organizations all over the country have taken up dramatics, and speech, and have brought to us the Glory of Greece. Ancient plays are dramatized, and the almost forgotten country of Greece is again rising in heights, as our American friends see, hear, and read of our plays presented in this country. We are being recognized as Greeks, and not as foreigners, and that is something to be mighty proud of.

We, the Daughters of Penelope, have been endeavoring to make successful the accomplishments set forth since our establishment. On

Sunday, November 1, at 7:30 p. m., at the luxurious Roosevelt Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, we presented our second drama and comedy, in the presence of about 200 guests, including visitors from Ames, Davenport, and Tri-Cities, Oskaloosa, and Marshalltown. Much of the credit for the success of the play, both financially and socially, goes to Mrs. Mike Zervakis who so unselfishly gave her time and untiring effort in directing the play, and helping in every way she could. Assisting Mrs. Zervakis was Miss Sophie Siamis, President of the chapter, who also served as Chairman. The drama, "The Widow With the Orphans," was a very emotional story. Mrs. M. Zervakis, as the widow, brought tears to many in the audience with her realistic performance. The story opened with the young widow sitting by her fireside attending the fire and embroidering while awaiting the return of her three orphans from school. While waiting she moans out her distressful condition, for the children have been attending school without meals, not even bread, only the neighbors and teachers take pity and bring them what little food they can afford. She begs the Lord to take pity on them. The children soon return, and another day goes by without food. The youngest, portrayed by Lula Zervakis, young daughter of Mrs. Zervakis, tells her sisters, taken by the Misses Bessie Santas and Sophia Siamis, that she will sit down and write a letter to God asking for assistance. The scene presents the young girl writing her letter. After she finishes she goes to the post office to mail it. The second part of the play portrays the post office. As the scene opens, post office clerk, part well acted by Mr. Dino Stefanakos, is seated at his desk, and in walks the young girl. She tells her plight to the clerk, and asks him to mail her letter for she cannot afford postage. The clerk takes the letter and bids the child to go to her home, and shall attend to her letter. When the child leaves he reads the letter and becomes aware of the widow's plight. He is deeply touched by the letter and calls in the mail clerk, acted by Mrs. Nicholas Kanellis. The post office clerk directs the mail clerk to call the postmaster to his office, to study the case. Soon the clerk returns with the postmaster, played by Mr. Nick Zambrakos, whose touching voice sounded as if he indeed was the postmaster. With his assistance, the postmaster buys clothes and food for the widow and the children, and also gives her money, and promises that she will be provided for. The next scene returns us to the home of the widow, and as the young girl explains her tardiness in coming home, the mail clerk arrives with the provisions, and the long sorrow turns to joy. As the curtain descends, the widow and her children thank God for His deliverance.

After this touching drama, the tears of sympathy that were shed were turned to tears of laughter as the comely "Oh! Dollars!" was performed. The Zervakis family really carried away acting honors, as Mike Zervakis, portraying the cunning servant in the comedy, provided most of the laughs with his comical actions. Even Hollywood would sign up such a comedian if it ever had the opportunity to



Miss Sophie Siamis, President "Alethea"
Chapter No. 8.

see him act. The story deals with a Greek man, age about 50, who had lived in America and made his fortune, returning to his native land to live, and with the hopes of marrying his daughter, aged 25, to a wealthy man. Mr. Tallaropoulos, the father, was performed by Mr. George Miller, who fitted the role perfectly. The young daughter in the play was filled by the real daughter of the leading character, Miss Anthoula Miller, who did equally well. The young girl knew of her father's plans, but not liking the prospective bridegroom, age 52, she plans with the servant to wed the young army officer with whom she is in love. The part of the officer was taken by Mr. Dino Stefanakos. Much credit should go to him for he did very well in the role, understanding that he also had a major role in the drama. The young officer planned to drug the girl, and fool the father into believing her unconscious from shock, for he threatened to disinherit her unless she married the man of his choice. When the father comes home after changing his will, and seeing his daughter in that condition, he cries out in agony, and the maid believe fright of the servant, made it more comical. Finally the young officer, happening to be passing by, hears the groans, and stops to investigate. He is told the girl is dead. He kneels down and examines her, and tells the father that the girl is not dead, but had a dreadful shock, and he could restore her to her health. With the aid of another drug, the girl becomes conscious, and the father falling in the plot, consents to his daughter's marriage to the young man who saved her life. The servant thought he saved his neck by not being discovered in his part of the plot, but he may have escaped his master, but not the maid, who also fell victim to another of his plots in which he pretended a very serious sickness, and the maid taking pity on him gave her week's wages to him so he might have doctor's cure. She discovers his plot after noticing the way he worked his master, the young mistress and young officer, and his weakness for money, and goes after him with a broom. The part of the maid was

played by Miss Mary Santas, whose actions brought much applause from the audience.

During intermissions a violin quintet composed of the Misses Frances Siamis, Irene Gianedakis, Lula Zervakis, Bessie and Helen Thomas played various selections. Accompanying them at the piano were the Misses Anna Gianedakis and Bessie Thomas. Mr. Gust Asimianakis, formerly of Cedar Rapids, and now a resident of Davenport, was narrator. After the performances an orchestra furnished music for dancing.

The Alethea Chapter, No. 8, of the Daughters of Penelope, wishes to take this occasion to express its sincere thanks and deep gratitude to all the players who gave their valuable time gratis to help make this play a success. It also wishes to thank Peter Baskalos of Des Moines, Iowa, Spiro Gootis, George Chipokas, and Tony Siamis of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for their efforts and sincere cooperation. To Mr. Gust Asimianakis for having contributed so generously, and young ladies who composed the violin quintet and their accompanists, the members of Alethea Chapter and their President, Miss Sophie Siamis wish to express their sincere appreciation.

Mrs. NICHOLAS KANELLOS, Secretary,
Alethea Chapter, No. 8, Daughters
of Penelope, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"Chloris" Chapter of Daughters Established in Canton

"CHLORIS" Chapter, No. 40, of the Daughters of Penelope, which was established as the result of the union of the former chapter of the "Maids of Athens" and the "Spartan Women's Club," both of Canton, held its first public installation of officers on Sunday, October 25th, at the Y. M. C. A. lodge room.

The sister-chapter, "Themis," of Akron, Ohio, headed by the president, Mrs. Mangeris, and a splendidly trained team, performed the installation in such a manner that the audience, consisting of hundreds of our people and numerous Americans invited to witness the unusual ceremony, was profoundly impressed. Particularly impressive was the candle ceremony in which several members of the Akron team, dressed beautifully in their new uniforms, with glittering, sparkling jewels, indicative of their offices, participated most successfully, leaving the desired impression engraved upon the memories of the audience.

Brother Angel Alex, who acted as chairman for the occasion, introduced the installing officer of the evening, Mrs. Mangeris, of Akron, who performed her duties exceedingly well. She stressed the point that her chapter felt it a unique honor to install the officers of the "Chloris" sister-chapter and gave a short talk on the objects of the auxiliary. Mr. Alex spoke on the importance of the women's mission in America, those who hail from Hellas, and stressed the importance of unity among mothers and daughters. John Petrou, of Akron, also spoke, taking as his subject the accomplishments of the Ahepa to be taken as a lighthouse by the younger orders of our people. Among others who followed with brief talks was Father Mitakos of the Holy Trinity Greek Church, who joined the Greek congregation only recently, having come here from Aliquippa, Pa.

The officers installed are: Mrs. G. Burlakis, President; Miss Afrodite Goglos, Secretary; Mrs. Emanuel Elite, Vice President; Mrs.

Angel Alex, Treasurer, and the following Governors of the Board; Chairman, Mrs. Hontas, Mrs. Vontitakes, Mrs. Eletheriathou, Miss Angelina Bonzikas and Miss Frances Michelos; Priestess, Mrs. Philip Anastas; Captain of the Guard, Miss Katherine Michelos; Warden, Miss Theana Lampros; Inside Sentinel, Mrs. Sam Kallison; Flag Bearers, Misses Anna Chichanis and Elpinike Guniou.

ANGEL ALEX.

Kanatas-Giokares Rites Read in Columbus, Ohio

BRILLIANCE and beauty characterized the wedding of Miss Theresa Kanatas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kanatas of Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Peter Giokares of Lima, Ohio, which was solemnized in the Hellenic Orthodox Church, Columbus, Sunday, October 11. Reverend Stephen Lavriotis performed the ceremony in the presence of four hundred relatives and friends of the couple.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, marched down the aisle to the tune of Lohengrin's Wedding March. She wore a long white satin gown designed with a high neckline, leg-of-mutton sleeves that extended over the hands, and an exceptionally long train. Her trailing veil was held to her head by a turban adorned with orange blossoms and seeds of pearls. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies.

The maid of honor, Miss Lula Zaglanis, cousin of the bride, was dressed in a gown of velvet, designed in Grecian style, with flowing toga scarfs. She carried a fan-shaped bouquet of gladioli.

The two bridesmaids were Miss Chrisythea Mousoulote of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Mrs. Esther Brown. They wore gowns styled exactly as that of the maid of honor, the former wearing coral velvet and the latter, turquoise blue velvet. Both carried fan-shaped bouquets of gladioli.

The flower girls, Helen Kanatas, sister of the bride, and Angelina Caronis, were dressed in maroon taffeta dresses and they carried small bouquets.

Mr. George Anthony of Lima, was the best man. Mr. Thomas Kanatas, past District Treasurer of former District No. 17, and Mr. Michael Kantas, brother of the bride, were the ushers.

Following the nuptial ceremony a reception was held at Druid's Hall where the guests were invited to feast and dance to the music of a well known Greek-American orchestra of Chicago. Many messages of felicitation were received from friends and relatives of the couple.

After the reception the newlyweds left for a trip to New York and Canada.

Mr. Giokares is a member of the Fort Wayne Chapter of the Ahepa.

ESTHER BROWN.

We are very happy to hear of the spectacular progress that is now being made in the ranks of the Daughters of Penelope and we welcome the opportunity to publish news in connection with the activities of our auxiliary. Be sure to have material for the next issue in the office of the Editor before January 10, 1936.

"Electra" Holds Annual Charity Ball

CHAPTER ELECTRA, No. 3, of Kansas City, Mo., held its fifth Annual Charity Ball in the form of a Mardi Gras, on October 25, 1936, at Drexel Hall.

The hall was carried out in the Mardi Gras spirit and being in the Hallowe'en season, it was convenient to decorate in spirit.

Balloons, whistles, confetti, etc., were handed out and thrown away. It was a real party. Plenty of noise and plenty of color. Costumes of every type appeared on the floors. Most of the guests dressed in costumes for the Mardi Gras. Prizes were awarded for the various costumes. Those who won in the costume prizes were: Miss Josephine Blando, first place; Miss Edith Giokares, second place, and Miss Helen Alexopoulos, third place. Judges for this contest were: Mr. Chris Garrison, Secretary of the Ahepa Order in Kansas City; Mr. Sam Hronopoulos, President of the Ahepa Chapter; Mr. A. P. Sanderson, Past District Governor, and Mrs. Mary Glavianos, an Italian lady.

Cakes and candy were on display for prizes. Three awards were made on the cakes: First place went to Miss Helen Maduros, the chapter's pianist. Miss Maduros made a lovely decorated cake with the name "Penelope" on it. Second place was awarded Mrs. Olga Sanderson, whose cake was an ice box cake known as Lady Finger. Third place was awarded Mrs. Anna Karsonis, who made delicious Russian cookies. The judges for this contest were: Mrs. William Vassos, Mrs. Andrew Giannoulas, Mrs. Thos. Kapsimalis, and Mrs. Stella Jones of St. Joseph, Mo.

"Electra" is quite proud of its Mardi Gras. It was new and different. Thanks and appreciation of time goes to these sisters who worked hard to make this Mardi Gras something worth while to both generations: Mrs. Harry Alexander, our worthy President; Mrs. Anastasia Agnos, Mrs. Ruby Apostle, Mrs. Elvora Booras, Mrs. Stella Kopulos, Mrs. William Maduros, Mrs. Chris Vreides, Mrs. Nettie Dakopoulos, Mrs. Anna Triantos, Mrs. Mary Turner, Mrs. Eva Karmatinos and Misses Katherine Copulos, Helen Alexopoulos, Jean Karnaze and Helen Maduros.

Without their fine cooperation, our Charity Ball could not have enjoyed success.

On September 3, 1936, a Garden Card Party was held at the home of our good sister, Mrs. Nellie Georgalas. The yard was illuminated in bright colored lights. The committee in charge was: Mrs. Nellie Georgalas, Mrs. Stella Kopulos, Mrs. Harry Alexander, Miss Helen Maduros, Mrs. Elvora Booras and Miss Mary Karnaze.

The grand prize was awarded to Mrs. Harry Alexander and the consolation prize went to Miss Jean Karnaze. The card party afforded our people a chance to break away from the extreme heat we had been suffering.

The engagement of Miss Katherine Copulos, Chapter Electra's Captain of the Guards, and Mr. Gus Fitch, an Ahepan, was announced on October 18. Lots of luck, Kate.

Mrs. Nellie Georgalas, member of Chapter "Electra," has been ill for the past month. The sisters are hoping for a speedy recovery.

MARY KARNAZE,
Secretary.

Chapter "Hellas" of Chicago Launches Third Annual Benefit Ball

WITHIN the stately portals of the vastly impressive Trianon Ballroom, indeed worthy of its name, the "world's most beautiful ballroom," thousands of Hellenes hastened to enjoy the long-awaited event of the year, the third annual ball, sponsored by the "Hellas" Chapter, of the Order of Daughters of Penelope, and held October 7, 1936, for the benefit of the Greek Schools of Chicago.

The Daughters of Penelope, while preserving among themselves the culture and traditions of the great and historic country of their renowned ancestors, are a tremendous constructive force in the Hellenic progress of Chicago. Their loyal devotion to the welfare of the Greek Schools of Chicago was the paramount incentive that made this affair one of sacred significance. Consequently, the success of each annual ball vitalizes anew the splendid purposes which have animated its members since its inception.

A wave of silence swept throughout as our President, Mrs. Mary G. Markos, made her appearance on the stage. She graciously extended her sincere thanks to everyone for the manifest effort made on their part, in their wholehearted support to maintain the Hellenic principles that we all cherish so highly. Mrs. Markos expressed her gratitude to those who purchased boxes that evening; to the Central Floral Company and Mangel's Florist for furnishing the flowers that were sold; and, to Mr. Harry Sellas for his benevolence in donating the gifts that were to be awarded to those members who disposed of the highest number of tickets. She congratulated the winners upon their excellent work and diligence, and announced their names as follows: Mrs. Demetra N. Ritsos, Mrs. Georgia Veremis, Mrs. Mary Potanti, Mrs. Athena Pittas, Miss Mary Lambesis, Mrs. Theofane Fetis, Mrs. S. Broolis, E. Lambros, S. Photos, Miss K. Nichols, J. Christos, E. Vriouvas, O. Augustis, T. Camberis, C. Falakos, and B. Spirides.

Mrs. Markos then continued to announce the subsequent program, a series of ancient Greek dances performed by members of our chapter who were instructed by the famous Greek dancing instructor, Mr. Nicholas Tsoukalas. Sisters J. Christos, J. Granopoulos, E. Broolis, K. Lambros, C. Karmis, G. Ernest and I. Contos constituted the dancing group.

Slowly, the luxurious maroon velvet curtains of the Trianon stage moved aside and a beautiful scene confronted the expectant audience. On this subtle, azure-tinted, discreetly illuminated stage, a truly ancient tableau was beheld—classical nymphs gowned in flowing white Grecian costumes, dancing in rhythmic grace—intrinsically meaningful, the scene breathed a bit of old Athens, perhaps a bit of the Parthenon. Seemingly, out of a whirl of veils appeared a most graceful danseuse from the Tsoukalas studios, Lorlein Griffiths, whose artistic interpretation was much commented upon. An utterly bizarre dance was given by Sisters Euthalia Broolis and June Christos. Representing the Satires, they were attired in a fantastic costume symbolic of the half-man and half-goat character known in our legends. It is needless to mention that at the conclusion of this thoroughly enjoyable program a thunderous applause ensued.

The reception committee consisted of Mrs.

Frank Potanti, our much esteemed former President, Mrs. Nicholas Ritsos, Mrs. M. Damianos, and Mrs. George Veremis.

The flower committee: Mary Lambesis, Elaine Pittas, Athena Pittas, Stella Petrakis, R. Giannios, Georgia Papagiane, Barbara Mania, Crisula Falakos, A. Pentel, K. Nichols, S. Photos, H. Canellos, T. Camberis, E. Thomas, and B. Spirides.

DEMETRA N. RITSOS.

Η ΓΕΝΝΗΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ

Ἄστέρι ἔλαμψε λαμπρό
καὶ θάμπωσε τὴ γῆ,
Μιὰ νύχτα ὀλοοκάτειν
σὴ μέση τοῦ χειμῶνα,
Καὶ τὴν πεδιάδα γέμισαι,
τὸ δάσος, τὸ λιμῶνα,
Καὶ τοὺς τοῖς πάροις παύροισιν
ἄτ' τὴν Ἀνατολήν.

Ἐλάμψε τ' ἄστρο, θέριζε,
καὶ τὰ σῶματα στείλει.
Σὲ μιὰ καλὴν σιὰθηξε
πολίαν, γιοιχιά.

Κι' ἦσαν ἀγγέλοι κι' ἐθαλάσαν
μὲ μιὰ γωνὴ γλυκεῖα,
Καὶ τραγουδῶσαν γι' αὐτόν,
ὅσο τὸν κόσμο δοῦζει.

Καὶ γονατίσαν οἱ βοσκοί,
τὰ πρόβατα βελῶν,
Ἐνα μωρὸ εἶχε γεννηθῆ.
Κ' ἦ μάνα του σὸ πιάγι
Τὸ θώραγε μὲ χαμογελο,
τὸ κίτταραν κ' οἱ τράγοι,
Τὸ χαμαῖωναν οἱ βοσκοί
κ' οἱ ἀγγέλοι τὸ θαμάζαν.

Οἱ μάγοι μὲ τὰ δῶρα τους
σὴ δὶγα εἶχαν σιὰθῆ.
Κι' ἄτ' ὄμοις ποῖταν μέσα καί,
καθεὶς ἀνασσιόταν
Γιατὶ οὐ κίνο τὸ μωρὸ
ποῦ σ' ἄχρωα κοιώταν,
Ὀνόματι γεργροδόλημα
τριγέρω εἶχε χυθῆ.

Κι' ἀκούστη γωνὴ ποῖλεγε
πὸς κείτος ποῦ γεννηθῆ
Θὰ γέσῃ σὸ σκοτάδι γῶς,
σὸ γέμμα τὴν ἀλήθεια,
Στὸν ἀρρωστα τὸ γάιθρομα,
σὸ ναναγὸ βροῖθρα,
Στὸν πόνο μιὰ ἀνακούγισῃ,
σὴ σιγασὰ τὴ εἶθῃ.

Καὶ γονατίσαν οἱ βοσκοί,
τὰ πρόβατα βελῶν,
Κι' ἀκούστη κι' ἔλεγε γωνή:
Ἄνθρώποι, ὅσο κ' ἂν εἶσθε,
Τὸν ἀρχοντα τοῦ κόσμου
ἐλάτε, προσκυνήσατε!
Κ' οἱ μάγοι τὸν προσκύνησαν,
κ' οἱ ἀγγέλοι τὸν θαμάζαν.

ΑΔΕΚΟΣ ΣΟΛΩΜΟΣ.

SONS OF PERICLES

WE ARE ON OUR WAY!

District Governors Appointed

THE Supreme Council in session appointed Governors for the newly revised Districts. They were appointed after careful consideration of their merits, and upon recommendations of various officers of the Senior and Junior Orders. The Governors are the direct representatives of the Supreme Council in each District. Their duties shall be to supervise and coordinate the activities of their Districts with those of the Supreme Council. In making these appointments, the Supreme Council expressed the hope that all the Districts will become so active that by next spring they will be able to hold District Conclaves and to elect their next Governors; thus making this the last time that they will be appointed from Headquarters. The new Governors are listed below.

District No. 1, Deno G. Thevaos, Augusta, Georgia.

District No. 2, Stanley Smitzes, Tarpon Springs, Florida.

District No. 3, George T. George, Baltimore, Maryland.

District No. 4, George Morphesis, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

District No. 5, Theodore Manos, Paterson, New Jersey.

District No. 6, John Diracles, New York, New York.

District No. 7, Constantine Pappas, New Haven, Connecticut.

District No. 8, Nicholas G. Kleros, Lowell, Massachusetts.

District No. 9, George Koutsonikas, Nashua, New Hampshire.

District No. 10, William Poulos, Detroit, Michigan.

District No. 11, Not appointed yet.

District No. 12, John Ferguson, Hammond, Indiana.

District No. 13, John Kotselas, Chicago, Illinois.

District No. 14, John Mitchell, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

District No. 15, George Leber, Wichita, Kansas.

District No. 16, Demetrius Andrichakos, New Orleans, Louisiana.

District No. 17, Gus Andrews, Denver, Colorado.

District No. 18, Governor of District No. 17 will supervise for present.

District No. 19, Nicholas J. Velis, Salt Lake City, Utah.

District No. 20, Pete Peterson, Los Angeles, California.

District No. 21, Not yet appointed.

District No. 22, Not yet appointed.

District No. 23, Not yet appointed.

Supreme Council Pushes Plans

Supreme Officers Active

TO THOSE who listened to the radio at any time prior to November 3rd, the title may sound familiar. Not wishing to show partiality, we hesitated at first to use it. But use it we did, because later on were not able to find anyone who had voted against the winning party; and because in all seriousness, it portrayed most accurately and appropriately the feeling and spirit that is enveloping our entire fraternity today—from the Supreme Advisory Board, through the Supreme Council, to the Districts and the chapters.

The activities of the Supreme Council since last August have been constructive and far-reaching in their consequences. Sincerely striving to live up to their pledge to the delegates of the St. Paul Convention who elected them to the organization's seven highest offices, the Supreme Officers have been earnestly endeavoring to fundamentally strengthen the Order. Following their far-rooted desire for immediate improvement they made a complete study of conditions, and then decided on the best courses to follow in order to succeed. It was necessary to examine many facts frankly, as well as carefully, and basing their judgment on past experiences, made decisions, plans and preparations. It was found necessary to become well-entrenched, and to have the chapters in all sections of the country progressing actively before National and District programs could be presented to the Order. As the weeks have been going by, the active chapters have been responding; the inactive chapters are being reorganized. We are becoming well-entrenched, and we are on our way!

The preceding paragraph may also sound sort of familiar in its general tone and aspect, but the sincerity, honesty and faith behind it are unusual. They are not empty phrases written merely to fill space, or to create an illusion. They are truths which the following paragraphs and pages will bear out.

The Supreme Council has held four meetings since September. The first one, held in Washington, was greatly honored with the presence of two members of the Supreme Lodge of the Ahepa. Senior Brothers V. I. Chelithes, Supreme President, and Constantine G. Economou, Supreme Secretary, spent two full days working with the members of the Council, and aiding them immeasurably in all their deliberations.

Listed here in brief summary are the decisions which are of general interest.

Extensive plans were drawn up for the reorganization of all inactive and disbanded chapters through correspondence and visitations.

The Governors for nearly all the Districts were appointed, and presented with certificates of appointment.

The changes to the Constitution voted by the St. Paul Convention were put together in a supplement which will be added to the present printed Constitutions.

A Ritual Committee was appointed to carry out the mandates of the Convention with regards to a new ritual.

Filling a long required need an official installation service was prepared for distribution to the chapters.

It was voted to prepare a series of awards to be presented to worthy Sons of Pericles for various services rendered.

Another award to be presented to Ahepans for meritorious efforts and interest in behalf of the Junior Order was established.

Preparations were made for the systematic performance of the Bureau of Services and Activities.

It was decided to conduct a National Contest for a Sons of Pericles Anthem.

Remembering the success of the national membership drives held in previous years, it was unanimously agreed to hold a strong drive for members immediately after the New Year.

Further plans for the organized and proper functioning of headquarters were developed.

In addition to attending and taking action in these meetings, and carrying on their individual tasks, the members of the Supreme Council have begun visitations to many chapters.

The Supreme Secretary, Brother George Trapshantis, has been making whirlwind visits to nearly all the chapters in the northern Illinois area. He has visited the Lord Byron, Pindaros, Ypsilanti, Garfield Park, Pgyrnalion, Logan Square, Kallistos, and Athenagoras chapters.

Brother George Polyzois, Supreme Governor and Smithfield man, has been covering some vast territory. The blonde Nebraskan has made trips to chapters as widely separated as Detroit, Michigan, and Omaha, Nebraska; and of course visiting the chapters in cities in between.

Our Supreme President, Brother Christ Petrow, has attended chapter meetings in Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Wilmington; Supreme Council meetings in Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, and had conferences with members of the Supreme Advisory Board in Pittsburgh and Chicago.

Brother William Peratino, Supreme Governor, has visited the chapters in Norfolk, Richmond, and Hopewell, Virginia; Charlotte, North Carolina; District of Columbia; Baltimore, Maryland; and Wilmington, Delaware.

The Supreme Treasurer, Brother George Anderson, has been laying plans for extended visits to the numerous New York chapters immediately after the Christmas holidays. And

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Wanted: A Sons of Pericles Anthem

Supreme Council Sponsors Contest For Fraternity Song

Engraved Plaque to be Presented to Winning Composer

IN CELEBRATING the passing of the first decade in the history of our Order, and the beginning of the second, the Supreme Council announces a contest for a national Sons of Pericles Anthem. We are now "growing up." We need an inspiring song, appropriate for our organization. It will become a stirring tribute to our progress, and a memorial to our permanence.

The contest shall be open only to all good-standing members of the Sons of Pericles, Daughters of Penelope, and Maids of Athens. To the winner will be presented a beautiful plaque, mounted on wood, with the emblem of the Order of Sons of Pericles, the name of the winner, and the other appropriate inscriptions engraved upon it. The presentation to the winner shall be made at a public affair by a member of the Supreme Council.

The following rules shall govern the contest, and must be strictly adhered to:

1. The Contest for a Sons of Pericles Anthem is open to all good-standing members of the Sons of Pericles, Daughters of Penelope, and Maids of Athens. All contestants must attach to their entry a signed statement to the effect that they are in good standing with their respective chapters. National officers of the above organizations are not eligible.
2. The Anthem may be written in either English or Greek.
3. The music does not necessarily have to be original. The words may be set to any tune.
4. There should not be over three verses.
5. A contestant may not submit more than one entry.
6. Send all entries direct to:
Sons of Pericles Headquarters,
840 Investment Building,
Washington, D. C.
7. All contestants will receive receipts from the Headquarters for each entry.

8. Letters must not be postmarked later than January 31, 1937.

9. Manuscripts will be returned only when accompanied by self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

10. The decision of the judges will be final. They will not enter into any discussion concerning any of the entries.

11. The Supreme Council reserves the right to change and alter a composition when deemed necessary.

12. The winning song shall become the property of the Order of Sons of Pericles; this including the publishing, copyrighting, and distributing privileges.

Come on you Sons, Daughters, and Maids! Which organization shall have the honor?

We Are On Our Way!

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way over in the Rocky Mountain and Indian country, Brother Peter Razatos, the other Supreme Governor, has been mapping out his visitations to the wide and wild expanses of the West.

Brother Constantine Poulos, the Supreme Vice-President, has been actively occupied at our Headquarters in Washington. Brother Poulos went with our forever-active Supreme Advisor, Senior Brother C. G. Paris of Virginia, down to Durham, North Carolina, where there is a possibility of a Sons chapter, and there spoke at a public meeting of the Ahepa.

Thus we see reflected in the short space of a few months a spirit of activity unequalled in the history of our Order. A spirit which is expanding over the whole organization, and which bespeaks of a brilliant future and of great progress. A future progress which shall be a fitting testimonial of what can be accomplished by the Order of Sons of Pericles through continuous activity, cooperation and unity. The Sons of Pericles (and Time!) are marching on! We Are On Our Way!

Please send all contributions for publication in Sons of Pericles section to:

CONSTANTINE POULOS
Sons of Pericles Hdqrs.

840 Investment Building
Washington, D. C.

Sons' Baseball in Chicago

John Kotselos, Governor-District No. 13

CHICAGO may rightfully boast of being the Greek baseball center of America. Four of what may be considered the best Hellenic teams in the United States have completed very successful seasons. The Order of Ahepa was represented by what is probably the finest Greek baseball team in the country—in the Woodlawn Chapter's team. While the Ypsilanti, Pindaros and Lord Byron Chapters of the Sons of Pericles all put very capable teams on the field.

A great, late summer spurt, climaxing an indifferent season, saw the Woodlawn team place in the Chicago Amateur Championship finals, only to lose on errors. The Ypsilanti Chapter No. 22 annexed the Junior Order Championship of Greater Chicago, by defeating Pindaros, Lord Byron, and Pygmalion Chapters.



Ypsilanti's Baseball Team

The members of these teams, all credits to our race, journeyed to St. Paul, Minnesota, at the time of the National Conventions of the Senior and Junior Orders, in order to prove their ability before the numerous delegates from the many Ahepa and Sons chapters, as well as the hundreds of Convention visitors. The game was played on Monday afternoon of Convention week in the spacious diamond of a minor league team in St. Paul, and was broadcast over the radio.

The invaluable physical and mental development fostered by athletics cannot be overestimated. Sportsmanship is never better expressed than through various sports. The Sons of Pericles are doing a great good in sponsoring and furthering athletics among the Greek youth. It is only proper that the unselfish individuals, responsible for the present growing interest in athletics in the Junior and Senior Orders, be commended. Senior Brothers Van Nomikos, James Sotos, John Synoninos, Tom Orphan, and John Brown have been tremendous factors in the advancement of the athletic movement. They organized, outfitted, and financed the teams. Credit should also be given to Coach Gus Spirakes, who moulded the powerful Woodlawn team, and is working hard to repeat his success with the Ypsilanti team.

The Ypsilanti team was led by the diminutive Brother Ted Janos, a very dependable backstop. Captain of the Pindaros outfit is Brother Ted Frankos who also handles third base. Brother John Geanopoulos leads the Lord Byron Chapter's team from first base.

All of the Chicago chapters of the Sons of Pericles are already making plans and preparations for next year's season. With the pledged support and cooperation of the National and District Headquarters, 1937 promises to be the greatest year in the history of Hellenic baseball in Chicago.

Plato Chapter No. 80, Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A.



Standing, left to right: George Christofel, George Scaljon, Michael Scaljon, George Lakos, Louis Karangelen; High Guardian, Harry Anderson; Master of Ceremonies, Gus Constantinides, Christos Kent, Theodore Constantinides, Gus La Ricas. Seated, left to right: Gus Poulase, Andrew Lambros; High Priest, George Mesologites; Secretary Theodore George; President, George Anderson; Supreme Treasurer, George T. George; Vice-President, George C. George; Treasurer, James Stavropoulos; Louis Constantinides, Outer Guard.

Brockton Boasts Strong Hoop Five

AS IN previous years the Brockton, Massachusetts, chapter looks forward to a brilliant basket-ball season. Although hampered by the loss of stellar performers last year, who had entered higher institutions of learning, the local chapter completed a still schedule with only two defeats as against twelve victories. The majority of these games were played against non-Greek teams. Coached this year by William Psilikas, former basket-ball star, the team hopes to continue in the winning class.

This year's team is pretty well fixed for veteran material. The squad is made up of the captain, Peter Kovatis, ex-high school gridster and baseball player who plays center, James Psilikas, a very versatile performer who covers the back court together with Nick Droukas. George Pechilis and Nick Nickolaow are the two sharp-shooting forwards. The capable subs who always give the men on the first team a strong fight for their positions, proving that a "team is no stronger than its substitutes," include Charles Michos, Chris Tegoulis, Theodore Kovatis, and Chris Karafotias.

Any team in the vicinity of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island that wishes to play the Brockton chapter, please communicate with Chris Kralovias, c/o Ahepa, Brockton, Massachusetts.

Did You Read About the
Sons of Pericles Anthem
Contest?

Brilliant Ball at Baltimore

ONCE more the Sons of Pericles chapter in Baltimore, Maryland, held its annual celebration. And once more the city rang with praise for the Plato Chapter. Led by three members of the Supreme Council, and the chapter's president, the members attended church in a body, on Sunday morning, November 8th. At the church the Male Choir of the Plato Chapter was assisting in the Liturgy. The "artoclasia" service was held for the chapter, and Reverend Papachristou devoted the major part of his sermon to complimenting and congratulating the Baltimore Chapter on its progress and efforts.

The same evening at the luxurious Lehmann Hall, the Platonians were host to four members of the Supreme Council, and four hundred members of the Greek community of Baltimore. The Supreme Officers were: Brother Christ Petrow, Supreme President, Brother Constantine Poulos, Supreme Vice-President, Brother George Anderson, Supreme Treasurer, and Brother William Peratino, Supreme Governor. Also present were Brothers George T. George, and George Mesologites, Governor and Secretary respectively of District No. 3. The beautiful Souvenir Program Book of the evening was dedicated to Senior Brother Angelo Schiadaressi, Chairman of the Local Advisory Board, and Lieutenant-Governor of the 3rd Ahepa District.

At 8:30 the District Championship Wrestling Meet was under way. The contestants represented Atlas Chapter No. 10, of Philadelphia, and the Plato Chapter. *(Editor's note: If we were given to humor—we would add that it was a battle of muscle with mind.* Of the four scheduled matches, two were

won by each chapter. So the championship will be decided at a meet to be held in Philadelphia in January. Wrestling proved to be quite thrilling to the gowned and tuxedoed audience, as evidenced by their enthusiasm. The Wrestling Trophy is still without a keeper.

At 10:00 o'clock the music of Rudy Killam and his Kadets started the people dancing. The smooth music was heartily approved by all the dancers. At midnight, the Grand March started. More than one hundred and fifty couples were led by Brother Theodore George, President of the Baltimore chapter, and his sister, Miss Mary George, in a number of intricate movements over the hall. The March was followed by the Prize Waltz Contest, traditional with Annual Balls held by the Platonians. The winner of the colossal contest was none other than the new District Governor, Brother George T. George, and his partner, Miss Bette Pampilis. The judges were Miss Ella Banks and Mr. Phelan, directors of local Dance Studios. Miss Pampilis, a member of the Baltimore Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, was presented with a beautiful bracelet by the President of the Chapter.

Then came the Greek music, provided by the Cassia Trio, and the hall took over the festive air of the Kalamitians, the Xasapikos, and the Tsamikos. The hall was thronged with uncountable viroles and ares, all dancing to their hearts' content.

The very successful day ended very late; as the Platonians continued to receive the congratulations of all who had been present.

Have You A Little Com-
poser in the Family?

Practical Idealism

Christ J. Petro

YOUTH'S idealism has been condemned ever since time immemorial. The point is that all the indictments brought against the present younger generation are still the same stock answers. There is nothing we youngsters resent so much as being told, in a kindly, patronizing manner, to wait until we grow a little more in age and wisdom before we attempt to assert and express ourselves on current issues which are today confronting the world. Such an answer is an admission of narrowness on the part of our elders, and an insult to our intelligence. We youngsters just can't understand why the oldsters won't pass on to us the fruits of their experience. The more cynical ones among us suspect that this much-worshiped experience has borne no fruits worthy of being passed on.

However, the younger generation has one grave fault which cannot be lightly passed over. We demand attention from our elders, but we are not in the slightest degree willing to show any tolerance of their ideas and lost idealism. It never occurs to us to consider the events and environment which brought our older generation to its present state. We have nothing to lose, no material wealth amassed at great sacrifice to hold up before the world as a souvenir of the journey through life. We can hold no brief for the overly acquisitive instinct, but we must be first to point out that such an instinct is not easily cast off. Rather than rail at our elders on this score,

we should turn our efforts toward eradicating the conditions that feed the forces of greed.

The Idealism of youth is a vital force in the eternal struggle for the "more abundant life." Youth points the way, and civilization progresses. But we are not satisfied with the rate at which that progress goes forward. We should like to see the shackles of inertia and convention broken so that our ideals may speedily reach their fulfillment without the usual damaging compromises made to appease the older generation. We would like to see a social philosophy such that every man would get his proper share of the income resulting from his productivity, in which every member of the social community would live in decency and comfort, and where the institution of privilege does not exist. We know what we want, but we dangerously resemble our elders in that we are not willing to sacrifice our personal security for the triumph of our ideals.

Where do we Sons of Pericles fit into all this? We are a new generation of youth with a deep background of democratic tradition. We can inform ourselves about conditions surrounding us, praise and preserve that which is good, and remedy that which is bad. The Sons of Pericles can well afford to be a medium of enlightened expression to the Greek-American youth. Our Fraternity should lead the way in seeking the solutions to the problems confronting us at present. Let us make our idealism a practical one.

Combined Initiation Held At Binghamton

Annual Ball Great Success

THE Endicott Chapter No. 140 and Helos Chapter No. 66 of Binghamton, N. Y., held a combined meeting and initiation Sunday, November 22, 1936, at the lodge rooms of the Binghamton chapter. Four new members were initiated into the "Sons," as follows: Thomas Boucounis, Anthony Leonis, Peter Vanvoris, and John Tsoulos. The initiation was carried on with good spirit and was very impressive to the new members.

After the initiation we were honored by a short address from the Lieutenant-Governor of the new Empire State District of the Ahepa, Bro. Theodore Manicas. Bro. Manicas congratulated the officers on the fine way they performed the initiation rites. He spoke to the new members of the responsibilities they assumed by joining the Order of Sons of Pericles, and to the whole gathering gave splendid words of encouragement and advice which were greatly appreciated by all.

The remaining part of the meeting was taken up by a business discussion between the two chapters. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Officers in charge of the initiation were: Pres. Alfred Vonetos, Vice-Pres. Milton Houpi, Master of Ceremonies Steve Leonis, High Guardian John Tamaras, High Priest Louis Houpi, and Inner Guard Geo. Papastrat.

Two days later, on Tuesday, November 24, 1936, the Helos Chapter No. 66 held its Fifth Annual Dance at the Hotel Bennett. Music was furnished by Don Parker and his Orchestra, a very popular musical organization of the Triple Cities. The ball-room was beautifully decorated in orange and black, the chapter colors. Dancing continued from 9:00 p. m. to the wee hours of the morning with everyone having a very enjoyable evening.

The success of this dance was due to the strenuous efforts of the following committee: Brother Milton Houpi, Chairman, Brother A. Vonetos, Brother Charles Matalas, Brother Louis Costas and Brother James Papastrat of the local Advisory Board; Miss Emily Morris and Miss Florence Matalas of the Daughters of Penelope.

And Many of Them

To the great Ahepa family we extend sincere greetings and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

The Supreme Council

The Supreme Advisory Board

Order of Sons of Pericles.

We Neolaters

By O. Theatis

A FAIR Hellenic, wearing a beautiful ermine wrap over a black velvet gown, came daintily and dramatically down the stairs. The young Greek fellow below stepped forward to meet her.

"You are looking very pretty, Helen."

The young lady giggled and answered sharply, "Aw g'wan."

A prelude to a wasted evening.

Everywhere today, we find too great a number of our fair Hellenes assuming an air of worldliness and pseudo-sophistication. Scorning and sneering at all social customs and rules of conduct. Considering themselves smart and modern by discrediting everything that is homely, unaffected and simple. Accepting that veneer of sophistication which is made up only of pretence, subterfuge, incredulity and evasion.

I have been noticing lately many of our Greek damsels in their relations with the opposite sex. The girls seem to think that every time a fellow opens his mouth it is only to flatter them with honeyed words, and to "hand them a line."

If a fellow likes to dance with a particular young lady, and he tells her so, she answers very sweetly, "That is on Page 60, Paragraph 8, Line 3, is it not?"

Responding to a very simple and natural stimulation a young gentleman will take the hand of his feminine companion to hold, while at a dance, show, or concert, etc. "You have that hand technique down pretty pat, haven't you?" she asks smartly.

It is not cynicism. It is not wariness. It is merely a childish inability to properly cope with every-day life; and a badly devised attempt to veil that inability with a cloak of passiveness and disbelief.

Emotions and feelings are restrained. Sentiment is on the way out. The little niceties that make the daily course of life pleasant are to be done away with completely. Sincerity moves to the sidelines to make way for sham.

Leading and developing ultimately to the disinheritance of Love (see dictionary), and the happiness that it enjoins. We are preparing for the burial of Romeo and Juliet.

I see in a book that real Love is a relationship of slow growth, developed over a long period of mutually helpful and mutually inspirational association.

Can real Love develop in an atmosphere devoid of affection, earnestness and ardor?

Will such a relationship continue for any period of time, when the only responses a young man receives to his sincere emotions are:

"You've got your technique down pretty pat."

"Your approach is well-planned."

"What a line."

"Aw g'wan."

**YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T
STARTED WRITING A SON'S
ANTHEM YET?**

—ΑΤΛΑΝΤΙΣ, 8 ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ, 1936.

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ

ΧΡΟΝΟΓΡΑΦΗΜΑΤΑ

Ἡ Κοινοτική Ἰδέα

Δὲν ἔστο δυνατόν νὰ γελασθῆ μέρη πέλουε ὁ Ἕλληνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Δὲν τὸν ἐγγέλασεν, ὄχι, τὸ φιλελευθὲρὸν του αἰσθητήριον, καὶ σήμερον τὴν ἐνοποιήσιν τῶν φιλελευθέρων μας δυνάμεων (αὐτῶν οἱ ὁμογενεῖς τοῦ Νέου Κόσμου. Οἱ Ἕλληνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἐπίδησαν ἐκ τῶν πραγμάτων πλέον, ὅτι, ἂν δοθῶμεν καὶ ἐπιπλεῖσθωμεν φιλελευθέρως ἐν τῇ θετῇ μας Πατρίδι, θὰ τὸ κατορθώσωμεν διὰ τῆς ἐνοποιήσεως τῶν δυνάμεων μας καὶ διὰ μόνου αὐτῆς. Οἱ δὲ τρεῖς ὁμογενεῖς οἱ γράψαντες ἡμῖν ἐκ Βαλτιμόρης καὶ ἐπομνήσαντες ἡμῖν ἐν ἱερῶν τῶν καθήκων, ἀπὸ τῆς ἰδίας ἀρχῆς ἀνεχώρησαν καὶ αὐτοί, ἀπὸ τῆς ὁποίας εἶχεν ἀναχωρήσῃ καὶ ἡ ἐφημερίς αὐτῆ πρὸ ἑτῶν, καὶ συστάσῃ πρὸς τὴν ἐν Ἀμερικῇ ὁμογενεῖαν τὴν ἄμεσον ἐνίσχυσιν τῶν κοινοτήτων μας. Ἐὰν οἱ Ἕλληνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς γυροῦν καὶ πάλιν εἰς τὰς κοινοτήτας τῶν, θὰ ἐνοποιήσωμεν πράγματι τὰς δυνάμεις τῶν, καὶ δὲν θὰ τὰς σπαταλοῦν καὶ δὲν θὰ τὰς κατατέμνουν, τρεπόμενοι εἰς ἄλλα, εἰς ἕνα πρὸς τὴν κοινοτικὴν μας μεγαλοφυῖαν, πράγματα. Οἱ τρεῖς ὁμογενεῖς τῆς Βαλτιμόρης σπυρνοῦν κραυγὴν ὀδύνης διὰ τῆς ἐπιστολῆς τῶν, διὰ τὸ μέγα κακὸν τὸ ὁποῖον κάμνει ὁ Ἕλληνοῦς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς εἰς τὰς κοινοτήτας του, ἐγκαταλείπων αὐτὰς καὶ τρεπόμενος εἰς ἄλλα! Κραυγὴ ὀδύνης, ἀλλὰ καὶ διαμαρτυρία ἔντονος, ἡ ἐπιστολὴ τῶν τριῶν ὁμογενῶν, κατ' ἐκείνων ἐξ ἡμῶν οἵτινες ὑποβάλλομεν κατὰ τὸν ἕνα, ἢ τὸν ἄλλον τρόπον, πᾶν ὅ,τι ἔβην πρὸς τὰς κοινοτήτας μας, πᾶν ὅ,τι ἐπιζητήσιον εἰς αὐτὰς. Κατ' αὐτὸν τὸν τρόπον, ἀρνηθῆσαν καὶ ἐξουθενήσαν αἱ κοινοτήτες μας, καὶ ἐπληθύνθησαν ἐξ ἄλλου αἱ ὀργανώσεις καὶ αἱ παροῦσαι ὀργανώσεις τῶν Ἕλλήνων τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Δὲν ἔβην δὲ Ἕλληνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ὁ ὁποῖος νὰ μὴ ἀνῆκῃ εἰς πληθὺν θωματῶν, ξένων πρὸς τὰ κοινοτικά μας συγκαροτήματα καὶ τὰ κοινοτικά μας ἰδρύματα, καὶ μόνον

εἰς τὰς κοινοτήτας μας δὲν ἀνῆκουν, καὶ δὲν εἶναι μέλη αὐτῶν καὶ δὲν ἐνδιαφέρονται δι' αὐτά, οἱ Ἕλληνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς! Κατάντησαν ὅθεν αἱ Κοινοτήτες μας νὰ ἐξαροῦν τὴν ὑπόστασιν τῶν ἐκ τοῦ πατριωτισμοῦ καὶ τῆς γενναιοδωρίας ὁμάδων τινῶν ὁμογενῶν, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐξουθενήσαν ἐγκαίρως, ἐγκαίρως διεγνώσαν τὸν μέγιστον κίνδυνον τοῦ φιλελευθέρου μας ἀφαιρέσου, καὶ παρεῖμιν διὰ τοῦτο καὶ παραμένουν πιστοὶ εἰς τὴν κοινοτικὴν ἰδέαν! Ἡ Κοινοτικὴ ἰδέα εἶναι ἡ Μεγάλαι ἰδέαι τοῦ Ἕλληνοῦς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, καὶ αὐτὴ πρέπει νὰ καλλιεργηθῇ καὶ αὐτὴν πρέπει νὰ ἐξυπηρετήσωμεν ὅσοι Ἕλληνας τοῦ Νέου Κόσμου ἔχουν φιλελευθέρων συνείδησιν, καὶ ὅσοι ποιοῦν διὰ τὸ μέλλον τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἕλληνοῦ!

Ἡ ἐπιστολὴ τῶν τριῶν ὁμογενῶν τῆς Βαλτιμόρης εἶναι ἀπὸ ἐκείνας αἱ ὁποῖαι μᾶς ἀναγκάζουν νὰ βάλωμεν τὸ χέρι ἐπὶ τὴν καρδίαν καὶ νὰ ἐρωτήσωμεν τὴν συνείδησιν μας, τὴν Ἕλληνικὴν μας συνείδησιν, ἐὰν εἴμεθα ἐν τάξει μετὰ τὴν συνείδησιν μας. Οἱ τρεῖς ὁμογενεῖς παραδέχονται ἐν τῇ ἐπιστολῇ τῶν ὅτι δὲν περιτετεῖται καὶ ἡ διὰ Πανελληνίου τινός Ὄργανώσεως προαγωγή καὶ ἐξυπηρετήσις τῶν φιλελευθέρων ὁμογενῶν τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἕλληνοῦ. Δὲν περιτετεῖται πράγματι, καὶ ἐπάσχει εὐτυχῶς ἡ κατάλληλος, ἡ Πανελληνία ἐν Ἀμερικῇ Ὄργανωσις, ἡ θέσασα ὡς ἀποκλειστικὸν τῆς σκοπῶν τὴν φιλελευθέρων μεγαλοφυῖαν ἡμῶν καὶ τῶν ἀπογόνων ἡμῶν. Ἡ Ὄργανωσις αὐτῆ εἶναι, κατὰ τὴν γνώμην μας, ἡ Ἀρχία. Καὶ αἱ Κοινοτήτες μας μετὰ τὴν Ἀρχία εἶναι ὑπερασπιζομένης ἵνα β α σ τ ἄ σ ο υ ν εἰς τοὺς Ἀτλαντίους ὄμους τῶν τῶν βάρους τοῦ φιλελευθέρου μας ἔργου. Ἀρκεῖ μόνον νὰ ἐνίσχῃ ὁ Ἀμερικανικός Ἕλληνοῦς συνεχῶς καὶ συστηματικῶς τὰς Κοινοτήτας μας καὶ τὴν Ἀρχία. Ἀρκεῖ νὰ μὴ τρίπωνται οἱ ὁμογενεῖς εἰς ἄλλα εἰς ἕνα πρὸς τὰς Κοινοτήτας μας, πράγματα! Ἀρκεῖ, τῶντοι, νὰ μὴ ἐγκαταλείπωμεν τὰς Κοινοτήτας μας εἰς τὴν τῆχυν τῶν. Ἡ Κοινοτικὴ μας ἰδέα, εἶναι ἡ Μεγάλαι μας ἰδέαι, καὶ εἰς τὴν ἐξυπηρετήσιν τῆς ὡς ἀφοσιωθῶμεν!

Α. Φ.

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ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ

ΧΡΟΝΟΓΡΑΦΗΜΑΤΑ

Ἡ Πρότασις

Οὔτε τὰ ἰδικά σου, Ἀνδρέα, οὔτε τὰ ἰδικά μας, καὶ οὔτε τὰ τοῦ ἀμοιβαίου φίλου μας κ. Ν. G. V. Nestor, πολιτικά ἄρθρα θὰ δημοσιεύσωμεν ἐφέτος. Ὅσον ἐπικαιρὰ καὶ ἂν εἶναι τὰ πολιτικά μας ἄρθρα, ὡς μένου καλλίτερα γιὰ τοῦ χρόνου. Τὴν ἐπικαιρότητα τῶν δὲν τὴν χάνουν, διότι ποτὲ ἡ πολιτικὴ δὲν εἶναι «out of style» καὶ «out of date» ἐν Ἀμερικῇ. Εἶναι βεβαίως φυσικὸν τὰ πολιτικά μας ἄρθρα νὰ ἔχουν νὰ κάμνουν μετὰ τοὺς Ἕλληνας ἐφημερίστους τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, καὶ μετὰ τὸν τρόπον καθ' ὃν θὰ ἔπρεπε νὰ ὀργανωθοῦν αὐτοὶ πολιτικῶς, ἂν ὄχι δι' ἄλλον τινὰ λόγον, διὰ νὰ μὴ γελοῦν τοῦλάχιστον εἰς βάρους μας τὰ παιδιὰ μας. Οἱ ἀπλοϊκώτεροι ἐξ ἡμῶν τῶν Ἕλλήνων τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, εἶναι, Ἀνδρέα, ἐκεῖνοι οἱ ὁποῖοι πιστεύουν ὅτι δημιουργοῦν κάποιο πολιτικὸν μέλλον διὰ τὴν νέαν γενεάν, μετὰ τῆς «Ἕλληνο-Ἀμερικανικῆς Πολιτικῆς Ὄργανώσεως». Τώρα δὲ ὅτε ἐπικρατεῖται αἱ ἐκλογαί, γιὰ τὸ κατῆρι τῶν ὁποίων ἐν τῷ ἡμῶν, ὅπως ὅπως καὶ ἐκ τοῦ προχείρου ἀνασυνεστήθησαν ἢ ἀναδιοργανώθησαν αἱ Ἕλληνο-Ἀμερικανικαὶ Πολιτικαὶ Λέσχαι, περιτετεῖται, Ἀνδρέα, ἡ δημοσιεύσις τῶν τῶν ἰδικῶν σου, καὶ τῶν τοῦ κ. Ν. G. V. Nestor, ἐπικαιρῶν πολιτικῶν ἁρθρῶν. Ὅ,τι ἔγινεν ἤδη, ἔγινεν. Τὸ ἔχουμεν ἐν τούτοις παράπονον, Ἀνδρέα, διότι ὅλα αὐτὰ τὰ τελευταῖα τέσσαρα χρόνια ποὺ ἀγωνιζόμεθα ἡμεῖς κατὰ τῶν «Greek - American Political Clubs» δὲν εἶχε πάρα εἰδῶσιν, Ἀνδρέα, περὶ τίνος ἐπρόκειτο. Ἀλήθεια, ποῦ ἔβόσκες, Ἀνδρέα, ὅλα αὐτὰ τὰ τέσσαρα χρόνια; Δὲν εἶχε συγκινήσῃ τὸ γεγονός ὅτι ἐπιτριάντα ἤδη χρόνια χαρόμεθα πολιτικῶς μετὰ τὰς χωριστάς μας Ἕλληνο-Ἀμερικανικῆς Πολιτικῆς Λέσχας, οὔδὲ ἐξῆπνῶδες, Ἀνδρέα, ἀρκετὰ ἐγκαίρως, ὥστε νὰ γράψῃς τὰ πολιτικά σου ἄρθρα, ὅσο, ἢ τρεῖς

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τούλάχιστον μῆνας πρὸ τῶν ἐκλογῶν!

Ἄν ἐν τούτοις τελευταίος ὄχρδόν, ἐξύπνυδες, Ἀνδρεία, δὲν ἔπεται ἐκ τούτου ὅτι δὲν ἐδιάλεξες, προκειμένου νὰ ἀυστήσης τι πρέπει νὰ γείνη διὰ τὴν ἐπὶ Ἀμερικανικῶν, καὶ οὐχὶ ἐπὶ Ἑλληνο-Ἀμερικανικῶν βάσεων πολιτικὴν μας ὀργάνωσιν. Δὲν εἶναι καθ' ὅλον εὐκαταφρόνητος ἢ πρότασίς σου ὅπως ἡ Ἀχέπα ἠγήθη τοῦ ἀγῶνος διὰ τὴν Ἀμερικανοπρεπῆ ὀργάνωσιν τῶν Ἑλληνικῆς καταγωγῆς ψυφιδόρων· διὰ τὴν ὀργάνωσιν αὐτῶν ἐντὸς αὐτῶν τούτων τῶν Ἀμερικανικῶν Πολιτικῶν Ὄργανώσεων, ἀδ' οὐ καὶ ὅσοι ἐξ ἡμῶν πολιτευθοῦν, καὶ ὅσοι ἀπλῶς ὀρίσθουν πολιτικῶς, ἐν Ἀμερικῇ θὰ πολιτευθοῦν οἱ πρότοι, καὶ θὰ δράσθουν πολιτικῶς οἱ δεύτεροι. Φροντίς, Ἀνδρεία, ὅτι ἡ Ἀχέπα ἔχει καὶ τὸ δόστημα, καὶ τοὺς τρόπους καὶ τὰ μέσα καὶ τὴν ἀπαιτούμενην ἰδεολογίαν καὶ τὴν δύναμιν νὰ διαπαιδαγωγῆσθαι καὶ πολιτικῶς τοὺς Ἑλλήνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Δὲν θὰ πρόκειται βεβαίως νὰ κάμῃ ἡ Ἀχέπα Δημοκρατικούς, ἢ Ρεπουμπλικανούς, τοὺς Ἑλλήνας τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Θὰ πρόκειται νὰ τοὺς καθοδηγήσῃ ἡ Ἀχέπα πολιτικῶς νὰ φωτίσῃ αὐτὰ τὸν πολιτικὸν τῶν ὄρων, καὶ φωτισμένοι, θὰ τραβήξουν μπροστὰ οἱ Ἑλλήνες τῆς Ἀμερικῆς καὶ θὰ κάμουν μεγάλα πράγματα εἰς τὸ πολιτικὸν πεδίου. Τὴν ἐπαύριον ὅθεν τῶν ἐκλογῶν, πρώτη μας δουλειὰ πρέπει νὰ εἶναι, Ἀνδρεία, ἡ διάλυσις τῶν Ἑλληνο-Ἀμερικανικῶν Πολιτικῶν Λεσχῶν καὶ ἡ προσχώρησις μας καθ' ὁμάδας εἰς τὰς καθαρῶς Ἀμερικανικὰς Πολιτικὰς Λέσχας τῶν περιφερειῶν μας! Ἡ Ἀχέπα μὲ τὰ 350 Τμήματά της, ἐγκατεστασμένα καθ' ἅπασαν τὴν χώραν, θὰ δυνθῆ, εἰάν τὸ θελήσῃ, καὶ πρέπει νὰ τὸ ἀποφασίσῃ, νὰ ἀρνησθῆ 350 Ἀμερικανο-Ἑλληνικούς πολιτικούς περιγῆνας ἐντὸς αὐτῶν τούτων τῶν Ἀμερικανικῶν Πολιτικῶν Ὄργανώσεων!

Ἀνίστης Φανός.

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ

ΧΡΟΝΟΓΡΑΦΗΜΑΤΑ

Τὰ Θερινὰ «Camps»

Ἀπὸ τὸν χειμῶνα, Ἀνδρεία, πρέπει νὰ φροντίζωμεν διὰ θερινὰ «Camps» τῶν Ἑλληνοπαίδων τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Πρέπει νὰ τὰ ἐτοιμάζωμεν ἀπὸ τὸν χειμῶνα, διὰ νὰ τὰ εὐρίσκουν ἔτοιμα τὸ καλοκαίρι τὰ παιδιά μας. Τὰ «Camps» εἶναι, Ἀνδρεία, ἡ τελευταία λέξις τῆς ἰσχυρῆς παιδαγωγικῆς, εἰς δὲ τὴν ἰδικὴν μας περίπτωσιν εἶναι καὶ μοναδικὰ κέντρα διὰ τὴν φυλετικὴν ἀγωγὴν τῆς νῆας μας γενιᾶς. Φαίνεται δὲ, Ἀνδρεία, ὅτι ἡ φυλετικὸς ὀκοπὸς ἔχουσα Ἀχέπα, ἀρτίζει νῦν τὴν προσοχὴν τῆς εἰς τὴν φυλετικὴν τῶν Ἑλληνοπαίδων προαγωγὴν καὶ ἀνάπτυξιν. Ἡ μεγαλύτερα Ἀχέπικῃ Περιφέρειᾳ, ἢ τῆς «Empire State», καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦδε ἐτοιμάζει αὐτὰ ἀπέραντον θερινὸν κέντρον εἰς τὴν Uprstate τῆς Νέας Ἰόρκης, διὰ τὸ τοὺς μικροὺς καὶ τοὺς μεγάλους ἐξ ἡμῶν τῶν Ἑλλήνων, πρὸ πάντων δὲ διὰ τοὺς μικροὺς. Καὶ οὐ δὲ, Ἀνδρεία, καὶ ἡμεῖς ἔχομεν δι' ἐλπίδος ὅτι, ἐφ' ὅσον ἡ Ἀχέπα ἠγείται τοῦ κινήματος διὰ τὰ «Camps», τὸ κίνημα θὰ γενικευθῆ, θὰ ἐκλαϊκευθῆ μεταξὺ τοῦ Ἀμερικανικοῦ Ἑλληνισμοῦ, καὶ θὰ εὐδοκῆ μὲ τὸ παραπάνω. Οἱ μὲ Ἀχέπαν Ἑλλήνες τῆς «Empire District» τῆς Ἀχέπα, θὰ ἔχουν ἴσως γείνη ὅλοι Ἀχέπαν μέχρι τοῦ προσέχοντος Ἰουνίου. Ἀλλὰ καὶ ὅσοι δὲν γείνουν Ἀχέπαν, ἀρκεῖ τὸ γεγονός ὅτι εἶναι Ἑλλήνες, καὶ δὲν θὰ ἰσπερήσθουν καθ' ὀλοκληρίαν, Ἀνδρεία, εἰς τὸ νὰ διενδράμουν ἐν εὐγενεῖ κίνημα, οἷον εἶναι ἡ ἀπόκτησις ὅσον τὸ δυνατὸν περισσότερων θερινῶν κατασκηνώσεων διὰ τὰ παιδιά μας πρὸ πάντων δὲ διὰ τὰ παιδιά τῶν ὁμογενῶν ἐκείνων οἱ ὅποιοι δὲν ἀντίχουν οικονομικῶς εἰς τὴν πολυτέλειαν τοῦ νὰ εἰδύλουν τὰ παιδιά των εἰς τὴν ἐξοχὴν κατὰ τὸ θέρος. Ἡ πρόσθετος δὲ βοήθεια τὴν ὁποίαν θὰ παράσχουν οἱ ὁμογενεῖς πρὸς

τὴν Ἀχέπα, θὰ προσορίζεται κυρίως διὰ τὰ ἄπορα Ἑλληνόπουλα!

Καλὰ τὰ θερινὰ «Camps» κοὶ τὰ καλὰ ἀπαιτοῦν, Ἀνδρεία, θυσί-ας καὶ μὲ θυσίας κτῶνται. Δὲν ἠξεύρωμεν δὲ τι ἠμπορεῖς νὰ δυνειδ-φέρῃς τοῦ λόγου σου, Ἀνδρεία, ἰ-πὲρ τῶν Ἀχέπικῶν θερινῶν «Camps», καὶ δὲν ἠξεύρωμεν τι ἐπακριβῶς ἠμποροῦν νὰ δυνειδ-φέρουν ἄλλοι ὁμογενεῖς ἰπὲρ τοῦ ἰ-τροῦ ὀκοποῦ. Ἄς δυνειδ-φέρουν ὅ-θεν εἰς τὸν ἔρανον τὸν ὁποῖον ἡ ἰ-φημερὶς αὐτὴ εἶναι ἀποφασισμένη νὰ διενεργῆσθαι, ἐν ἀνάγκῃ, διὰ τὴν εὐδωσὴν τοῦ εὐγενεοῦς ἔργου ὀ-περ ἀνέλαβεν ἡ Ἐκτὴ Ἀχέπικῃ Περιφέρειᾳ. Ἀνάλογος δὲ πρὸς τὴν ἐπιτυχίαν τῆς Ἐκτῆς Περιφε-ρῆας εἰς τὸ ζήτημα τῶν «Camps», θὰ εἶναι καὶ ἡ προθυμία μεθ' ἧς αἱ ἄλλαι Ἀχέπικαι Περιφέρειαι θὰ τὴν μιμηθοῦν! Μὴ γένοιτο ὅθεν, Ἀνδρεία, νὰ ἀφήσωμεν τὰ Ἑλλη-νόπουλα χωρὶς θερινὰ κέντρα, Ἑλ-ληνικὸν τὸ περιβάλλον εἰς τὰς Ἑλληνικὰς θερινὰς κατασκηνώσεις, Ἑλληνοπρεπῆς ἢ ἀγωγὴ τῶν παι-διῶν μας ἐν αὐταῖς, καὶ ἀπὸ πάν-τα τὰ Ἑλληνοπρεπῆ, Ἑλληνο-πρεπῆ θὰ ἐκπηγάσθουν καὶ θὰ ἀπο-γεύσθουν! Μεγάλῃ τῶνται, πρωτεύ-ουσα φυλετικὴ ἀνάγκη, τὰ «Camps» τῶν Ἑλληνοπαίδων· καὶ ὅσον πε-ρισσότερα ἐξ αὐτῶν ἰδρύσῃ ἡ Ἀ-χέπα καὶ ὅσον περισσότερα ἐξ αὐ-τῶν ἰδρύσῃ ὁ πατριωτικὸς καὶ με-γαλόψυχος Ἀμερικανικὸς Ἑλλη-νισμὸς, τόσον περισσότεραι αἱ ἐλ-πίδες μας ἰπὲρ τοῦ αἰσίου φυλε-τικοῦ ἡμῶν μέλλοντος ἐν τῇ θετῇ μας Πατριδί!

Ἀνίστης Φανός.

I give thanks for this opportunity to extend the Season's Greetings to every member of our Order and their families through the Ahepa Magazine. May happiness and friendship prevail throughout the coming year and for many more after.

"Uncle" S. J. Stamos.

άκουσε τί μου λέγει; ὁ Λουκάς. Τὸν καθήχουσα καὶ προσπαθῶσα νὰ τὸν πείσω, ὅτι ὁ Λουκάς ἀστειεύεται γιὰ νὰ γελοῦμαι.

Ἐνῶ ἐγὼ προσπαθοῦσα εὐγενῶς νὰ κρυῶσω τὸ ἐρωτικὸν πρὸς ἐμὲ πάθος τῆς Φέλιας, ποῦ μοῦ ἐγένετο κάπως ἐνοχλητικὴ μὲ τὰ παράπονά της, μιὰ ἄλλη νεαρὰ Πολωνίς, γειτόνιστά μας, ἐνόησε Μαρία, ἐκάθητο διαρκῶς στὸ μπαλκόνι ἢ στὸ παράθυρο καὶ ἔριπτε γλυκίαις ματιὰς τοῦ Λουκά, ὁ ὁποῖος δὲν ἤγγισε νὰ τὴν ἐρωτευθῆι στὰ ἀστειὰ καὶ στὰ σοβαρά. Ἐκείνος τῆ προσκαλοῦσε νὰ βγοῦν ἔξω μαζί, νὰ πᾶνε στὸν κινηματογράφον γιὰ νὰ βροῦν εὐκαιρία νὰ μιλήσουν, ἀλλὰ ἐκείνη δὲν ἐδέχτο, περιοριζομένη μόνον στὴς γλυκίαις ματιὰς καὶ στὰ χαμόγελα. Ἐν τῆλει ἀνεκαλύψαμεν, ὅτι ἡ δυστυχῆς Μαρία εἶχεν ὑποστῆ ἀγγειοκρίσην στὸ πόδι, τὸ ὁποῖον εἶχε κεντρίει ἀρκετὰς ἰνέζαις ἀπὸ τὸ ἄλλο καὶ ἦτο κουτσά. Ὁ Μανωλῆς ποῦ ἐπιπενοχωρεῖτο γιὰ τὸν ἔρωτα τοῦ Λουκά, ἦτο ἔλο χαρὰ ὅταν τῶμαθε καὶ τὴν ἐγγαλε Κουτσομαρία.

—Μισρὶ, κουτσὴ-στραβή, μ' ἀγαπᾷ καὶ τὴν ἀγαπῶ καὶ θὰ τὴν πάρω, ἔλεγεν ὁ Λουκάς, γιὰ νὰ πειράξῃ τὸ Μανωλῆ, καὶ ἐξηκολούθει νὰ ἐκδηλώη τὸν ἔρωτά του, προποιοῦμενος ὅτι τῆς ἀγόραζε φορέματα καὶ χρυσακικά καὶ ὅτι ἐθώμωνεν ὅταν τὴ λέγαμε Κουτσομαρία.

—Τήραζε σύ, πόσαι γνωστὸς, μούλεγεν ὁ Μανωλῆς ἰδιαιτέρως νὰ τὸν γνωστῆς τὸν Λουκά, γιατί θὰ τὴν πάρῃ τῆ Πολωνίς. Τὸ πῆρε τὰ μυαλά του καὶ ξοδεύει τὰ χρήματά του ἐπάνω της.

—Μὴ φοβῆσαι, Μανωλῆ, μὰ δὲν τὴ παίρνει, τοῦλαυα. Αὐτὸς ἀστειεύεται γιὰ νὰ γελοῦμα, οὐτα ἔχει ἐξοδεύσει χρήματα ἐπάνω της.

—Ἄκουσε ποῦ τοῦ λέω. Τὴν ἀγαπᾷ σι' ἀλήθεια καὶ θὰ τὴν πάρῃ. Πᾶς καὶ θαρρεῖς πῶς ἔχουμε μυαλᾷ αὐτοὶ οἱ Χανιώτες! Οἱλοὶ εἶναι μισοκοῦζοῦλοι γιὰ τὴ γυναίκα.

Δὲν ἤγγισεν ἕως, νὰ πειθῆ ὁ Μανωλῆς, ὅτι ὁ ἔρωσ τοῦ Λουκά ἐξητριπῆ καὶ περιοριζέτο πλέον νὰ μᾶς εἰρωνεύεται, κακῶς φερά, πῶς δὴ Πολωνίς μᾶς ἀγάπησεν, κ' ἐκείνης ἦσαν ἡ μιὰ στρατὴ κ' ἡ ἄλλη κουτσά, ἀλλὰ περισσότερο γελοῖος μὲ τὸ πάθος τοῦ Λουκά, μὲ τὴ Κουτσομαρία του.

Ἦτσι περνούσαμε τὸν καιρὸ μας, πειράζοντας τὸν Μανωλῆ, Ἐνῶ ἐμαῖς τὸν πειράζαμε, ἐκείνος μᾶς ἀγαποῦσε σὺν ἀδελφῶ καὶ κατέραι. Ἀγαθὸς πατριώτης, ποσιπῆς τοῦ βουνοῦ, ἦτο ἀπονήρευτος καὶ καλοκαρῆθος ἄνθρωπος. Τρομαρὰ οἰκονόμος, γιὰ νὰ ξηχαιώσῃ τὰ κτηματικὰ του στὴν Κρήτη, δὲν θὰ ἐδίδοζε νὰ θυσιάσῃ καὶ τὸ τελευταῖόν του λεπτὸν γιὰ τοὺς φίλους καὶ συμπατριώτας του. Ὁ Μανωλῆς, μὲτα εἰς τὴν ἀπλότητά του, ἦτο ἡ ἀνεπάρκεια τῆς ἀγαθῆς φύξης καὶ τοῦ πατριωτικῆς Κρητικῆς φιλοφίλου πνεύματος. Μᾶς συνεβούλευε καὶ μᾶς ἐπρότεινε μὲ πατρικὴν στεργίην καὶ ἀγάπην, ἢ δὲ ἀγάπῃ του κλέβῃ ὅταν ἐπέσιπῃ, ὅτι δὲν θὰ πάρομα τῆς Πολωνίς. Τῆς περισσότερας δουλειᾶς τοῦ σπιτοῦ ποῦ ἀνήκον σὲ μᾶς, τῆς ἔκανεν ἐκείνος, γιὰ νὰ μὴ κουραζώμαθε. Ὅταν κροῦλοῦστε κανέναν μᾶς, ἄρηνε τὴ πόρτα τοῦ ἀνοίγει καὶ ἂν ἔλαχε πῆγαινε τὴ νύχτα νὰ εἶ μὴ τυχὸν καὶ εἶναι ξεσκέπητος ὁ βῆξας καὶ νὰ μιστᾷ ἂν θέλῃ κανεὶνα ἔσοτὸ νὰ τοῦ βράξῃ. Εἶλα κροῦλοῦσῃσι κάποτε καὶ δὲν πῆγα σὴ δουλειά. Ὁ Μανωλῆς πῆγε καὶ σὲ λίγη ὥρα ἐπιστράφη γιὰ νὰ μὲ περιποιήθῃ, νὰ μὴ μ' ἀρήσῃ νὰ γῶ εἶω καὶ νὰ μοῦ βράσῃ σπῆ μὲ κωνικὸν νὰ ποῦ. Ἀργισαμεν πλέον κ' ἐμαῖς νὰ τὸν σεβώμαθα, νὰ μὴ τὸν πειράζωμεν καὶ νὰ ἐκτιμᾶμεν τὰ ἀπείριτα καὶ εὐγενῆ ἀιθῆματα του, ποῦ ἦσαν γεμάτα καλοσύνην καὶ ἀγάπην πρὸς ἑμᾶς, τὰ ἐποσθίζοντε ἀκατα παῖδιά.

Τῆς Ἀπόκριξ ἀπερατίσαμε νὰ γλιεντήσωμε καὶ πῆγαμε σὲ ἕνα ἄλλο σπιτὶ ποῦ ἔκανεν Κρητικὸ ἀπικτήρξας. Ὅταν πῆγαμε, τὸ γλιέντι ἦτο στὴν ἀκμῆ του. Εἶχαν μαζευθῆ κακῶς τριανταρὰ Κρητικοί, ποῦ χαλοῦσαν τὸν κόσμο σὸ χορὸ καὶ σὸ τραγούδι μὲ τῆ Κρητικῆ λῆρα. Ἦ σούτα καὶ τὸ πιντοῦλαῖ ἔβινον κ' ἔπιανον. Μᾶς ἐδέχθησαν μὲ μεγάλην χαρὰν καὶ ἔρχισαν τὰ κερᾶματα. Τῆ μῦρα τὴν εἶχαν μὲ τὰ βερῆλια καὶ σὲ μὲζέδες ἦσαν ἄθρονι. Εἶχαμε συμφωνήσῃ μὲ τὸν Λουκά νὰ μεθ-

σωμε τὸ Μανωλῆ καὶ, πρὸς μεγάλην μᾶς χαρὰν, τὸν βλέπαμε νὰ πίνῃ ἀγρίως, ἐνθουσιασθῆς ἀπὸ τῆς δοξαρίας τῆς λῆρας. Ὅταν ἔλαθε στὰ κέρια, σηκώθηκα νὰ χορεύῃ καὶ χορεύε μὲ τέτοια εὐτροφίαν, ποῦ πατοῦτε, σὺν νὰ μὴν πατοῖσε στὴ γῆ. Ὅλοι φώναζαν: «Μπράβο, Μανωλῆ», ἀλλὰ περισσότερο ἐνθουσιασθημεν ἐγὼ καὶ ὁ Λουκάς, ποῦ βλέπαμεν τὸν πάντοτε μελαγχολικὸν φίλον μᾶς νὰ εἶναι τόσο εὐχαρῆ καὶ εὐτυχῆ. Τοῦ εἶπαμε νὰ τραγουδήσῃ καὶ ἐδέχθη προθύμως. Ἐστράβξεν ἀκόμη δύο-τρὶα ποτήρια μῦρα καὶ κατόπιν εἶπε στὴν παρέα νὰ τὸν βοηθήσῃ ἡ λῆρα καὶ οἱ τραγουδιστάδες γιὰ νὰ τραγουδήσῃ Ἀποκριάτικα τραγούδια. Ὅλοι ἐδέχθησαν μετὰ χαρᾶς καὶ τοῦβωσαν θῆτιν δίπλα στὸ λυρατζῆ. Μὲ τὸν γνωστὸν ἔχον τοῦ τραγουδοῦ: «Κι-τρολεμονιὰ μου» ἤρχισεν ὁ Μανωλῆς νὰ τραγουδῇ μὲ γλυκύτητα καὶ πάθος ἐρωτευμένου:

Σὺν τῆ καυῆλες σὸ γαλιὸ ποῦ σὺν ἀόαδα οἶδα
Ἐσοῦ ἔναι κ' ἡ ἀγάπη μᾶς τοῦ μᾶρως καὶ τοῦ πλάτου.

«Μπράβο, Μανωλῆ», ἐφώναζαν ἔλοι ἐν θαυμασμῶ. Ὁ λυρατζῆς τραβούσε τῆς δοξαρίας του ζωηρότερας καὶ οἱ τραγουδιστάδες ἐξηκολούθουν τὴν ἐπιῶδον: «Ἐλα ποῦρα μου, τσιτρομανταρινιὰ μου», ἐνῶ ὁ Μανωλῆς ἐξηκολούθησε:

Ἄπὸ τὴν πόρτα σοῦ περῶ σὲ βίλα ἀειφωμῆνη
Κ' ἀμῆσος τὸ κατῆλα πῶς τὴγαυῆς πῆτι.

Τὸ ἔβιο πιντοῦμονον, γέλοια καὶ μπράβο ἐπηκολούθησαν τὸν δεύτερον στίχον τοῦ Μανωλῆ.

Ἄπὸ τὴν πόρτα σοῦ περῶ γλυτωῦ καὶ πῆφτι κᾶτι
Κ' ἂν δὲν προβάλλῃς νὰ μὲ δῆς σπῆνοιμου καὶ φεῖγος.

Ὅλοι προσέχον καὶ γελοῦσαν μὲ τὰ πρωτότυπα Ἀποκριάτικα τραγούδια τοῦ Μανωλῆ καὶ ἔλοι τὸν παρακαλοῦσαν νὰ ἐξηκολούθησῃ. Τὸν ἐπλητίστα καὶ τοῦλα σι' αὐτὶ νὰ πῆ κανέναν τραγούδι γιὰ τὸν ἔρωτα τοῦ Λουκά. Ἐκείνηθῃ λιγάκι καὶ ἤρχισε μὲ τὸ: «Ἐλα-ἔλα τσιτρομανταρινιὰ μου....»

Ἄπ' ἔλα τὰ θαλασσινὰ ἡ ἀρίστων ἡ ντουῆτες
Κ' ἀπὸ τοῖ ἔβινε κοπιῆτες κοῦτος καὶ μονοῦατες.

Γέλοια καὶ ἐπιφωμῆματα: «Μπράβο-μπράβο Μανωλῆ», ἐξηκολούθησαν τοὺς τελευταῖους στίχους του. Ὅλοι ἐπρωθυμῶ-ποιήθησαν νὰ τοῦ προσφέρουν μῦρα καὶ μεζέδες καὶ πρῶτος ὁ Λουκάς, γιὰ τὸ παίραγμα ποῦ τοῦ ἔκαμεν. Ὁ Μανωλῆς ἦτο τὸ γλιέντι καὶ ὁ ἔρωσ τῆς βραδυᾶς ἐκείνης. Τὰ ἔημερωματα τὸν πῆγαμε σὸ σπιτὶ μεθυσμένοι. Τὴν ἄλλη μῆρα σηκώθηκε μὲ πονεκέρακα καὶ ἡ πρώτη του δουλειὰ ἦτο νὰ μᾶς ζητήσῃ συγγνώμην: σὺν εἶπε κακῶς κουζουλόμα, κ' ἐχάρηκε πολὺ ὅταν τὸν βεβαιώσαμεν, ὅτι ἔμειναν ἔλοι ἐνθουσιασμένοι μαζί του.

Σὲ λίγες μέρες ἔλαθε γράμμα ἀπὸ κάποιον ἔαδελφόν του ἀπὸ τὸ Κολοράδο, νὰ πῆ ἔκει γιὰ νὰ γεινῃ μιναζώρος καὶ νὰ κερδίσῃ περισσότερα χρήματα. Ἦτο πολὺ μελαγχολικὸς ποῦ θὰ μᾶς ἄρηνε. Τῆς ἄλλῆς μέρας ποῦ ἔμεινε μαζί μας δὲν ἔπαυσε νὰ μᾶς διδῆ τῆς πατρικῆς του συμβουλῆς καὶ πρὸ παντός νὰ μὴ πάρομα Πολωνίς παρὰ Γραικίς.

Τὸν συνοδεύσαμε ἔως τὸν σιδηροδρομικὸν σταθμόν τῆς γαι-τωνικῆς πόλεως. Μᾶς παρεκάλεσε νὰ τοῦ γράρωμεν, χωρῆς νὰ περιμένωμεν ἀπὸ ἐκείνον πολλὰ γράμματα, γιατί δὲν ἔξερε ἂν θᾶξῆσῃτε γραμματικῶ καὶ ποῦ πῆγαμε.

Μᾶς εἶλατε ἔακρυμῆτες καὶ μῆγες σὸ τρῆιν.

—Γραικίς-Γραικίς, ἔχι Πολωνίς, ἦτο ἡ τελευταῖα του παραγγεῖλι.

Γορίσαμε σὸ σπιτὶ, σὺν νὰ γορίσαμεν ἀπὸ κηδεῖα. Χωρῆς τὸν Μανωλῆ ἐμαῖς τὸν νεκροταριον. Ἐχάσαμε τὸν καλὸν φίλον καὶ μεγαλόθυγον σύντροφον. Ἐλάσαμεν δύο-τρὶα γράμματά του καὶ κατόπιν ἔχασαμεν τὴν ἴχνη του. Θελοῦμαθα ἕως, πάντοτε, τὰ Ἀποκριάτικα τραγούδια του καὶ τῆς τελευταῖα του παραγγεῖλι: «Νὰ πάρατε Γραικίξ». Καὶ πῆγαμε Γραικίξ. Ὅταν συναντήσωμε μὲ τὸν Λουκά καὶ ἀναφέρωμεν τὰ πᾶλή, πάντοτε ἀναφέρωμεν τὸ ὄνομά του καὶ λέμα:

—Καλῆ σοῦ ἔσα, καυῆνε Μανωλῆ, ἂν ἔξῃ καὶ θεῖς συρ-χαρῆ σοῦ ἂν πῆνας.

ΑΝΕΚΔΟΤΑ ΚΙ' ΑΣΤΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΟΥ

Υπό ΗΛΙΑ ΤΖΑΝΕΤΗ

ΔΙΑΡΚΟΥΝΤΟΣ του Συνεδρίου, διημι-
ράσθησαν κίριες εις τους αντιπροσώ-
πους διά να γράψουν ἐπ' αὐτῶν δι' ὀλίγων
λέξεων τὰς ἐντυπώσεις των καὶ νὰ τὰς πα-
ραθέσωσαν εἰς τὸν γράφοντα. Παραθέτομεν
κατωτέρω τὰς παρατηρήσεις μετρώων ἐκ τῶν
ἀντιπροσώπων ὡς τὰς ἔγραψαν οἱ ἴδιοι:

—Εἶμαι ἰκανοποιημένος πρὸς τὸ ἐγγόμενον
Συνέδριον θὰ γείνη στὸ Syracuse κ' ἐγὼ σὺν
καλῶς χρῆσιν: τὸ κῆρυξ, διότι ἂν δὲν
τὸ κερδίξε κ' ἐγὼ εἶμαι δ' Ἀνάγνω, ἀσφαλῶς
θὰ ἦτο ὁ πρῶτος πηλῆτης τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκο-
πῆς τοῦ Νέου Μεξικού.

—I am go every Convention. St. Paul,
Miami, Convention don't like.

—Γράφω σὲ γὰρ μὲνα δ,τι κοιταμάρα θή-
λεις—ἀφοῦ ἐπὶ ἐκτὸς ἡμέρας ζῶομαι μέσα
σὲ μεγαλοπρεπῆς κοιταμάρες.

—This was a Convention of ten falltades.

—Ἐπὶ ἕνα χρόνον θὰ βόλῃ μίση' ἀπὸ αὐτὰ
μον ἢ μεταλλική φωνή τοῦ Τουρκόδα. Τί
φωνή διαπρωστικῆ! Νομίζω κανεὶς πῶς ἐρ-
χεται ἀπὸ τὰ ἔργατα τῆς γῆς ἀπὸ κανεὶς
μεγαθήριον.

—Boozas can take a lick with stipe.
Vournas can drink a pint of castor oil with-
out changing the expression of his face. He
is very calm Mahinto-Messinos!

—Μοδεσκιαν ἐντέπαιον οἱ δύο ἐποφῆσαι
ἀντιπροδῶδοι. Ἐἶμαι καὶ ὁ δύο ἐπῆθικοὶ
καὶ μαχητικοὶ. Ὁ ἕνας μοιάζει σὺν λιπαρῶ-
δαλις καὶ ὁ ἄλλος σὺν κρημλοπαρδαλις.

—Δὲν μποροῦ νὰ καταλάβω πῶς καὶ ἀπὸ
ποῦ ὡς πρὸς ἕνας Ἰρλανδὸς βγήκε πρόεδρος
τοῦ Συνεδρίου. Μπορεῖ νὰ τὸν λένε Ἀθ. Πα-
τελλῆν, σὴν μορφή διανοῦ, σὴν σῶμα, σὴν χροῖμα
καὶ σὴν ὁμιλίαν εἶναι Patrick Sullivan, from
Kilgorty, Ireland.

—Πῶς νὰ μείρωσα τὰ Ἀγγλικά σὺν
τὸν Τουρκίδη, τὰ Ἑλληνικά σὺν ἰσῆνα, νῆνα
τὰ μαλλιά τοῦ Βουρνά, τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Μπόρ-
μα-Βουσίδη (ἐπὶ τὸ λαμπρὸ καὶ κάπνο) καὶ
τὰ μισὰ χροῖμα τοῦ Μαντὰ καὶ θὰ σοφῆνα
ὡς δῶρον μὲ περὶσῆνα νὰ σκεπάξῃ τὴν
ἀγία σου κάρτα.

—Ἀνῆκω σὴν νέα γενεὰ καὶ εἶναι τὸ πρῶ-
τον Συνέδριον πρὸς σηματούζω. Εἶμαι κατ-
ἐνθουσιασμένος διὰ τὴν πρόσθεον τῶν Ἑλλη-
νων. Εἶμαι πολὺ ἐπίτιχος πρὸς γνώριμα τό-
πους ἰεζοντίας Ἑλλῆνας καὶ ἰδιοκτίρας τῶν
Βῶν Νορμῶν ἀπὸ τὸ Σιάγκα. Ἦμαι τῶσα
κατὰ γ' ἄσῃν τὸν κέρπον καὶ διὰ τὰς θε-
σίας τῶν διὰ τοῦς Υἱούς καὶ τὴν Ἀρχία καὶ
σκέπτοιμα πῶσον τεχνοδῶ: θὰ ἦτο δ' Ἑλλη-
νισμὸς τῆς Ἀμερικῆς ἂν οἱ καθὲ ἀποφῆριται
ἐπῆρξε κ' ἕνας Βῶν Νορμῶν. He is a real
greek.

—Τίποτε δὲν θυμῶμαι ἀπὸ δου συνείδη-
σαι. Θυμῶμαι μόνον τὸ "quite please" καὶ
τὸν τράγο τοῦ Μπάρμα-Βουσίδη.

—Ἐγὼ εἶμαι τῆς τάξης μου καὶ τ' ἀποξί-
νυτῶν μου ἀπὸ κοιταμάρες καὶ σκέπτοιμα
πῶς νὰ τῆς μεταδώσω ἀν' ἑαίνας πρὸς μ' ἔ-
σταλιν γὰρ νὰ φορεθῶ ἐγὼ καὶ νὰ φορέσω
κ' ἑαίνας!

—Μοῦ ἔκαμαν μεγάλην ἐντέπαιον ὁ Τσι-
μαῖδης, Κριστιάνης, Ἀρίστον, Γουάουλας, Κό-
σιας, Πόλας, Στάουος, Βουρνάς, Μανιάτης
καὶ σὺ. Ἦσαν σὲ βόλῃ γὰρ τὰ μάτια καὶ

ἀπὸ ἀδρότητα). Ὅλοι αὐτοὶ εἶναι σωστοὶ
Ἀρχίαντες καὶ πολιτισμένοι ἄνθρωποι.

—Μέγα Συνέδριον, μεγάλης Ἀδελφότη-
τες, μετρώων....

—E— PLURIBUS—UNUM.

—Φέγω πρὸς κοιτὰς ἀπὸ δ,τι ἔμουν καὶ
μὲ χροῖνον Ἀρχιεπὶκὸν λοκοκίμαλον.

—Μ' ἀρίστον οἱ ἀστικοὶ, τὰ πιστά, ξε-
δάτες, πεπεργίς, τουλομαῖτις, σκορδαῖα
καὶ ρεταίνα.

—Ὅ,τι κ' ἂν γράφω, σὺ θὰ τὰ διαστρε-
βλώσῃς, σκεπῶς δὲν γράφω τίποτα καὶ σ'
ἐρωτῶ γιὰτὶ δὲν λίνεις πρὸς σὺν ἄνδρας
καρὰ λίνεις γὰρ σὺν μοσῶ; Σαντομαράθη-
κες γίρω; What is wrong with you?

—Ἀπὸ διὰς τῆς φρενῆς τῶν Ἑλλήνων
πρὸς παρενῆθησαν εἰς τὸ Συνέδριον, οἱ πρὸ
ἀρχοντικοὶ καὶ οἱ πρὸ σμυνοὶ εἶηθη ἡμῖς οἱ
Γκραβαριτες. Ὅλοι μαζῆ ἐσοκλιπῶμεθα, ὁ
Πατριάρχης ὁμιλοῦσεν ἐξ ὀνόματος ὀλων μαζ
καὶ σὺ τὸ τέλος ἔλαβε μόνος του καὶ διὰ ἰο-
γρησισμὸν του ἀπὸ συγκρίνησιν.

—Εἶμαι 30 ἐτῶν, ἄμορφος, ἀνάπαυτος,
μύζινε; μὲν καὶ Ρεζομῆλικαν. Δὲν λίνω,
δὲν κερνίζω, δὲν παίζω χαρτὰ καὶ πηγαῖνα
σὴν ἐκκλησία καὶ ἄμως ἐζητήσω σὺν ἰσῆ-
της τὸ γίρω μᾶς ἐσοκλιπῶς πρὸς μοδεσκιαν
ἐντέπαιον καὶ μοδε: «Ληποῖμα πολὺ. Εἶ-
μαι παντομίμη καὶ μητέρα τοῦ ἀντιπροσώ-
που!!! K.....».

—Ἐντέπαιον λαμπρὸν μοῦ ἔκαμαν ἡ σε-
μνότης καὶ πεπότης τῶν νεαρῶν Μανιάτη,
Ἀρίστον καὶ Πατριάρχῃ. Ἀυτὸ εἶναι οἱ ἀρ-
χηγοὶ τοῦ μέλλοντος. Ἐμῖς πὰ σκερῶ
σμε.

—Ἐμαθα πῶς ὁ Μαντὰς ἀπὸ τὸ Σιάγκα
εἶναι πολὺ πλούσιος καὶ τοῖμαρος σὴς μύ-
ζινε; καὶ ὅτι εἶσθε φίλοι. Στὸ Γουέστ ἔχω
ἕνα κτήμα πρὸς ἔχει λάδια. Πῆς του νὰ
βάλλῃ 100,000 δολλ., ν' ἀνοίξωμε μερικὰ πε-
γῶδια. Τοῦ ἐγγυῶμαι νὰ δεκαπλασιασῇ τὰ
χρῆματά του σ' ἕνα χρόνο. Ἄν δὲν βροῖσθε
λάδια, τοῦ ἐσοκλιπῶ νὰ πηγῶ σ' ἕνα πε-
γῶδι ἐγὼ καὶ σὺ σ' ἕνα ἄλλο.

—Τὸ Τριτὸν μοῦ μοῦδωσαν 200 δολλ. καὶ
τὰ μέλι θὰ περιμῆνον ρεπῶρ ἀπὸ μῆνα.
Δὲν μποροῦ νὰ ἀποθῆκεῖσιν τίποτα μῆς σὺ
μυαλὸ μου ἀπὸ δου σκεπῆσιν. Τὸ μόνον πρὸς
θημῶμα εἶναι τὰ γίνετα τοῦ τράγου τοῦ
Μπάρμα-Βουσίδη. Κόμμα στὰ 200!!

—Μὲ περιμῆνει ἡ γυναῖκά μου μὲ τὸ σκε-
πῶξω σὺν σῆπῃ. Τηλεγράφησεν σὺν δου-
κτιῶν μου πρὸς τὴ νύχτα κ' ἀπῆρτησεν ἡ ὀνη-
ρέτρια πρὸς σῆπῃ τὸ δουκτιῶν! Ἐξεν γιγνῆ
ἀγρω θεοῦ καὶ φοβοῖμα μὲν ἔλθῃ Σοφικὰ
ἰδῶ καὶ τί θὰ τραβήξω. Τί κακόπιστες εἶν'
αἱτῆς ἡ γυναῖκες; Δὲν πιστεῖται πῶς ἦτο ἡ
ἐπιθῆτρια! Βοήθησέ με νὰ μεταλώσω τὸ
πράγμα σὺν φίλος κ' ἔπειτα σοῦ γράψω τὰς
ἐντυπώσεις μου ἂν γέντισσω.

—Δὲν ἔχω τίποτα νὰ γράφω. Εἶμαι κ'
ἐγὼ ἕνας ἀπὸ τοῦς ὀρῶνους ῥήτορας τῶν
Συνεδρίων πρὸς μὲ ἠρωκίαν χαρτηριαν ἀπο-
σῶν, κρῖνον, ζυγίζον καὶ βιολογῶν.

—Εἶναι τὸ δεύτερον Συνέδριον πρὸς παρη-
καλάσθησιν. Ἄν λῆω καὶ τοῦ χρόνον, ἀπὸ
ἔμτ θὰ πάω κατ' εἰθῆσιν σὺν Φθισατῆριον
τοῦ Νέου Μεξικού.

—Γιάννης ἦλθε, Ἀντώνης θὰ φέγω καὶ
Μανώλης θὰ γῶθω.

—Μοῦ κάτισσε τὸ Συνέδριον 200 δολλ.
καὶ τίχα δανεισθῆ τὰ 100. Ἦλθα μόνον
καὶ μόνον νὰ βοηθῆσω νὰ ξαναβῆ ὁ Τσι-
μαῖδης. Ἀφοῦ βγήκε τὰ κῆνω χαλάει. Ἐν
ἀνάγκη καὶ τοῦ χρόνον ἄλλο τόσα.

—Ἐγὼ εἶμαι ἦτο λαμπρὸν τὸ Συνέδριον. Τὸ
μόνον πρὸς δὲν μ' ἀρίστο εἶναι νὰ βλέπω τοῦς
ἀρχηγούς νὰ φεγῶν δταν πρόκειται νὰ φη-
μισθῇ κανεὶνα σοβαρὸν ζήτημα. Ἀυτὸ εἶναι
καθαρὰ φρονομαγία καὶ λιπαταξία. Μόνον
ὁ Τσιμαῖδης μῆνι σὴν θέσιν του σὺν καλ-
ληράρι καὶ ψηφίζει.

—Ὅ,τι καὶ ἂν γράφω ἐγὼ, σὺ θὰ γρά-
ψῃς τὰ δικά σου. Λοκῶν γιὰ σου καὶ κα-
λῆν ἀντάμωσιν τοῦ χρόνον σὺς Στρακοῦσας.

—Μορὲ θὰ ἔρχωμαι καθὲ χρόνο σὺν
Συνέδριον ἔσται καὶ μὲ δανειά. Εἶναι τὸ μ-
γαλιέτερον Ἑλληνικὸν πανηγύρι τῆς Ἀμερι-
κῆς. Ἀδερνετὰ πῆρα-πῆρα.

—Προτεῖνω νὰ γείνη τὸ Συνέδριον τοῦ
1938 εἰς τὸ χωριὸ τοῦ Σουκρῆμ Ἀρχοντος
Γκραβαριτου Α. Αεδοποῦλου, σὺν Πλάτανω
—Ναυκακτίας.

—Ἦτο θαυμάσιον Συνέδριον καὶ θὰ ἦτο
ἀόμα θαυμασιώτερον ἂν μερικὸ ἀντὶ νὰ ση-
τορῆσεν, ὁμιλοῦσιν ἀλλὰ καὶ καθαυτά.

—Ἐκεῖνοι οἱ ἀντιπροσώπων ἀπὸ τὸ Νέον
Μεξικόν, Κάτσον, Λόκης καὶ Γουοργῆδης,
δὲν ἦσαν καθόλου Μεξικῶνοι. Ἦσαν κίριος
πῆρα γὰρ πῆρα.

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the chapter. He is a loyal Ahepan and a prominent business man of our community. The members of the Board of Governors are: Thos. N. Christie, Chairman; Spero Boozotis, John Mercury, Peter Vlahos and John Pantazes.

Although this has been one of the greatest years in the annals of the Demosthenes chapter (according to the record and reports of our worthy Supreme President, V. I. Chebithes), under the leadership of Brother Thomas N. Christie, president and District Lieutenant Governor of District No. 14, we are looking forward to a still greater year, a larger membership and even greater accomplishments.

Our records show that we have the largest chapter in the Order of Ahepa—185 members in good standing. We have paid to the Supreme Lodge this year the amount of \$1,002.00 for per capita tax, reinstatements and initiation fees. We gave a dance for the benefit of our Greek school, held a banquet commemorating Greek Independence on March 25th, and entered a float at the National Convention in St. Paul for which we were awarded a beautiful trophy. Other numerous successful events were held.

It may be of interest to note the enthusiasm of the membership in attending lodge meetings, for the year, 1936, record shows that an average of 50 members attended all meetings. We will always remember with regard and affection the whole-hearted, loyal support and cooperation received from our brother Ahepans. For all this the retiring officers and your servant, the secretary, are grateful.

THOMAS KALOGERSON, Secretary.

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