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AN EDITORIAL

THE ORDER OF AHEPA

DR. KIMON A. DOUKAS

I

Almost 31 years ago—on July 26, 1922—a few far-sighted Americans of Greek origin gathered at Atlanta, Georgia, and laid the foundations of this great fraternity of ours.

Taking our cue from our Constitution, we Ahepans have since consistently promoted a better understanding of the Hellenic peoples and have cultivated the noblest attributes and highest ideals of true Hellenism.

We have been the Public Relations Agency for Greece in America and at the same time have in every way assisted that little glorious land in her difficult and too often impossible days. We have helped at Corinth and in the rehabilitation of the Asia Minor refugees; we have endorsed and operated the Greek War Relief; we have built hospitals; we have organized excursions; we have brought over displaced persons.

In our eagerness and our enthusiasm to be true Hellenes in this wonderful country of ours, we have toiled and labored and worked tirelessly for the ideals and ideas of Hellas which we were taught by our parents and learned from our ancestors and in a way have succeeded in creating for ourselves and our children the good name we so richly deserve and so fully enjoy.

This unique achievement during the first period of our existence as a national Order—1922 to 1952—should alone reserve for Ahepans the traditional accolade for a job well done. This alone should establish Ahepa as the preeminent Hellenic Association overseas and award her and her worthy children the eternal gratitude of our people in the many years to come!

II

But the job has only begun. The horizons of our ceaseless efforts mark only the dawn of our life story. A new chapter is now unfolding itself in all its grandeur and glory. We Ahepans are on the threshold of our achievements. The outlines of our work ahead of us are as important and challenging as the pages of our story just completed. We are called upon to continue on the road to good fellowship and cooperation in the solution of social and civic problems which surround us in this land of our choice. Service to the Community is now our motto and should be our goal.

And we are eminently qualified for the task ahead. Drawing from the rich past of the Hellenic people, which is ours by tradition and inheritance; imbued with the lofty ideals of ancient Hellas, which come to us so naturally and in such a large measure; inspired and taught by our environment and experience, which though American in form and practice are nonetheless Hellenic in origin and evolution, we Ahepans of American citizenry but of Hellenic origin are urged to continue the role and the task we assigned to ourselves and introduce our children and their children to the inalienable right of being Americans by birth but Hellenic in culture and tradition.

We Ahepans are now charged with the sacred duty of exemplifying what is best in our people by sharing with all our fellow Americans, though of many strands and different origins, the work ahead of us—which is service to Community, to Nation and to the World.

III

In this our self-chosen role of public relations we shall continue to serve our people—the Hellenes in particular and the Americans in general. We shall thus extend the life and the usefulness of what is by now universally known as the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association—The Order of Ahepa.

In this sacred, yet pleasant task, the Editors of THE AHEPAN, our official organ, call upon every member to do his utmost in a threefold program, which has been enunciated by every National and District Convention, has been circulated by every Supreme Lodge and has been endorsed by every leader of our fraternity, namely:

(a) Expand our ranks by bringing back those who strayed afar and afield and enlisting new converts to Ahepa and her ideology;

(b) Assist our Auxiliaries, particularly our Sons and our Maids, in regaining their former standing by a larger membership and wider activity, and

(c) Join in local drives for community and national projects whose only purpose is to solve our social and civic problems.

No true Ahepan can take less. No true Hellene can afford to stay behind. No true American can ignore the call. In unity there is strength and purpose. And this is a unique opportunity to serve our fellowmen.

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Editor's Corner

Many, many thanks to our kind readers for the avalanche of letters complimenting the Editorial Staff in the preparation of the last issue. We are greatly encouraged and will continue with greater determination our dedicated task to edit a publication the rank and file of our membership desires and is entitled to.

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Preparation of Articles

Space limitation has again prevented complete coverage of news items. The overwhelming response to our pleas for greater chapter participation is appreciated and requested to continue. To insure a better balance and distribution, however, chapters are urged to *type, double spaced,* a clear, brief and concise resume of the subject matter.

Photos

A good photograph, accompanied with an appropriate caption, in many instances is more desirable than an article and should be used whenever possible. An attempt will be made to use as many as are received, providing they are *clear, glossy prints* adaptable to making engravings.

Mailing List

Many complaints have been received that some of our members do not receive The Ahepan. Every effort is being made to maintain an active mailing list. Active, good standing members who do not receive the magazine are requested to notify *Headquarters* personally or through chapter secretaries giving their old and new addresses as well as chapter number.

Submitting of Articles

The Daughters of Penelope may continue to submit chapter news items directly to Miss Vivian Cokorinos, 37-20 102nd Street, Corona, N. Y., who has been of valuable assistance in the Daughters news coverage.

All other articles and photos must be sent directly to the Editor, 178 Meadow Street, New Haven, Conn., for clearance and approval. Much time and effort will be saved if chapter editors follow this practice.

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C. P. Verinis
Editor

Rubble was dumped in a seemingly bottomless salt marsh on the outskirts of Corfu, and eventually a solid runway stretched nearly a third of its length into a shallow bay.

Major Greek Airfield is Built on Swamp with Rubble from Bombed City

CORFU.—The first airfield ever constructed on this ancient Ionian island, one of the largest and most heavily populated in Greece, now links Corfu, a major tourist attraction, with Athens and other cities of the mainland. On a seemingly bottomless salt swamp only a five-minute automobile ride from any point in the town, the airfield was built with the wreckage of a great city, the brains and hard work of its inhabitants, and the financial aid of the Marshall Plan. Only a thin strip of sea, a mile across at its narrowest point, separates Corfu from the Iron Curtain coastline of Albania. Previously the trip to Athens, by sea, required about 30 hours. Now the DC-3 planes of the Greek Airlines, TAE, land daily. Athens is only an hour and a half away. A smooth asphalt runway, 52 meters wide and 1,260 meters long, runs across the swamp and projects a third of its length into a shallow lagoon. Beneath the runway lies much of ancient Kerkyra, the Greek name for Corfu.

Kerkyra has been in the news consistently since its quarrel with its mother city, Corinth, launched the Peloponnesian Wars. The island has gone through Roman, Venetian and Frankish occupations, and for a time was governed by the British until it was turned over to the Greek nation in 1865. It has attained renown as an idyllic rest-spot for European royalty and moneyed tourists. Empress Elisabeth of Austria built a large palace there, which was taken over by the Kaiser after her death at the hands of an anarchist. Wilhelm II spent much time on the island before 1914. In 1941, the first bombs of the Greek war fell on Corfu, when the Italians hit the island at the start of their invasion through Albania. Corfu was bombed again, many times. The Italians hit it until they occupied it. The Americans and British worked over the docks and port areas, and sank a number of Italian ships just offshore, where rusting hulks still remain. But the worst experience came in 1943, on September 14, when the Nazis conducted a mass spite raid to express their displeasure over Italy's defection to the Allies. That German raid, with fire bombs and heavy explosives, nearly wiped out Corfu. A third of the houses were destroyed, and the remainder badly damaged.

There were no steam shovels or trucks available, so for two years the city piled up its rubble. In 1945, there were more than 100,000 separate piles of rubble, and rats and other vermin ran wild. Then four trucks began the job of hauling rubble away. Later the trucks became nine, working day and night. Where to put it? The swamp was close and bottomless. For many years the city planners had envisioned filling in that swamp for an airfield. So among their first acts in 1945 the city fathers asked the Greek Air Ministry for an engineer to show them just how to place the rubble to facilitate airfield construction later on.

During the next few years the Greek Government allocated for Corfu 200,000,000 drachmas from public works funds, 680,000,000 from the Ministry of Public Works, and 650,000,000 from work relief funds to pay subsistence salaries to the Corfu unemployed who were shoveling up the remains of the city. Total dollar equivalent was nearly $1,000,000.

By early 1949, 800 meters of runway was ready. But airfield authorities insisted on at least a 1,000-meter runway. So the Ministry of Public Works allotted 200,000,000 more drachmas to extend the field, and 200,000,000 more to gravel-surface it (for a total dollar equivalent of about $275,000).

Today the runway is completed and the field is in operation, although the passenger station is only a tent, and plans for a modern air terminal and control tower and weather station are still only blueprints. Marshall Plan contributions to the project so far total 1,520,000,000 drachmas (about $100,000 equivalent) in counterpart funds, which are the local currency sums set aside by the Greek Government to match U.S. dollar aid.

A HELLENIC AIRWAYS PASSENGER PLANE ROARS DOWN THE NEW ASPHALT STRIP INTO AN EASY TAKE-OFF.

Η ΣΑΝΤΟΡΙΝΗ

Τοῦ κ. ΑΝΔΡΕΑ ΚΑΡΑΝΤΩΝΗ

Μόλις ξεκινήσαμε ἀπὸ τὴ Νάξο, βάζοντας πλώρη κατὰ τὸ Νοτιά, ἀρχίσαμε κι' ὅλας νὰ ψάχνουμε τὸν ὁρίζοντα, γυρεύοντας τὴ Σαντορίνη. Ἀνυπομονοῦμε ν' ἀντικρύσουμε τὸ θαυμαστὸ ἀπομεινάρι τῆς ἀρχαίας Στρογγύλης — ὅπως λέγανε τὴ Θήρα στὰ χρόνια ποὺ οἱ κάτοικοί της λάτρευαν τὸν Καρνεῖο Ἀπόλλωνα, τὸν Ἡρακλῆ καὶ τὸν Διόνυσο. Βαθειὰ μέσα στὸ Αἰγαῖο, χτυπάει ἀκόμα ἡ καρδιὰ ἑνὸς ἠφαιστείου, φωτιὲς καὶ λαῦρες κυκλοφοροῦν κάτω ἀπὸ τοὺς βυθοὺς, τεράστιες σπηλιὲς ἀνοίγουν καὶ κλείνουν, ἀπίθανοι ὄγκοι ἀπὸ μέταλλα μαζὺ μὲ πέτρες καὶ χώματα πυρακτώνονται καὶ λυώνουν σὲ μιὰ στιγμὴ, κατρακυλοῦν ὕστερα στὰ ἔγκατα τῆς γῆς κι' ἀλλάζοντας ἀπότομα τὴν ἀρχιτεκτονικὴ τῶν ὑποχθονίων, ἀλλάζουν καὶ τὴν ἐπιφάνεια τοῦ πλανήτη μας ποὺ ἐμεῖς τὴν ἔχουμε συνηθίσει σὰν κάτι τὸ ἀμετάβλητο. Ἡ ἀρχαία Στρογγύλη, ἔλαχε νάναι ἐκεῖ κοντὰ στὴν καρδιὰ τοῦ ἠφαιστείου ποὺ ἐδῶ καὶ χιλιάδες χρόνια εἶχε ἀναστατώσει τὸ Αἰγαῖο, βουλιάζοντας νησιὰ μέσα σὲ ἀπύθμενους βυθοὺς καὶ τινάζοντας καινούργια νησιὰ μέσα στὸ ἄφθονο Ἀπολλωνειακὸ φῶς. Ἕνας τέτοιος ἠφαιστιακὸς μετασχηματισμὸς ἔγινε κάποτε, κι' ἡ ἀρχαία Στρογγύλη ἔχασε γιὰ πάντα τὸ σχῆμα της, ἀφήνοντας στὴν ἐπιφάνεια τῆς θάλασσας, ἕνα κομμάτι μονάχα σὰν πέταλο, τὴ σημερινὴ Σαντορίνη, ἕνα μακρόστενο νησάκι, τὴ Θηρασία, καὶ στὸ κέντρο τοῦ κόλπου ποὺ σχηματίστηκε ἀπὸ τὸ βύθισμα τῆς Στρογγύλης, ἕνα σύμπλεγμα ἀπὸ χαμηλὰ νησάκια μὲ τοὺς μισοσβυσμένους κρατῆρες τοῦ ὑποθαλάσσιου ἠφαιστείου.

Τραβάμε λοιπὸν καὶ μεῖς γιὰ τὴ Σαντορίνη, ποὺ δὲν εἶναι μονάχα ἕνα ἀπὸ τὰ πιὸ χαρακτηριστικὰ γεωλογικὰ φαινόμενα, μὰ κι' ἕνα «τέλος τοῦ ταξιδιοῦ». Τὸ βαπόρι θὰ μᾶς ἀφήσῃ στὸ λιμανάκι τῶν Θηρῶν καὶ θὰ γυρίσῃ πίσω, γιὰ νὰ ξανάρθῃ ἔπειτα ἀπὸ τρεῖς μέρες. Ὁ κύκλος τοῦ ὁρίζοντα γύρω μας εἶναι σπαρμένος ἀπὸ νησιά. Ὡς ποὺ νὰ σβύσῃ τὸ ἕνα πέρα στὴ χρυσῆ καὶ γαλάζια πάχνη τῶν ἀποστάσεων, ἄλλα σχεδιάζονται μπροστά μας, ἀριστερά μας, δεξιά μας. Ἡ Νάξος, μεγαλόπρεπος ρόδινος ὄγκος. Ἡ Πάρος, καλλίγραμμη κι' ἁρμονική. Ἡ Ἀμοργός, μακρυά, σὰν ὑποψία σχεδίου μὲ μολύβι, ἡ κατάξερη Νιὰ ποὺ ξαφνικὰ μᾶς δείχνει ἄσπρα σπιτάκια κι' ἀνάριες πρασινάδες, δυτικὰ ἡ Φολέγανδρος κι' ἡ Σίκυνος. Ὕστερα, νὰ στὸ βάθος ἡ ἀνατολικὴ ὄψη τῆς Σαντορίνης. Αὐτὸ ποὺ πρωτοβλέπουμε, δὲ μᾶς φαίνεται καθόλου παράξενο. Μοιάζει μ' ὅλα τ' ἄλλα νησιά. Ἕνα κομμάτι γυμνῆς γῆς ἀνοιχτόξανθης καὶ σὰν ἔρημης, μέσα σὲ μιὰ θάλασσα ποὺ ἀστράφτει καὶ σπιθοβολά.

«Μὴν ἀνυπομονεῖτε. Σὲ λίγο θὰ δῆτε τὴν ἄλλη μορφὴ τῆς Σαντορίνης, τὴν πραγματική», μᾶς λέει ἕνας συνταξιδιώτης μας. Πραγματικὰ ἡ Σαντορίνη ἔχει δύο ὄψεις, ὁλότελα ἀντίθετες κι' ἀμοιαστες μεταξύ τους. Ἡ μιὰ εἶναι ἐκείνη ποὺ πρωτοείδαμε, κάτι σὰν ὁροπέδιο ποὺ κατεβαίνει ὁμαλὰ πρὸς τὴ θάλασσα καὶ τελειώνει σὲ μιὰ μεγάλη παραλία. Σ' αὐτὴ τὴν παραλία κατασκευάζεται τώρα ἕνα καινούργιο λιμάνι μὲ χρήματα ἀπὸ τὸ Σχέδιο Μάρσαλ. Τὸ ἐπικλινὲς αὐτὸ ὁροπέδιο εἶναι τὸ κομμάτι τῆς Σαντορίνης ποὺ καλλιεργεῖται ἐντατικά. Σκεπασμένο μὲ ἀμπέλια, δίνει κάθε χρόνο πολλὰ ἑκατομμύρια ὀκάδες σταφύλι καὶ κρασί, δίνει ἀκόμα τὴν ἐξαίρετη φάβα καὶ τὴν φημισμένη Σαντορινιὰ ντομάτα. Ὅμως, ἐκεῖνο ποὺ δίνει στὸν ταξιδιώτη συγκλονιστικὴ ἐντύπωση, εἶναι ἡ στιγμὴ ποὺ τὸ καράβι ἔχοντα στρίψει τὸν κάβο-Μαυρόπετρα ὕστερα ἀπὸ λίγα λεπτὰ μπαίνει μέσα στὸν ἠφαιστειακὸ κόλπο τῆς Σαντορίνης καὶ βρίσκεται ἀπὸ κάτω ἀπὸ τὴν Οἴα, τὸ πρῶτο λιμάνι τοῦ νησιοῦ. Εἶναι σὰ ν' ἄλλαξαν μονομιᾶς ὅλα καὶ σὰ νὰ βρεθήκαμε σὲ μιὰ περιοχὴ τοῦ κόσμου τούτου ποὺ ἂν καὶ βρίσκεται μέσα στὸ Αἰγαῖο, δὲν ἔχει καμμιὰ ὁμοιότητα μήτε μὲ τὶς ἄλλες Κυκλάδες, μήτε μὲ τ' ἄλλα νησιὰ τοῦ ἀρχιπελάγους μας. Σχήματα, χρώματα, θέση τῶν σπιτιῶν, ἀρχιτεκτονική, ὅλα εἶναι διαφορετικά. Μονάχα τὸ φῶς τοῦ ἥλιου, τὸ ἐντατικὸ γαλάζιο τῆς θάλασσας, κι' ἡ κρουστάλλινη ἀτμόσφαιρα μένουν ἴδια, σὰ βιαστικὲς καλλιτεχνικὲς προυποθέσεις ἀπαραίτητες γιὰ νὰ δειχτοῦν σὲ ὅλη τους τὴν ἰδιοτυπία τὰ χαρακτηριστικὰ τῆς καταπληκτικῆς ἐτούτης σκηνογραφίας. Ἕνα ταιράστιο μαχαίρι, ἕνα φασγανὸ θεϊκό, καταφερμένο μὲ δύναμη, θαρρεῖς, ἔκοψε στὸ μέρος αὐτὸ τὴ Σαντορίνη καὶ τῆς ἔδωσε αὐτὴ τὴν κάθετη ὄψη πρὸς τὴ θάλασσα.

Τὸ βαπόρι ἔχει ἀράξει στὰ πόδια αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἠφαιστειογενοῦς τείχους ποὺ μαυρίζει καὶ κοκκινίζει μπροστά μας ἀπὸ τὴν πετρωμένη, τὴ σκουριασμένη, τὴν κονιορτοποιημένη λάβα τῶν προϊστορικῶν ἐκρήξεων. Σ' ὅλες τὶς Κυκλάδες, τὰ χρώματα εἶναι μιὰ σύνθεση τοῦ γαλανοῦ μὲ τὸ ἄσπρο, τὸ ξανθὸ καὶ τὸ πράσινο. Ἐδῶ, τὸ γαλανὸ καὶ τὸ φῶς συνδυάζονται μὲ τὸ μαῦρο, τὸ βαθὺ κόκκινο, τὸ μελιτζανί, καὶ τὸ ἀνοιχτὸ γκρίζο τῆς Θηραϊκῆς γῆς. Βράχοι κατάμαυροι μέσα στὸ φῶς μπροστὰ στὸ λιμανάκι τῆς Οἴας, βράχοι ποὺ μοιάζουν μὲ συσπάσεις τερατομόρφων προσώπων κερουνωμένων ἀπὸ τὶς φλόγες τοῦ Ἡφαίστου. Παντοῦ ἡ γῆ ἐδῶ παρουσιάζει αὐτὸ τὸ θεαμα τῶν συσπάσεων ποὺ τετανωθήκαν γιὰ πάντα γύρω ἀπὸ σπηλιὲς καὶ χάσματα τραβώντας βαθειὰ μέσα στὴ γῆ. Καὶ ψηλὰ στὴν ἔπαλξη τοῦ τείχους αὐτοῦ ποὺ ρίχνει μαύρη σκιὰ στὴ θάλασσα, ψηλὰ, σχεδὸν κολλημένη στὸν οὐρανὸ, νὰ ἡ πόλις τῆς Οἴας, μὲ τ' ἄσπρα βολωτὰ σπίτια τῆς σωριασμένα τὸ ἕνα ἐπάνω στὸ ἄλλο, ἔτσι σὰν ἐνόερες φωληὲς, κρεμασμένες ἀνάμεσα οὐρανοῦ καὶ θάλασσας. Τὸ ἴδιο θεαμα, ὅμως πιὸ τελειωτικὸ, πιὸ συναρπαστικὸ μᾶς παρουσιάζουν σὲ λίγο τὰ Φηρά, ποὺ εἶναι χτισμένα σὲ πιὸ ψηλὸ σημεῖο. Τὰ σπίτια τους πιὸ μεγάλα μὲ τοὺς κατασπρους θόλους ποὺ ἔχουν γιὰ σκεπές. Ψηλὰ καμπαναριὸ ἀπὸ ἐκκλησιὲς ἐπιβλητικὲς εἶναι σὰν νὰ τρυπὰν τὸν ὁλογάλανο οὐρανὸ καὶ σὰ νὰ δίνουν ὄψη μυθικοῦ μοναστηριοῦ σ' ὅλη τὴν πολιτεία. Ἐκθαμβοι ατεκόμαστε μπροστὰ

(Συνέχεια εἰς τὴν ἴδην σελίδα)

Manos Karavias, the island's energetic young mayor, is shown (second from left) talking to some American visitors.

A caique is moored near the almost vertical cliffs that form an extinct volcanic crater on the Isle of Santorini.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF AMERICANS OF GREEK DESCENT TO AMERICAN LIFE

Address delivered by H. E. Athanase G. Politis, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, at a Dinner Meeting of the Atlanta National Conference of Christians and Jews, Atlanta, Georgia.

ATHANASE G. POLITES

I was delighted when I received the gracious invitation of Governor Talmadge, as well as those of the other gentlemen who were kind enough to think of me, to attend this dinner tonight. I was delighted for several reasons.

First, because it presented me with an opportunity to visit your charming and historic city, a pleasure I had been looking forward to ever since my arrival in the United States. I am sure that you do not need to be told that the reputation of your city for its beauty and the hospitality of its citizens has traveled far beyond the borders of this great country.

Second, I felt privileged to be allowed to take part in this event planned by the International Conference of Christians and Jews to celebrate the contribution of Americans of Greek descent to American life and to world brotherhood, because I thought it to be especially significant that the principles to which the International Conference of Christians and Jews is dedicated: justice, amity, understanding and cooperation, were naturally correlative to the noble motto adopted by your State — Wisdom, Justice, Moderation.

Finally, almost on the eve of my country's greatest National Holiday, March 25, the Day of Greek Independence, I was glad to join in a recognition of the contribution that Greeks of American descent have made to American democracy.

I should state at the outset, however, my belief that in this great country of freedom and of equal opportunities for all, regardless of nationality or religion, it is difficult to single out the contribution of one separate ethnical or religious group.

The contributions of each group are part of the whole that is America, they are a thread interwoven in the general pattern, contributions that were made possible only because of the nature of this new way of life that was to be the American way of life.

These contributions, the wealth of ideas and the promise and hope that went into them, are in their final form expressions and developments of the fundamental principles which are the solid pillars of American democracy.

That is why, in discussing the contribution of the Greek-American to the American life, I think of it in relation to those fundamental principles of American democracy. Therefore, I will first examine the attitude of the Greek-American towards the basic democratic ideal.

I will try then to show the use he has made of his economic freedom.

Finally, I will discuss his contribution to the spiritual values of this great country.

Foremost among the principles of American democracy is, of course, the belief in the democratic process, the faith in freedom which Jefferson and the founders of the American nation expressed in the ageless words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Freedom and democracy are not static beliefs. They are dynamic principles which generate continuously, taking on increasingly significant interpretations according to the moral backing that these principles receive from those who adhere to them. From the very moment that the members of a society neglect to carry on the continuous struggle for the strengthening of democracy and freedom, these precious ideals are deprived of their basic meaning. They wither away and society risks their complete extinction. Constant vigilance is the condition of freedom.

That is why I consider as significant contribution the fact that Americans of Greek descent are civic minded and vigilant citizens.

The contributions that they have made and are making toward strengthening American democratic ideals is a natural consequence, almost a command, of their centuries-old cultural background.

They came to America from the land which gave birth to the concept of democracy. They were descendants of a people who, inspired by the example of the American Revolution, began, in 1821, that long and heroic struggle for their own independence that was finally won in 1830 with the re-establishment of the Greek nation.

The fiery spirit of independence that won the Greeks their independence in the early part of the 19th century has not been quenched by the passage of time. Whenever their liberties have been threatened, as in World War I, in World War II, and again when international communism launched its criminal armed conspiracy in 1947, the Greek people have risen to a man to drive out the invader and to join the other freedom-loving forces that stood together against aggression. It is because of this deep-rooted love of freedom that Greek troops today fight in Korea alongside other gallant United Nations forces.

It is this spirit of Greece, that the Greek immigrants have carried with them to this new land. It is this spirit that prepared them to offer to their new motherland the same measure of devotion to the principles of freedom and liberty that their ancestors and their former countrymen have given to Greece.

This is the attitude of the Greek-American in relation to democratic institutions.

Now, as I said earlier, in addition to political freedom, of course, America offers to its citizens another precious freedom, that of economic opportunity whereby is given the privilege of shaping his future according to his efforts and his capacities.

In this respect it is axiomatic that as long as the opportunities granted by a society are used by the individual to the fullest possible extent, the society prospers and becomes stronger.

You will agree with me, I know, that the Greeks who came to the United States have made the best possible use of the opportunities available to them. They

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The Ahepa Float at the Inaugural Parade, January 20, 1953. The motto on the float was "Ahepa Promoting Citizenship" and this was the first time that a float representing a Greek-American organization has taken part in the Inaugural Ceremonies. The project was initiated by Brother George Papanicolas of Washington, D. C., and was sponsored by contributions of members of the Ahepa.

The following members may be seen on the float: Mrs. Bertha Michos, Miss Marion Chaconas, Miss Connie Chaconas, Miss Angie Juvelis, Mrs. Helen Roumel, Miss Alice Chakmakian, and Mrs. Madia Commings, President of Hermione Chapter No. 11, Daughters of Penelope. Also: Eddie Ballas, Robert Mandris, John N. Desoudes, Lucas Michos, John G. Desoudes, and Emmanuel Karas, President of Capital Chapter No. 526, Order of Ahepa. As the parade lasted two and a half hours, many failed to see the float on their television sets.

AHEPA'S CONTRIBUTION IN THE 1953 INAUGURAL

It was indeed a great achievement on the part of our Order to be one of the very few organizations to be given the privilege to participate in the 1953 historic Inaugural Parade. Unique in the annals of Ahepa's history, it was the first time that our organization was so honored and ever participated in an Inaugural Parade.

Our Order was accorded an excellent opportunity to bring before the millions of our American friends who witnessed the magnificent spectacle of an Ahepa float and a great event, either personally or through television, the patriotic contribution and great work of our organization and our endeavors to promote citizenship amongst our people. No other medium could have provided the Ahepa greater publicity on so little an investment as the 1953 Inaugural Parade.

During the Inaugural festivities many of our Ahepa leaders and other prominent Greek-Americans came to Washington to attend the ceremonies and the various social Inaugural events. Attendance at most of these events was by invitation, arranged by Brother George Papanicolas, Chairman of the Ethnic Inaugural Committee, who recommended to the General Chairman that some of our leaders be invited.

His Grace, Archbishop Michael was officially invited at the express request of Brother Papanicolas by Senator Bridges, President Pro-Tem of the Senate and Chairman of the Congressional Inaugural Committee, to partake in the swearing-in ceremonies of our President and Vice-President at the Capitol. This was the first time in the annals of our Inaugural Ceremonies that our faith was so represented.

Immediately after the Governors Reception a number of Ahepa leaders attended the all-Ethnic Banquet at the Statler Hotel which was given in honor of the National Directors of the seventeen nationality groups comprising the Ethnic division of the Republican National Committee and sponsored by the Ethnic Inaugural Committee under the Chairmanship of Brother Papanicolas, who acted as toastmaster. Almost one hundred leaders of various nationality groups attended this very unique Banquet including many important officials of the Republican National Committee and members of the Congress. After the eventful Inaugural Parade, the Grand Ball took place and was attended by many prominent Ahepans and their families.

The entire Inaugural program could not have been complete without the Reception given in honor of the Postmaster General, the Honorable Arthur E. Summerfield and Mrs. Summerfield, by Mr. and Mrs. George Papanicolas in his Maryland estate. Over two hundred prominent guests from all over the country, including most of the Ahepa leaders attending the Inauguration, as well as Archbishop Michael and the Ethnic leaders, passed by the receiving line. Most of the guests had some official connection or high position with the Republican Party. The Congressional set was headed by Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan and his genial wife; the diplomatic set was headed by the military attache Col. George Diamantopoulos and his lovely wife; the White House was represented by Mrs. Mary Jane McCaffree, social secretary to Mrs. Eisenhower; the State Department was represented by our own Hon. John Maktos, assistant solicitor of the Secretary of State; the business world was represented by many outstanding bank officials and industrial leaders, and the Press was represented by such outstanding journalists as Mr. Anatole Vivson of *Life* and *Time* magazines and other well-known members of the local American and Greek Press.

The Ahepa National Convention - Houston, Texas

August 16-22, 1953

The Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa came to Houston; he saw Houston and was conquerred. His statement: "The Convention Plans, Convention Headquarters, and Hospitality — Everything Is Magnificent — Houston Texas Style."

Supreme President Bell was greeted by Honorable Roy Hofheinz, Mayor of the City of Houston, and Honorary Chairman of the 27th National Ahepa Convention who will become a member of Alexander The Great Chapter No. 29, Order of Ahepa. Mayor Hofheinz enjoined the Supreme President to have the entire membership of the Order of Ahepa in Houston for the Convention. Mrs. Hofheinz is the daughter of James Cafcalas, deceased, a Charter Member of Alexander The Great Chapter No. 29, which was organized in 1923. He was the first President of the Houston Chapter and Past Governor of District 16.

Leaving Houston, wearing his Texas Cowboy Hat and Cowboy Boots, presented to him by Houston Ahepans, Supreme President Bell stated that he would wear them everywhere — even in Athens, where the Ahepa Excursion would take him — for the purpose of recruiting conventioneers for the Houston National Convention.

Coupled with being welcomed by a Brother Ahepan as Mayor of the City of Houston, all Conventioneers attending the Houston National Convention will enjoy swimming in the luxurious and beautiful Shamrock Hotel Swimming Pool — basking in Texas sunshine — and lolling under the bright cabanas of the Shamrock Pool.

Pictured at the Mayor's Office, from left to right, are: John B. Grivas, a Vice-Chairman of the 27th Ahepa National Convention and Past Governor, District 16; Steve Calondas, Vice President, Houston Ahepa Chapter; Elias Gatoura, General Chairman of the 27th Ahepa National Convention; Supreme President Peter L. Bell; C. N. DeClaris, President, Houston Ahepa Chapter; George Petheriotes, Treasurer of the 27th Ahepa National Convention; John A. Pappadas, Vice Chairman of the 27th Ahepa National Convention and Past Governor, District 16; Charles D. Exarky, Secretary of the 27th Ahepa National Convention and Past Governor; James G. Petheriotes, Lieutenant Governor; and Mayor Roy Hofheinz at his desk.

This is but one scene of the Wild West, Texas–Ahepa Rodeo that will be one of the many outstanding events of the National Convention in Houston. Under a brilliant moon and stars, deep in the Heart of Texas, you will thrill to Texas Cowboys performing these spectacular acts: bareback riding, saddle bronco busting, calf roping, Brahma bull riding and bulldogging — all accompanied by lively rodeo music.

The 27th Ahepa National Convention in Houston will have the following features for the first time in any national convention:

The Governor of Texas is an Ahepan.

The Mayor of the Convention City is an Ahepan.

There is a swimming pool at the Convention Headquarters — The Shamrock Hotel.

Ahepa Rodeo and Aquacade.

The Shamrock Hotel will be the Headquarters for the Ahepa, the Daughters and the Sons.

Chairman Elias Gatoura presents the elaborate program for the Houston National Convention to the Supreme Lodge for approval while the Vice-Chairman, John A. Pappadas, and Executive Secretary Arthur H. Lalos look on.

RODEO SCENE

PUBLIC RELATIONS

By ELI D. MILLER, *Director*
Ahepa Public Relations Department

As a major fraternal organization, the Order of Ahepa has not realized yet the importance of an organized and effective Public Relations program.

And, as a result of our fraternal failure Public Relations-wise, we have not "sold" our Order to the general non-Hellenic public. Further, our laxity and dis-interest in recognizing this vital phase of major organization and fraternal endeavor have created an "uninformed" membership, and our fraternal work has been hampered by lack of enthusiasm.

Outside of a limited number of sources of our American economy, political and social life that have received an introduction to Ahepa, the general non-Hellenic public is unaware of WHAT Ahepa is, and WHAT IT STANDS FOR. Even our own members and Greek-Americans in much too great a number oftentimes find it difficult to comprehend our purposes, aims, and accomplishments along the fraternal trail.

An ACTIVE and SOUND fraternal Public Relations program, with leadership exercised from the national ring of our Ahepa organization ladder, can easily catapult Ahepa to its proper place in the public eye. Unless Ahepa recognizes the effectiveness and value of a SOUND Public Relations program, based upon Public Relations experience, "know-how," and Public Relations enthusiasm on the part of its officers, leaders, and members, we cannot expect to receive the full endorsement and public recognition which the Order deserves as a major Hellenic force in the business, social, political, and fraternal affairs of America and the world.

What is Public Relations? In its simplest definition, Public Relations is "DOING GOOD, AND *GETTING CREDIT* FOR IT." It is not enough for us to accomplish outstanding fraternal deeds if we are to reach our proper place on America's fraternal front. But, we must use every available tool at our disposal to LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THE GOOD WE DO, and WE MUST INFORM OUR OWN MEMBERS AND HELLENES IN GENERAL OF THE GOOD WE DO. Up to now, our efforts in this direction have been limited and ineffective.

How can Ahepa do a better Public Relations job?

Because Public Relations currently is diagnosed in an embryonic stage, Ahepa must undergo Public Relations organization pains. This task must start with a basic long-range plan. And, to Ahepa's officers, leaders, and its membership, we offer a basic program, to be launched as soon as possible:

1. Ahepa's Department of Public Relations, heretofore organized only for Ahepa patronage reasons, with no goal or purpose under its limited structure, should be organized and provided the tools to do a constructive and effective fraternal job.

2. Once the Department of Public Relations is organized, and recognized as a major fraternal responsibility, it should proceed in the following immediate directions:

(a) Work out a close and friendly working relationship between the Order and the nation's press, radio, and television facilities, with emphasis not only on a national level, but also on a local Chapter and District plane. Our fraternity is abundant with members who have a knowledge of Public Relations. They must be called upon to pioneer this work, and project Ahepa among the non-Hellenic public and Hellenes as a major fraternal force in American life. Public Relations facilities throughout the nation would welcome news and information of Ahepa, its accomplishments, its plans, its programs, and decisions, on a local, district, national, and international level. LET US RENDER THIS COMMUNICATION SERVICE, AND IN TURN PROFIT FROM IT AS A FRATERNITY.

(b) The effectiveness of any fraternal program lies in its "grass-roots"—the local Chapter level. Locally, Ahepa must utilize the Public Relations and publicity channels available to it to tell the Ahepa story to the non-Hellenic public.

(c) Stimulation of greater interest in the activities of local Chapters can be accomplished by better informing members of the programs of Ahepa through the establishment of more local Chapter "news organs," disseminated on a regular basis to the Chapter membership. These "news organs" can be utilized to announce programs, and to inform members of local, District and National Ahepa news. The few Chapters that have initiated such Chapter publications have experienced great success in terms of greater member interest.

(d) Better fraternal relations can be created DISTRICT-wise through the creation of DISTRICT AHEPA PUBLICATIONS. District Ahepa activities and Chapters news can be publicized and promoted through this medium, establishing a better informed membership and a closer relationship between Chapters and the District domain. TO DATE ONLY ONE-HALF OF THE 24 AHEPA DISTRICTS HAVE SUCH DISTRICT NEWS ORGANS OR PUBLICATIONS. EVERY DISTRICT MUST RECOGNIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS TYPE OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS MEDIUM.

(e) THE AHEPAN magazine, the Order's only comprehensive medium of communication to the entire membership, must be re-appraised and steps taken to make it more of an information and educational asset to the fraternity. It should be circulated more widely to the non-HELLENIC public, particularly to Phil-Hellenes who can be of great assistance in "selling" Hellenism in every corner of our domain.

To accomplish the aforementioned objectives, the Ahepa Department of Public Relations must project ideas and help to Chapters and District "cabinets" in this important Public Relations and Fraternal Relations task.

Ahepa has a great Public Relations challenge. Ahepa must accept this challenge. It can mean a GREATER AHEPA . . . an INFORMED AHEPA . . . an AHEPA whose name will be identified in every city and hamlet of America as a fraternity of PROGRESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENT.

Hoosier District No. 12 Ahepans are shown with Supreme President Peter L. Bell during his visit to Hammond Chapter No. 125 on February 22. From left to right: Eli D. Miller of South Bend, Hoosier District Governor; Dr. James S. Kotellis, Vice-President of Hammond Chapter; James Brahos, Past District Governor and President of the Chapter; Peter L. Bell; Joseph Anthus, Chapter Treasurer; and Harry Brahos, Past President of Hammond Chapter.

Here and There with the Supreme President

PETER L. BELL

Tues., November 18 Back to New York and the pre-opening performance of Sophocles' "Electra" presented by the National Greek Theatre. Katina Paxinou and her troupe treated the invited audience to a superb performance and some of the finest acting in the world. This group of actors is performing "gratis." They came to America for good-will purposes and to prove to the world that the art of the theatre is still very much alive in the country where it was first born, matured and developed to the highest artistic degree. We owe Madame Paxinou and her husband, Alexis Minotis, and all the rest of their supporting cast our everlasting gratitude.

Midnight supper at the Waldorf-Astoria after the performance. Graced by Ambassadors Polites and Aghnides, André Michalopoulos and a lot of New York Café Society. Before theatre, dinner with Past Supreme Governor John Kiamos, Nick Levendis and Jim Rallis.

Sat., November 29 To Yonkers, New York, *at the Dunwoodie Country Club for a dinner in honor of Past Supreme President and Mrs. John G. Thevos given by Past Supreme Governor and Mrs. John A. Kiamos. Attended by a small group of close friends and Ahepa associates of Brother Thevos. It is not given to many men to have as many friends when they retire from office as they had at the beginning, nor to retain the loyalty and admiration of all the old ones and acquire it from so many new ones. We are proud to share the respect and affection we have for this wonderful couple with so many others in and out of the Ahepa Domain.*

Sat., December 6 To the Windy City and a cocktail party at the home of the Dean of Humanities of Chicago University with Van and Penny Nomikos. A houseful of Ph.D.'s interested in bringing modern Greek culture to America. Intelligence plus a good education equals love of Greece. The common sense of Brother Demetrios Parry. The exuberant good spirits and generosity of John Manta who has contributed heavily to this worthy cause as he has to so many others.

Sun. and Mon., December 7 and 8 To Casper by way of Denver. *Didn't stop at Denver. Situation still SNAFU there. Governor George Poulos and his boys really went to town on this hospitality business. All leaders of the political, civic, professional and business life of Casper were at the banquet. Supreme President presented a cowboy ten-gallon hat by Casper Ahepans. Looks more natural on Gus Callas. Good delegation from Denver included Dr. and Mrs. Peter Frangos, James and Mrs. Katsaros, District Secretary Louis Cheroutes, Emanuel Zouredes, Louis Karahinos and Sam Ellis. "Mr. Nick" Maragos, a friend of the great and a political power in Wyoming. P.D.G. James Demas and committee did a grand job on arrangements. President Nick Brattis has a fine set of officers in John Poulos, Harry Kapelos and Jim Karantzas. Every youngster in town knows District Governor Poulos and all affectionately call him "Uncle George."*

Mon., December 8 Salt Lake City — one of the most beautifully located in America. Met at the hotel by District Governor and Mrs. George Morris. Utah a dry state so good old "Joe" brought along some of his private stock and a box of cigars. Joined there by that fabulous cattleman and loyal Ahepan Gus Davis and his Mrs. Later by Chris Athas. Peter G. Poulos, President of No. 146, William Pappas, President of No. 324, Chris Politz and Peter Athas. Dinner with the above and a few more, including Peter Marthakis, at hotel. Good to see John Chiungos' daughter Vicky and her handsome hubby. Vicky is one of Lowell's prettiest products. Nick Strike, Past Supreme President of the Sons, doing famously. On a tour of the city, including the Mormon Tabernacle, with that gracious lady and wonderful hostess, Alice Athas.

Tues., December 9 Portland, Oregon. *One of the finest, most progressive communities in America. First to Brother and Mrs. Panos Lambros' for refreshments and then to dinner for Ahepans only. After that, to a very well attended open meeting in new community center. John Karamanos, Jr., young president of chapter, a former star quarterback of Oregon. Father, John Karamanos, Sr., a former chapter president, proud as a peacock, and with good reason. Tom Pappas, Tom Drougas and John Raptor, other young leaders here. John Damis, able lawyer and good Ahepan. Andy Hrestu, 7-up bottling mogul, tells the young ones, "You take the offices, do the work and we pay the freight." Fair enough. "Sloppy Bill" Goritsan set up in "Sloppy Chest'" business by shipping tycoon Goulandris. Young Ahepans living in seaports, look into this business. Great potentialities in it. Dr. N. S. Checkos a much respected mentor for the youngsters leading this chapter. Boys took me to see grand Oregon scenery. An unforgettable visitation.*

Wed., December 10 To Seattle. Dinner at the Olympic Hotel of 1940 National Convention fame. Meeting at the Ahepa chapter hall. District Governor Jack Tsapralis, Lieutenant Governor Nick Rillakis, District Treasurer John Papajanni and Marshal John Melonas, all there. Also Presidents John Karanson of Everett, S. J. Kalivas of Tacoma, Andrew Kacouris of Port Angeles. President Nick Zefkelis, just recuperating, came to preside. Supreme President introduced by Tom Lentzis. Chauffered, dined and wined by George Carras and Steve Marenakos. Good to see Steve Anastos and Nick Carras again. Good chapter.

Thurs., December 11 Vancouver, British Columbia, *and what a royal reception. Motorcade from the airport to the hotel preceded by police motorcycle escort. Traffic stopped at every intersection for Supreme President's party. A hotel suite and liquid refreshments waiting. A rumpus because the flowers hadn't ar-*

Supreme President Peter L. Bell with the Daughters at a banquet held in his honor in Casper, Wyoming. Left to right, standing: Miss Yeota Kamboris, Vice-President; Miss Orsinia Karantzas, Treasurer; and Mrs. James Catsaros, from Denver. Seated: Miss Mary Karantzas, President of the Daughters Chapter 104; Mrs. Jimmy Demos, Sr.; Supreme President Peter L. Bell; and Mrs. James Demos, Jr.

rived yet. So much attention, kindness, generosity and hospitality. Not really necessary. But makes you feel so wonderful and very grateful. Nick Kogos master-minding everything with able assistance of Secretary Alec Gregory, another bachelor. Dinner and then a very nice meeting at the church hall. Rev. Peter Koukores, able young clergyman and enthusiastic Ahepan, is married to Eva Collatos of well-known Boston Ahepa family. Then to Nick Kogo's far-famed "Commodore." Comfortably seats 1500 for dinner. Accommodates 3000 for dances. Is booked years in advance. With Brothers Gus Christo, Gus Bounis, Spiro Kanelles, Peter Papajohn, John Pappas, Charles Kanelles and their fair ladies. Also Peter Bancroft, Takis Theodos, Gus Samas, Gus Campouris, Gus Patrinos, Peter Pashiotis and Alec Gregory. Brother Kogos building a replica of the Parthenon on promontory of his seashore estate. Two hundred grand, the cost so far, and still a long way to go! Nick, a good Canadian, proud of his Greek heritage.

Fri., December 12 To San Francisco and a warm welcome by Supreme Lodge colleague Stephen Berdalis and Chapter Presidents John Preovolos and Antonio Manuel. Married life agrees with Greg Kosmos, P.S.V.P. of the Sons. John Kaplanis irrepressible as ever. Dr. Avramopoulos, a credit to his profession and our people. To the "Top of the Mark" overlooking San Francisco for a little refreshment and a magnificent view of San Francisco at midnight. Happy to see Reverend and Brother Fintinis, a friend of long standing.

On Saturday afternoon the Daughters gave a luncheon-fashion show attended by over 400 people. First one ever attended by your Supreme President — and not so hard on this old Sergeant's eyes either. Met Mrs. Alexandra Apostolides, founder of Daughters, for the first time. Mrs. Nicholas Preovolos and Chairman Athene Pandell deserve congratulations for an outstanding affair. Society leaders, society and fashion editors and every lady of San Francisco's Four Hundred were there.

From the fashion show to the Preovolos home and a party for the models — all Daughters and Maids. Then to the famed apartment of George Peterson Cherakis and staid Knob Hill for another beautiful view of San Francisco. From there to San Francisco's famous fish wharfs for clam chowder and crabs. Still loyal to New England's clam chowder.

Saturday evening to Oakland across the Bay and a very fine meeting. Initiation put on by one of Ahepa's best degree teams headed by young and enthusiastic President Gus Kakures. Other degree members are George Bezaitis, former Supreme Lodge colleague, Andrew Saffas, Napoleon Dokos, John Stevens, Ted Diamant, Peter Kakures and Xenophon Cardiasmenos. Introduced by District Governor Andrew Sardell, a member of this chapter. Fighting Frank Tripp another member. Oakland's air smells of Ahepa enthusiasm and progress.

Sun., December 14 To Stockton *with Brothers Bardalis, Sardell and Nick Dalias, Publisher of the "New California," a learned gentleman, a loyal Ahepan and an old friend. He and Supreme President spoke at church thanks to Rev. Constantine Bathos. Afternoon meeting well attended in church hall. District Secretary Rotas, Marshal Theodore Lowenson, Past Supreme George Johnson and Nick Lounes also there. Prior to meeting, lunch at Arthur Pappas'. Hes formerly of Lowell; Mrs. Pappas former Anade Agrios of Haverhill: both old and esteemed friends. Kay Kanakes and Effie Poules receiving — and sending regards to the boys back east. George Manos, Sacramento press, here. Andrew and Mrs. Agnos formerly of Pittsfield.*

After meeting, with George Johnson to his famed restaurant in Sacramento — a show place. Then to a Dangelatos et Penelope party in his home. Afterward with the Nick Lounes' to San Francisco airport and a midnight plane for home for a little rest and the Christmas holidays.

Wed., December 31 To New Jersey with Bessie and Helen Lagadinos for that District's New Year's Eve celebration at the beautiful "Suburban" nightclub and restaurant owned by District Governor Bill Economides. Got caught by snow and ice storm on road and lucky to get there in seven hours. Worth it. One of the finest Ahepa family parties ever attended, anywhere. Recommend it highly to all Districts where feasible. If distances do not permit combine nearest chapters. Fine place, good music by Peter Kara, loads of fun annd friends — no one could ask for a better end to the old and a happier welcome to the New Year.

At the "National Ahepa Day" festivities in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Left to right: Chapter President George Mavros; Supreme President Peter L. Bell; former Senator Claude Pepper; Toastmaster Nick Stamathis; and Bishop Olympou.

After the meeting with the Thevos' and most of the gang to Brother and Mrs. George Stathakis' for breakfast. Very gracious hosts to a bunch of hungry, cold and tired-out Brooklithes. Not enough time left to get a few winks or even to shave so with Bob Fasoulis and the Soteratus Brothers to Idlewild airport in that never-ending rush to catch another plane, this time to the West Indies.

Thurs., January 1 To Nassau in the Bahamas. *A little bit of tropical paradise. Our Stratocruiser was met at the airport by a parade of colored folk still celebrating New Year's Eve at three in the afternoon. Give them anything that makes noise and they'll make music out of it. Met by Dr. Andrew Esfakis, the young president of our youngest chapter. Obviously the most popular man in town. Small Greek Community has a beautiful little church. Easy-going life. All our people seem prosperous. A good meeting in church hall. Went to horse races with Esfakis Sr., who is also the Greek Consul. Everybody else was there, too, including the Governor General of Her Majesty. Got fooled up with this pound-shilling-dollar business. Got double-crossed by the bookie, too!*

Sat., January 3 To Miami with a terrific cold. Met at the airport by George and Stella Karras, Chris and Kay Ekonomou and District Governor John T. Manos. After registering at Brother Nicholas' Floridian Hotel, the ladies suggested to their husbands that the Supreme President should go to the dog races. Since he had never been to them before. They should have suggested the cleaners — it would have been cheaper.

Sun., January 4 To Miami's *beautiful church, where Bishop Politeides officated assisted by the very able Father Mukres. This community putting up new and large Community Center under the able leadership of Brother George Karoges. For luncheon to Capt. Tony's Restaurant owned by P.D.G. George C. Morgan. Then to John and Mrs. Colonis's "little" hacienda for some Greek ouzo. A very well attended meeting followed with refreshments served by the Daughters — as they are prepared and served almost everywhere else. Good to see Nick Jamieson, lately of Cleveland and now of Miami. You'll be hearing of Nick, and soon.*

for he has Ahepa in his blood. Taken by Aris Chakiris to the airport the next morning for Tampa. Brother and Mrs. Vamvas also wonderful hosts in Miami.

Mon., January 5 To Tarpon Springs. The Ahepa Banquet was a success. Senator Pepper, main speaker — an eloquent one. Visitors recognized: Samaras of Weirton, Peters of Steubenville, Notopoulos of Altoona, Stratis of Dayton, Alex Hages of Willburg, W. Va., Dr. Despotopoulos and Georgeson of Clinton, Peter Haste of New Bedford, Mike Costa of Wheeling, Steve Delphin of New Jersey, Charles Deserras of Syracuse, Makris of Wheeling, Straton and Jamelis of St. Petersburg. George Mavros, chapter president, a good host.

Tues., January 6 *The famed and picturesque Epiphany Festival. Bishop Makrei officiating. Ahepa, as usual, in place of honor. Twentieth Century-Fox showing up proceedings to take scenes for background material for movie with scenario based on the Greek Sponge Fishermen's Colony of Tarpon Springs. Will probably be called "Twelve Mile Reef." Waits for it. Sam and greeted John Maragon at Villa Plamoia. Celebration not quite the same without John Douglas.*

Wed., January 7 To New Orleans and another royal reception. Motorcade with four motorcycle troopers stopping traffic, with sirens and all, from the airport to Hotel Jung, where Ahepa's Supreme President was the guest of this famed hotel — which will be next District Convention Headquarters. Luncheon at Brennan's, one of New Orleans' famed eateries. With C. N. Peltas, W. G. Murtes, George Cambali, Alex Castrinos, Dr. N. T. Asprodites, President Alexander T. Asprodites, and Peter W. Murtes to City Hall, where Mayor de Lesseps Morrison conferred upon your Supreme President the title of Honorary Citizen of New Orleans. Governor Robert Kennon also made yours truly a Colonel of the State of Louisiana Militia. Quite a promotion for the Old Sergeant. All of these things were primarily the work of Representative Peter Murtes, a bright star in Louisiana politics of whom you will hear bigger and better things in the near future. Visited the one and only John Douglas, the friend, confidant and adviser of the mighty in city and state politics. After midnight visit to the old French Section with the Asprodites cousins and their better halves. What you have heard about New Orleans is not an exaggeration.

Thurs., January 8 Houston *and the scene of Ahepa's 1953 Convention. The Shamrock Hotel was made to order for an Ahepa Conclave. Elias Galoura, a hard-working chairman with enthusiastic support from everybody, especially Chapter President Gus DeClaris. James Petherioties' father worked for Supreme President's pater eons ago. A fine reunion, scars and all. Good meeting at the Shamrock. Presented another cowboy hat by chapter. And a pair of real, elegant cow-puncher's boots by Brother Steve Pappas, owner of Palace Boot Shops. Been trying to walk on them ever since. Not as easy as you might imagine. Don't be surprised if Supreme President is tempted to try riding one of the "ornery critters" at the Rodeo which will be part of the Convention.*

Fri., January 9 San Antonio and who's there but Barba Vasilios Essaris expostulating on the virtues of the Ahepa. Steve Peppis a good presiding officer. Lieutenant Nick Liacopoulos of Lowell couldn't miss an Ahepa meeting. John Drosos ever the same. Brother Manos with lots of ayoutipopos, a French accent and a terrific laugh — all fitting his famed "La Louisianne Restaurant." Brothers Poulos and Anthony in the "Manhattan" do not have a café but a gold mine.

Sat. and Sun., January 10 and 11 To Dallas, *the hallmark of Tom Semos, George Zaroloneis both president and secretary. P.S.G. Nick Stratton and his lovely family. A good church and community center. Brookley and his many enterprises. A good bull session in his restaurant and some surprising revelations on Ahepa's version of the Nixon and Stevenson "Slush Funds" What a book could be written on how much money is collected by or for Ahepa Supreme Presidency hopefuls; who contribute it; and how it is spent! Christos Bournellas, an old friend and compatriot. Dinner at the Pappas' with Jim Theo, their son-in-law and very able District Governor. Happy to see Father Kolias, retired preacher, pinch-hitting for an ill and younger colleague. A fine Minstrel Show or Musical Comedy put on by younger set — very good!*

Mon., January 12 Back to Worcester in New England and some beautiful snow, sleet and cold. But it's home and, anyway, New Englanders love and brag about their bad weather. It takes a good constitution to survive it year after year.

Fri., January 16 *On the go again. This time to District Governor Gus Nicholas' Testimonial in Brooklyn. No one earned or deserved it more. All New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Ahepa bigwigs out to honor this sincere and enthusiastic Ahepan.*

Sat., January 17 through Wed., January 21 To Washington for some work at Headquarters and to take in Inaugural Festivities. George Papamoulas in his glory. John Manta came all way from Chicago to see his sons in parade. He didn't! Van and Mrs. Nomikos and the Supreme President also missed them. Guess the uniform makes everybody look more or less alike. Tom Pappas bought the very last Homburg before they sold out. Your Supreme President visited many State Governors at their reception and mentioned many of your names. It was heart-warming to see and feel how highly they think of you Ahepans back home. You have every reason to be proud of yourselves and this Great Fraternity of ours.

Sun., February 8 *To Dover, New Hampshire, with Helen Lagadinou, Dr. Nick Despotopoulos, Charlie Georgeson, Peter Despotopoulos and Jimmy Nikolaou for a banquet in honor of the Past Presidents and especially in honor of Brother Athan J. Costarakis who has been Treasurer of that Chapter since it was founded. Portsmouth Chapter also participated. Professor Nick Colovos was toastmaster. Governor Nicholas Scondras of District 9 was there with his Lieutenant Governor Christos Costarakis and District Secretary Stavis Doukas. President Peter Marouzis of Portsmouth and Peter Razis oozing satisfaction for success of affair. Past Supreme Treasurer Andrew Jarvis getting younger all the time. Joined by Bill Gemmilas and with party for a midnight snack and refreshments at the home of Brother and Mrs. Ernest Marinos in Portsmouth. On the way back it was unanimously voted that the Supreme President's driving leaves much to be desired.*

Sun., February 15 To Hartford for a dinner in honor of District Governor Peter Nichols and his wife Sister Bessie Nichols who is also District Governor of the Daughters in Yankee District No. 7. It couldn't happen to a nicer couple. Banquet was also in honor of William Savitt, a gentleman of the Jewish Faith, a great philhellene and a leading citizen of Hartford, and also in honor of the 25-year members of both the Hartford and the New Britain Chapters.

Past Supreme Treasurer James Starr be-jeweled and shining like a star as chairman; Steve Parakos of New Britain, able co-chairman; John G. Thevos toastmaster, terrific as always; Supreme Secretary C. P. Vennis, brief but good. Past District Governors Peter Laskas, William Andreas and George Margoles and Presidents Ernest Kopulos of Hartford and Dr. Costas Poulos of New Britain shepherding their flocks. Good delegation from Waterbury with Charles Chekas and from Bridgeport with Lee Kiamos and Don Bullion. Past Supreme Vasilios Vasiliou still looking for facts and figures. District Marshal Theodore Constantinou was there also as was Reverend P. Nicholas Papageorge who hopes to be a Chaplain soon.

Mon., February 16 To New York *with Brother Thevos for meeting of the Greek War Relief Association. Past Supreme Presidents Harris J. Booras and Van Nomikos were there as was*

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KOSTES PALAMAS

Poet Philosopher — Architect of Language

An Appreciative Critique by
PAUL PRODROMIDIS (PRODIS)

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Radio Commentator & Author

The tenth year of Palamas' passing was honored by Greeks the world over: his disciples paid homage not only to the poet who died on February 27, 1943, but added new adoration to the living masterpieces of Kostes Palamas. Greeks who have survived the ordeal of two invasions, a double occupation and a civic strife, and we in America, remembered, in print and on the radio, Greece's national poet and sculptor of language. I learn that in Athens his children, Nausicaa and Leandros, have assisted in the ceremonies for their celebrated father.

Every Greek seems to have at some time partaken of the indoor sport of verse making. It is no great surprise, therefore, that Greece can boast today of truly exceptional poets, many of whom are internationally appreciated. However, to be a poet among many good poets is to be *great*; such is still the unique status of Palamas, the philosopher-poet of modern Greece.

Palamas came from an old Mesolonghite family of schoolmasters. Born at Patras the year Darwin published his "Evolution" in 1859, he was destined to prove equally revolutionary for the thinking and for the language of his fellow Greeks.

In 1875 Palamas came to Athens to study law; but Pegasus and the legal robe could not be reconciled in the sensitive soul of young Kostes — Parnassus and Areopagus were hills far apart. So in 1886, the world was witness to Palamas' maiden work, "Songs of My Native Land." Three years later "Hymn to Athena" was released, and in 1892 his truly poetic work, "Eyes of My Soul," saw the light of day.

The death of his little boy gripped him with a "pain uplifted to religion" and neo-Greek literature was enriched by the "Tafos," an elegy full of lyric truth and tragic imagery.

In "Life Immovable" Palamas communicates with true philosophic conscience, a cosmic eagerness and a creative passion for man's destiny. At the turn of the century, Athens was presented with a prose work by the master poet. "Death of a Brave Soul" is a sensitive portrayal of a pathetic hero. Then came the drama of the elusive and restless "Trisevgeni" — a bewitching character in a quaint village by the Grecian sea — also a universal symbol of a lone spirit defying the inexorable Fates.

In "The Gypsy's Twelve Songs," Palamas extols the freedom he denies to himself by the very prescription of his own art. Like the Parnassian romanticists, he would escape humdrum existence, and set his tent like a gypsy where and when the inner mood would strike. He also wrote "The King's Flute," "The Lagoon's Regrets," "Altars," many short stories, and critical estimates of Crystallis, Solomos, Valaorites and other modern Greek authors. Palamas read vociferously and made many translations; his book reviews and dramatic critiques set new standards for literary appreciation. His philosophic commentaries on the world's men of thought picture him as the cosmopolitan Hellene whose wisdom transcends the bounds of his native land.

Although Palamas took pride in calling himself "the poet of my age and race," he somehow falls short of being "the people's poet" nor does he symbolize the composite picture of his people.

Palamas is visionary but without the prophetic pulse of a Walt Whitman; he is personal and individualistic like most of his Parnassian predecessors. Not infrequently, however, this eagle of Greek poetry spreads his wings into cosmic spheres and bridging with inspired thought the span of classic days with the Byzantine and those we undergo, Palamas does fuse the Hellenic spirit into a warmer communion with its ataviste and glorious past.

Kostes Palamas is typically Greek, in that his love of Nature is genuine and his love of Beauty all-consuming. He sees God and order everywhere, but Death's negation confounds him. He is the prophetic idealist whom Athena inspires to wisdom and clarity, whom Prometheus impels to forge new links of language, whom the Byzantine Fathers fill with faith and hope.

Though he has been called "dark" and "vague" by many who, nevertheless, continue to read and enjoy him, the works of this philologic rebel attest to certain classic lucidity, to literary forms that "liberate while they enchain," and to that subtle simplicity which is the first and final criterion of genius.

Palamas has been compared with the world's elite. Like Aeschylus, he seeks to unfathom the human soul; like Dante, he has forged a new tongue for his people. In the fecund writings of Greece's poet laureate we find the lyric fluidity of Shelley, the spiritual nostalgia of Tagore, the romantic spontaneity of Goethe, the alluring lucidity of Anatole France, and the philosophic humanism of Santayana.

At all times he is as Greek as the Hellenic mountain-side and his epic sweep has spanned ancient glory with modern striving; he has harmonized Thought with profound feeling, and nursed a faith in the great Future.

Already Palamas has been translated into French, German, Italian, and English; more should be forthcoming after reprints are available. Both in Greece and here not many of his works could be had either in libraries or for purchase. In the United States there is a new generation that thirsts for the cultural background of their parents. In colleges and universities there begin groups of American Greek youth who take genuine interest in neo-Hellenic literature. Palamas, Drosines, Xenopoulos and other stalwarts of modern Greek letters will inspire them. We are fortunate to have besides the Greek press, the Atlas Magazine and the *Athene* of Chicago to keep alive and nurture the art and letters of Greece.

Contribution of Greeks To American Life

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came here with little or no personal resources; with little more, in fact, than a limitless faith in the future of this great land of freedom and opportunity.

It is of no little significance, from the standpoint of his contributions to the American way of life, that the American of Greek descent has fared well economically in the United States.

As was said in a book published many years ago, "the effect of the immigrant upon the country is the effect of the country upon the immigrant, viewed from a different angle. If the immigrant finds his change of residence an advantage, if he prospers morally and socially as well as financially, the chances are that he will give back to the country something in return for what he gets."

This is wholly true in the case of the Greeks who came to the United States. They have taken full advantage of the many opportunities available to them and have contributed not only those things of which I spoke earlier but have also offered an inborn sense of hospitality, courtesy and communal stability.

I believe I can safely say that in 1952 we know the American of Greek descent to be a prosperous, community minded and independent individual who is and will ever be grateful to this country for its many blessings. It is natural, therefore, for him to consider it both an honor and a duty to support it with all of the material, moral and spiritual means at his disposal.

He has always accepted his position as a member of the American family with a deep sense of responsibility. His struggles have been part of the story that is America. These struggles have been dramatically portrayed, incidentally, in the very fine book "The Wing and the Thorn." And I would like to pause at this point to pay tribute to the talented young woman of your community, Roxane Cotsakis, whose book will, I have no doubt, do much to bring about a better understanding of the Greek immigrant in the United States and what he faced in building a new life.

He is a hard-working individual eager for progress, who has made the best of the economic freedom which he found here.

When the largest numbers of Greek immigrants came to the United States around the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, they found in this new land a deeply religious and God-fearing society, similar to that from which they had departed; a society dedicated to its shrines, considering its religious beliefs and the sanctity of family ties as cornerstone of its civilization.

It was not difficult for the newcomers to see that here in America there were moral and religious beliefs that were perfectly suited to their national character.

Whatever is known about Americans of Greek descent, one factor remains paramount, and that is that they have a deep-rooted love for their church and for their family ties.

It is equally well known that the Greek-American, as his forefathers, possesses an almost insatiable eagerness for learning.

It is rare indeed to find a Greek-American parent whose ambition it is not to see his children well educated.

This is a national characteristic which the Greeks have carried with them wherever they have settled.

These things of which I have spoken, that is, the natural democratic attitude of the Greek-American, his eagerness for progress, his devotion to learning, and above all, his respect for family and religious traditions, are his main assets and his main contribution to American life.

America is today more than the arsenal of democracy; it is the country towards which the free world looks for moral leadership; it is the hope of the freedom-loving people of the world.

In keeping their family and religious tradition, the Americans of Greek descent are helping to strengthen the moral foundations of this great nation, and in so doing, have become worthy members of this great democracy in the American tradition.

HUMAN INTEREST STORY

Arrival of Teddy Unites Karaginides Family After Long Wait

The story of Steve Karaginides reverses all the old saws about not-too-welcome visits from relatives.

Steve came to America from Greece in 1915. Seven years later he returned to his native country and brought a wife back to his new home (Canton, Ohio, U.S.A.).

Everything was fine — except that Mr. Karaginides wanted some of his relatives here with him.

In 1936 he did something constructive about making that idea a reality and he hasn't stopped working on it since. The arrival of 15-year-old Theodore Ioannides about three weeks ago puts the score at four.

Teddy's arrival was more or less a family reunion for him. He again is with his sister, Anastasia, whom the Karaginides brought to Canton in December, 1948. He also will have a chance to see his brother, Harry, as soon as the latter comes home from the army.

The Ahepa Lodge sponsored Teddy from Greece to the United States and Traveler's Aid gave him a helping hand on the last lap of the journey from New York to Canton.

Harry was only a little boy of four when Mrs. Karaginides went to Greece and brought him back with her. His parents decided he would have a better life in America and so they sent him here with his aunt. They proved to be correct when he was spared all the terrors of the war during which both of his parents were killed.

Harry found a new mother and father in the Karaginides who legally adopted him. Now he is serving with the United States Army and has spent one year in Korea.

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In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Karaginides brought their niece, Helen, to Canton under the immigration law which permits fiancées to enter the country. She is now Mrs. John Karasaredes of 2542 Fulton Road, N. W.

Anastasia, too, entered the country as a prospective bride — but not a very happy one. Her departure indirectly brought about the death of her father. He was returning from having taken Anastasia to her point of embarkation when a road mine planted by Communists exploded and killed him.

The three Ioannides children came from the village of Larissa in Greece. Anastasia and Teddy recall quite well the hazards of the war, including flight to the mountains when Italians and Germans occupied the country.

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Three years in an orphanage and an accident which injured Teddy's foot convinced the Karaginides that the boy should be the next "relative" to come to America. And he barely made it. Teddy's passport was cleared the day before the time limit permitting war orphans to enter the country expired.

Teddy, who had six years of schooling in Greece, will enter Summit School in the fall. And if his terrific enthusiasm for television continues, he's likely to have a "listening" acquaintance with a great many English words by that time.

Teddy, Anastasia and her husband, Tony Kanakaris, and Harry all live with the Karaginides at 1538 Monument Road, N. W.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Brother Karaginides is a member of the Canton Chapter No. 59.*

AHEPA BANQUET HONORS AMBASSADOR PEURIFOY

On November 17, the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Chapter No. 13, Order of Ahepa, gave a testimonial banquet honoring the United States Ambassador to Greece, the Hon. John A. Peurifoy. The banquet was held in the beautiful Topaz Room of the Hotel Tulsa.

More than 300 persons attended the banquet, representing practically every section of the Ahepa domain. The guests heard Ahepans and others praise Ambassador Peurifoy for what they termed his great and unselfish aid to the Greek people, particularly in connection with his work in aiding the displaced persons in Greece.

Speakers on the program who lauded the Ambassador in behalf of his efforts were Brother Paul G. Mihos, President, Chapter No. 13, Order of Ahepa; Brother Elias S. Sutter of Kansas City, Missouri, 15th District Governor, Order of Ahepa; Honorable C. M. Warren, Mayor of the City of Tulsa; Honorable Royce H. Savage, Judge, United States District Court; Mr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Editor of The Tulsa Tribune; and Mr. John Rogers, Past President of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

The Ambassador in his speech lauded the Greek spirit and stated that Greece is a free nation today because it had the will to resist Communism, because it cooperated with the United States in the vast foreign aid plan and primarily because it is a nation that believes in Christianity.

Pointing to the elections in Greece of November 16th, Ambassador Peurifoy, who has been soundly criticized by the Communist Press abroad for alleged "American interference" in the elections, said the returns reflected a great show of courage away from Communistic influence.

"I believe that Greece will now have a stable government for the first time since 1928. Only a small percentage of those voting in this election were Communistic as compared to over 30 percent of total votes in the elections of 1950."

He reviewed the struggle in Greece when the country fought for almost three years on its own soil to resist Communist aggression.

"Greece has ten army divisions now and can put them in the field immediately. It is one of the poorest of nations but it has the will to resist. Last year when General Eisenhower visited Greece he asked King Paul and Marshal Papagos what they would do if Greece were attacked. Their unhesitant reply was that 'Greece will fight. With your help, or without it.' The only 'ism' the Greek people believe in is Americanism."

The Ambassador also stated that Greece is a valuable ally for the United States and the rest of the free world in preventing the spread of Communism in the Balkans and the Near East.

At the same time, Ambassador Peurifoy counseled, while he believed more aid for nations should be continued, "We must encourage more trade with nations instead of more aid." He agreed that while there has undoubtedly been more waste in administering aid to the different nations, that in the case of Greece with a new stable government this problem will decrease in importance and cost.

Brother Peter L. Bell, Supreme President, Order of Ahepa, lauded the Ambassador for his efforts in behalf of the Greek people and praised the foresightedness of the American aid to Greece in the fight against Communism.

Special guests at the banquet included C. R. Nixon, Past Supreme Governor and Past Supreme Counsellor, Order of Ahepa; W. C. Karazes, Lt. Governor 15th District, Order of Ahepa; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cox of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the parents of Mrs. Peurifoy; Rev. Nicholas G. Paleologos, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; V. W. Birbilis and Stephen A. Prayson, Past District Governor, 15th District, Order of Ahepa.

Special guests also seated on the speakers' rostrum were Mrs. John E. Peurifoy, Mrs. C. R. Nixon, Mrs. C. M. Warren, Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Mrs. John G. Mavris, Mrs. Paul G. Mihos, Mrs. Nicholas G. Paleologos.

Tulsa Chapter No. 13, Order of Ahepa, represented by Brother John G. Mavris, Chapter Vice-President and Toastmaster for the occasion, presented Ambassador Peurifoy with a magnificent desk set suitably engraved in remembrance of the occasion.

The Banquet Committee were Brothers John G. Mavris, Dom G. Metevelis and V. W. Birbilis of the Tulsa Chapter, Order of Ahepa.

Miss Pope Economou of Tulsa sang several songs during an intermission which were well received and enjoyed by the guests present.

Brothers Nick T. Kondos and James D. Pappadakes attended the door and welcomed the guests.

At the banquet in honor of Ambassador Peurifoy in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On the dais, from left to right: District Governor Elias S. Sutter, Mrs. Nixon, C. R. Nixon, C. M. Warren, Mrs. Warren, John Rogers, Mrs. Rogers, Royce H. Savage, John G. Mavris, Mrs. Mavris, Ambassador Peurifoy, Mrs. Peurifoy, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Jones, Paul G. Mihos, Mrs. Mihos, Reverend Paleologos, Mrs. Paleologos.

CHAPTER NEWS

CHARLESTON, S.C., BANQUET MARKS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The Charleston, S. C., Ahepa Chapter celebrated its 30th anniverasry on Sunday evening, January 25, 1953, with a banquet and ball at the Francis Marion Hotel.

George N. Peter Pahno of Savannah, Ga., District Lt. Governor, stated to the Ahepa gathering, "The word 'Americanism' represents the only 'ism" our organization believes in among the many so-called 'isms' mentioned today."

"The principles and lesson taught by Ahepa," he said, "bring to our members a closer understanding of the American way of life and bring about better citizenship. To be an Ahepan, you must be an American citizen. You must not only obey the laws of America, but you must be active constructively in all phases of community life in which you live."

"Ahepa stands for faith and peace, Mr. Pahno said, "and its moral laws are the same as those which went into the founding of the American colonies."

C. P. Trapalis, Jr., President of the local Chapter, acted as Toastmaster. He outlined the history of Plato Chapter No. 4 from its beginning on January 28, 1923, to the present.

Rev. Nicholas C. Trivelas, pastor of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, asked the invocation and also spoke on the religious aspect of Ahepa.

Charter members and past presidents were recognized, including the officers: C. P. Trapalis, President; Alex Tumboli, Vice-President; Anthony Giannoukos, Secretary, and Nicholas G. Latto, Treasurer. Stanley Georgeo was general chairman of the anniversary committee.

William J. Logothetis, Past District Governor, presented 25-year pins to the following Ahepans: Louis A. Bikle, Augustus E. Constantine, Peter Demetriou, Harry Demos, Peter P. Demos, Alex Tumboli, Theodore Gianaris, Nicholas H. Gianaris, Demetrios Giannis, Nicholas Kaleondges, George Kitsiches, Peter P. Leventis, Nicholas Lempessis, John Liatos, and George Murakas.

Also, Jerry Moskos, Anastassios Pallass, Frank Panegeris, Demos Pappas, Steve Redman, John M. Rousso, George Savopoulos, George Telegas, Andrew Trapalis, Athanas Tsiropoulos, Andrew Tumboli, and John Chakeris.

CHEYENNE AHEPANS PRESENT "STETSON" TO SUP. SEC'Y. VERINIS

The "Cowboy" Chapter No. 211 of Cheyenne, Wyoming, was the host at an open meeting held at the Ahepa Home on Saturday evening, November 22, 1952. Brother James G. Kallas, energetic President of the Chapter, traveled to Denver to witness the installation of the officers of the Denver Chapter No. 145 and there induced Supreme Secretary C. P. Verinis to alter his itinerary and visit his chapter. Although Cheyenne boasts of the largest membership in District No. 17, it had not had a visitation from any member of the Supreme Lodge in several years.

A good representation was on hand to hear Brother Verinis, even though the chapter officers had only one day in which to make the arrangements and notify the members. Brother Verinis had the pleasure of meeting again a number of members that he had not seen since his previous visit to Cheyenne while on tour for the Sons of Perciles some twenty years ago.

Brother Peter N. Tertipes, Secretary of the Chapter and an old friend of the Supreme Secretary, was on hand for the occasion and presented Brother Verinis with a "Stetson" hat as a memento of his visit to wear at the next National Convention at Houston, and a beautiful pair of book ends depicting life in the West to take home to Mrs. Verinis, on behalf of the chapter.

DETROIT ACTIVITIES

Saturday, February 28, was the day long to be remembered by the Ahepans of Detroit. The Alpha Chapter No. 40 celebrated its 29th Anniversary and honored the 25-year members.

Charles N. Diamond, Past Supreme Governor and the old warrior of the Ahepa, was Chairman of arrangements. Gold pins were presented to seventy 25-year members.

City, County and State officials as well as Ahepans from various chapters were present along with the entire District Lodge. Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes was the principal speaker of the evening. The Toastmaster was Judge E. N. Karay, past President of Alpha Chapter and past District Lt. Governor.

Past Presidents George Raptou and Van Mericas were presented their Past President jewels by Brother Anthony Lingon and Past Supreme Governor Sekles, respectively.

FROM THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET OF PLATO CHAPTER No. 4 HELD IN CHARLESTON, S.C., ON JANUARY 25, 1953.

Supreme Governor Peter Kourmoules congratulates the 25-year members of Columbus, Ohio, Chapter No. 139 on the occasion of the gold pin presentation. Left to right are: P. Kourmoules, Dr. C. H. Solomonides, George Pappas, Theodore Manos, Anthony Nelson and Louis Petropoulos. Other members also presented pins but missing from the picture were G. Steffens, Michael Genouzis, Angel Triffon, P. Spilos.

At testimonial dinner in honor of George Pahno, charter member of the Robert E. Lee Chapter No. 122 of Norfolk, Va. Left to right: District Secretary John P. Angelson; Supreme Governor Spyros A. Versis; Brother Pahno; District Governor Andrew D. Vozeolas of the Capital District No. 5; and Chapter President Augustus Anninos. Ahepans from several states attended to honor Brother George Pahno.

CANTON, OHIO, HONORS 25-YEAR MEMBERS

On January 31, 1953, the Canton, Ohio, Ahepa Chapter, following a banquet, awarded 25-year pins to a group of prominent Ahepans, who through thick and thin served in the ranks of the local chapter for 25 years and over.

Brother George Tremoules, Chairman of the affair, gave a brief talk explaining its purpose and introduced the 22-member squad. Following this, Rev. Theotilos Theophilopoulos, pastor of the St. Haralambos Church, and the Rev. Sophocles Sophocleous, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church of this city, lauded the services and contributions of the 25-year members.

Miss Betty Georgiades, local Daughters President, and District Governor George Nick George, of Akron, Ohio, also spoke and highlighted the accomplishments of the 25-year members. Supreme Governor Peter Kourmoules further lauded the pioneers for the part they played in a 25-year-old crusade and compared the Ahepa pioneers with those of the covered wagon days when new and uncharted paths for the benefit of mankind were opened.

Brother James Manos, on behalf of the 22 member group, gave a brief history of the trials and tribulations encountered during the 28 years of the chapter's existence and thanked the chapter's members for the wonderful feast as well as for the pins, which he promised would be held in high esteem by all the recipients.

The following are the recipients of the 25-year pins: Angel Alex, John Anderson, Peter Andrews, George Antoney, John Bird, Emmanuel Elite, Nick Georgiadis, Gus Gounias, Louis Hontas, Peter Hontas, Sam Kallison, Steve Karaginides, Frank Koutsopoulos, George Manos, John Doumanides, James P. Manos, Frank M. Mergus, George Pelay, George J. Regas, Thomas Ross, Philip Simitacolos (Sassos) and James Trifelos.

The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Brothers George Koustand, Chairman, George Tremoules, Tom Eleftheriades, Harry Laggeris, and Emmanuel Karnos, Chapter Secretary.

Brother Charles N. Collatos of the Athens Chapter in Boston, past District Secretary, was recently appointed Labor Relations Commissioner by Governor Paul A. Dever. Brother Collatos served as the Governor's secretary during his two terms in office.

ROBERT E. LEE CHAPTER HONORS GEORGE PAHNO

On December 5, 1952, the Robert E. Lee Chapter No. 122 of Norfolk, Va., held a testimonial banquet in honor of Brother George Pahno, charter member of the chapter, in recognition of his many outstanding services to his chapter and the Order of Ahepa over a long period of years.

Brother Pahno has served his chapter as President and Secretary and has held the latter post for more than twenty years, indeed a unique distinction and something of a record. He has represented his lodge at many district and national conventions and served as Chairman at several district conclaves. He is also a civic leader in his Community, at the present being President of the Norfolk Hellenic Community, past Commander of the Knights of Pythias and active in Masonic circles.

As a memento of the occasion, District Governor Andrew D. Vozeolas of Capital District No. 5 presented Brother Pahno with the gavel he used as Chairman of the 1952 District Convention.

OKLAHOMA REORGANIZED

The Sons of Pericles Chapter of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, recently was reorganized. The newly elected officers are: Harris Papahronis, President; George Paganis, Vice-President; Chris Stamatis, Secretary; and Joseph Apostle, Treasurer.

Some of the chapter's future activities will include a dance and "Turtle Derby." Plans are being made to participate in the Annual District Ahepa Convention, which will be held in Oklahoma City.

At the reception tendered Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. George Papanicolas. Left to right: John Zazas, Past Supreme Treasurer; John Danaher, former Senator from Connecticut; George Papanicolas, National Chairman of the Greek-American division of the Republican National Committte; Hon. Arthur E. Summerfield; Achilles Catsonis, Past Supreme President; Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan, James A. Veras, Past Supreme Governor; and Van A. Nomikos, Past Supreme President. There were over 200 guests in attendance and a testimonial scroll was presented to the guest of honor by the Ethnic Committee Chairman, George Papanicolas.

SUPREME PRESIDENT AT HAMMOND, IND.

Supreme President Peter L. Bell received a rousing reception Sunday, February 22, when he visited the Hoosier District No. 12 Blue Ribbon Chapter, the Hammond Chapter No. 125.

Brother Bell, making his first Hoosier District visit of the year, was principal speaker at a banquet and ball honoring 53 members of Hammond Chapter with Ahepa membership of 25 years or more.

A crowd of more than 200 Ahepans and Calumet Region civic leaders greeted Brother Bell at the Hammond American Legion Post 16 Hall where the Supreme President told of Ahepa's efforts to make good citizens of Americans of Hellenic origin.

"Americanism," he pointed out, "has been one of Ahepa's principal objectives. Today, we are observing the birthday of George Washington, our first President, and the pattern he set for a greater America has been the pattern also followed by the fraternity to make those of the Hellenic race loyal American citizens."

Brother Bell commended the Hammond Chapter and its 25-year members, who, he said, have been the main cog in the machinery that lifted Hammond to its glorious heights.

Hammond members, with 25 years or more of Ahepa membership, who received 25-year pins from the Supreme President, included: William Alexander, Harry Argus, Gregory Baltas, Spiro Bazavalis, Peter Beratis, Peter J. Berenios, George Brahos, Peter Brahos, Nick Brahos, William Colias, James Congles, Anthony Fechalos, George Gavrilos, George Gourlis, Peter Kapantais, Peter Korellis, Peter Koufos, Michael Kouris, James Koushiafes, James Koutas, Peter Levent, Christ Mazines, Chris Mortas, James Nicholas, John G. Pappas, Charles Patargias, John Rogers, S. J. Senes, George Skufakiss, Sam Skufakiss, Charles G. Tsatsos, Sam Voris, George Vasiliades, and Angelo Tovias.

SAN FRANCISCO FETES SUPREME TREASURER STEPHEN L. BERDALIS

From every bailiwick of the Golden Gate District No. 21, on November 22 came the chieftains and the members of the Order of Ahepa to pay their respects and to honor one of their own, of their District, Stephen L. Berdalis, who had been elected Supreme Treasurer at the last National Convention in Washington.

A Testimonial Banquet was tendered Brother Berdalis in the beautiful Terrace Room of the Fairmont Hotel on top of Nob Hill in San Francisco.

Supreme Treasurer Berdalis has been for twenty-three long years a very active member of the Ahepa. He has served his Chapter as Secretary for seven years, the District for twelve years as District Secretary and for two years as Governor, before being elevated to the office of Supreme Treasurer where he is now serving the Fraternity. Many speakers took the floor to praise the attributes of Brother Berdalis. Supervisor of San Francisco George J. Christopher delivered the oration of the day.

Brother Berdalis' lovely wife Mary and beautiful daughter Stephanie, who is attending the University of California, were on hand for the festivities. Supreme Treasurer Berdalis is the Assistant Chief of the Wage and Excise Tax Division of the Treasury Department in San Francisco.

District Lodges of No. 21, left to right, seated: Dena Mitchell, District Marshal; Sophie Saffas, Lt. District Governor; Catherine Canakes, District Governor; Georgia Poulos, District Secretary; and Julie Pettersen, District Treasurer of the Daughters. Standing: Theodore Lourentzos, District Marshal; Nicholas A. Loumos, Lt. District Governor and Editor; Andrew Sardell, District Governor; William Rotas, District Secretary; Chris Panopulos, District Treasurer; and George Mehas, District Advisor of the Order of Ahepa.

PETER PAPPAS ELECTED TREAS. NORFOLK CHAPTER

At its meeting on February 4, 1955, the Robert E. Lee Chapter No. 122 of Norfolk, Virginia, elected Peter S. Pappas as its Treasurer.

Brother Pappas, a prominent restaurant owner in Norfolk, has been extremely active in the Ahepa and has been a frequent participant at District and National Conventions.

Brother Pappas comes from the same Ahepa-minded family as Brother George Margoles and C. P. Verinis, both of New Haven, Conn.

Extremely active in other fraternal organizations and civic projects in Norfolk, Bro. Pappas is a member of the Knights of Thermopylae and Hellenic Post No. 179, American Legion.

Brother Pappas was installed by District Secretary John P. Angelson immediately following his election, along with Vice-President-elect Bro. Angelo Pappas who was absent at the regular scheduled installation ceremonies.

REPORTS FROM LANCASTER, PA., No. 196

At a meeting of the local chapter held January 21, arrangements were completed for a rummage sale to be held Friday, March 20. Miss Sadie Valudes will be chairman assisted by Mrs. Andrew Valavanes, Misses Lemonea Petrakes, Sadie Nicholaou and Mary Mylonas.

Plans were also completed for a dance to be held jointly with the Maids of Athens and Ahepa February 15 in celebration of the Greek Hallowe'en. A local orchestra will furnish the music, refreshments will be served and prizes will be given.

At the Testimonial Dinner given to District Governor Gus Nicholas of New York. Left to right: Supreme Governor Speros A. Versis; Supreme President Peter L. Bell; Supreme Secretary C. P. Verinis; District Governor Gus Nicholas; Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas; and Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas. With five members of the Supreme Lodge present, an "off-the-record" Supreme Lodge meeting must have been held.

GUS NICHOLAS HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER

January 16 was a big day for Gus Nicholas, dynamic and energetic District Governor of the Empire State District No. 6. On that occasion over 200 Ahepans and friends gathered in Raleigh's Restaurant in Brooklyn to pay homage and respect to Gus for his many services to the Order of Ahepa over the past quarter century.

Friends traveled from afar to be with Gus and the charming Mrs. Nicholas on that memorable evening. The affection in which Gus Nicholas is held was clearly demonstrated by the presence of a majority of the members of the Supreme Lodge. Supreme President Peter L. Bell headed the distinguished delegation which included Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Secretary C. P. Verinis, Supreme Counselor Louis J. Dukas, and Supreme Governor Speros A. Versis.

The testimonial dinner was sponsored by the Brooklyn Chapter No. 41 of which Chapter Brother Nicholas has been a member since 1924, and the Coney Island Chapter No. 200 and Bay Ridge Chapter No. 319, the other two Ahepa units in Brooklyn. Chairman of the affair and Toastmaster was Past President of Brooklyn Chapter Nicholas Papadakos.

Supreme President Bell, the principal speaker, lauded Brother Nicholas for his outstanding services to the Order and for his untold sacrifices in behalf of the Ahepa over the years, and extended to him and Mrs. Nicholas the gratitude and congratulations of the Supreme Lodge.

As an expression of love and esteem from his many friends, several gifts were presented to Brother Nicholas. A beautiful desk set was presented to him from his many admirers in the metropolitan area with Past District Governor George Dimas making the presentation address. Presidents Nicholas Coffinas of the Brooklyon Chapter, Alexander Litras of the Coney Island Chapter and Nicholas Cuyulis of the Bay Ridge Chapter also presented appropriate gifts in behalf of their respective chapters.

Other distinguished guests present were: Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope Mrs. Eleanor Stamoules, Past Supreme Governor John A. Kiamos, Associate Editor of THE AHEPAN George Margoles, Past District Governor Michael Loris, District Marshal Gus Cherevas, Past District Marshal Thomas Mallas, Nicholas Levendis, Director of Public Relations of District No. 6; and all Chapter Presidents.

Distinguished guests at testimonial dinner in honor of Empire State District Governor Gus Nicholas. Left to right, Chairman of the event Nicholas J. Papadakos; the guest of honor, Gus Nicholas; Supreme President Peter L. Bell; Solon Vlastos, Publisher of the "Atlantis"; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas; Thomas C. Nichols; Supreme Secretary C. P. Verinis; George Margoles, Associate Editor of *The Ahepan*.

The Future of Hellenism Rests with Hellenic Youth

By Attorney LEO J. LAMBERSON

Ahepa's Former "Veep"

In another month or two, the attention of 1,000,000 Americans of Hellenic extraction, plus thousands of Philhellenes throughout the United States and Canada, will be focused upon the 24 District Ahepa Conventions, and in August upon the 27th Annual Grand Convention at Houston (Deep in the Heart of) Texas.

These District Conventions and more especially the National Conclave become a *threefold challenge* to the Order of Ahepa and to all Ahepans. Our attitude toward Ahepa Ideals and Principles will determine the precise course of Ahepa's future, and more particularly the future and fate of *Hellenism*.

Hellenic Youth

In Hellenic Youth rests solidly the future of Hellenism and its influence upon the American way of life. Throughout the nation — in its high *schools*, its colleges and universities, in high business, commercial, industrial and professional fields — lies a tremendous reservoir of liberal and intellectual leadership of Hellenic extraction. This is the type of leadership that modern-day Hellenism needs if it is to continue to progress at the accelerated pace set by the world about us. This is the type of leadership that America needs in its fight to preserve freedom and the American way of life, together with its blossomed democratic institutions that we not only enjoy, but must pass into the generations of tomorrow.

This *developed* youth leadership must be given an outlet to nurture and develop for the good of Hellenism in America and in Canada and take its place at the fountain of freedom and the democratic processes of its nation. This same leadership must be enlisted into a potent organizational activity on a full nation-wide scale. THEREFORE, THE ORDER OF AHEPA AND ITS AUXILIARIES AFFORD THE LARGEST OUTLET FOR OUR HELLENIC YOUTH. AHEPA NOT ONLY NEEDS THIS YOUTH-FUL LEADERSHIP, BUT CAN HELP THE YOUTH. AND THE YOUTH, TOO, NEEDS AHEPA AND AHEPANISM.

Modern Hellenic youth leadership and liberal thinking will and unmeasurably is making Ahepa a stronger fraternity. It can help solidify the bonds of brotherhood, and provide the Order with the zest and intelligent planning and the evaluation of fraternal processes that make Ahepa strong in the eyes of all Hellenes throughout the world, as well as in the Democracies of liberty-loving peoples.

LEO J. LAMBERSON

Can Ahepa Help This Youth?

Help can be initiated for the youth through Ahepa-sponsored college campus auxiliary chapters, student-aid Hellenic organizations and committees of professional men and women; by inviting Hellenic students into Ahepa family activities and membership; by providing benefits to students in the form of scholarship loans; by establishing a "Bureau of Employment" for part time work or placement assistance for the college and high school graduate; by assisting Hellenic youth in obtaining many political, quasi-political or civic appointment; by creating a "Bureau of Business Opportunity" and nation-wide committees to establish and classify "professional availability areas" within active Hellenic Communities. Such a program could assist many young Hellenes to avail themselves of such assets that truly insure progress and spell success for Hellenism in America and throughout the world. Ahepa's vast and varied resources, plus the good will and prestige of the Order, would add further guarantee of such youth progress.

AHEPA and YOUTH each have a challenge. Both must meet this challenge to the interest of Hellenic progress, prosperity and the preservation of the Hellenic language, religion, customs, tradition and family life.

Yes, the future of Ahepa, Ahepanism and Hellenism lies in our youth — the citizens of tomorrow — the potential leaders of Hellenic, civic and religious communities throughout America — the parents of the ensuing generations of Hellenic extraction and the leaders of tomorrow in a greater and a more powerful America.

HAMMOND, IND., AHEPANS HONOR 25-YEAR MEMBERS

Ahepa Hammond Chapter No. 125 of Hoosier District No. 12 honored 25-year Chapter members at a dinner-dance held in Hammond on February 22.

Among national and district dignitaries present were Peter L. Bell, of Worcester, Mass., Supreme President of Ahepa, who gave the principal dinner address, and Eli D. Miller, of South Bend, Hoosier Ahepa District Governor, and National Public Relations Director.

In attendance also were Leo J. Lamberson, of South Bend, past Supreme Vice President of Ahepa, and members of the Blue Ribbon 15th District.

James Brahos, past District Governor, is President of the Hammond Chapter.

DISTRICT 12 INTRODUCES "THE HOOSIER AHEPAN"

SOUTH BEND, IND. — The Hoosier District No. 12 of the Order of Ahepa has a new District fraternal publication.

The first issue of the publication *"The Hoosier Ahepan"* — was released to over 1,000 Ahepa families in the District during the week of January 18. The publication, intended to give members of Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athens, a newsy digest of fraternal happenings, was a major 1952-53 project of Eli D. Miller, Governor of the Hoosier District, and National Ahepa Public Relations Director.

Emmanuel Tzounakis, of Gary, Ind., is Publication Editor; James Brahos, of Hammond, is Associate Editor.

Two more issues of the publication will be released between now and the June Hoosier District Convention. Plans will be formulated at the convention to publish *"The Hoosier Ahepan"* six times a year.

The first issue was sponsored by South Bend Chapter No. 100 and the following South Bend Chapter members: Leo J. Lamberson, Peter Conteles, George Rorres, Emmanuel Scopelitis, Peter Mouros, Steve J. Karras, Sam Maras, Ernest Spanelis, and Harry Demas.

At mid-year conference of the Third District at Richmond, Virginia: Left to right: Peter Vournakis of Fayetteville, N. C.; Tom Ross of Raleigh, N. C.; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Mrs. Zoe Cavallaris, Chairman of the Seal Drive; and Tom Cavallaris.

STEPHEN S. SCOPAS ATTENDS THIRD DISTRICT MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

The Mid-Year Conference of the Capital District No. 3, held on Wednesday, January 28, 1953, in Richmond, Va., was another outstanding milestone in the progress of this great district. Representatives from practically all 28 Chapters in the District attended to participate in the business and social programs of the day, so ably planned by Chairman Thomas Kalafatis of the Richmond Chapter and his efficient committee consisting of Chapter President Louis Jones, Chapter Secretary George Subley, Thomas Jones and E. M. Subley.

The business sessions were presided over by District Governor Andrew D. Vozeolas and on the agenda were many vital problems for discussion. Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas attended the business sessions and followed the proceedings with keen interest. He addressed the assemblage with particular emphasis on the Sons of Pericles and Ahepa's responsibility towards its junior auxiliary. His remarks were enthusiastically received and the Conference recommended strong measures looking to the strengthening of the Sons of Pericles in the Third District.

In the evening, the Banquet was held in the John Marshall Hotel with many important dignitaries present including Governor John S. Battle of Virginia; Mayor Edward E. Haddeck of Richmond; Congressman J. Vaughan Gary; Dr. Raymond B. Pinchbeck, Dean of Richmond College, and District Governor Vozeolas. Past Supreme Treasurer C. G. Paris was

On this important occasion, the principal speaker for the Order of Ahepa was Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas who took as his text for his address the great contributions the venerable State of Virginia has made to American government, culture and advancement. He fittingly pointed out that Virginia has given to the nation some of its great leaders, including Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, James Madison, John Tyler, William H. Harrison, Zachary Taylor, and Woodrow Wilson. He lauded the enduring principles formulated by Jefferson for the good of humanity and declared that the Order of Ahepa patterns itself after the principles of Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson, he stated, is one of the great figures of American history, but he was a simple and humble man and wanted to be remembered not for holding high office but for his accomplishments and thus he directed that for his epitaph the following should be inscribed: "Author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statute for Religious Liberty in Virginia, and Founder of the University of Virginia."

The Supreme Vice President then dwelt on the traditional friendship between the United States and Greece and how this tradition was inaugurated by another great Virginian, President James Monroe, who in the critical days of the Greek War for Independence in the 1820's extended assistance and support to the Greek patriots fighting to free Greece from foreign yoke.

Lt. Governor Peter G. Gilios of District No. 6 congratulates Bro. Antonakos on his reaching the 25-year mark of membership in the Ahepa, as District Secretary Anthony Koutros and Aristides Moustakas, President of Poughkeepsie Chapter No. 158, look on.

CLINTON, MASS., HOLDS ANNIVERSARY BANQUET; CREATE SCHOLARSHIP

On Sunday night, November 16, 1952, the Third Anniversary Banquet of Clinton Chapter No. 562 was held at the Old Timers Restaurant in Clinton, Mass. Many visiting Ahepans from surrounding towns and cities were in attendance and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

During the course of the dinner many acquaintances, both old and recent, were renewed, after which the speaking program commenced. Charles M. Georgeson, President of Clinton Chapter No. 562, acted as toastmaster and introduced the visiting Brothers and dignitaries.

Listed among the speakers were: Hon. Philip J. Philbin, Congressman from Massachusetts; Charles Kotsilimbas Davis, represeting Supreme President Peter L. Bell; Hon. William P. Constantino, State Representative; George A. Granitsas, Governor of Bay State District No. 8; and Joseph P. Duffy, Chairman of the Board of selectmen of Clinton.

Congressman Philbin in delivering the principal speech of the evening touched on the problems which confront our country in these days and the contributions which our Order and our people are making to support and bring forth the ideals and traditions of America.

Past Supreme Vice-President Davis after extending greetings and good wishes from Supreme President Bell, reminisced briefly on the growth and expansion of the Order of Ahepa in Massachusetts. He recalled the "old days" and the enjoyment derived during the forming and installing of new chapters, and the initiating of new members into our Order.

The committee on arrangements was composed of Chairman Andrew Lambros, Dr. Nicholas H. Despotopulos, Daniel J. Paul, and Nicholas Lambros.

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Clinton Chapter recently announced the establishment of an annual scholarship award. Plans call for the awarding of a $100 scholarship to a member of the graduating class of Clinton High School which must be used to finance the higher education of the student.

Complete plans and procedure for obtaining the scholarship are now being organized and will be made public in the near future.

In order to maintain the scholarship for the next five years, a $500 fund has been established. An effort will be made to secure sufficient funds to maintain a self-perpetuating program.

At annual Christmas Party given by the Welfare Fund for underprivileged children in the Cathedral Auditorium in New York. In the background may be seen members of the Welfare Fund Committee, Charles Sarantos, Jason Kokinatos and Michael Loris, Chairman. Also Dean Efthimiou, Bishop Olympus, District Governor Gus Nicholas, Jack Zarcadoolas and George Sakellarios. Also District Treasurer of the Daughters Alexandra Sismanoglu, Lt. Governor Titina Liverakos, Grand Secretary Eleanor Stamoules, Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas, District Marshal Gus Cherevas, Pindus Chapter President Tom Lagoumis and Louis Zafiropoulos.

EMPIRE DISTRICT No. 6 OF THE AHEPA

District Marshal Gus Cherevas, in an attempt to improve the degree work of all Chapters in New York State as directed by District Governor Gus Nicholas, recently formed a District Degree Team to exemplify an impressive and standardized initiation.

Members of the elite team are: President Part I, George Dimas, Past District Governor; President Part II, Nicholas P. Levendis, District Public Relations Director; Vice-President, Thomas Mallas, District Blood Bank Director; Warden, George Cashoty, Past President of Upper Manhattan No. 42; Chaplain, Nicholas Papadakos, Past President of Brooklyn No. 41; Nicholas J. Stevason, President Ahepa Home Association, Inc.; Nicholas Lamhadakis, Past President of Long Island No. 86; Captain of Guards, Jack Zarcadoolas, Past President of Estia No. 326; Sentinel, George Sakelarios; Guards, John Tsimares, Edward Panos and George Sirakides.

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Plans have been formulated for the Ahepans of New York to take a leading part in a gigantic Greek Independence Day Parade on Fifth Avenue. Past President Angelos G. Chaoush of Hermes Chapter will be the coordinator and will be assisted by Anthony Filou and Theodore Moraitis. New York Chapters are requested to cooperate in the project and appoint captains to arrange for chapter participation.

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As part of a program to bolster membership rosters in the District, District Governor Gus Nicholas recently announced the appointment of Nicholas Papadakos, Past President of Brooklyn Chapter, and Tom Mallas, Past President of Coney Island Chapter, to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of a newly organized District Membership Committee.

The District Governor also instructed all Chapters in District No. 6 to immediately forward chapter remittances to headquarters, pointing out that many Chapters have been slow in forwarding their financial returns. He further indicated that initiations, re-instatements and membership standing had dropped perilously and requested that Chapters concentrate their efforts from now until June 1953 and endeavor to retain the District Blue Ribbon which was awarded to the District at the last National Convention.

At opening performance of the Greek National Theatre in New York, left to right: Pericles Lantzounis, President of the Federation of Greek-American Societies in New York; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; and Supreme President Peter L. Bell.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

A record gathering attended the much publicized District Conference Dance of District 21, held at the beautiful and spacious Lake Shore Plaza in San Francisco, Calif., on Sunday, February 22nd. The proceeds of the dance will be turned over to the *Ahepa Traveler*, publication of District 21. The great success of this dance is attributed to the hard work of the genial chairman, Brother Andrew Asimos, of Golden Gate Chapter, and to the untiring efforts of the District Governor Andrew Sardell and to Lt. District Governor and *Ahepa Traveler* Editor, Nicholas A. Loumos.

The District Conference, which was held the same day, was well attended and many constructive suggestions were offered. At the conclusion, the officers of the District Lodge of the Daughters and the entertainment committee of the Eos Chapter with Chairman Bessie Kaplanis offered refreshments to the visitors.

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Brother Nicholas A. Loumos, Past Supreme Vice-President, who has been a very active member of Golden Gate Chapter since his transfer from Athena Chapter No. 24 of Boston, is working like a beaver for District 21. Not only is he the Lt. District Governor, but is Editor-in-Chief of the *Ahepa Traveler*, monthly publication of District 21. His "Ahepans in the News" is a popular feature of the publication and is widely read.

Brother Loumos has been an ardent Ahepan since the early days of the fraternity, being credited with having organized a large number of the chapters in New England. We are happy to see him assuming an active part in the District.

Cutting the birthday cake of Plato Chapter No. 4. Left to right: George N. Pahno, Lt. Governor, District No. 1; Mrs. Andrew Leventis, President of the daughters; and C. P. Trapalis, Jr., President of the Ahepa.

FOND DU LAC CHAPTER 49 HIGHLIGHTS OF 1952

Officers re-elected to hold office until June, 1953, were Sam Bekearis, President; George Karafotis, Vice-President; Anton Axotis, Secretary; Peter Liacopoulos, Treasurer; C. J. Mologianes, Athletic Director. New Board of Governors includes: James Sarres, Chairman; James Mologianes, George Becker, James Kontos, and Peter Apostol. Appointed Officers were Denis Stateson, Chaplain; George Scocos, Warden; William Totos, Captain of the Guard; James Mologianes and Spyro Callis, Sentinels.

Last spring the chapter feted ten of their charter members to a country style served banquet, after which they were presented with gold pins denoting 25 or more years membership in good standing of Fond du Lac Chapter No. 49. Those receiving the awards were Denis Stateson, first Chapter President; Chris Micklos, George Scocos, Ted Kopoulos, Frank Regas, Charles Logaris, Gust Gianacopoulos, and James Mologianes, all of Fond du Lac; Gust Aposkitis, Waupun, Wis.; and Christ Katsoulas, Santa Rosa, Calif. Pins were presented by the 13th District Deputy Governor, Achilles Charonas, of Milwaukee. Guest speakers were Andrew Zafiropoulos of Milwaukee and Past President Van Nomikos of Chicago, Ill. Nearly 100 members and friends attended this successful gathering.

HARRISBURG, PA., PLANS ANNUAL CABARET BALL

Bolstered by the success of last year's Annual Cabaret Ball, the proceeds of which were donated to the local Greek Church, the Harrisburg Chapter No. 64 of Harrisburg, Pa., has decided to designate the Cabaret Ball an annual Mother's Day affair, and will hold such an affair on May 10, 1953.

This year the Harrisburg Chapter plans to turn over all the proceeds of the affair to the Chapter's Death Benefit Fund which was created the first of this year. The Harrisburg Chapter will match the amount the Order will give to the deceased brother's beneficiaries.

Peter Kara and his orchestra will repeat last year's outstanding performance and supply the music and feature "Chico Chico" — the Rhumba Rhythm sensation. Mamakos, the king of the Tsamika, will provide further music enjoyment.

Chairman of the Ball James K. Maragos promises an outstanding social event. He is being assisted in the planning and arrangements by George Kathales, John Giovanis, James K. Triantos, John Prokop, Dean Belehas, and John Nicholas.

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The Harrisburg Sons and Maids are extremely active in the Community. Last February the combined two auxiliaries sponsored a comedy variety show and dance which was very successful. The Daughters of Penelope sponsored their successful annual Christmas Party at the Holy Trinity Church Hall, at the expense of the local Daughters Chapter. Lately the Daughters held a "Dutch" treat dinner party for chapter members, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

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NEW LONDON HOSTS ARCHBISHOP; DONATES $10,000 TO CHURCH FUND

The building fund of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church of New London, Conn., on February 2, 1953, was increased more than $10,000 in about 30 minutes as church members stepped forward to present their checks to Archbishop Michael, who was the guest of honor at the Community's Annual Building Fund Banquet, held on the Mohican Hotel Roofgarden.

Mayor Fred Benvenuti presented the prelate with a key to the city, and State Senator Moses A. Savin extended his greetings to the community. A letter of welcome from Governor John Lodge was read and praised the members of the Community for their outstanding efforts.

Brother Peter J. Boras, an attorney by profession, was the master of ceremonies and introduced Archbishop Michael as a representation of "the essence of Christianity, the greatness of the Byzantine period and the ancient civilization of Hellas." Others introduced and participating in the speaking program of the evening included Theodore G. Kyrazis, President of the Community, and Angelos D. Thanos, President of the Building Fund Committee.

The Annual Banquet and fund raising project was an overwhelming success. An additional $40,000 is needed before the building can be commenced. Present objectives call for the laying of the cornerstone of the proposed edifice next spring by His Eminence.

New London is proud of its active Ahepa and Daughters Chapters which have contributed much to the stability and progress of District No. 7 and the Community of New London in general. Many of the leaders of the Ahepa and Daughters Chapters of New London are keenly interested and actively supporting plans to erect a new Church Building.

CUMBERLAND, MD., SPONSORS NEW YEAR'S PARTY

The Order of Ahepa of the Ft. Cumberland Chapter No. 301 sponsored a New Year's party for members, family and guests, on January 11, 1953.

The President, John C. Liakos, opened with a prayer as usual. Then followed a turkey supper and refreshments. Noise makers, whistles and caps were presented to everybody by the chapter.

The entertainment committee consisted of President John C. Liakos and Past Presidents Frank Diamond and Richard Diamond. The hall was decorated by the committee. Greek-American dancing was available until midnight and the party was enjoyed by everyone.

At mass meeting on January 9, 1953, in New York, opening Ahepa Home Drive. Front row, left to right: District Governor Gus Nicholas; President of the Ahepa Home Association, Inc., Nicholas J. Stevason; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Andrew D. Vozeolas, Governor of Capital District No. 5; and Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas. Back row, left to right: Paul Gorgas, President of Hermes No. 186; District Marshal Gus Cherevas; Nicholas Coffinas, President of Brooklyn No. 41; James Stekas, Secretary of Estia No. 526; George Dimas, President of Upper Manhattan No. 42; Alexander G. Litras, President of Coney Island No. 200; George Neckles, President of Bronx No. 175; and Nicholas Cuvulis, President of Bay Ridge No. 519. Over three hundred Ahepans attended the event.

SUP. GOV. KOURMOULES PRESIDES AT INITIATION

On Wednesday evening, January 28, the Ahepa Chapter No. 247 of Springfield, Ohio, held initiation services for three new members from Wilmington, Ohio: Chris Kalogeras, James Zaharias and Harry Pantzis. Conducting the initiation was Supreme Governor Peter Kourmoules of Canton, Ohio, assisted by the Chapter President, John Tsugranes. Also attending this initiation was District Governor George N. George of Akron, District Secretary Ted Boudouris of Dayton, District Marshal Fred Christopher of Cincinnati, and District Advisor Pete Dickson of Urbana.

A joint meeting with the local Ithaca Chapter No. 22 of the Daughters of Penelope followed the initiation, with District Governor of the Buckeye District No. 11 of the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Florence Stathopoulos, and President of the local Ithaca Chapter, Miss Tula Parsavos, amongst those present.

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Dr. James Giannakopoulos, member of Ahepa Chapter No. 247, Springfield, Ohio, and son of Brother and Mrs. George Giannakopoulos, recently opened his office in the Springfield Clinic in Springfield. Dr. Giannakopoulos received his Degree in Medicine from Syracuse University and interned at University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, with post-graduate work at Bellevue Hospital in New York City.

LARGE DISTRICT LODGE DELEGATION VISITS PORTLAND, ME., CHAPTER

Welcomed by President Albert Rallis were District Governor Nicholas Scontras, Lt. Governor Chris Castarakis, District Secretary Stratis Doukas, District Marshal George Kleftis, and District Advisor Peter Victor.

Speeches were informative, humorous, brief and were well received by the more than forty members present in one of the largest turnouts ever assembled in meeting.

Among those present were the President of the Biddeford-Saco Chapter and his stalwart five-man Ahepa bowling team. A challenge to a bowling match was hurled and the Portland team accepted with alacrity.

A Greek style buffet lunch was served after the meeting and it was most gratifying to the host chapter to see the cheeses, olives, spiced hams, rolls, beer, etc., disappear so fast. Our Maine climate apparently stimulated the appetite.

On no other occasion have so many members of the District Lodge been present at a chapter meeting in Portland. It is hoped that this fine group will visit the chapter again and soon.

The District Lodge Officers of the Northern New England District No. 9 visited the H. W. Longfellow Chapter No. 82 of Portland, Maine, on Tuesday evening, October 28, 1952, for the purpose of cementing our fraternal ties and creating an awareness and more genuine understanding of our Order.

AHEPA'S DISTRICT GOVERNORS

GEORGE N. GEORGE
District No. 11

Brother George Nick George was born in Makri, Asia Minor, Turkey, and came to the United States in 1915.

As a former Sons of Pericles and Past President, he joined the Ahepa in 1937. He has served his chapter on the Board of Governors and as President on two occasions.

He has served his District as a Deputy Governor and Lt. Governor prior to his elevation as District Governor at the 1951 Youngstown Convention.

Brother George served the Minneapolis Convention as its Secretary and the Washington Convention as Vice-Chairman. A former past president of the Akron Greek Community, Brother George is married and has two children.

DAUGHTERS' DISTRICT GOVERNORS

TINA DOUDALIS
District No. 13

A charter member of the Chicago Elysium Chapter of the Maids of Athens, Sister Doudalis has served Chicago Laodamas Daughters Chapter as its secretary and president and her District as marshal prior to her elevation as Governor of the 13th District.

Extremely active, she was instrumental in introducing the Genocide Convention to the Greek people of Chicago, and in organizing the Phi Beta Gammas, a young women's business club.

She has served on Greek War Relief and Red Cross activities and as chairman of the Community Fund Drive. A retiring president of the Orthodox Youth of St. Nicholas, she has been a member and delegate of the Orthodox Youth Central Council of Chicago for the past four years.

THOMAS KALOMERES
District No. 1

Brother Kalomeres migrated to this country in 1910 from Geraki, Sparta, Greece, and immediately embarked upon a successful business career. In his early years he was a co-owner of a restaurant and saloon and later started his Restaurant, Saloon and Bottling Works Business. He has traveled the country extensively as a salesman and subsequently entered the Food Processing and Truck Jobbing Business in Birmingham, Ala. He retired in 1949 and now states "Ahepa is my business."

Very active in the Order of Ahepa since his induction in 1928, he has been synonymous with the progress and achievements of his Chapter and District No. 1. He was elected Governor in 1952 and is establishing an enviable record of accomplishments.

Genuinely interested in the welfare of the Greek people in this country, Brother Kalomeres has a keen understanding of the contributions of the Hellenic people and entertains no doubt as to the utility of the Order of Ahepa as the spokesman of the Americans of Greek descent in the United States. As he puts it, "Ahepa is the only road by which we can realize anything worthwhile and while from hearsay or reading one can develop a doubtful complex, just rest assured that this little organization has more brain matter and principle than is required to manage the U.S.A."

Mrs. A. VLASSIE — District No. 24

Mrs. A. Vlassie, in her second term in office as District Governor of District No. 24, has been an active member of the Daughters of Penelope since its beginning in Western Canada, less than a decade ago.

Mrs. Vlassie with her husband, then District Governor, was instrumental in organizing the Daughters in Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina and in reinstating the rather dormant Saskatoon Chapter.

She is an almost annual delegate to District Conventions and has many times traveled to distant points in the United States to be at National Conventions.

Artemis Chapter No. 5 of Sacramento, Calif., pauses for "The Ahepan" photographer at one of its many gala occasions. Left to right seated: Mary Paras, Lillian Psihopedas, Catherine Canakes, Kay Manos and Perse Givas. Standing in the same order: Elizabeth Liamlakis, Kiki Paras, Elisavet Stathos, Helen Kanelos, Georgia Andrews, Mary Saetes, Ruth Demas, Mary Pappas, Stella Kassaras, Mary Ellen Thomanos, Mary Zikos.

CHAPTER NEWS

EMPIRE DIST. DAUGHTERS CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

This year the Daughters of Penelope of the Empire District met in the friendly city of Poughkeepsie for the annual convention. As is proper and fitting, the convention was opened with Church Services on Sunday, June 29th, at the local church with Bishop Nyssis officiating. The Bishop in his usual way, made the event a more memorable one by adding the picturesque ceremony of elevating the Altar Boys to the rank of "Anagnostai."

In the afternoon under the able leadership of the Albany Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, initiation ceremonies took place with such pomp and ceremony as to leave a lasting impression not only on the participants, but on all the visiting Daughters as well. Congratulations to President Despina Ziamandanis and her capable Sisters.

As is customary, Greek Night was held Sunday, but we can not say it was typical Greek Night because of the remarkable systematic control of functions evident throughout the evening. The food was distributed in orderly manner, the drinks were handled with the respect due them, and the dancing, both Greek and American, produced no casualties.

Bright and early on Monday the Mayor, Hon. E. Stevens, cheerfully and officially opened the business meetings of both Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope. The Daughters then retired to the Campbell Hotel where elections took place and the following were elected Officers of the Convention: *Chairman*, Mollie Felehas; *Vice-Chairman*, Harriet Anest; and *Secretary*, Titania Liverakos. The reports of the officers were then given, committees were appointed and recess was declared until the following day.

Monday evening found the Daughters at the Tennis Club House frolicking, campaigning, dancing, caucusing and enjoying the delightful songs of Eva Styl.

Wednesday morning the Daughters in swollen ranks arrived at the Campbell Hotel where the final committee reports were given and elections were held. The following were unanimously elected: *District Governor*, Margaret Stricos; *Lieutenant Governor*, Titania Liverakos; *District Secretary*, Dorothy Sofologos; *District Treasurer*, Alexandra Sysmanoglou; *District Marshal*, Mary Gorgas.

WHEELING DAUGHTERS HOLD THANKSGIVING BALL

The Wheeling Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, Semale Chapter No. 256, held a semi-formal dance on November 27 at the Hellenic Center, 2217 Chapline Street, Wheeling, W. Va.

Jim Daloia and his orchestra furnished American music for dancing and The Mel-Tones from Pittsburgh, Pa., furnished Greek music. Dancing was enjoyed from nine until one.

The General Chairman of the dance was Mrs. Stella Plesko. Committee Chairmen and their aides were as follows: *General Arrangements:* Mrs. Elli Velas, Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, Miss Angela Burke, Miss Clara Antimisiaris, Miss Georgia Liapiakis, and Mrs. Elizabeth Manos. *Ticket Committee:* Miss Olga Anast, Chairman, Mrs. Helen Ann Grammen, Miss Joy Antimisiaris, Mrs. Athena Misser, Miss Angela Burke, Miss Georgia Liapiakis, Miss Virginia Mamakos, and Miss Georgia Avgerenos. *Publicity Committee:* Miss Kalope Avgerenos, Chairman; Mrs. Angelina Varlas, Miss Irene Sarris, Miss Virginia Mamakos, and Miss Georgia Avgerenos. *Decorations:* Mrs. Helen Ann Grammen, Chairman; Mrs. Athena Misser, Miss Stella Miridokis, and Mrs. Helen Matzaris. *Refreshments:* Mrs. Athena Misser, Chairman, Miss Joy Antimisiaris, Miss Angela Burke, and Mrs. Angela K. Varlas. *Reception:* Mrs. Angela K. Varlas, Chairman; Mrs. Elli Velas, Miss Olga Anast, and Miss Stella Miridokis.

All proceeds of the dance will be donated towards the Greek School Furnishing Fund.

VANCOUVER DAUGHTERS

The 4th Birthday of the Daughters was celebrated by a luncheon in the Sky Room of the Hotel Sylvia.

Pillow cases donated by Marguerite Martin, Ditstrict Treasurer, of Spokane, Wash., towards the fund for books for the Theological Seminary, were won by Helen Carras, District Lieutenant Governor, of Seattle.

A joint meeting was held with the Gladstone Chapter and Maids of Athens. Guest speakers were the Hon. Gordon Wismer, Attorney General of B. C., and Alderman Anna Sprott.

CANTON DAUGHTERS

On December 15, 1952, fifty-five members of the Daughters of Penelope, Canton, Ohio, attended the annual Christmas-Exchange Party held at the banquet room of the Elite Restaurant. Luncheon was first served, then carol-singing in Greek and American, followed by games and finally the exchange of gifts.

Prize winners of the games were: Mrs. Phillip Sassos, Mrs. William Effantis, Mrs. V. James and Miss Anna Komas.

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The annual "Frosty-Land" semi-final dance of the Daughters of Penelope, Canton, Ohio, was held on Sunday, December 28, 1952, at the American Legion Hall, from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Phil Mason and his orchestra played for American dancing, and James Vasilakis and his Athenian clarinet orchestra, from Cleveland, Ohio, played for Greek dancing.

Miss Betty Georgiadis and Miss Persephone Biris were co-chairmen of the affair.

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At the District Convention held in Toledo, Ohio, Miss Betty Georgiadis, President of the Chloris Chapter No. 40, Daughters of Penelope, was presented a gold trophy for being selected the Most Outstanding President of the Buckeye District.

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Mayor Vincent Impellitteri of New York City speaking at the opening ceremonies of the Daughters of Penelope Seal Drive. The New York Ahepa Combined Ball at the Commodore Hotel on November 14, 1952, was the scene for this great project. Taking part in the ceremonies are, left to right: Jack Zarcadoolas, Master of Ceremonies; Constantine Cassimatis, Chairman of 1952 Combined Ball; Mayor Impellitteri; Mrs. Zoe Cavallaris, Chairman of the Daughters Project Committee; Mrs. Impellitteri; the "Portrait of an Orphan" by Theodore Psaropoulos; Mrs. Pota Saratsis, Grand President; Miss Helen Pappas, Grand Governor; and Mrs. Eleanor Stamoules, Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., SPONSORS CORONATION BALL

The Alkippe Chapter No. 46 of Syracuse, N. Y., held its annual Fall Dance "The Penelope Coronation Ball." Other Chapters in New York State were invited to send candidate "queens" to the ball. The candidates included Miss Jane Poulos, of Chapter No. 39 of Binghamton, N. Y.; Mrs. Alexandra Vangellow, of the Odysseus Chapter No. 44; Miss Ann Antoniades, of the Agamemnon Chapter No. 80 of Elmira, N. Y.; and Miss Magdaline Augustinos of the Alkippe Chapter No. 46.

Each candidate gave the title of her favorite song to the orchestra leader. As each song was played the candidate and her escort danced in the center of the ballroom.

The Blue Danube Waltz was the favorite song of the winning queen, Miss Magdaline Augustinos of the Alkippe Chapter.

The Queen was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a rhinestone necklace and earring set. The members of the queen's court were also presented with a gift.

Co-Chairmen of the dance were Mrs. Gus Felahis and Mrs. Nick Collis. Other committee members included: Mrs. Peter Togias, Mrs. George Allis, Mrs. Farnsworth Reckard, Mrs. Ted Dellas, Mrs. James Copunas, Miss Teresa Thomas, Miss Denise Cannellos and Mrs. Spero Panagiotakos.

Miss MAGDELINE AUGUSTINAS

SAN DIEGO HOLDS VALENTINE'S DANCE

Tiresias Chapter No. 142 of the Daughters of Penelope of San Diego, Calif., held a Valentine's Dance on February 14. The successful social affair was held in the new church hall. "Hearts and Beaux" was the theme of the affair. Proceeds of the affair will be donated for the benefit of the new church hall.

Mrs. Jack Grier was Chairman of the affair and Miss Maria Fotias was publicity chairman. Other committee members included Mrs. George Stephens, Mrs. George Manos, Mrs. Peter Manos, Mrs. Milton Kromydas, Mrs. Nick Nicholas and Mrs. Alex Trumpas, Chapter President.

ORANGE, N. J., ORGANIZES DAUGHTERS CHAPTER

On Friday evening, November 21, 1952, the thirteenth chapter of the Daughters of Penelope was installed into the Fifth District.

Orange was added to the ranks with twenty-two charter members. The initiation ceremonies were conducted by Sister Bertha Manos, President of the Amphitryon Chapter No. 173 of Newark, N. J., with the members of her Chapter. District Governor Mary Diamond conducted the elections of officers and with the assistance of the members of the District Lodge conducted the installation of officers. The various members of the District Lodge gave the respective obligations to the newly elected officers.

We were indeed honored to have with us at the installation the Grand Secretary, Eleanore Stamoules, who gave the oath to the initiates and spoke on the progress of the Daughters of Penelope and the future projects it has undertaken.

Various members of the neighboring chapters of New Jersey of the Ahepa as well as the Daughters were present.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., NEWS

The Aulis Chapter, recipient of the 1952 award as the most outstanding Daughters' Chapter of 5th District, continues contributing a great service to the Greek American community in civic, charitable and fraternal work.

Thanksgiving baskets were sent to several needy families and toys and candy were sent to the orphans of St. Basil's Academy during the holidays.

Mrs. Richard Bradshaw was a captain on Mothers' March on Polio in Asbury Park and Mrs. Lambert Kutrumbos assisted on the Muscular Dystrophy drive of Monmouth County.

Several interesting lectures were sponsored during the year, one of which was presented by Miss Helen Dunn, president of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, who spoke and showed a color film on the subject. Mr. Juska, a local florist, lectured and demonstrated the art of flower arrangement, and Mrs. Strack enlightened the group on the "Perils of Communism."

Mrs. Ida Valiliades, Ways and Means, arranged a Tricky Tray Party, proceeds of which benefited the Chapter's Charity Fund.

A Lincoln's Day Game Party was held at the St. George Greek Community Center on February 12. Proceeds will be sent to the District Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations to our President, Miss Helen Haleotis, and her hard-working committees who help make this a wonderful chapter and proud to be a part of the Daughters of Penelope.

FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON WITH EOS CHAPTER No. 1

Eos Chapter No. 1 of the Daughters of Penelope celebrated their Founder's Day and 23rd Birthday at a gala luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, December 13, in Peacock Court at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco.

President Foto Preovolos greeted the throng of 450 members and guests. Chairman of the successful occasion was Athene Pandell, with Virginia Gumas as co-chairman. The guest of honor was the founder and organizer of the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Alexandra Apostolides. The Chapter was honored by the presence of the Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa, Peter L. Bell, of Worcester, Mass.; Supreme Treasurer Stephen Berdalis, of San Francisco, Calif.; and District Governor Andrew Sardell, of Oakland, Calif. District Lodge No. 21 of the Daughters of Penelope was well represented by District Governor Catherine Canakes, Lt. Governor Sophie Saffas, District Secretary Georgia Poulos, District Treasurer, Julie Petterson, and District Marshal, Dena Mitchell.

The diversified program included an inspiring review of cherished documents of freedom by Mrs. Alexandra Apostolides, gallant remarks by Supreme President Bell, songs by the Husmas sisters, by Mr. Chen Ting Soo, and exotic fashions modelled by chapter members, with narrations by Lisa Preiter. The exquisite costumes were graciously loaned by Mrs. Lucille Wong of the City of Shanghai. The Chinese theme was carried out in the charming decorations by Foto Burdusis and Connie Brayos.

Many were the compliments given the Chairman of the Hostesses, Mary Karsant, for the splendid success with which she assembled the large number of guests. Each of those present carried away memories of a well-coordinated and inspirational program, presented in beautiful surroundings; another occasion to add lustre to the Daughters of Penelope.

WHEELING DAUGHTERS HONOR GRAND PRESIDENT

The Daughters of Penelope, Semale Chapter No. 256, Wheeling, W. Va., honored Mrs. Pota P. Saratsis, Grand President of the Fraternity, at a banquet and reception held in the Colonnade Room of the McLure Hotel on Sept. 28, 1952.

The interlocutor for the evening was Miss Joy Antimisiaris, who introduced Mrs. George K. Varlas, President of the Wheeling Chaper. Mrs. Varlas welcomed Mrs. Saratsis and introduced her to the group present.

Inasmuch as the Wheeling Chapter is the youngest chapter organized in District No. 4, Mrs. Saratsis selected as the theme of her speech the objects and purposes of the Daughters of Penelope. She also discussed the national project selected by the Daughters at the National Convention. Immediately following her inspiring remarks an open discussion was held.

Bridge and canasta provided the later evening diversions.

The committee in charge for the evening was Mrs. Stella Plesko, Chairman; Miss Joy Antimisiaris, Mrs. Angela K. Varlas, Mrs. Helen Ann Grammen, Miss Georgia Liapakis, Miss Olga Anast, Miss Angela Burke, and Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons.

ATLANTA DAUGHTERS PRESENT IKON

The Menelaos Chapter No. 53 of the Daughters of Penelope had the pleasure recently of welcoming to Atlanta, Mrs. Christine Johnson, Grand Governor. During her brief visit to this chapter, Mrs. Johnson was entertained by the local members at a luncheon in her honor at Mammy's Shanty. Mrs. Johnson presided at a special meeting of the Atlanta chapter. Also present as an honored guest was Mrs. Jane Tsatsanis, District Governor, from Pontiac, Michigan.

The Atlanta chapter once again held the spotlight in community activities when it presented the Atlanta Church with a new Ikon of Saint Barbara, the chapter's patron Saint. The unveiling of the Ikon was held during Church Services and President Mrs. Fannie Sparks made the presentation.

DALLAS DAUGHTERS HOLD COLORFUL FALL DANCE

The Terpsichore Chapter's Fall Dance was held on October 19, 1952, at the Community Hall. Numerous members of the Ahepa Family and guests from Fort Worth, Wichita Falls and Vernon, Texas, were in attendance and danced to the music of Ted Parrino and his orchestra.

Heading the committee which planned this successful dance was Niki Koutsigos, Chairman, and assisting her were Elaine Wartman, Christine Pappas, Catherine Miller and Evelyn Semos. In charge of decorations were Katina N. Zelios and Eugenia Harrisis.

At the Founder's Day Luncheon sponsored by Eos Chapter No. 1 of San Francisco. Left to right: Andrew Sardell, Governor, District No. 21; Miss Virginia Gumas, Eos Chapter Secretary; Miss Catherine Canakes, Governor, District No. 21; Mrs. Alexandra Apostolides, founder and organizer of the Daughters of Penelope; Peter L. Bell, Supreme President, Order of Ahepa; Mrs. Foto Preovolos, Eos Chapter President; John Preovolos, Golden Gate Chapter President; Mrs. Athena Pandell, Chairman of the Founder's Day Luncheon; Mrs. Julia Petterson, Treasurer, District No. 21; Stephen L. Berdalis, Supreme Treasurer, Order of Ahepa; and Miss Georgia Poulos, Secretary, District No. 21.

Cris Mastos, 17, daughter of Brother and Mrs. Sam T. Mastos of Omaha, Nebraska, was recently elected Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the R.O.T.C. Battalion at Central High School where she is a Senior. She will enter the University of Nebraska in the fall. Mrs. Sam Mastos is Lieutenant-Governor of the Daughters of Penelope District No. 15.

OAKLAND DAUGHTERS TO ASSIST HOSPITAL

Oakland, California's Daughters of Penelope have for quite some time expressed the desire that Echo Chapter engage in a cause to help some local group other than a Hellenic community group, to keep their members in touch with another phase of their community and make the Daughters of Penelope further known as a co-operative organization.

Recently a group of Oakland, Calif., Daughters of Penelope (Echo Chapter) went on a tour of the Children's Hospital of the East Bay, led by Mrs. W. H. Oliver of Oakland, who heads the charity groups functioning for the hospital. The deeds of the institution which is supported entirely by donations and by organized groups working especially to keep the hospital operating partly as a charitable service, are well known to many. The Echo Chapter members who went on this visit thought that Echo Chapter members would be interested in devoting some of their activity toward helping the Children's Hospital, and that adopting such a project would give our members an incentive for more active participation in their Chapter.

In view of the fact that Echo Chapter a few years ago donated $600.00 for a 6-bed ward in the Ahepa Hospital in Greece, it is not surprising that the Chapter members voted wholeheartedly at their December meeting to sponsor an event in 1953, proceeds of which would go to the Children's Hospital of the East Bay in Oakland, California.

BALTIMORE DAUGHTERS SPONSOR FASHION SHOW AND TEA

A dozen young ladies of the Daughters of Penelope, Alcmene Chapter No. 27, in Baltimore, discovered on October 3rd a hitherto unknown talent. They were models at a Fashion Show and Tea which they sponsored at the Park Plaza Hotel.

More than one hundred of the members, their friends and relatives attended the showing of sport clothes, evening apparel and millinery.

The young misses and matrons who modeled were: Misses Ann Gevas, Mary Katsetos, Helen Karangelan, Mary Cavacos, Irene and Pauline Mentis, Chrysanthy Pappas (President of the Chapter), Marina Rois, Mrs. Christine Gereny (Past District Governor), Mrs. Matina Mentis, and Rose Kajanghi. Mrs. Una Constantine, a professional model, instructed the amateurs and also displayed her talent at the showing.

Little James Krickelas presents the first seals from the Daughters Seal Drive to Mrs. Vincent Impellitteri, the wife of the Mayor of New York, as Helene Psaropulos looks on.

MRS. LEO J. LAMBERSON HEADS DAUGHTERS PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' CLUB

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Mrs. Leo J. Lamberson, of South Bend, is the first president of the Daughters of Penelope Past District Governors Club of the Hoosier District No. 12.

Mrs. Lamberson was elected to the post at the Club's organizational meeting at South Bend on January 25 during the 1953 Hoosier District Mid-Winter Conference.

Other Club officers elected were: Mrs. Lattie Michaels, of Calumet City, Ill., Vice-President, and Miss Beatrice Rorris, of Hammond, Ind., Secretary-Treasurer.

RACINE, WISCONSIN DAUGHTERS REPORT

Our Chapter was organized early last March. Shortly thereafter, our Chapter entered the Daughters' 13th District Annual Bowling Tournament held at Milwaukee and achieved first place honors. Competing Daughters commended the "Baby Chapter's" progress and needless to say, their warm congratulations plus our unexpected victory was just the medicine the doctor would have prescribed for a newborn, rather wobbly chapter. We had found our place in the Ahepa family, so to speak. It was, and is, a good feeling.

But good things didn't stop happening here. Just a few weeks later, the Order of Ahepa, Racine Lodge, Chapter No. 577, asked if we'd participate in a picnic they were planning for September 7. Well, we did and it was most successful — socially and financially. Our Chapters gathered a host of new friends — many of them Ahepans from the surrounding districts and, too, many prospective Ahepans from adjacent communities. On the whole it was a most gratifying day.

A Christmas Party was held on December 23rd in the Rainbow Room of the Racine Hotel. The affair was a social success and was well attended. Mrs. George Drivos and Mrs. Peter Maragos were in charge of arrangements and assisted by Mrs. Richard Cole, Miss Ann Filandrinos and Mrs. Stanley Kottis. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Nick Zabit and Mrs. Stanley Kottis. Miss Adeline Geokaris, Grand Treasurer, was the guest of honor.

Miss Marguerite Margellos, daughter of Brother and Mrs. Harry Margellos of Rochester, Minn., a 1952 graduate of Mecalester College, St. Paul, Minn., has been awarded a one year Fulbright Scholarship and is now studying at the University of Salonika, Greece.

JAMES SKUFAKISS
Supreme President

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Supreme Vice-President

ARTHUR GONOS
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

JEFFREY ECONOMOU
Supreme Governor

The Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles

JAMES SKUFAKISS
Supreme President

James Skufakiss, Supreme President of the Order of Sons of Pericles, hails from Hammond, Indiana, and is the first Hoosier ever elected to the top position. He is Assistant Sports Editor of *The Hammond Times* daily newspaper and has authored national magazine articles on gold and wrestling. His recent interview of wrestler Jim Londos gained him national recognition as did his plan for reorganizing the Indiana high school basketball tournament.

Called to active duty from the Naval Reserve shortly after the outbreak of the Korean conflict, he served in the Fleet Home Town News Center of the U. S. Navy.

A member of the Sons since 1942, he is now beginning his fifth year on the Supreme Lodge, having been Supreme Governor twice and serving as Secretary-Treasurer before advancing to Vice-President last year. He was initiated into Hammond Ahepa Chapter No. 123 in 1949 and is serving his fourth consecutive year as Hoosier District Athletic Director.

NICK KARAYIANIS
Supreme Vice-President

Nick Karayianis is one of the old timers in the Pythagoras Chapter having been a member for over seven years.

He served his chapter in all elective offices except Secretary, and the 3rd District as Treasurer, Lt. Governor, and Governor before being elected to the Supreme Lodge at Minneapolis in 1951 as Secretary-Treasurer.

At the Washington Convention in 1952 he was elected Supreme Vice-President.

Brother Karayianis is 21 years old and is attending George Washington University working towards a B.S. degree in Physics and Mathematics.

ART GONOS
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

Brother Gonos has served his chapter as Secretary, his District as Secretary, and was elevated to the office of District Governor in 1950. In 1951, he was the Sons' Chairman of the District Convention held in Fresno. Also in 1951, at Minneapolis, he was elected to the office of Supreme Governor. His jurisdiction covered the 11 Western states.

Art is now a sophomore at the University of California at Berkeley. He is a pre-legal student majoring in political science. He belongs to an honor society, and is a member of the Air Force R.O.T.C.

JEFFREY ECONOMOU
Supreme Governor

Initiated into the Sons in 1943. During 1947-48 served as President of Delian League Chapter No. 18, Akron, Ohio. Brother Economou was elevated to the position of District Governor of the Buckeye District during 1949-50. For the next two years he served on District Lodge as Marshal helping to establish new chapters in Buckeye District. Again elected District Governor this year. Finally had the honor of being elevated to the position of Supreme Governor at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. Brother Economou attributes his success to many hours of hard work put into the Sons while assuming these various offices.

PETE SOFIOS
Supreme Governor

Brother Sofios was born on June 28, 1928, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended Butler University, Indianapolis, and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1951. Last year he attended the University of Michigan Law School at Ann Arbor.

Brother Sofios is also a member of the Order of Ahepa having been initiated into the James Whitcomb Riley Chapter No. 232 last year. A member of the Kandyla Chapter No. 192, Indianapolis Sons of Pericles, he has served his Chapter as President, Brother Sofios has also served Hoosier District No. 12 as District Secretary and as District Governor. At the Minneapolis Convention in 1951 he was elected Supreme Governor and at Washington was re-elected.

JOHN BENAKIS
Supreme Governor

Brother Benakis is a member and past President of his Assumption Church Choir, member of the GOYA, and a member of the Sons of Pericles, Chapter No. 162, Chicago, Illinois. He has held many chapter offices and district offices, such as Chapter Secretary, Secretary of

PETE SOFIOS
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NICK THEODORE
Supreme Governor

GEORGE COKINOS
Executive Secretary

District No. 13, Lt. Governor, Convention Secretary at Minneapolis, and Convention Vice-Chairman at Washington where he was elected Supreme Governor.

Brother Benakis feels that the best way to be a success in the Sons is to be an active member and a hard worker.

NICK THEODORE
Supreme Governor

Brother Nick is one of the best liked members in the Sons of Pericles. He is a member of the Greenville, S. C., Chapter No. 153 and during his seven year tenure has held many Chapter as well as District offices. He also served as Chairman of this year's 1952 National Convention (Sons).

At this convention he was elected to serve as Supreme Governor, a position which he rightfully deserved.

GEORGE COKINOS
Executive Secretary

Has been in the Washington Sons of Pericles Chapter for over six years and previous to being employed at National Headquarters had held many chapter offices.

George was appointed Executive Secretary by Brother George Pipentacos, then Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, in 1951, and in appreciation for the excellent work Brother Cokinos did for the Order, the 1952 Sons National Convention at Washington, D. C., recommended to the incoming Supreme Lodge in the form of a resolution that George be reappointed. He was, unanimously.

Brother Cokinos is 19 years old and is attending Wilson Teachers College in Washington, D. C.

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SONS OF PERICLES REACTIVATED CHAPTERS

Trenton, N. J.: Perdicaris Chapter No. 167 was reorganized in December of 1952 with 11 active members. Chapter officers elected are as follows: President, George Prassas; Vice-President, Peter Bardos; Secretary, Peter Nicktakis; and Treasurer, Stratus Peters.

New Orleans, La.: Parthenon Chapter No. 23 was reorganized in August of 1952 with 15 active members. Chapter officers elected are as follows: President, John Anton; Vice-President, Chris Bassil; Secretary, Dimitry Christakis; and Treasurer, Nick Catsulis.

Atlanta, Ga.: Adelphi Chapter No. 86 was reorganized in September of 1952 with 16 active members. Chapter officers elected are as follows: President, Mike Chanos; Vice-President, Nick Economy; Secretary, Apollon Constantinides; and Treasurer, Sortis Pappas.

Chicago, Ill.: Lord Byron Chapter No. 11 was reorganized in November of 1952 with 18 active members. Chapter officers elected are as follows: President, Chris Andros; Vice-President, Gregory Stathopoulos; Secretary, Deno Tatooles; and Treasurer, John Stathopoulos.

DIST. No. 21 SONS OF PERICLES

At the past District Convention which was held at San Jose, California, July 3rd to the 6th, the following Brothers were elected to the Golden Gate District Lodge No. 21 of the Sons: District Governor, Tom Ganiats; Lt. Governor, Lewis P. Gunduras; Secretary-Treasurer, Harry G. Harris; Marshal, John Vlahos; and Athletic Director, George Daskarolis.

Sons of Pericles District Governors

JOHN KIRIAKIDES
District No. 1

John has been active member of the Sons since 1946. During this period he has served his Chapter as Secretary, Vice-President, and President. He has been Editor of his District's paper, "The Periclean," Lt. Governor of his District and at the last convention was elevated to District Governor.

John has been active in Greek circles in Greenville and is very popular down South.

He received his education in the Greenville city schools and at Furman University. He is now a partner in Atlas Distributing Company.

He is also an active member of the Ahepa Textile City Chapter No. 242.

WILLIAM FRANK
District No. 3

Brother Frank is comparatively a newcomer in Sons of Pericles circles, yet his leadership qualities were recognized immediately at the Annapolis District No. 3 Convention in June, 1952, where he was elected Governor of the 3rd District.

The wisdom of the delegates to this District Convention was reaffirmed during the National Convention as Bill was appointed Chairman of the District Program Committee.

His main objective this year is to keep active the five Chapters in District No. 3 and reorganize at least one more. Bill is a Senior at Roosevelt High School.

NICK J. VELONIS
District No. 12

District Governor Nick J. Velonis has been a member of the Sons of Pericles since 1950 when the Indianapolis Chapter was re-organized. He served his Chapter as Secretary, Vice-President, and President before being elected Lt. Governor of District No. 12 in early June of 1952. At the Annual Hoosier District Convention held at East Chicago, Indiana, in late June of 1952, he was elected District Governor. Presently Brother Velonis is a Senior at Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. Other members of the newly elected District Lodge are Jim Furos, South Bend, Lt. Governor; George Karras, Secretary; George Pappas, Treasurer, both of Hammond; and Alki Scopelitis, South Bend, Marshal.

NICK C. DEMERIS
District No. 16

Nick was one of the original nine members who reorganized the Houston Chapter No. 89, after the war. From that time on the Sons have kept Nick very busy. He has served his Chapter in appointed offices as well as serving as President and Secretary and was elected this past year to the position of District Governor, a position which he rightfully deserved.

Brother Demeris was graduated from the Stephen F. Austin Senior High School where he also did post-graduate work. He is now attending the University of Houston, as a Pre-Law student, with his eye on a Business Administration Degree, which he expects to receive in June of 1953.

GUS GEKAS
District No. 4

Gus W. Gekas was initiated into the Harrisburg Sons Chapter No. 139 in June of 1950 and elected to the office of Treasurer the same year.

The following year, due to his active participation in the Chapter, he was chosen as a delegate to the District Conventions held in Philadelphia and was elected to the office of District Treasurer of Power District No. 4.

Although he was actively engaged in District work he accepted the honor of also serving as President of his local Chapter the same year. Once again he attended the District Convention in June of 1952 which was held in York, Pa., and due to his outstanding ability with which he performed the duties as a District and Chapter Officer, and brilliant achievements which he accomplished, he was elected to the office of District Governor.

PAUL POLYDORAN
District No. 14

Member of the Order of Sons of Pericles for the past six years. As a member of Hawkeye Chapter No. 95 of Des Moines, Iowa, Paul served as Secretary, Vice-President and President. Also served as Lieutenant District Governor of Grainsfield District No. 14 prior to election as District Governor in June of this year.

Born June 26, 1933, in Des Moines, Iowa, Paul comes from an Ahepan family. His mother is Mrs. Sophia A. Polydoran, member of the Daughters of Penelope, Zeus Chapter No. 138, and his father, the late Brother Ahepan Angelon P. Polydoran, was past Vice-President of Des Moines Chapter No. 195. His sister, Kremo, is present Vice-President of the local Daughters Chapter.

Paul is a sophomore student at the State University of Iowa. He has attended four District and one National Conventions of the Order of Ahepa.

WM. KYRIACOPOULOS
District No. 8

A member of the Acropolis Chapter No. 44 of Lowell, Mass., Brother William Kyriacopoulos has served his Chapter as Secretary and Vice-President and his District as Secretary prior to election as District Governor at last year's District Convention held at Marlboro, Mass.

Brother William Kyriacopoulos has been educated in the public schools of Lowell, Mass., and studied Greek at the Holy Trinity Parochial School at Lowell.

Currently he is a junior at Lowell Textile Institute and is studying to be an engineer.

JERRY SOKARIS
District No. 6

Jerry Sokaris, a member of the Phocion Chapter No. 44, of Albany, New York, was elected to the office of District Governor at the District Convention held at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 29, 1952.

Before his elevation he served his own Chapter as President and Vice-president, and his District as Secretary and Treasurer. He also received an award for being the most outstanding Son in his District. This award was won the previous year by Past Supreme President, George Pipentacos, also of Albany. Brother Sokaris is enrolled at Rensselear Polytechnic Institute and is majoring in Chemical Engineering.

GEORGE PRASSAS — District No. 5

George Prassas was initiated into the Sons of Pericles in 1940 and immediately upon his election as President of his Chapter he started the ball rolling for the Trenton Sons. With the efforts of several other members, George slowly formed a good, strong Chapter. The Sons became more active and commenced accumulating a treasury.

In recognition of his sincere efforts and leadership, in 1952 George was appointed to the office of District Governor of the Fifth District of the Sons of Pericles.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE SUP. PRESIDENT

(Continued from page 12)

Sam Nakos, Dr. Bill Nestor and many others. Greek War Relief Treasury was low as there were no fights. John Manta was happy to report that he got 10,000 tons of flour during the past year from Canada for the poor in Greece. A great accomplishment. Charles Kotsilimbas Davis and Peter Kourides kept the meeting going on well-greased rails.

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This column has appeared in the last several issues of the Ahepa Magazine. Although I have received many favorable comments on it, it is difficult to determine whether it meets with the general approval of the readers and members of the Ahepa. I would appreciate your comments on it; whether it should be continued; whether any changes should be made and any other constructive criticisms. Please send your comments directly to me, Peter L. Bell, Supreme President, 390 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Sons Advisory Board

GEORGE N. PAHNO
Sons Advisor

Brother George N. Peter Pahno was born in Savannah, Georgia, and was reared and educated in Greece. Saw action during World War II; saw action in Greece; returned to the United States in 1945 and was intiated into the Solom Chapter of the Ahepa the same year; served Chapter Secretary, Vice-President and a two year term as President and Chairman, Board of Governors. Served District No. 1 as Advisor and now Lieutenant Governor; served the Order as Advisor of the Sons of Pericles in 1951, having been reappointed in 1952; served as Regional Director for Georgia of the Displaced Persons Committee.

A member of the Savannah Bar Association and the Georgia Bar Association as a practicing lawyer, a Mason and an Elk.

JOHN G. KAPLANIS
Sons Advisor

Brother John G. Kaplanis hails from San Francisco, California, and is a member and Past President of the Golden Gate Chapter No. 150.

An ardent Ahepan, he served his District as Treasurer, and has attended two National Ahepa Conventions. He is Senior Advisor of the Yuerba Buena Chapter, Sons of Pericles, who won the 1952-53 National Membership Plaque.

Brother Kaplanis manages to find time outside of his Ahepa activities to serve as Vice-President of the Navareno Chapter of the Messinian Federation and as Treasurer of the Military Lodge No. 570, F. & A. M., and member of Islam Temple of the Shrine.

Married and the proud father of two Sons, Brother Kaplanis has been highly successful in the Real Estate business in California.

JOHN T. LASKARIS
Sons Advisor

Now serving on the Ahepa Sons of Pericles National Advisory Board, John T. Laskaris is himself a graduate member of the Junior Order. A member of the Damon and Pythias Chapter No. 119, he has served his Chapter as Secretary for three years and as a member of the Board of Governors.

In 1951-1952 he served as District Advisor of the Sons of Pericles in the Bay State District No. 8 and is currently serving as District Marshal.

He served as Captain in the U.S. Air Force for five years and is a graduate of Boston University Liberal Arts College and Boston University Law School.

Brother John T. Laskaris resides and practices law in Salem, Massachusetts.

SCOPAS SPREADS GOODWILL IN WHIRLWIND TOUR OF MONTREAL

Our dynamic Supreme Vice-President, Stephen S. Scopas, made an official visitation on January 25-26 to the Canadian metropolis and in a week-end packed with intense activity injected new enthusiasm and vigor into the Montreal Ahepa.

Sunday morning, January 25, the Supreme Vice-President attended Memorial Services at the Montreal Community Church Holy Trinity where he informally met many members of the Montreal Hellenic colony after being introduced by Father Salamis, pastor of Holy Trinity Church.

After church services, Brother Scopas attended a luncheon in his honor given by the officers of the Montreal Ahepa Chapter. This afforded an opportunity to the visiting Ahepa leader to expound his views on the problems of the Canadian jurisdiction and to suggest ways and means, methods and procedures with which to strengthen and reinforce the Ahepa structure in Canada. The Supreme Vice-President was particularly anxious to see a better and stronger development of the relations between our Fraternity in Canada and the governmental authorities of the Dominion. He counseled that more formal and elaborate public functions be held by the Canadian Ahepa to which events high Canadian officials should be invited as honored guests and in this friendly manner cultivate a better understanding with the governmental authorities.

Sunday evening, Ahepa's "Veep" addressed the Sons of Pericles at a Youth Rally at the Community Hall and immediately after the rally over 30 boys joined the revived Sons of Pericles Chapter of Montreal. Brother Scopas considers the reactivation of the Sons Chapter his greatest accomplishment during his visit to Montreal. As Chairman of the National Advisory Board of the Sons of Pericles, the Supreme Vice-President is concentrating during his tenure of office on a program of reactivation of dormant chapters of the Sons and has made it a point on all his visitations to emphasize with all the power at his command the fundamental importance of the Sons to a virile, vigorous and aggressive Order of Ahepa.

On Monday, Brother Scopas visited the Montreal officials at City Hall and made a tour of the city. And that evening he presided over a brilliant Initiation Ceremony of the Montreal Chapter. He was assisted by Supreme Governor Chris Tsipuras and the Chapter officers. At the conclusion of the rite, he delivered an eloquently inspiring address, stressing the role Ahepa has played in the United States and Canada in improving the standing of citizens of Hellenic origin in these two great democracies. He concluded by pleading with our Canadian brethren to continue to hold high the proud standard of Ahepa and to follow religiously its cardinal tenets and precepts and thus pave the way for greater advancement and for greater strides along the road of progress and prosperity for our people in the Western Hemisphere.

HOUSTON WINS DISTRICT BASKETBALL CROWN

The Houston Sons for the fifth year in succession have won the District Championship at the tournament held at Shreveport, La., last December.

To win the title, Houston had to defeat a determined and spirited New Orleans team. Leading the Houston attack were Steve Demetre and Mike Karalis who each scored 16 points, followed by George Polydoros who scored 10 points. The boys from the "Crescent City," led by Chris Anton, played with strong determination but height and experience proved to be in favor of the Houston squad.

The Houston team has been under the direct supervision of James Petherotes, Sons of Pericles National Advisor, who worked hard to condition the Houston team. The boys from Houston were presented the 3-year Chris Kontos trophy by District Governor Jim Theo. The Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to New Orleans and Steve Demetre of Houston received the Outstanding Player Award.

All enjoyed the Victory Dance which was held following the tournament and an enjoyable buffet dinner held at the home of District Governor Jim Theo. Thereafter, a combined Sons of Pericles District meeting was held with Jim Theo and Nick C. Demeris, Governor of the Sons, presiding. Senior Brother James Petherotes, Athletic Director of the South, discussed the forthcoming "Olympiad" which will be held in Houston next August. To cap two days of activity, a "farewell party" was held in the Church Hall, where the Houston Sons, encouraged by their victories, discussed plans to enter the Basketball Tournament to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, this April.

At reactivation of Sons of Pericles Chapter in Montreal, Quebec. Seated, left to right: Supreme Governor Chris D. Tsipuras; Constantine Lentgis; Hon. Demetrios Coulourides, Consul of Greece in Montreal; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Father Salamis of Holy Trinity Church; J. Tsandillas, President, and John E. Hadzipetros, Secretary, of the Montreal Chapter. In background new members of reorganized chapter of Sons of Pericles.

Η ΣΑΝΤΟΡΙΝΗ

(Συνέχεια ἐκ τῆς 3ης σελίδος)

τὸ θέαμα τοῦτο. Ξαφνικά, χτυποῦν τὰ μάτια μας ἀνταύγιες παράξενες. Ἀσημένιες ἀστραπὲς αὐλακώνουν τὴν ἀτμόσφαιρα, σὰ νὰ ἔχουν πηγή τους τὸν ἥλιο. Τί εἶναι; Στὴν ἀρχή, νομίζουμε πὼς λάμπουν τὰ παράθυρα ἐκεῖ ψηλὰ στὰ μοναστηρίσια σπίτια τῶν Φηρῶν. Ἀλλά, ὅπως μᾶς πληροφορεῖ ἕνας Σαντορινιός, τὰ παιδιά, ἀπὸ ψηλά, χαιρετοῦν μὲ σήματα φωτεινὰ τὸ φτάσιμο τοῦ βαποριοῦ, συγκεντρώνοντας σὲ καθρέπτες τὸ φῶς τοῦ ἡλίου. Αὐτὰ τὰ χαρούμενα μηνύματα ποὺ μᾶς στέλνουνται ἀπὸ τὰ γαλάζια ὕψη, μᾶς κάνουν τόσο εὐδιάθετους, μᾶς δημιουργοῦν τὴν ἐντύπωση πὼς ἤρθαμε σ' ἕνα ἀπὸ τὰ παράξενα ἐκεῖνα νησιὰ ποὺ μονάχα στὰ παραμύθια καὶ στὰ ὄνειρα ὑπάρχουν. Ἀποβιβαζόμαστε στὸ στενὸ μῶλο, ποὺ δὲν εἶναι παρὰ μιὰ πέτρινη ἀγκαλιά, μόλις γιὰ νὰ δέχεται μερικὲς βάρκες. Τί φωνές, τί κακὸ εἶναι τοῦτο δῶ! Παράξενες ἰαχὲς μᾶς ὑποδέχονται. Ἕνα πλῆθος ἀγωγιάτες μὲ χλωμά, βασανισμένα πρόσωπα καὶ μὲ πλατύγυρα φαθινα καπέλλα, μᾶς πολιορκοῦν καὶ μᾶς παρακαλοῦν νὰ τοὺς προτιμήσουμε. Νὰ τὰ ζῶά τους, δεμένα πιὸ πέρα, μᾶς περιμένουν. Καβαλικεύομε, κι' ἀρχίζει ἡ ἀνάβαση πρὸς τὰ Φηρά, ἀπὸ ἕναν δρόμο ἑλικοειδῆ ὅλο σκαλοπάτια. Ἀγκομαχοῦν τὰ κακόμοιρα τὰ ζῶα, ἱδρώνουν, κι' οἱ ἀγωγιάτες ἀκολουθώντας μὲ τὰ πόδια, τὰ κεντρίζουν μὲ τὶς μακρυὲς βέργες τους καὶ προσπαθοῦν νὰ τὰ ζωηρέψουν, φωνάζοντάς τους ἀκατάπαυστα καὶ δυνατὰ «ντὲ-λάξ». Αὐτὸ τὸ ὁμαδικὸ «ντὲ-λάξ», μοιάζει μὲ παιάνα τονισμένο ἐπίτηδες γιὰ τοὺς ἀναβάτες. Κάθε σκαλοπάτι ποὺ ἀνεβαίνουμε, μικραίνει σημαντικὰ στὰ μάτια μας τὸ καράβι ποὺ εἶναι ἀκόμα στὸ λιμάνι. Ἡ θέα, γίνεται σχεδὸν ἀεροπορική. Τὸ βαπόρι τώρα καὶ οἱ βάρκες μᾶς φαίνονται σὰν παιδικὰ παιχνίδια, ἐνῶ τὸ ἡφαίστειο στὸ κέντρο τοῦ κόλπου μοιάζει μὲ μιὰ τεράστια νυχτερίδα ἁπλωμένη καὶ κοιμισμένη πάνω σ' ἕνα βαθυγάλανο σεντόνι. Τί παράξενη, τί μεταφυσικὴ ποὺ εἶναι τούτη ἡ συνύπαρξη τοῦ μαύρου μὲ τὸ γαλάζιο, τοῦ σκοταδιοῦ μὲ τὸ φῶς, αὐτῶν τῶν δύο ἀντιθέτων ποὺ ἔκαναν τὸν Παλαμᾶ νὰ γράφῃ τοὺς γνωστοὺς στίχους τῆς Φοινικιάς:

«Γι' αὐτὸ γαλάζια μέσα μας καὶ μαῦρα
ἐντάμα
καὶ στὴν ψυχή μας ὠκεανοὶ καὶ στενορύμια
κι' ἐκεῖ ποὺ ὁ νοῦς μὲ τὰ ὑπέρτατα πολεύει
κάτι πανάθλιο μᾶς κρατεῖ καὶ μᾶς μολεύει».

Μπαίνουμε στὰ Φηρά. Τὰ γαϊδουράκια μας μόλις χωροῦν στὰ στενά, σιωπηλά, πετρόστρωτα δρομάκια, ἀφησμένα ἀνάμεσα σὲ ὀγκώδη, ἐπιβλητικὰ σπίτια. Μαγαζάκια, καφενεῖα, ταβερνοῦλες. Στὶς πόρτες τους στέκουνται ἄνθρωποι σιωπηλοί, χλωμοί, σὰ βασανισμένοι, σὰ συλλογισμένοι. Πάνω σὲ τούτη τὴν ἄσπρη, τὴν πέτρινη πολιτεία ποὺ μοιάζει νάναι ὁ θρόνος τῆς μοναξιᾶς καὶ τῆς σιωπῆς, πάνω στὴν πολιτεία τούτη ποὺ κρέμεται πρὰς τὴν θάλασσα καὶ βλέπει μὲ τρομαγμένα μάτια τὸ ἡφαίστειο, κι' οἱ ἄνθρωποι, θαρρεῖς, ἔχουν ἀφαιρεθεῖ ἀπὸ τὰ ἐγκόσμια καὶ ζοῦν μὲ τὴν ἔγνοια ἑνὸς ἀπρόσιτου στοχασμοῦ. Ἴσως νὰ συλλογίζουνται μὲ τὸ ὑποσυνείδητό τους: «Τί θέλουμε ἐδῶ πάνω σὲ τούτη τὴ στενὴ κι' ἄνυδρη γῆς. Γιατὶ ἤρθαμε καὶ χτίσαμε τὰ σπίτια μας τόσο κοντὰ στὸν οὐρανὸ κι' ἀπέναντι ἀπὸ ἕνα ἡφαίστειο ποὺ κάθε τόσο ἀνοίγει τὸ στόμα του καὶ πετᾶ φλόγες καὶ καπνούς, θυμίζοντάς μας προϊστορικὰ γκρεμίσματα καὶ βουλιάσματα νησιῶν στὰ μαῦρα πελαγήσια βάθη.» Στὸ ἐρώτημα αὐτό, ἔχουν ἀπαντήσει οἱ ἴδιοι μὲ τὴ ζωή τους, μὲ τὴ συγκινητική τους προσκόλληση στὰ γενέθλια ἡφαιστειακὰ χώματα. Αὐτὸ τὸ χῶμα, τὸ ἀμφίβολο, τὸ ἀσταθές, δουλεύουν οἱ Σαντοριανοὶ χιλιάδες χρόνια τώρα, καὶ τὸ ποτίζουν καὶ τὸ γονιμοποιοῦν μὲ τὸν ἱδρώτα τῆς δύσκολης, μὰ γι' αὐτὸ, βαθύτερα δικαιωμένης ζωῆς τους. Σ' αὐτὸ τὸ χῶμα πιάνουν καὶ κλαδώνουνται τὰ μπράτσα τῶν ἀμπελιῶν τους, ἀνοίγουνται τὰ πηγάδια τους μὲ τὰ λιγοστὰ νερὰ κι' οἱ στέρνες τους ποὺ δέχουνται τὴ δροσιὰ τῆς βροχῆς καὶ τὴν ἀποθηκεύουν γιὰ τὰ σιωπηλά τους καλοκαίρια. Αὐτὰ τὰ χώματα, τὰ μαῦρα, τὰ σκουριασμένα, πατάμε τώρα σιωπηλοὶ κι' ἐμεῖς ..

TESTIMONIAL BANQUET FOR COSTARAKIS

A joint banquet of the Thesseum Chapter, Order of Ahepa, of Dover, N. H., and the Parthenon Chapter of Portsmouth was held at the Daetis Tea Room Annex, Dover, N. H., recently. The hall was filled to capacity with members and their wives from the two Chapters attending. Supreme President Peter L. Bell, District Governor Nicholas Scontras, Lt. Governor Christos A. Costarakis and District Secretary Stratis Dukas, as well as other Ahepa notables, attended the banquet.

The occasion for the banquet was the award of the 25-year Ahepa pin to Brother Athan J. Costarakis, of the Thesseum Chapter, who became eligible to receive it four years ago. Brother Costarakis was initiated into the Haverhill, Mass., Chapter in 1924 and transferred his membership into the Dover Chapter in 1929. The services of Brother George Paras of the Parthenon Chapter of Portsmouth, N. H., as the only Treasurer of his Chapter since it was chartered in 1929, were recognized also as well as the Past Presidents of both Chapters.

Supreme President Bell made the award to Brother Costarakis after a stirring address. He traced the history of the Order on through the years and clearly defined the past, present and future objectives of the Ahepa and briefly touched on the many benefits that the younger people may derive from our great organization. He urged the younger members to carry on the work of the pioneers like the honored guests. The ever-present District Governor Scontras preceded Brother Bell and paid tribute to Brothers Costarakis and Paras as well as the Past Presidents.

Professor Nicholas F. Colovos of the University of New Hampshire, a member of the Thesseum Chapter, acted as toastmaster.

A CORRECTION

Since the exact relationship between the Order of Ahepa and the Knights of Thermopylae has been questioned — your Editors desire to clarify the matter and print the verbatim resolution of the Minneapolis Convention pertaining to this matter which speaks for itself, as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of all the foregoing patriotic, historic and significant factors, and in view of the fact that the movement for the creation of the hundred Knights of Thermopylae has been conceived and undertaken by prominent members of this Fraternity, and in view of the fact, further, that as a measure of recognition to the outstanding contributions of this Fraternity to Mother Hellas, the Knights of Thermopylae will also see to it that the name of the Fraternity shall also be recognized with an appropriate plaque to be erected on the Battlefield, it is resolved by this Convention, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the plan and the creation of the Knights of Thermopylae, as has been explained in the preamble of this Resolution and as further explained by the author of the same, Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras, be and is hereby extended the warmest approval and good will by this Convention, and that the Fraternity hereby extends to this noble movement its moral and spiritual recognition and support, without, however, in any way assuming any financial or legal obligations in the same. Meaning hereby, that whereas the Fraternity extends its endorsement and good will, it does not assume any obligation in the creation of the Knights of Thermopylae or in the execution of the program. The Supreme Lodge and the Chapters and members are hereby requested, therefore, to extend the movement all other enthusiastic and wholehearted sponsorship and support.

That, further, it be understood that when the program is completed by the Knights of Thermopylae, they will see to it that proper recognition is given to the Fraternity at these historic Battlegrounds, not only for this endorsement but also because of the great and far-reaching patriotic, charitable and benevolent contributions of the Fraternity to the glorious Hellenic nation.

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SPORTS

BOB BAZOS OUTSTANDING CANADIAN ATHLETE

Brother Bob Bazos, a member of the Lord Byron Chapter CJI of Toronto, Canada, is one of those athletes who can do well in any sport and do it well. In 1950 he was chosen Canada's outstanding Junior Track and Field Athlete.

A former University of Toronto star athlete in football, hockey and track and field, he refused an offer to play professional hockey and retired from contact sports due to a congenital back injury suffered while playing football.

In 1951 he was the only triple event winner in intercollegiate track competition which limited each competitor to three events. Although placing second in the Decathlon competition for a berth on the Canadian Olympic track, he was deprived of the opportunity to participate for lack of funds to send more than one representative.

At the Detroit Ahepa National Convention he was chosen an outstanding competitor and made an excellent showing.

Brother Bazos, a graduate of the University of Toronto, is now working on a post graduate degree in Commerce and Finance at the University of Western Ontario with the aim of going into business with his father — Brother Frank Bazos, a charter member of the Mother Lodge of Canada — who heads the famous "Devon Ice Cream" business.

PHOENIX ATHLETIC NEWS

A basketball team composed of many younger local brothers has had its ups and downs during the past season in the Industrial Division of the Phoenix City Metropolitan League. The boys won the first five games, then dropped the next eleven. The team finished its season against the Phoenix Chiefs losing 38 to 47, with a season record of 10 wins and 17 losses. A double elimination tournament starts February 21 with the Greek Team facing the Arizona Machinery Company five. The team is sponsored by Bro. Milton Stamatis' Skylark Restaurant. Bro. Stamatis is also District Treasurer. The big gun this season has been George Christie, but he has been pressed closely for individual scoring honors by Stacy Hotis. Other Ahepans playing on the team in addition to Christie and Hotis include John Katsenes, Chris Tountas, manager Louie Malamas, and Bro. Tom Patsis, home on leave from the Army's Fort Ord.

Sons of Pericles National Basketball Tournament

During this April 24th, 25th, and 26th, the Order of Sons of Pericles will hold their first National Basketball Tournament. It will undoubtedly mark a new height of achievement on the national level by the Junior Order of Ahepa. The deliberations for the initiation of this project took place at the National Convention in Washington, D. C., this past summer. The plan was heartily taken up by the delegates and several bids were submitted by Sons chapters. It was finally decided to grant the sponsorship to Cleveland Demosthenes Chapter No. 28 which had proven itself both worthy and capable of such an ambitious undertaking. The Cleveland, Ohio, Sons of Pericles chapter led all chapters in 1952 in all phases of fraternal activities; in recognition of its many and diverse accomplishments it was awarded the Outstanding Chapter of the Nation Trophy and the National Membership Trophy. It was but fitting for the Convention delegates to choose Cleveland as the site for the tournament.

The Executive Committee composed of Dean Vezos, John Janas, Kosmo Rukule, and Louis Fitros, and the entire membership of the Cleveland Demosthenes Chapter are now looking forward to your attendance and support to carry out this program to a successful conclusion. We have hopes that a majority of the active chapters will send their teams to Cleveland for the Tournament and thus assist in heralding a new era in the history of the Order of Sons of Pericles.

Sons Tournament Executive Committee. Left to right: Louis Fitros, Kosmo Rukule, Dean Vezos and John Janas.

Ahepa Sports Notes

Garfield Chapter No. 203, which is handling the National Bowling Tournament, is setting the pace for bowling honors and has already established itself as the team to beat in the National Tourney when it recently won the 13th District Bowling Tournament. The National Golf Director, Louis Asimakopoulos, and Captain of the Garfield team led his team to victory over a terrific field. His teammates, Steve Choparis, Peter Stryker, Gus Bannos, and James Carabelas, were outstanding in their performances. Other members of the Garfield group included Gus Bannos who placed second in the all events with a score of 1863 pins; Thomas Gianes and George Rastarmos placed third in the doubles event with a score of around 1240 pins. Nice work, boys.

While on the subject of the 13th District Bowling Tournament, I would like to commend the work of Peter Batsakis, District Athletic Director, in leading that District to outstanding and well-organized athletic activities. For years the 13th District has led the way in athletic programs and this year is no exception. Brothers Ted Vlahandreas, President of the Bowling Tournament Committee, and Nick Rekas have done a swell job in promoting and staging this bowling tournament. Nick Rekas, a very capable organizer and one who has spent considerable time in the service of Ahepa, is to be congratulated for the fine job he has done. Orchids to the 13th District!

From the Bay State District No. 8 comes word from Brothers Vamotis and Kofos, Athletic Directors, that many activities are being carried out. On Sunday, April 12th, in Lowell, Mass., will be held the 5th District Bowling Championships.

Webster Chapter leads the way in basketball. . . . In track, Webster is again planning another New England Olympiad, with a number of colleges competing. . . . For golfers, District 8 is planning another tournament in connection with the District Convention.

Xen Microutsicos, the Eastern Zone Director, is preparing an intensive athletic program for his area. . . . Peter Kouchalakos, the Southeastern Zone Director and coach in Miami, Fla., is working on a like program in the deep South.

PETER D. CLENTZOS
National Athletic Director

CHAPTER NEWS

SOPHIE POLYDOURIS
District No. 1

Miss Polydouris was born in Paducah, Ky., and attended St. Mary's Academy in Paducah, where she was active in many school activities and was Treasurer of the Sophomore Class. She also took a great interest in basketball earning her letter as a Freshman, and served as Captain of the Sophomore Basketball Team.

She is a graduate of Central High School of Memphis and a graduate of Miller-Hawkins Business College.

In 1950 she was elected Vice-President of her local Chapter, reporter for the District Newspaper, and Captain of the Maids Basketball Team. The following year the District Paper was published in Memphis and she first served as Secretary and then as Associate Editor. That same year she was elected President of the Maids of Athens in Memphis. In June, 1952, at the District Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, Miss Polydouris was elected Governor of District No. 1.

D. THEODOROPOULOS
District No. 4

Sister Theodoropoulos has been a member of the Maids Theta Tau Pi Chapter No. 55 of Harrisburg, Pa., since 1946, and has served as Treasurer and Reporter for two years.

She has served her District with distinction as District Editor for one year, and at the present time is establishing an enviable record as Governor.

A graduate of William Penn High School and of Central Pennsylvania Business College in Harrisburg, she has been very active as leader of the Girl Scout Mariner Troop No. 250, member of Holy Trinity Church of Harrisburg, Sunday School Teacher and member of the Church Choir.

MARILYN STREMANOS
District No. 11

Miss Marilyn Stremanos, Cleveland, Ohio, is the new District Governor of the Maids of Athens Buckey District No. 11. A sophomore in the College of Education at Ohio State University, she is majoring in Elementary Education, and is also an active member of Gamma Phi Beta National Sorority.

Since its reorganization, Miss Stremanos has served the Cleveland Maids as Secretary in 1949 and President in 1950. In 1951 she was elected Lieutenant Governor and is now serving as District Governor. She has joined in many Ahepa and Community projects and believes in furthering the activities of the Maids.

CANTON, OHIO, MAIDS

On September 12, five girls were initiated into the Canton Maids of Athens, Victoria Chapter No. 75, by the Installing Officer, Worthy Maid Dorothy Pappas. The Initiating Officers were: Loyal Maid, Diane Arnatas; Messenger, Mary Ann Poulos; Sentinel, Rena Moustaris; Delphis, Theano Tsaruhas; and Phylax, Clara Tzangas. Honored speakers were the chapter's former Advisor and present President of the Daughters of Penelope, Miss Betty Georgiades, and the Grand Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, Miss Christine Johnson of Kentucky. All the Buckeye District officers were present from the Maids of Athens.

After the initiation, an open dance was held for the Akron and Cleveland Sons and Maids plus the youth of the vicinity of Canton. Refreshments were served and a joyous time was had by all.

ACTIVITIES OF TOLEDO MAIDS

The Maids of Athens, Delphi Chapter No. 21, of Toledo, Ohio, recently contributed One Thousand Dollars to the new Church Building Fund and held a Bake Sale, the proceeds of which were also donated to the Building Fund.

On December 14th the Maids of Athens gave a Christmas Party for the children of the Miami Orphanage. The party started out with a skit entitled, "Twas The Night Before Christmas," after which refreshments were served. At the close of the party gifts were given to the children by one of the Maids dressed as Santa Claus. A good time was had by both the Maids and the children.

MANCHESTER MAIDS HOLD PARTY

The Dawn Chapter No. 86 of the Maids of Athens of Manchester, N. H., held a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20th, at the Hellenic Community House in Manchester.

The affair was a social success and was well attended. Members of the Sons of Pericles were invited to attend and participated in the planned activities.

Refreshments, donated by the members, were served gratis to all the participants. A financial drive for donations met with success and the proceeds were used to purchase toys and food for a needy Greek family of the Community.

CHARLESTON MAIDS HOLD DANCE

The Charleston Chapter of the Maids of Athens held their annual dance Thanksgiving night at the Hellenic Hall. The ballroom was decorated in Thanksgiving colors, and the tables were set cabaret style on the dance floor.

During the evening the "Sweetheart of the Maids of Athens" was announced to be Theodora Savvas. The new "Sweetheart" was crowned by the president of the chapter, Kathrine Gigis, and serenaded to the music of "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" by the members of the Pan-Athenian Chapter.

Mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Andrew Leventis, and advisor to the Maids, presented a corsage to the Chapter President on the fine work she has performed during the past year.

Members of the Calhoun Chapter of the Sons of Pericles furnished the entertainment for the evening with a hilarious skit.

The dance was a great success socially and financially and all are looking forward to this annual affair in 1953.

A Tribute to the 25 Year Class and Ahepa's Future

By STEPHEN S. SCOPAS, Supreme Vice-President

One of the most inspiring spectacles that has been taking place in our Ahepa Chapters in recent times has been the special ceremony performed at public or private functions in honor of those stalwart Ahepans who have been the founders of their respective chapters during the past twenty-five years.

It has been inspiring because it has demonstrated most dramatically, and in no uncertain terms, the tenacity of purpose, the high fidelity, and unswerving devotion to duty of the first generation of Hellenes in America as they dedicated themselves to the lofty principles and sacred objectives of the Order of Ahepa.

How soul satisfying it must be to them to observe in retrospect that their efforts, sacrifices, and vision have not been in vain! Honor for their efforts! Recognition for their sacrifices! Pride in the standing of Ahepa as the undisputed champion, protector, and defender of Hellenism in America and throughout the world!

Even Demosthenes, Cicero or Webster would be taxed adequately to describe the accomplishments of Ahepa's Twenty-Five Year Class.

Daniel Webster reached his greatest heights in his tribute to his favorite state. "I need not," he said, "deliver an encomium upon Massachusetts. There she stands. Behold her and judge for yourselves. There is her history. The world knows it by heart. The past at least is secure. There is Concord and Lexington and Bunker Hill, and there they shall remain forever."

Were he alive today, he could paraphrase this message to say: "I need not deliver an encomium upon the Order of Ahepa. There she stands. There is her history. Behold her and judge for yourselves. The past at least is secure. There is her Ahepa Sanatorium, her War Bond Drive, her Justice for Greece Committee, Ahepa Hospitals Program, and her Displaced Persons activities. And there they shall remain forever as monumental achievements of a proud and devoted people to the cause of charity, patriotism, philanthropy, and humanity."

To be an Ahepan — and for twenty-five consecutive years — is a distinction and honor of the highest rank. It is to believe in the innate dignity of the individual. It is to believe that reason can overcome prejudice; that knowledge can overcome ignorance; that love can overcome hate; and that goodness can conquer evil.

It is to believe, as Edwin Markham, that,

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own."

To be an Ahepan is to be a good American; to believe in the free institutions of America; and to be ready at all times cheerfully to discharge the duties and obligations of citizenship.

To be an Ahepan is to be an outstanding citizen in one's community and a worthy descendant of mother Hellas, interpreting Greece to America, on the one hand, and America to Greece on the other hand; promoting good will and understanding between the two nations, particularly through our annual excursions to the mother country.

To be an Ahepan is to believe in a code of ethics based upon the Bible itself; to believe in mutual cooperation for the common welfare; to believe that the good of one is the good of all and that an injury to one is an injury to all; and that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." For he it is who is the steadying influence in his community, who enjoys the confidence of neighbors, the respect of friends and the trust of his fellow men. He it is who makes life worth living and the world worth saving, and civilization as great as it is despite all its weaknesses.

To Ahepa's honored twenty-five year class, I would say: "You have overcome prejudice. You have given vitality and meaning to equality of opportunity. An American of Hellenic origin is today respected in his community. His social, economic, and political standing is assured. And his children everywhere, as they make their mark in the life of every community, are a living testimonial to his sacrifices, exemplary conduct, and the firm foundations that he has established."

To Ahepa's honored twenty-five year class, I would say further: "You have proven that Ahepa is a fraternal organization, preaching and practising brotherhood, supporting and maintaining our Ahepa Sanatorium in the early days and giving exemplification to the Biblical teaching that we truly are our brother's keeper.

"You have proven that Ahepa is a patriotic organization through our Ahepa War Service Units, supporting the American Red Cross, National War Fund, Community Chest and War Bond campaigns.

"You have proven that Ahepa is a philanthropic organization, dedicated to noble service for the benefit of humanity through our Hospitals and Health Centers for Greece program.

"And you have proven that Ahepa is a political organization, possessed of sufficient influence and prestige to include in the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, special consideration for the heroic but impoverished people of Greece who were uprooted from their homes by the Nazi, Fascist or Communist oppressors and caused to be displaced within the confines of their own country.

"You are now called upon to dedicate yourselves to the unfinished task that lies before our organization. The objectives of self-Americanization enunciated by our founding fathers may have, in great measure, been attained. Some would have us reverse our course and embark upon a program of Hellenization as we chart our course for the next quarter of a century. They would have us believe that only through such a course might the noble Hellenic culture, religion, customs and traditions be perpetuated in America. They would be blinded to the great debate that took place upon the stage of Hellenism in America thirty years ago when such a course was flatly rejected. And they would be blinded to the results of that historic debate thirty years thereafter, which have seen Ahepa grow and prosper, its deeds of accomplishment and achievement even surpassing our fondest hopes and expectations, its prestige, dignity and standing reaching a new all-time high.

"Today, the younger, or second, generation of Hellenes in America is the key to Ahepa's future. The pioneer Ahepans attracted our first generation to the banner of Ahepa, twenty and twenty-five years ago, because Ahepa was baptized in the spirit of America, breathing the atmosphere and speaking the language of the land. This first generation heard their Mayors, Governors, Senators, and even Presidents of the United States pay tribute at their public functions to the virtues and qualities of good citizenship of Americans of Hellenic origin. The second generation will continue to feel a glow of pride in their Hellenic ancestry and in the purposes and objects of Ahepa if we dedicate ourselves unreservedly to the endless task of becoming better Americans, and better citizens, thoroughly aroused and aware of our social and civic responsibilities in our respective communities.

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and pioneers three decades ago, are the twin signposts that shall guide our future course. Emphasis must be placed on revitalizing the chapters of the Junior Order, in forming Ahepa chapters in our principal universities, and in encouraging the acquisition of Ahepa Homes.

"The younger generation of today will be attracted unto our banner in greater numbers if they are inspired by the example of their elders as they take a leading and more active part in every community endeavor, as Ahepans work side by side and shoulder to shoulder with the Lions, the Kiwanis, the Masons, the Elks, and other similar organizations in contributing to an ever greater degree to the success of the Heart, Cancer, Community Chest, and other worthwhile projects.

"Only in this way may we be assured of even greater celebrations of larger Twenty-Five Year Classes a quarter of a century hence."

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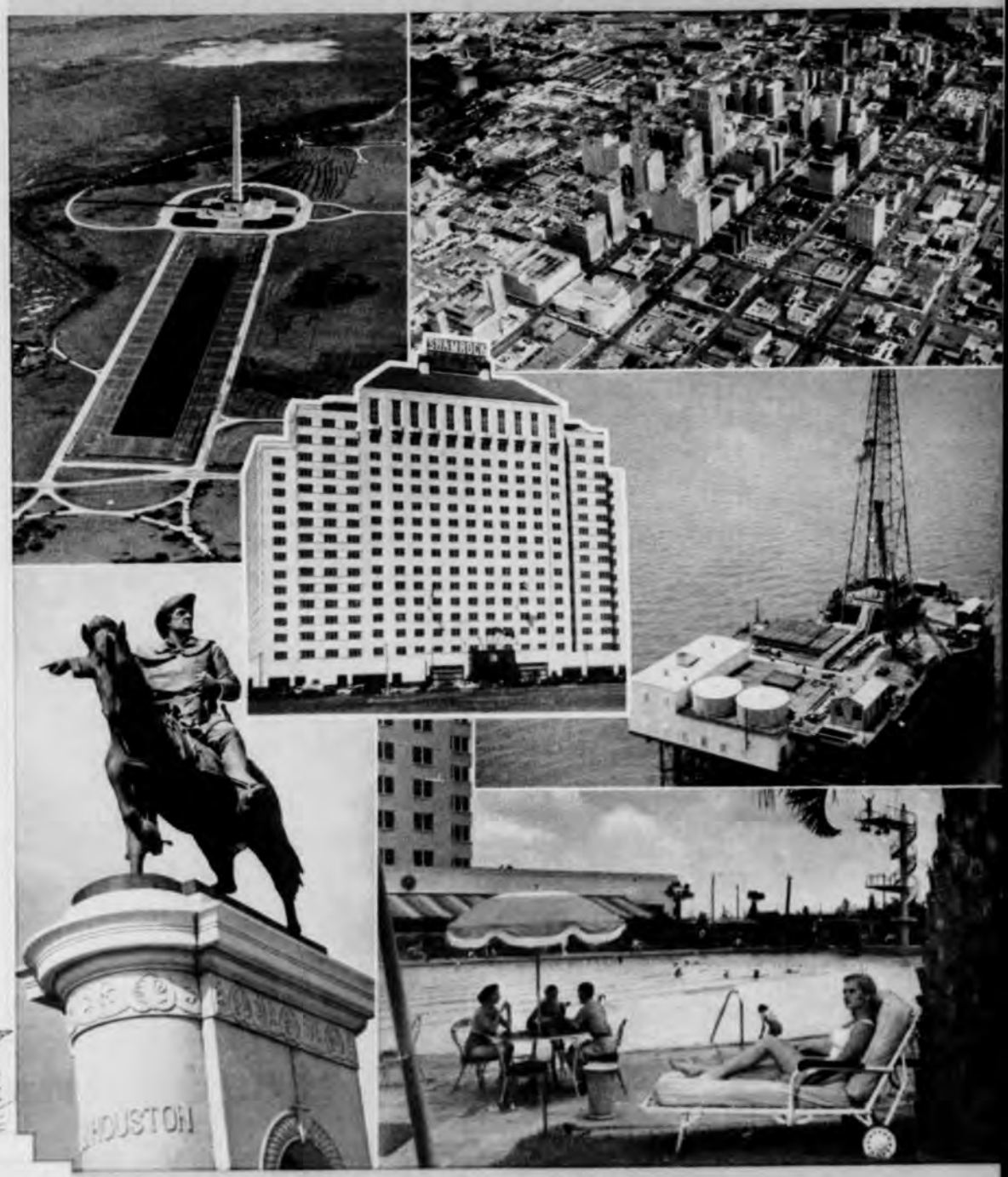

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Editor's Corner —

A major goal of the Editors to distribute The Ahepan on schedule has become a reality with this issue — thanks to the excellent cooperation on the part of Chapter Editors and contributors. A continuation of the support of Chapter Editors will insure timely distribution of The Ahepan in the future.

> Our apologies to Supreme Governor Chris Tsipuras of Canada in erroneously omitting his name on the cover of the last issue. The Editors regret the inadvertent omission and publicly wish to express their regrets. Brother Tsipuras was standing between Brothers Verinis and Versis to the right in the photo.

The number and variety of comments received in the last several months have been most encouraging and vividly reflect the desire of the membership to constantly improve The Ahepan. Some of the suggestions that have been advanced and are worthy of merit and consideration are: printing monthly or bimonthly instead of quarterly, the addition of more departments under Associate Editors and the creation of a business department for the solicitation of national advertising to provide additional income to the Fraternity.

I propose to incorporate several of the suggestions advanced along with other specific recommendations I will render at the National Convention. In the meantime, I strongly suggest that chapters seriously consider the status of The Ahepan and specifically instruct Chapter Delegates to make known suggested recommendations.

In the next issue, a section entitled "Letters to the Editor" will be added, subject to the availability of space. Contributions are welcomed. Comments and letters must be non-political, and contain the name, address and chapter affiliation of the contributor.

The Ahepan publicly wishes to acknowledge the special educational articles contributed by Brother Paul Prodromidis (Prodis) of New York, noted radio commentator and author.

A recent Headquarters circular stated that this issue would be dedicated to the Canadian Jurisdiction. It has been decided instead to wait until the Canadian National Banquet takes place, at which time a large section will be used to highlight the banquet and the Canadian Jurisdiction.

The deadline for the next issue is August 1, 1953. The Ahepan will go to press *prior* to the National Convention, but will contain up to the minute Convention News coverage.

C. P. Verinis, *Editor*

ON THE COVER —

Houston, Texas, site of the 1953 National Convention. In the center is the Shamrock Hotel, Convention Headquarters. From the right hand corner, clockwise, are the following photos: Aerial View of Houston, Tidelands Oil Drilling Rig, Shamrock Hotel Swimming Pool, Statue of General Sam Houston and the San Jacinto Monument.

MORE WATER FOR ATHENS

The centuries-old problem of supplying water for Greece's capital city is being tackled by the joint efforts of Marshall Plan funds and Greek State resources, and a special tax on water consumers.

More than $7,000,000 in foreign exchange, U.S. dollars and drachmas has been expended since 1947 on the Athens water supply project. The funds have come from UNRRA, the American Mission for Aid to Greece, the Marshall Plan, Greek State resources, and the tax on water consumers.

The project when completed will supply an additional 5,000,000 cubic meters of water annually to the city's present uncertain 27,000,000 cubic meter supply, but it is estimated that without water rationing which has been in effect since the war, the water requirements of the Athens area would reach 50,000,000 cubic meters.

The new water supply will be obtained by conveying water through a system of tunnels and aqueducts from Kakosalessi Torrent, 25 kilometers away, to the Marathon reservoir snuggled in the mountains north of Athens.

Not since the time of Christ has Athens, plagued by a dry climate and an unfavorable terrain, had a sufficient water supply. Today, water is rationed to consumers for three hours a day as the Marshall Plan project to bolster the supply is rushed to completion.

History of Water System

Eighteen hundred years ago the Emperor Hadrian (117-138 A.D.) tackled the problem by building an aqueduct to carry underground water into Athens from the Attic plains 25 kilometers (15 miles) away. Hadrian's Aqueduct was completed about 140 A.D. by his successor, Antonius Pius, and is considered to be one of the most remarkable achievements of that period. It still is in use as a part of the Athens water supply system.

During the 19th and early 20th centuries Hadrian's Aqueduct was repaired and extended and artesian wells were drilled, to meet the growing requirements of the area, but water supply never quite caught up with the community's needs. In 1926 the Bank of Athens and the American engineering firm of Ulen & Co. had undertaken the financing and building of a modern water works which involved construction of the world-famous Marathon Dam — the only marble faced dam ever built. This enlarged system went into operation in 1932 with reservoirs holding 45,000 cubic meters of water, a filtration plant able to treat 56,700 cubic meters of water a day, and a distribution network 860 kilometers (537 miles) in length. For about 8 years the supply was adequate, but it had become apparent that the growing population and increasing use of water would soon make additional facilities necessary.

Water rationing has been constantly applied in the capital area since early in 1943, and various works have been undertaken during the last five years to bolster the supply.

Unsanitary conditions that developed, and the fact that Greek industry, highly concentrated in the Athens area, was hampered, caused the Economic Cooperation Administration Mission to Greece to look upon the Athens water problem as a serious one that must be solved.

Constant Increasing Demand

When the Marathon dam and reservoir were built 20 years ago, the Athens area had a population of not much more than three-quarters of a million people, compared to today's estimated 1,300,000. The water company served 48,000 customers in 1931, 127,000 in 1948, and is serving 130,000 today. Despite rationing, water consumption has increased from 21,700,000 cubic meters in 1948 to 25,277,000 cubic meters in 1949. More severe rationing this year will hold consumption to about 25,000,000 cubic meters.

A 6½ foot covered concrete aqueduct in the new system of water supply.

Post-war efforts to increase the supply started in 1948 when UNRRA provided about $500,000 worth of materials and labor to pump an additional 3 to 4 million cubic meters of water a year into Marathon reservoir from Soulli Springs, 12 kilometers (8 miles) away.

In 1947 and 1948 the water company, a semi-public agency, was undertaking small additional works with its own funds when the American Mission for Aid to Greece, operating under the Truman Doctrine, put up 3,800,000,000 drachmas (equal to about $458,000 at the rate of exchange at that time) to extend the system of water collection.

In the last two fiscal years, under the Marshall Plan program, water works construction has been undertaken costing $2,533,000 in foreign exchange and 26,655,000,000 drachmas (equal at today's rate of exchange to $1,777,000). ECA provided the foreign exchange plus 11,655,000,000 drachmas (equal to $777,000) from the local currency counterpart fund; the Greek State put up 9,000,000,000 drachmas (equal to $600,000), and from consumers' water bills is being collected 6,000,000,000 drachmas (equal to $400,000) per year.

To further bolster the capital area's water supply, the Greek Government has under consideration plans for the further development of the water supply system.

The Marathon Dam, only marble-faced dam in the world, was built by American engineers.

ΣΥΜΜΕΤΟΧΗ

Τοῦ κ. ΑΛΕΚΟΥ ΛΙΔΩΡΙΚΗ

Τὸ θέμα εἶναι δυσάρεστο. Θὰ ἀκριβολογοῦσα περισσότερο ἂν ἔλεγα: καὶ πένθιμο. Γιατὶ ἔχει ἄμεση σχέση μὲ ἕναν ἀμείλικτον ἐχθρὸ τῆς Κοινωνίας — μὲ τὸν πιὸ αἱμοβόρο γκάγκστερ ποὺ ὕπουλος — καὶ ἀνενόχλητος σχεδὸν — σκοπεύει, μὲ ἐπιτυχία δυστυχῶς τὶς περισσότερες φορές, μέσα στὸ σῶμα τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

Πρόκειται γιὰ τὸ μικροσκοπικὸ αὐτὸ «κτῆνος»: τὸν καρκῖνο, ποὺ τὸ φρικιαστικό του φάσμα, ἀόρατο μὰ πανταχοῦ παρόν, δὲν κάνει τίποτε ἄλλο παρὰ νὰ ἀπειλῆ τὴ ζωή μου, τὴ ζωὴ σας, τὴ ζωὴ τῶν προσφιλῶν μας.

Ἡ ἐπίθεσίς του ἐναντίον μας — δὲν παρουσιάζει σημεῖα ὑποχωρήσεως. Ἀντίθετα: φαῦλος καὶ ἀποτροπιαστικός, ἀπρόβλεπτος στὶς ἄγριες δολοφονικὲς διαθέσεις του, κτυπάει ὅπου τοῦ ἀρέσει, ὅταν τοῦ ἀρέσει, γιὰ νὰ δημιουργήσῃ μὲ τὸ πλῆγμά του τὴν τραγωδία σ' ἕνα σπίτι καὶ — ἀλλοίμονο — τὴν πρώτη κροῦση τοῦ θανάτου στὸ πρόσωπο ποὺ ἐπισκέπτεται.

Οἱ ἄνθρωποι παρακολουθοῦν μὲ φρίκη τὸν ἀδυσώπητον ἐχθρὸ ποὺ τὸν χαρακτηρίζει ἡ ἀτιμώτερη προσέγγιση στὴν μάχη του, γιατὶ δὲν δέχεται ποτὲ νὰ χτυπηθῆ στῆθος μὲ στῆθος μὲ τὸ ἄτομο ποὺ πλήττει. Καὶ ἔτσι ὅπως ἐργάζεται, μέσα στὴν μοχθηρή, Ἰαγικὴ πλεκτάνη του, δὲν δίνει εὔκολα τὴν εὐκαιρία στὴν Ἐπιστήμη γιὰ νὰ μελετηθοῦν ἀκριβοδίκαια τὰ δηλητηριασμένα ὅπλα του.

Ὅστόσο, ὁ ἀγώνας ἄρχισε ἀπὸ καιρὸ καὶ συνεχίζεται μὲ πίστη καὶ μὲ ἰδιαίτερο φανατισμό. Μὲ τὸν φανατισμὸ ποὺ ἀναπηδᾶ ἀπὸ τὸ αἴσθημα αὐτοσυντηρήσεως καὶ ἀπὸ τὴν ἀνάγκη τῆς ἐξευρέσεως τοῦ τρόπου γιὰ νὰ ἐξουδετερωθῆ ἢ ν' ἀμβλυνθῆ τοὐλάχιστον ἡ ἐξοντωτικὴ ἱκανότης τοῦ τρομεροῦ ἐχθροῦ.

Ὁλόκληρη ἡ Ἀμερικὴ ἔχει ἀποδυθῆ σὲ μιὰ ἐκστρατεία ποὺ ἀσφαλῶς δὲν εἶναι μόνο γιὰ τὴν Ἀμερική. Ὁ εἰδεχθὴς καρκῖνος δὲν ξέρει ἀπὸ πατρίδες, οὔτε οἱ προτιμήσεις του κλίνουνε πρὸς σημαῖες ὡρισμένες. Τὰ γοῦστά του δὲν ξεχωρίζουν οὔτε χρώματα, οὔτε ἡλικίες, οὔτε κοινωνικὲς διαβαθμίσεις. Καὶ ὅπως εἶναι μάστιγα διεθνής, τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον γιὰ τὴν καταπολέμησή του εἶναι καὶ πρέπει νὰ εἶναι διεθνές.

Αὐτό, ὅπως ἀντιλαμβάνομαι, τὸ ἐννοιωσε βαθύτατα ἡ Ἀχέπα. Βλέπω ἀπάνω στὸ γραφεῖό μου μιὰν πράγματι ἐμπνευσμένη προκήρυξη τοῦ ὑπάτου ἀντιπροέδρου της ποὺ δίνει τὸ σύνθημα τῆς μάχης ἀπὸ Ἑλληνικὴ σκοπιά, μέσα στὸ πλαίσιο τῆς Παγκοσμιότητας. Ὁ κ. Σ. Σκόπας τοποθετεῖ τὸ ζήτημα ἐκεῖ ποὺ πρέπει. Καλεῖ τὰ μέλη τῆς ὀργανώσεως αὐτῆς, ποὺ συνεχῶς τιμᾶ τὸ ὄνομα τὸ Ἑλληνικὸ μὲ τὴν πολυσχιδῆ της δράση, νὰ συμμετάσχουν στὸ μεγάλο «ντράϊβ» ποὺ ξεκινάει ἀπ' τὴν «Ἀμέρικαν Κάνσερ Σοσάϊετυ» γιὰ νὰ κεντήσῃ τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον κάθε πολίτη αὐτῆς τῆς χώρας.

Καὶ ἡ πρωτοβουλία τοῦ ἀξιωματούχου νομίζω ὅτι εἶναι ἀξιέπαινη. Μεστὴ ἀκόμα ἀπὸ τὸ νόημα αὐτοῦ ποὺ λίγες μέρες πρὶν ζητήσαμε νὰ ἐξηγήσουμε — κάπως νὰ ἀναλύσουμε — ἀπὸ τὴν ἴδια τούτη στήλη: "Ἂν θέλουμε νὰ ἐπιζήσουμε ἐδῶ ὡς Ἕλλάς, ἂν θέλουμε νὰ προβληθοῦμε καὶ μονιμώτερα καὶ ἀσφαλέστερα σᾶν ἕνας ζωντανὸς ὀργανισμὸς ποὺ τὸν ἀποτελοῦνε ἄξιοι "Ελληνες, δὲν πρέπει ν' ἀπομονωθοῦμε μονάχα στὰ τοῦ οἴκου μας. Τὸ ἂν ἐπιχορηγοῦμε κάποιο σχολεῖο στὸ χωριό μας, τὸ ἂν ἐνισχύουμε κάποιο ὀρφανοτροφεῖο στὴν πολιτεία μας ἐκεῖ, τὸ ἂν ὀργανώνουμε μὲ ἐπιτυχία ἕναν χορὸ Σωματειακὸ γιὰ τοπικὴ φιλανθρωπία, αὐτὰ ὅσο κι' ἂν εἶναι εὐγενικὰ καὶ θεάρεστα δὲν μᾶς ἀπομακρύνουν ἀπὸ τὴν φουστανέλλα μας. Αὐτὸ ποὺ χρειάζεται ἐπὶ πλέον εἶναι νὰ μεταφέρουμε, σὲ κάθε δυνατὴ εὐκαιρία, τὴν παντοδυναμικὴ ὀντότητά μας σὲ εὐρύτερους ὁρίζοντες. Νὰ δίνουμε τὸ βροντερὸ «παρὼν» ὡσὰν ἀκλόνητες — ἀληθινὰ ἑνοποιημένες — μαχητικὲς ὁμάδες, ἐκεῖ ὅπου τὸ Σύνολο τοῦ Κόσμου χρειάζεται καὶ τὴ δική μας παρουσία. Καὶ στὴν περίπτωση εἰδικὰ αὐτήν, ποιὰ ἄλλη ὀργάνωση θὰ ἦτανε καταλληλότερη, γιὰ κίνηση συμμετοχῆς σὲ ἔργο Παναμερικανικό, ἀπ' τὴν Ἀχέπα ποὺ καὶ σημαντικὸ εἶναι τὸ κῦρός της καὶ πολυμέλεια ἔχει καὶ κάποια οἰκονομικὰ μέσα διαθέτει γιὰ νὰ πραγματοποιηθῆ τὸ ἀγαθό, ὅταν οἱ περιπτώσεις παρουσιάζονται;

Βρῆκα γεμάτη ἀπὸ ὑγιεινὴ ἀλκὴ τοῦ Σκόπα τὴν προκήρυξη. Χωρὶς πολλὲς φανφάρες καὶ μπιγλιμπίδια λόγου, μᾶς ἐξηγεῖ γιατὶ θὰ πρέπει σᾶν "Ελληνες καὶ μεῖς, (ποὺ ζοῦμε κάτω ἀπὸ τῆς Ἀστερόεσσας τῆς πτυχές μὲ τὴ φιλοδοξία δίπλα σ' αὐτὴν νὰ ξεδιπλώνουμε καὶ τὴν Κυανόλευκο), νὰ μὴν ἀπουσιάσωμε ἀπ' τὸ πεδίο τῆς μάχης ἐνάντια στὸν καρκῖνο. Καὶ ἡ στιγμὴ εἶναι ἡ πρέπουσα, γιατὶ ὁ ἀγώνας τώρα παίρνει τὴν πιὸ ἐντατικὴ μορφὴ καὶ ἐπιζητάει τὴν ὁλοκλήρωσή του.

Μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν προκήρυξη διαφαίνεται ἔκδηλα ὅτι ἡ ὀργάνωση μπορεῖ μὲ τὴν συμμετοχή της νὰ ἐπιτύχῃ δυὸ τινά, σημαντικά. Πρῶτον: νὰ ἐνισχύσῃ καὶ οἰκονομικὰ καὶ ἠθικὰ τὸ Ἀντικαρκινικὸ συγκρότημα καὶ ἔπειτα: νὰ ἀποδείξῃ ὅτι τὸ Ἑλληνικὸ στοιχεῖο καὶ δύναμη ἀντιλήψεως ἔχει καὶ προαδευτικότητα καὶ ἑνότητα στὸ νὰ μετέχῃ, μὲ σφρίγος καὶ παλμό, στὴ ζωὴ τοῦ τόπου ποὺ διάλεξε γιὰ δεύτερη πατρίδα του.

Μέ ἕνα δολλάριο ἀπὸ τὸ περίσσευμά του ὁ "Ελλην τῆς Ἀμερικῆς μπορεῖ νὰ ἐμφανισθῆ, μέσα ἀπ' τὸ πατριωτικώτατο φρουριακὸ περίγραμμα ποὺ ὀνομάζεται Ἀχέπα καὶ ὡς "Ελλην καὶ ὡς Ἕλλὰς νὰ πῆ: «Κύριοι, εἶμαι κι' ἐγὼ ἐδῶ. Δὲν εἶμαι "Ελλην μόνο γιὰ ν' ἀγαπῶ τὸ κοκκορέτσι καὶ γιὰ τὸν Καλαματιανό μου. Δὲν εἶμαι "Ελλην μόνο γιὰ τὸ Νοσοκομεῖο Τριπολιτσᾶς ἢ γιὰ τὸ Σανατόριο Κρήτης. Δὲν βγάζω ἐδῶ τὰ χρήματά μου γιὰ νὰ θυμᾶμαι μόνο τ' ἀμπέλια τοῦ παππού μου. Εἶμαι "Ελλην γιὰ νὰ μετέχω σὲ κάθε τι νευραλγικὸ ποὺ ἀφορᾶ τὸν ΑΝΘΡΩΠΟ, στὴ γενικώτερη μορφή του.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower opens the 1953 crusade of the American Cancer Society by making his contribution to the drive to raise $18,000,000 to finance the Society's programs of research, education and service to cancer patients. The drive was actively and financially supported by the Ahepa.

Εἶμαι "Ελλην ὅπως ἤμουνα στὶς ὧρες τοῦ πολέμου — στὸν τόπο μου, στὴν Ἀλβανία ἢ στὴν Κορέα — καὶ σὲ εἰρηνικὲς στιγμὲς καὶ ἀνάγκες. Εἶμαι "Ελλην ποὺ γνωρίζω τί σημασία ἔχει γιὰ ὅλους μας νὰ ἀντιμετωπισθῆ ὁ καρκῖνος, τί σημασία ἔχει ἡ συμβολή μου ποὺ τὴν προσφέρω σήμερα ΕΓΩ στοὺς Ἀμερικανούς Σ' αὐτοὺς τοὺς Ἀμερικανούς ποὺ χθὲς μοῦ δῶσαν τὴν βοήθεια Μάρσαλ καὶ τὰ ντουφέκια γιὰ νὰ χτυπήσω τοὺς Ἐπιδρομεῖς καὶ ποὺ ἴσως θὰ μοῦ δώσουν πάλι κάτι στὸ μέλλον, ἂν μοῦ χρειασθῆ.

Εἶμαι "Ελλην, ποὺ δὲν εἶμαι μονο ἐδῶ γιὰ νὰ ζητάω καὶ νὰ παίρνω. Εἶμαι ἐπίσης γιὰ νὰ δίνω, ὅταν ἡ Ἀμερικανικὴ Κοινότητα, ποὺ ζῶ μέσα σ' αὐτήν, θὰ ἤθελε νὰ δῆ τὸν ἄβολό μου...».

Αὐτὰ νομίζω ὅτι ἐννοεῖ ὁ Σκόπας μὲ τὴν προκήρυξή του. Καὶ αὐτὰ νομίζω ὅτι δὲν θἄπρεπε ν' ἀμεληθοῦν. Γιὰ νὰ μποροῦμε καὶ ὡς Λαὸς καὶ ὡς Ὁμογένεια καὶ ὡς Ὀργάνωσις, νὰ λέμε ὅτι δὲν εἴμαστε οἱ «ζήτουλες» μονάχα ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ γενναιόδωροι που, μὲ τὸ χρῆμά μας μαζί, παρέχουμε καὶ κατανόηση σὲ κάθε μιὰ μεγάλη Ἀνθρώπινη στιγμή.

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THE AHEPA EXCURSION OF 1953 TO GREECE

By MICHAEL LORIS, *Vice Commander*

On March 14, a bright spring day, the Ahepans started on their way to Greece aboard the T.S.S. "NEA HELLAS" of the Greek Line. As the steamer pulled away from the pier in Hoboken, it became evident that at least part of Greece had come to meet the Ahepans. Such was the atmosphere on board as far as the courtesy of the personnel, the quality and variety of food, and the care for the general comfort of the passengers was concerned.

Naturally, this situation was most helpful with respect to the work that had to be done on board ship in order to make the excursion the success it eventually turned out to be. The Supreme President and Excursion Commander appointed committees, one for the sale of tickets to the banquet to be tendered in Greece to Greek Government and United States and Canadian diplomatic representatives. This committee was under the chairmanship of the writer, who was the Vice Commander of the excursion. Then there was a committee for collection of funds for the Soldier's Sweater Fund — briefly called the Queen's Fund. It was under the chairmanship of Mr. Petrakos. Both committees worked very hard and the success was commensurate with the efforts expended; the total amount collected for the Queen's Fund was $1,500.00.

In general, spirits had been cheerful all the way, but they became now notably more so since everyone was looking forward to the ship's arrival in Naples. Arrangements were made on board with the Italian Tourist Office for a trip to Pompeii, and when on the morning of March 26 the boat docked in Naples, five busloads of human interest were transported to the historic ruins. After a guided tour through the ancient city, there was a ten-minute respite at an Italian restaurant right outside the gates of Pompeii where you could buy a "Coke" or a small bottle of orangeade for 25 American cents (!).

On Saturday, March 28, in the morning while the "Nea Hellas" was still outside the harbor of Piraeus a number of bank representatives were brought by launch. Their objective was to exchange dollars for drachmas so that the immediate needs of the passengers would be met after they landed in Piraeus. In short, there was nothing that had not been thought of in order to facilitate matters for the Ahepans.

Then another launch pulled up alongside of the "Nea Hellas" and brought Minister Siphnaios, the Mayor of Piraeus, and the Mayor of Athens who had come to welcome the Ahepans to the land of their origin. The customs authorities were as good as their word. The efficiency and courtesy with which the examination was handled, were exemplary. In fact, the whole arrangement at the pier is strikingly efficient. As a passenger leaves the customs house, he is most courteously asked at the door for his name. A uniformed official announces his name over a public address system so that anyone waiting for him may come out from the crowd which is held back by a fence, to meet him and thus, naturally, can find him without difficulty. So far the Government arranged to assist the Ahepans, but the City of Athens did not forget its guests. In their honor, the Acropolis was lighted up by flood lights on Saturday and Sunday night after their arrival, an unforgettable sight.

On Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday, the Ahepans attended services at the Metropolis from where the liturgical service is broadcast every Sunday morning; the chanting is of unusual beauty. After the services, the Ahepans paid tribute to the Unknown Soldier by laying a wreath at the Tomb; they also visited the monument of the Philhellenes.

Excursionist Paul A. Andrews, Past Gov. District No. 14, Captain Polemis of the "Nea Hellas" and Supreme President Bell aboard ship.

At night, the Ahepa banquet took place at the Hotel Grande Bretagne, as said before in honor of Greek Government and a few United States and Canadian diplomatic representatives. There were a number of interesting speeches, but brief throughout. Of those delivered by Ahepans, the one that drew the greatest applause from those present and the press, was that of the writer. In fact, the impression he made was so great that the Minister of Defense, Mr. Kanelopoulos, referred to it at least half a dozen times in his own address. It also created a sensation because of the flawless Greek in

MR. & MRS. LORIS WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR SICILIANOS

HOMAGE AT MONUMENT OF THE PHILHELLENES

which it was delivered although the speaker had been more than 50 years away from Greece without ever having returned. The Supreme President acted as toastmaster and delivered the closing address abiding by his own request that every speaker limit himself as to time.

On Monday Evening, the Mayor of Athens gave a reception in honor of the Ahepa which was attended by most Ahepans as only a few had left for their respective home towns or villages; also present was the former Minister to the United States, Mr. Sicilianos. The guests were entertained by Cretan dancers and a well known singer of Greek ballads and folk songs; needless to say that all of them were artists of the first order.

On Tuesday morning, while no official business was scheduled, the writer was asked to see Greek Prime Minister, General Papagos. The conversation centered, naturally, upon the difficult position in which Greece finds herself and what measures could be taken to improve her condition. General Papagos expressed the request for moral support of his program from the Greek element in America and his ardent desire to see the Greek flag fly from all ships owned by Greeks. He is convinced that this would help materially in improving the financial position of Greece.

On Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, the Ahepans and friends started out by bus for the Marathon Dam, an outing and picnic arranged by the National Bank of Greece and Athens, Ltd. and the Greek Water Company, Ltd. The beauty of the spot is indescribable; here antiquity and modern science meet to blend into one of the greatest sights for man to behold. There is a memorial at the dam which safeguards the water supply for the City of Athens, in which the history of the dam from its beginning to the completed work can be followed on murals.

With the return to Athens from this outing, the planned official business was now out of the way, but the Supreme President decided on Tuesday morning to call on the American Ambassador to Greece, Mr. Peurifoy. He was accompanied by the writer (the Vice Commander), Mrs. Helen Karagianis, Past Supreme President of the Daughters of Penelope and Commander of the Daughters' Excursion, Miss Sophie Regas, Vice Commander, and Mrs. Michael Loris. The conversation proved a very interesting one and supported certain points which General Papagos had made in his conversation with the writer. Later in the afternoon, the officers of the excursion went to see the Ahepa wing of the Evangelismos Hospital in Athens.

As the writer expected to return to the United States on the "Nea Hellas" when she sailed again for New York, the King granted him an audience of 30 minutes on Saturday, April 11, at 11:30 A.M. While a number of subjects were touched upon, it appears that one of the most pressing problems in which the King is personally interested, is the rehabilitation of those who participated in communistic activities, and the King authorized me to say that if every person of Greek birth or extraction in the United States would send but one dollar for the support of the schools that have been established in Greece for the rehabilitation, the financial problem which is the largest of the undertaking, would be solved. In touching upon his earlier visit to the United States, His Majesty remarked that he would love to see America again. We had a visit in this country from King George; it would be wonderful if we could greet the present King of our homeland here in the United States, but, of course, that would only be possible if an invitation were extended to him by the President of the United States. Let us hope that that will be done.

EXCURSIONISTS AT THE ATHENS "METROPOLIS"

Supreme President Peter L. Bell and Vice-Commander Loris inspect desk set presented by New York Ahepans to Mayor Nikolopoulos of Athens (right) on the occasion of the Mayor's visit to New York in 1952.

MANUEL J. CARNAKIS ELECTED MAYOR

Brother Manuel J. Carnakis, active member of the Bakersfield Chapter No. 224 since March 21, 1934, was elected Mayor of the City of Bakersfield, Calif., population 125,000.

Brother Carnakis first entered politics in this city ten years ago as a councilman at the age of 31. He was re-elected to this position four times. To date, he is the youngest Mayor that has ever served the city of Bakersfield. Mayor Carnakis was born in Coalinga, Calif., but moved to Bakesfield at a very young age and attended the local schools. He is in the theater business in this city. Brother Carnakis is married to the former Irene Skiathitu of Piraeus, Greece, who is the Choir Director of the St. George Orthodox Church of this city. They are the proud parents of a son, Johnnie, age 14, and a daughter, Annie, age 11 years.

For recreation, the Mayor participates in speed boat racing, having reached the honor of one of three top amateurs in the C Service Rounabout Class. He has held Southern California, Northern California and Pacific Coast Championships. He has also been acclaimed high point winner in the western division. To compensate for his efforts, he owns a large showcase filled with various trophies.

The Bakersfield Chapter No. 224 as well as the entire Hellenic Community of Bakersfield are indeed proud and honored that Brother Carnakis has been elected Mayor of this very progressive and growing city.

FLASH !!

NEWBERRY, FLORIDA — Mother Lodge member "Barba" Spiro J. Stamos is recuperating from his recent operation at Newberry, Florida.

He extends his sincere thanks to all of his brother Ahepans who have sent kind remembrances and best wishes during his illness. His recuperation is coming along so well that he expects to attend the National Convention at Houston in August. *(As if an operation could keep him away.)*

AMERICA REVIVES HELLENIC IDEALS

GREEK FAITH IN INTELLIGENCE TOPIC FOR MODERNS

A Philosophic Survey by

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Because AHEPA symbolizes Education and Progress, and because our 300 and more chapters, cooperating with other dynamic groups, have as their goal the expansion of Greek ideas, our American Greek Youth has a marvelous opportunity to work together on the Culture of our forefathers, to delve into our brilliant history and having understood its bearing on the life of modern man, to foster in turn the endless fruits of Hellenic Civilization.

I propose an honest analysis of our current cultural problems and to compare them with similar ones faced by our brothers of classic days; we shall not only renew our own faith in Intelligence, but will preach with new courage the gospel of Freedom, Beauty and the Good Life.

How Modern Are Greek Ideas?

In Humanity's endless march many cultures have lent their contributions to the spiritual parade; but the dominating ideas and the way of life taught by the early Greeks have kept a miraculous constancy throughout the ages. We shall examine how up-to-date these beliefs really are, and how such thoughts may direct our own lives in the immediate future. "Truly no age had closer affinity with the Golden Age than our own," said Dr. Livingston, Oxford Hellenist, who adds: We are today in a position as no other period to understand Hellenic attainments, to learn the lessons they teach, and in studying the ideals and fortunes of men with whom we have so much in common, to gain a fuller power of understanding and estimating our own."

World in Transition

After analyzing the confusion that faces the modern man or woman in our age of international insecurity and social unrest, on the one hand, and of prosperity and mechanized improvement of living, on the other, human genius dares to collaborate for permanent peace. Science generates atomic power, prolongs life expectancy by twenty years with hormones, aureomycins and endless concoctions from the chemist's cauldron, BUT the restlessness of individuals continues, there is no soul security, little spiritual vitality, and a lack of confidence in the purposes of God and man.

In the midst of this "not knowing whither" many are the doctrines vying to capture the mind of modern man; religion makes its rightful appeal but to only a part of us; to compete with its efforts to fulfill man's higher urge, come various extremists preaching some economic materialism, others selfish nationalism, or exploitation of the less fortunate, and there are those who say "Do Nothing" and the world will right itself. In world politics, in its economy, even its psychological make-up, the contemporary man is passing through a transition — cultural traditions are changing fast — precipitated by jet plane transportation, by instant communication of radio, and the constant consciousness that elsewhere people do things "differently."

The science that built giant generators and atomic fury left lagging behind the sentiments and values that control and guide man's relations with man — human conscience has become anaesthetized. Our spiritual leaders are often concerned with guarding their own "preserve" rather than seek the salvation of all mankind. Our educators have only recently become conscious of their real duty and are delving deep into the mad mixup of our current civilization. Our thinkers are making machines that "think," the factories are turning out gadgets that free our people for more leisure, but our philosophers are marking time or dare not seek some new synthesis.

Greek Faith with a Purpose

Where are the answers to these many problems of our prevalent culture? Shall we ask people to heed blindly some doctrine, or to help them disperse the darkness by truth, by understanding, by dynamic and creative action? Can we go back to simpler faiths? Can we retrace our mental steps? Would we, even if we could? Each one will venture his own reply. Offhand, I would suggest that to really understand and to bravely face our actual problems is to have begun to solve them. Indeed we must inquire and attempt; we must study and apply experiment; we must proceed with caution but with faith in our inner *intelligence*. We must first evolve a PURPOSE — an IDEA and then a technique for its realization; it must be a progressive PLAN that entices as it satisfies.

Ideals for a New Tomorrow

Where go for the light? Where does wisdom shine the more brilliant? What

TEMPLE OF ATHENA VICTORY

people faced problems similar to our own and rose in triumph? Here then classic Greek Civilization dawns into our horizon like a blazoning star. This glorious culture is a rich fountain-head that has refreshed Europe many times; it is a vital voice that in great crises has awakened humanity to its potential destiny. It has demonstrated to the world the possibility of deepest feeling and highest thought.

The codes of life and thinking that our forefathers have introduced some three thousand years ago, have still enough fire and light to once more illumine our so-called enlightened age of semi-darkness — our period of material and soul depressions — and as happened many times before in history, to revive again fresh hope and possibilities for man and his complex society — in short, to make eternal Greek *ideas*, today's IDEALS for a new TOMORROW.

Greeks on Spiritual Tip-Toes

The spirit of independence and love of truth that animated our Greek thinkers has never been surpassed and rarely equalled. Theirs was the way of criticism and reflection; theirs the spirit of inquiry and desirable discontent. They were ever on their spiritual tip-toes. These are appropriate virtues of a people naturally endowed with quick intelligence, a practical energy, a fine sense of beauty and balance, a love of liberty and a burning thirst for knowledge. Though these qualities fill us moderns with awe and envy, they could well excite our imaginations and make us face our own problems in the same dauntless spirit to solve and to surpass. Having once caught the Greek vision of man's true destiny, we can go on building new paths of our own.

America Revives Sense of Beauty

Fortunately, we see the rise of a new Humanism in the many cultural centers

of Europe, South America and the United States. We discover an increase in educational facilities for youth; our high school and university enrollments have increased beyond the population ratio. Lectures in Science and Philosophy, discussion of Art and its use are more than ever popular; radio and television have brought culture to the home. In Music, concerts, summer symphonies and song hits have increased the musical capacity of the nation's youth. In Literature, the improvement of the novel, essays and good poetry bespeaks for creative expression; and the Theatre presents not only on Broadway and in Hollywood but in the small town circuits new dramatic creations of future Sophocles'. Art Competitions in schools and by communities develop new sensitivities in form, color and design. Self-expression through the Arts is displayed not only in the creative arena, but also in the field of appreciation; stream-lined motor cars speed our roads, smart refrigerators guard the food, dresses of simple but good taste drape the modern woman. Functional architecture adorns the new cities of the land; with plastics and new materials houses and even furniture spell new comfort and a new "look." Color movies, the fresh typography of our newspapers — all are evidence of America's aesthetic awakening.

Hellenism in Renaissance

Added to this new love for Beauty, there is among our statesmen and courts a fresh consciousness of *Freedom*, and a vital concern about the *rights of the individual*. Re-discovery of such basic human virtues, fostered and perfected by our forefathers, intoxicates the keenest minds of our age and we actually undergo a kind of "spiritual catharsis." Indeed, Hellenism is ripe for revival; Greek ideals of the *good life* become daily pursuits with the new leisure our machine age affords.

Hellenism is more an attitude of the mind than the outcome of definite action; it is a universal creed; it belongs to the world. It is at the same time a pattern of life — a goal to be attained. It is a way of perfecting the personality. In the human, it imparts the consciousness of the divine, through which the nobility of mortal beings is sanctified.

Though we leave to scholars the world over, to reveal the power and glory of Greek Civilization, the very task of invoking ardently the eternal values of Hellenism falls more naturally to those of us who are not only the spiritual inheritors but also the physical survivors of a tradition that has become a haunting memory of mankind, as well as its highest aspiration.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

By ELI D. MILLER, *Director*
Ahepa Public Relations Department

The development of a much-needed and sound Public Relations program for the Order of Ahepa must begin from scratch, and must be approached with enthusiastic membership response if Ahepa as a fraternity is to grow and nourish the seeds of Hellenism in America.

The need for an organized Ahepa Public Relations program is here. The need has existed since the inception of the fraternity.

Hellenes throughout America know little of the aims and accomplishments of Ahepa. Non-Hellenes know even less. Our own membership has been wandering in a sea of "misinformation" and lack of factual information on what Ahepa is doing, and what it would like to do.

Throughout the Ahepa domain lies an untapped reservoir of Public Relations "brains" and experience which could be utilized to "inform" and to "sell" Ahepa everywhere. In this reservoir are experienced newspaper, magazine, radio, television, advertising, promotion, and public relations people — all members of Ahepa — which must be recruited to do a Public Relations job for the fraternity. Supporting this outstanding array of public relations talent are top business and civic leaders of Hellenic extraction who have a sincere interest in furthering Ahepa Public Relations.

The National Department of Public Relations has what it considers a sound and practical program for Ahepa — a program based on many years of experience in public relations and organizational activities.

In order that this proposed program may become a reality, a national Public Relations organization must be formulated.

It is the recommendation of the National Department of Public Relations that:

1. A Public Relations Director be appointed by the Department of Public Relations for EACH OF THE 24 DISTRICTS IN THE AHEPA DOMAIN, the appointments to be made with the endorsement and approval of the District Lodges.

The duties of the 24 District Public Relations Directors would be to organize Ahepa Public Relations and promote Ahepa in their respective Districts, using every available Public Relations tool. Their area of operation would be their home Districts, directing Ahepa Public Relations and information to the Ahepa membership, and the non-Hellenic public.

2. Each Chapter should appoint a Chapter Public Relations Director, named with the aid and assistance of the District Public Relations Director. It would be the duty of the Chapter Public Relations Directors to publicize their Chapter activities to their membership and the community as a whole through every means available.

Both the District and Chapter appointees should be considered on the basis of public relations experience. Their functions could be augmented by working committees.

Our experience and relationships in Ahepa in past years has proven conclusively that Public Relations talent exists in our fraternity, and can be recruited to establish a sound network of Ahepa "salesmen" from coast to coast.

With such a Public Relations organization in existence, the National Department would have a working outlet for the dissemination of sound Public Relations projects. Working closely with the National Department, the 24 District Directors and approximately 400 Chapter Public Relations Chairmen could dispense the name of Ahepa and its accomplishments to even the most remote areas of the Ahepa domain.

We sincerely hope that this "first" step to bring Public Relations into our fraternity will receive the enthusiastic endorsement of the membership at large.

Supreme President of the Sons James Skufakiss (left) and Eli Miller, District Governor of District 12, share spot light as George Speros, first President of Calumet Chapter, cuts Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Cake.

ALLAN SHIVERS
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN, TEXAS

May 18, 1953

Brother Ahepans:

The people of Texas join me in a most cordial invitation to all of you throughout the Nation to attend the 27th Ahepa National Convention.

We are honored that you have chosen our State for this great gathering, and you will find at Houston a full measure of Texas hospitality and friendliness awaiting you.

As a Member of the Order of Ahepa and Honorary Chairman of the 27th National Convention, I am especially interested; and it is my earnest desire that you will attend and will thoroughly enjoy every minute of your visit.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Allan Shivers

ALLAN SHIVERS

27th National Convention Of The Order Of Ahepa Daughters Of Penelope 12th National Convention

Sons of Pericles National Convention — Maids of Athens National Conference

HOUSTON, TEXAS AUGUST 16 – 22, 1953

We are pleased and proud to invite everyone to Houston for the 1953 National Conventions. Our Program is designed for your enjoyment and entertainment. We have arranged for meetings to be held in the ultra-swank Emerald and Grecian rooms of the Shamrock Hotel. For your comfort we have reserved enough air-conditioned hotel rooms to accommodate everyone and in addition have numerous modern, air-conditioned motor court rooms right near Convention Headquarters. The stage is set for your appearance — both for your pleasure and for your business sessions which we know will be productive of much good for our great organization. COME TO HOUSTON — ENJOY TEXAS HOSPITALITY — YOU WILL BE THRILLED.

AHEPA, DAUGHTERS, SONS AND MAIDS
NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES
OF HOUSTON

Picture of Ahepans and Daughters taken at a conference in Houston with reference to plans for the 1953 National Conventions of the Order of Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope. From left to right, standing, are: Sara Angelos of Houston, General Chairman, 12th Daughters of Penelope National Convention; Honorable Roy Hofheinz, Mayor of the City of Houston; Stephen S. Scopas of New York City, Supreme Vice-President of the Order of Ahepa; Elias Gatoura of Houston, General Chairman of the 27th Ahepa National Convention. Seated, are: Mrs. Irene Hofheinz, the First Lady of Houston; Pota Saratsis of Pittsburgh, Pa., Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, and Christine Pappas of Dallas, Texas, Grand Governor, Daughters of Penelope. Mayor Hofheinz, who will welcome his brother Ahepans at the Opening Ceremonies of the National Convention, issued an Invitation to all members of the Ahepa Family to come to Houston.

PROGRAM

AVAILABLE DAILY

Swimming at the Beautiful Shamrock Hotel Swimming Pool
Golf — Tennis — Horseback Riding — Ponies for Children
Amusement Parks — Sightseeing — Bowling
All Available at or near the Shamrock Hotel.

SATURDAY — AUGUST 15

Arrival of Delegates and Visitors
Registration — Delegates and Visitors — All day
GRECIAN ROOM

SUNDAY — AUGUST 16

Registration — Delegates and Visitors — All day
GRECIAN ROOM
MORNING: Church Services
AFTERNOON: Golf Tournament — Bowling Tournament
Special Luncheons
EVENING: Initiations — Order of Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens
SHAMROCK HOTEL
Real Houston, Texas, Get Acquainted Party
SHAMROCK HOTEL

MONDAY — AUGUST 17

Registration — Delegates and Visitors — All Day
Registration Continues Daily SHAMROCK HOTEL
MORNING: Opening Ceremonies EMERALD ROOM
AFTERNOON: Selection of Olympiad Queen SHAMROCK HOTEL
EVENING: Greek Night SAM HOUSTON COLISEUM

TUESDAY — AUGUST 18

AFTERNOON: Tenth Olympiad
EVENING: Ahepa Grand Banquet EMERALD ROOM
Sons and Maids Ball
RICE HOTEL CRYSTAL BALL ROOM

WEDNESDAY — AUGUST 19

Daughters of Penelope Fashion Show and Luncheon
EMERALD ROOM
Reception in Honor of the Ambassador of Greece
EMERALD ROOM
Ahepa Grand Ball SAM HOUSTON COLISEUM

THURSDAY — AUGUST 20

Wild West Texas Ahepa Rodeo — 8:00 to 10:30 P.M.
MAC'S RANCH
Under a brilliant moon and stars, DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS, you will thrill to Texas Cowboys performing these spectacular acts: Bareback Horse Riding, Calf Roping, Saddle Bronco Horse Riding and Brahma Bull Riding — all accompanied by Lively Rodeo Music.

FRIDAY — AUGUST 21

Daughters of Penelope Ball SAM HOUSTON COLISEUM

SATURDAY — AUGUST 22

AFTERNOON: Daughters of Penelope Tea
EVENING: Buffet Supper around Shamrock Hotel Swimming Pool and Aquacade — Music

27th National Convention – Houston, Texas

Hotel Information

The Shamrock Hotel is Convention Headquarters for the Ahepa, Daughters, Sons and Maids. Voting members of the Ahepa and Daughters Conventions (Supreme Lodge, Mother Lodge, District Governors and Delegates) have priority for rooms at the Shamrock.

Only one type of accommodation can be given to each person at the Shamrock. National Headquarters must confirm that one is a voting member before priority for and confirmation for rooms can be given. Chapters should, therefore, send delegates' names in to National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., early.

The Shamrock rooms are extremely large; they most comfortably accommodate 3 and 4 persons. In order that as many persons as possible can be accommodated there, please share accommodations with other delegates. All requests for accommodations at the Shamrock will be given the utmost attention and consideration. If you cannot be accommodated at the Shamrock, due to the limited number of rooms available there, you will be accommodated at another fine and completely air-conditioned hotel. Therefore, please designate your three choices of hotels on the Reservation Request Form.

Even though one does not stay at the Shamrock Hotel, everyone can use and enjoy its facilities — including the beautiful Shamrock Hotel Swimming Pool.

All requests for Hotel Reservations at all hotels must be made through the 27th Ahepa National Convention Committee. Do not write directly to any hotels. You may, however, make reservations direct with Motor Courts if you so desire although we will be glad to handle Motor Court reservations for you.

The following applies to all hotels and motor courts available in Houston — EXCEPT THE SHAMROCK HOTEL: No priority is needed for reservations at any of the other hotels and the motor courts. You may request all the rooms you need and receive confirmation of such requests without delay. This applies to everyone — visitors and voting members.

In order to assure you of accommodations, reservations requests must be received by us not later than August 1, 1953. Room reservations will be confirmed as promptly as possible. If any problems arise, do not hesitate to communicate with us because we have every desire to serve and please everyone.

If your arrival is delayed, you must notify your hotel direct of your new time of arrival, so that it will hold your reservation; otherwise, the hotel will cancel your reservation. If, after receiving confirmation of a room reservation, you ascertain you cannot come to Houston, you must send a cancellation notice to 27th Ahepa National Convention Committee, 1020 Electric Building, Houston 2, Texas. This is very important. Room reservations are not transferable.

SHAMROCK HOTEL SWIMMING POOL

Motor Court Information

There are available within a one mile distance of the Shamrock Hotel numerous modern, air-conditioned Motor Court Rooms — a five minute drive to Convention Headquarters. Many have swimming pools and some have television. Motor court rates are $4.00 and up. Houston motor courts require a $10.00 deposit for each reservation. If you desire a motor court accommodation, send your check payable to: 27th Ahepa National Convention Committee.

RICE HOTEL

LAMAR HOTEL

TEXAS STATE HOTEL

RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

Mail to:
27TH AHEPA NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE
1020 Electric Building
Houston 2, Texas

Please Type or Print

1. Name and Address:

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Name

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Street No. City & State

2. No. of persons who will occupy accommodations requested:

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3. Please furnish names of all persons who will occupy accommodations: .....

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4. Chapter of which person making request is a member: (Check applicable square and fill in name and number of chapter).

☐ Order of Ahepa ☐ Sons of Pericles
☐ Daughters of Penelope ☐ Maids of Athens

..... Chapter No. .....
Name of Chapter

5. I am attending the Convention as: (Check applicable square).

☐ Supreme Lodge Member ☐ Mother Lodge Member
☐ District Governor ☐ Alternate
☐ Delegate ☐ Visitor

6. State type of accommodation you desire by checking applicable square. Also insert rate desired apposite the accommodation chosen.

	Rate Desired
☐ Single Bed Room	$.....
☐ Twin Bed Room	$.....
☐ Double Bed Room	$.....
☐ Doublette (Shamrock Only)	$.....
☐ Parlor & One Bed Room	$.....
☐ Parlor & Two Bed Rooms	$.....

If the hotel of your choice runs out of rooms at the rate you have designated, the hotel will assign a room at the next highest rate.

7. Give three choices of hotels where you prefer to be accommodated. This should be filled in by everyone, including voting members of the Conventions.

First Choice: .....

Second Choice: .....

Third Choice: .....

8. Date of Arrival: August ....., 1953.

9. Time of Arrival: .....
Specify A.M. or P.M.

10. Date of Departure from Houston: August ....., 1953. If you will use your accommodation Saturday night, August 22, you should specify August 23 as the date of your departure.

11. If you wish a Motor Court Room, Rooms or Apartment, check and fill in the following:

☐ Room ☐ Apartment ☐ Kitchen Desired
☐ Motel with Swimming Pool ☐ Television

Rate Desired: $.....

No. of Rooms: .....

No. of Persons: .....

HOTEL RATES

SHAMROCK HOTEL. *Rooms:* $9 to $16. The same rate applies whether occupied by 1 or 2 persons.
Doublettes (1 room suites): Living room by day — twin bed room at night. Prices: $12, $14, $17 and $18.
Suites: Parlor and 1 bedroom: $25 and $30.
Parlor and 2 bedrooms: $45 to $100.
Additional Occupancy: Should more than two persons occupy any accommodation, a charge of $3 per night is made for each extra guest.

Hotel	Single Rooms	Double Bed Rooms	Twin Bed Rooms	Parlor & 1 Bedroom Suites	Parlor & 2 Bedroom Suites
RICE	$5 to $10	$7 to $12	$8.50 to $12	$17 to $20	$27 to $30
LAMAR	$5 & Up	$7 & Up	$8 & Up	$16 & Up	$24 & Up
TEXAS STATE	$7 to $13.50	$7 to $13.50	$8.50 to $13.50	—	—
LAMAR ANNEX	$4 & Up	$6 & Up	$7 & Up	$14	—
WILLIAM PENN	$4	$5.50	$7	—	—
BEN MILAM	—	$6 & Up	$8	—	—
MONTAGU	$4 to $6	$7 to $8	$7.50	$10	—
SAM HOUSTON	$3.50 to $4.50	$5 to $6	$6.50 to $8.50	—	—
WARWICK	$9	—	$9	$12	—
PLAZA	$5.00 & Up	$7 & Up	$7 & Up	$12 & Up	$25
AUDITORIUM*	$4 & Up	$4 to $6	$5 to $7	—	—

* The Auditorium Hotel has both air-conditioned and non-air conditioned rooms. All other hotels are completely air-conditioned. The Warwick and Plaza Hotels require a deposit of one day's rental before accepting and confirming a reservation. If you choose either of these hotels, send us your check payable to the hotel.

AHEPANS IN POLITICS

By PETER L. BELL, *Supreme President*

The last presidential campaign as well as recent state and municipal elections were noteworthy, so far as Greek-Americans generally and Ahepans in particular were concerned, because so many thousands actively participated in them in some capacity or other.

Several scores of our members were elected to judgeships, to the state legislatures and as mayors and other municipal and county officers. Several hundred of our people have received appointments as judges, members of important commissions and other offices of prominence, influence, and importance. A few have become powerful figures in the top inner circles of the state and national committees of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

It may truly be said that the Greek-Americans have come of age in the political life of our nation just as they had already come of age in the business and professional life of America.

As is natural, we do most things right otherwise there wouldn't be so much progress. Unfortunately, but quite naturally, we also make mistakes, and that has retarded our progress and even greater accomplishments.

For a man to succeed in politics, assuming always that he has the requisite qualifications, it is absolutely necessary that he have a hard core of enthusiastic supporters who can and will give him unstintingly of their time, effort and money.

If you will look around in your own city and state, you will find that every successful politician has such a group of supporters. You will also find that these supporters are, generally, close friends and acquaintances of the candidate who met and know him from school or from his business or professional circle. But primarily they are people with whom he has become closely associated in his church and fraternal activities.

The nucleus or hard core of any group that is to support any Ahepan who seeks public office must, of necessity, be found and recruited from his chapter and from his church. This does not mean that the Ahepa or our church will become involved in politics. The individual members not only have a right, but a duty to actively participate in the political life of our nation.

Many politicians, who are not of Greek descent, have joined the Ahepa for the primary purpose of receiving the votes and support of our membership. And they got it, too.

It is only fair, just and a matter of common sense that those who are truly and sincerely members of our great Fraternity should receive from us even better and greater support.

Other large organizations, similar to the Order of Ahepa in intent and purpose, see to it that candidates for public office who are members receive all support and derive every benefit possible because of such membership. This is brought about in various ways, but especially by appointing them to offices or giving them an opportunity to appear before the public as favored and popular leaders of the organization to which they belong.

One would have to be naive, indeed, and close his eyes to what goes on about him, not to have noticed this very simple and common practice. And this is one rule to which there is no exception. All the well-known and great Fraternal Organizations live by this rule in one way or another. Some practice it more subtly than others, it is true, but they all practice it.

There is no reason, therefore, why Ahepans should not go all out in support of any Ahepan who seeks public office. In fact, present prestige and the future best interest of the Order demand that such a course be followed. Nothing reflects so favorably on an organization as the success of its members whether in the business, the professional or the political life or in any other field of useful endeavor. Nothing succeeds like success.

Some few of the Ahepans who were candidates for public office did not receive the wholehearted support of the membership to the extent that they expected and thought they were entitled to. In most cases of this nature even a casual investigation indicates that the primary fault lies with the man seeking office who looked for help and support from his Brethren.

He was usually a paying but very inactive member who suddenly discovered the virtues, privileges, and prerogatives of his membership at just about the time he decided to become a candidate. All of a sudden he realized that the Ahepa is a great organization with tremendous accomplishments to its past credit and untold possibilities and potentialities for its future. But he had no answer as to how come it took him so long to discover all of these things and why this sudden enthusiasm hadn't manifested itself over the years.

The Ahepa, too, is a two-way street. You can get out of it what you put into it. And never is this often told trite but true fact so obvious and confronts you so mercilessly as when you need the Ahepa most.

This is written as a plea to all to play the game according to the rules. Don't play it according to the standards of a Greek-American we know in the New York area who got appointed to a rather important public office primarily with the aid and assistance of our Empire State Ahepans. He not only was not an Ahepan. He not only has not joined the Ahepa since getting the appointment. He has even criticized a part of Ahepa's program, and in public print too. And now he is seeking appointment to an even higher office and is again enlisting the aid and assistance of our New York Brethren. The moral standards and sense of propriety of such individuals baffle us.

Our people take pride in their own and have a sense of obligation to help those who have the necessary qualifications and the guts and gumption to climb up the ladder of success. Try to meet them halfway and they will meet you all the way. As you sow, so shall you reap.

Code to Give Greek Communes Legal, Revenue Right

By RITA M. ARMENIS

Rita Armenis, member of the Adonis Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in Altoona, Pa., has established a splendid record at Pennsylvania State College. A senior, she will graduate in June with a B.A. degree in journalism. Her father is a charter member of the Horseshoe Curve Chapter of the Ahepa in Altoona, Pa.

Dr. Harold Alderfer recently was awarded the Cross of the Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix by the Greek Government for his services and work on a Mutual Security Agency mission in Greece.

Greek communes will no longer have to ask permission to buy a small piece of pipe when Parliament passes a new law suggested by the commission for the Mutual Security Agency (formerly ECA), Harold Alderfer, expert advisor in local government for MSA in Athens from 1940-1952, said in an interview especially for THE AHEPAN.

Dr. Alderfer, currently a professor of political science at Penn State, returned from his two year stay in Athens in August 1952.

Dr. Alderfer said the commission has attempted to merge the old aspects of Greek local government with the best features of American methods in order to combine the most desirable elements of the countries.

The commission, set up by the Minister of the Interior to rewrite the local laws, included Dr. Alderfer, members of the ministry staff, a professor of administrative law at the University of Athens, judges of the Supreme Court and members of the Ministry of Finance staff.

The principal job of the commission was to form a new code eliminating unnecessary controls and giving more power, revenue and freedom to the local units of government, Dr. Alderfer stated.

He explained that under the new law the demes and communes will receive one-half of the tobacco tax amounting to 350 billion drachmas (23 million dollars) per year.

At present, he pointed out, 94 per cent of the taxes collected are spent by the national government; five per cent by the demes; and one per cent by the communes. Under the new law the demes will receive approximately the same and the amount that each commune will receive is to be matched equally by local collections.

The local government lacked the legal means to carry on their projects, Dr. Alderfer explained. The red tape involved in securing funds for even minor projects has hindered greatly the recovery of Greece since World War II and the revolution, he said.

If specific funds are alloted to each commune, definite projects can be undertaken and carried out, he pointed out. Paths which have forbidden the passage of an automobile can be constructed into modern roads; bridges destroyed by the enemy can be rebuilt, he suggested. He maintained that it has been difficult for the people in the villages to help themselves because they have nothing with which to start.

Dr. Alderfer named seven principal points which the commission stressed in its plan:

1. The amalgamation of the many communes into workable groups.

2. Recognizing no commune unless it has a full-time employee, usually a secretary-manager.

3. Defining powers of local officers which must be approved by the ministries.

4. Defining the exclusive powers of the local officers.

5. Severely restricting the powers of the nomatchs.

6. Restricting and defining the powers of the ministries over local government.

7. Setting up a local government commission in the Interior Ministry to screen laws and act on vacancies in local government.

The commission has organized local associations and national associations of officers designed after the leagues of municipalities in Pennsylvania; these associations will act as "watch-dogs" and protect the interests of the local governments.

The local administrators, elected in the fall election for the first time since the Metaxa regime went into power in 1934, are capable men who can do a good job in community work, Dr. Alderfer said.

Centralization of the Greek government, copied after the European (mainly French) concepts, was carried too far and the Greeks realized this, Dr. Alderfer acknowledged.

The government has been centralized to an extreme since 1921, he related. Since that time 95 per cent of the power has been concentrated in Athens, he said. He pointed out that the ECA program required decentralization of the national government.

In explaining the situation involved in the centralization, he said that there are 80,000 people on the government payroll who are on pemanent service, not even an act of Parliament can destroy their jobs.

Approaching the situation from the American point of view, Dr. Alderfer said that the people in government lack training in efficient administration.

He stated, "Prime Minister Papagos is a good administrator, perhaps the only proven administrator that Greece has."

Dr. Alderfer commented, "The Greeks will stand unified against a foreign power with force, but the extreme individualism which they possess causes disunity in government organization."

He said that individualism today exists in modern Greece as it did in ancient Greece; the modern Greek is interested in himself and his family, but has little interest in other people. This individualism, as seen by Dr. Alderfer, causes the Greek to have little sense of welfare; he cannot work well with other people because he never has had any regimentation; he is only interested in reaching the top position and maintaining it at all costs.

After the war, Dr. Alderfer declared, the upper-class Greek did not rise to his responsibility and attempt to help Greece get back on her feet, and at that time he was the only one in the position to do so.

"There is a tremendous and obvious lack of material goods, but I never saw a Greek who was down about it. He will make the very most of what he has," Dr. Alderfer commented.

Extreme politeness and nobleness are inherent characteristics of the Greek people as a whole; even the most illiterate villager is noted for his politeness, he observed.

said. "Athens, I would say, has the lowest crime rate of any city in Europe," he declared.

World War II and the revolution immediately thereafter left a heavy mark on Greece, but the country is on the road to recovery, Dr. Alderfer pointed out. The ECA electrification program, now well under way, will aid the country in developing its potentialities, he noted.

However, he accentuated, the country never will be self-sufficient because it just does not have the natural resources with which to work. Much of the trade that Greece engaged in before World War II has been taken away by other countries when Greece was engaged in its revolution at home, Dr. Alderfer brought out.

Dr. Alderfer, who now is writing a book on Greece with the lighter touch, expressed his desire to revisit Greece sometime.

CHAPTER NEWS

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA NEWS AND REVIEWS

District Governor Thomas Corontzos, accompanied by Brother K. J. Valenas and Past District Governor Thomas J. Bastas, recently visited Missoula Chapter No. 239, and while en route stopped in Butte, Montana, for a social visit with a few of the brothers. Accompanied by Brothers Vaffiades, Lt. Governor; Gus Marinos, Past District Governor; and Ben Annattol, Past District Governor, the group headed for Missoula where they were met by Brothers Poulos, Bravos and Stamatis and all enjoyed a hearty meal at the New Grill Café.

A chapter meeting with Brother Peter Lambros, President of Missoula Chapter No. 239 and Past District Governor, presiding, was enjoyed by all participants. A general discussion for the betterment of the District followed.

The District Convention will be held in Butte, Montana, June 14 and 15, 1953, and according to Brother Gus Marinos will be one of the best conventions ever held.

Great Falls Chapter No. 229 will celebrate March 25, 1953, Independence Day, with the Greek Community and Daughters of Penelope. The committee in charge of arrangements is headed by Rev. Daniel Zetas and composed of District Governor Roy Gianoulias and District Marshal K. J. Valenas.

READING CELEBRATION ATTENDED BY SCOPAS

On Sunday, March 28, the Greek Orthodox Community of Reading, Pa., held special services commemorating the 132nd anniversary of Greek Independence. At the invitation of the William Penn Chapter, Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas represented the Ahepa and spoke at the patriotic exercises. In his address, Brother Scopas extolled the role the Greek Orthodox Church played in the liberation of our motherland and paid eloquent tribute to the great religious leaders of the 1820's for leading the fight to free Hellas from the Ottoman yoke. The Ahepa leader concluded his discourse by quoting freely from the writings of Lord Byron and the perorations of Henry Clay entreating the civilized world to enlist in the Hellenic struggle for freedom.

Other speakers at the services were Vassilios Karabatos of the Gapa, Ralph Levant who represented Mayor Bamford of Reading, and David Perry of the State Alcoholic Commission who read the proclamation issued by Governor John S. Fine of Pennsylvania requesting all citizens in his state to pay appropriate tribute to the anniversary of Greek Independence. Father Aloupis, spiritual leader of the Reading community, is to be congratulated for arranging such a splendid celebration.

In the evening the William Penn Chapter held a special meeting and heard energetic and popular District Governor Thomas Cooke speak on the problems of the Power District. Brother Scopas addressed the membership and set forth his program — the need for a strong Sons of Pericles. The importance of acquiring an Ahepa Home by every chapter and the responsibility of Ahepa Chapters in rendering services to their respective communities.

TOM PAGONIS RECEIVES SCROLL

The Thunder Bay Chapter C. J. 17 of the Lakehead Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, turned out in full force at a banquet in the Dining Room of the New York Restaurant, Fort William, to attend the presentation to Brother Tom Pagonis of a Certificate of Merit from the Greek Government for his untiring efforts in the raising of funds for the Greek War Relief in 1945.

District Governor Nick Kerhoulas who attended from Toronto made the presentation and lauded Brother Pagonis for his unselfish sacrifices and his sincere interest in behalf of the community during the past years. He also commended Brother Pagonis for his efforts in placing new arrivals in Canada and the United States.

Nick Pappas, the President of Thunder Bay Chapter C. J. 17, also spoke briefly.

In charge of the Reception Committee were Secretary James D. Savas and Bro. Pagonis. Brother Kaplanis and President N. J. Pappas were in charge of publicity.

Basil Caleveras, Greek Consul of Boston, presents Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts a vase — gift of the Queen of Greece and brought to this country by Brother Demos Kakridas, Director of Greek Arts Society. Left to right: Demos Kakridas, Senator Kennedy, Basil Caleveras and Right Reverend Ezekiel, Bishop of Boston.

District Governor N. Kerhoulas with the officers of Thunder Bay Chapter No. CJ-17 presenting a scroll to Tom Pagonis in behalf of the Greek Government. Left to right: J. O. Savas, Secretary; C. Gatziaman, Vice-President; Dist. Governor Kerhoulas; Tom Pagonis; N. J. Pappas, President, and G. Kelos, Treasurer of the Chapter.

Brother Wm. C. Celentano, Mayor of New Haven, cutting the ribbon at the opening of the Ahepa Center in New Haven, Conn. Left to right: S. Pappas, Pres. of the Ahepa Center Board; Geo. J. Margoles, Chapter Pres.; Supreme Counsellor Dukas; Mayor Celentano; Supreme Sec'y Verinis; Supreme Vice-President Scopas and M. Psathas, Vice-Pres. of the Board. Second photo shows Mayor Celentano congratulating Bro. Margoles at the dedication ceremonies. Others in photo are, left to right: P. Anastasion, Chapter Treas.; S. Pappas; Rev. Father George Kerames; C. J. Margoles; George Pappas, President of the Board of Governors and N. Giatrelis, Chapter Secretary.

DISTRICT GOV'RS No. 7; 25 YR. MEMBERS FETED

On February 15th the Hartford and New Britain, Conn., Chapters sponsored a combined Banquet and Ball at the Hotel Bond in Hartford. The affair was unusual in that it served to honor District Governors Peter and Bessie Nichols who are currently serving as the Ahepa and Daughters Governors of Yankee District No. 7. The 25-year members of both chapters were presented their gold pins and Bill Savitt, prominent Hartford civic leader, was also honored. Approximately 400 members, friends and guests were present at this gala affair.

Awards of Merit were presented by Supreme President Peter L. Bell to William Savitt as an outstanding citizen of Hartford County; and to District Governors Peter and Bessie Nichols for their outstanding organizational ability as reflected in the progress of the District under their joint leadership.

The committee, jointly headed by Brother James Starr of Hartford and Steve Perakos of New Britain, arranged for a number of notables to be present. Some of the dignitaries present were Senator William A. Purtell, Representative Thomas J. Dodd, Mayor Sullivan of New Britain, and Judge Max Savitt of Hartford. Principal speaker of the evening was Brother Peter L. Bell, Supreme President, who, together with Brother C. P. Verinis, Supreme Secretary, represented the Ahepa Supreme Lodge. Toastmaster of the evening was Brother John Thevos, Past Supreme President and Assistant Federal Attorney for Northern New Jersey, who did an excellent job in coordinating the speaking program.

NEW HAVENITES DEDICATE AHEPA CENTER

Sunday, March 15th, was "D" day for the entire Ahepa Family of New Haven, Conn., and climaxed a long cherished dream to acquire an Ahepa Center.

The beautiful 12-room, three story brick structure, which cost $35,000, was officially dedicated by ribbon cutting ceremonies led by Mayor and Bro. William C. Celentano. Participating in the dedication were C. P. Verinis, Supreme Secretary; Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Vice-President; Louis J. Dukas, Supreme Counsellor; Peter Nichols, District Governor of District No. 7; George J. Margoles, Past District Governor; A. Don Bullion, Lt. Governor; and Seraphim Pappas, Chairman of the Ahepa Center Committee.

Over 600 participated in the ceremonies and the Dedication Dance which was held in conjunction with combined Ahepa and Daughters District Initiations in New Haven.

The ambitious New Havenites recently completed alterations and have embarked upon a program of activity to make the Ahepa Center fully responsive to the social and educational needs of the Ahepa Family and Greek Community of New Haven.

Past Supreme Vice-Presidents Leo J. Lamberson and George E. Johnson pose at the Annual Ahepa Meriden Dance during their visitation to the Yankee District No. 7.

FLINT, MICH., HONORS 25-YEAR MEMBERS

Flint Chapter No. 141 of Flint, Mich., honored its 25-year members on November 9, 1952, at the Durant Hotel Ballroom with a Banquet and Dance.

About 300 persons were present. Brother Constantine Economou, Past Supreme Vice-President, was the main speaker. He praised the 25-year members for the hard work rendered to the chapter.

Brother Nicholas Chardoul was the Toastmaster and Brother Tom Heos was Chairman of the affair and made the presentation of the gold pins to the 25-year members.

District Governor John Doukas and his charming wife, who is the District Governor of the Daughters, gave brief talks praising the 25-year members. Brother George Raptiou, organizer and the godfather of the Flint Chapter, highlighted the history of the chapter. Brother Nick Bozion spoke on behalf of the 25-year members and thanked everybody for the honor bestowed upon them.

The Presidents of the Daughters and Maids spoke briefly as did Chapter President Charles Manos, who thanked the neighboring chapters of Lansing, Saginaw, Muskegon, Pontiac, Grand Rapids, and Detroit.

In Metropolitan New York

By GEORGE DIMAS

For An Ahepa Building

The drive to acquire an Ahepa building in New York is in full swing. The metropolitan Ahepa chapters have subordinated every other project and are concentrating all their efforts on this venture. The idea of an Ahepa building in New York has been discussed off and on for many years but no really serious effort was ever made to tackle this problem in a systematic and business-like fashion.

Although a membership corporation was formed several years ago to promote this project, no important headway was made until late last year when a reorganization took place and a new set of officers was elected pledged to action. This new group has been working tirelessly for the past six months and definite progress can now be reported. The official name of the entity is the "Ahepa Center of New York, Inc." and its executive board is headed by able attorney NICHOLAS J. STEVASON. Past Supreme Treasurer ARISTIDES GEORGIADES is the treasurer.

1953 Excursion Party

The Excursion Party sponsored by Delphi and Upper Manhattan Chapters on Friday evening, March 13, was a brilliant success. The beautiful Damon Room of the Pythian Temple was filled to capacity by Ahepans, their friends and visiting excursionists. The Commander of the Excursion, Supreme President PETER L. BELL, Vice-Commander MICHAEL LORIS and Past Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope HELEN KARAGIANIS, in charge of the Daughters excursion activities, were present along with many other Ahepa dignitaries.

Supreme Vice-President STEPHEN S. SCOPAS fittingly expressed the sentiments of all for a happy and pleasant journey to the excursion leaders and to all excursionists participating in the 1953 pilgrimage to motherland Hellas. The Evryklia Chapter of the Daughters prepared the delicious refreshments for the occasion and the Daughters were the charming hostesses for the event. Dancing and entertainment followed. The party was organized by Presidents DIMITRIOS DRITSAS of Delphi, GEORGE DIMAS of Upper Manhattan and Miss MARY CARAS of the Evryklia.

Louis J. Dukas Honored

Over 200 attended the testimonial dinner in honor of Supreme Counsellor LOUIS J. DUKAS at the Grand Concourse Hotel on Saturday, March 14, 1953. Supreme Vice-President STEPHEN S. SCOPAS acted as toastmaster and in his introductory remarks presented the highlights of the Ahepa career of Brother DUKAS from his days in the Sons of Pericles up to the present as a member of the Supreme Lodge, and highly lauded the Supreme Counsellor's services to the Order of Ahepa in the many important posts he has held.

The Bishop of Olympos represented the Archdiocese and praised the honored guest for his constant interest in the affairs of our Church, and the popular Greek Consul General in New York CHRISTIAN A. AXELOS paid tribute to LOUIS DUKAS for his devotion to the civic good. Other speakers were Supreme Secretary CONSTANTINE P. VERINIS, District Governor GUS NICHOLAS and Mrs. ELEANOR STAMOULES, Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope. Also, Justice CHARLES A. LORETTO of the Municipla Court and the Rev. SOTIRIOS ANGELIDES of the "Zoodohos Peghe."

The testimonial dinner was sponsored by the Bronx Chapter No. 175 of which chapter Brother DUKAS has been a member since his graduation from the Sons. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of President GEORGE P. NECKLES, JERRY MANOS, JOHN SKARKAS and CHARLES SARANTOS.

Mayor Impellitteri, holding scroll, flanked at New York City Hall by Moschos Sapounakis (left), arrangements Chairman, and Spiro Sakas, President of Greater New York Greek-American Societies, as he proclaimed Greek Independence Day. Approvingly observing the presentation is the Bishop of Olympos and many prominent and well known Ahepa leaders.

Past Supreme President Dean Alfange with Hon. Christian A. Axelos, Consul General of Greece in New York City, at St. Moritz Hotel reception tendered by the Consul in commemoration of Greek Independence.

Congressman Donovan Joins

Congressman JAMES DONOVAN of the 18th New York Congressional District was initiated into the ranks of the Ahepa by the Pindus Chapter No. 354 on Wednesday, March 18, 1953. The solemn rite was conducted by the Empire State Degree Team and it was marked by dignity and impressiveness. Past Supreme President JOHN G. THEVOS was the principal speaker and as usual inspired the capacity audience with his eloquent oratory. The amiable Member of Congress was highly pleased with the performance and expressed his sincere appreciation upon becoming a member of our Order.

New Chapter Formed

At St. James, Suffolk County, Long Island, the newest chapter in the Order of Ahepa was established on April 1, 1953, with seventeen candidates initiated to constitute the charter membership. The newly-inducted have petitioned the Supreme Lodge that their chapter be called "Gyrodine" as most of them are employees of the Gyrodine Corporation of which the organizer of the chapter, NICHOLAS PAPADAKOS, is an executive.

AHEPA AND DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE FLOATS AT NEW YORK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

District Governor GUS NICHOLAS assisted in the formation of the unit and taking part in the initiation ceremony were Supreme Vice-President STEPHEN S. SCOPAS, Supreme Counsellor LOUIS J. DUKAS, NICHOLAS COFFINAS, KIMON A. DOUKAS and NICHOLAS LEVENDIS.

The Independence Parade

Once again New Yorkers witnessed with enthusiasm the annual Greek Independence Day Parade on Manhattan's famous Fifth Avenue on Sunday, April 19. Now firmly established as an annual classic, the parade was sponsored by the Federation of Hellenic American Societies, the Federation of Hellenic Communities and the Ahepa. Grand Marshal this year was General JAMES A. VAN FLEET, a great philhellene.

The metropolitan chapters of the Ahepa participated fully in this patriotic project. Several hundred Ahepans with their colorful fezzes marched in military fashion to the martial tunes of two outstanding school bands. And the charming Daughters of Penelope attired in classical costumes adorned the Ahepa Float which depicted in model size the contemplated Educational and Cultural Ahepa Center in New York. We can be proud of the fact that the Ahepa section of the parade was well organized and reflected credit on our organization and Ahepa leadership in New York.

Former 8th Army Commander and Director of U.S. Military Aid for Greece (1948-50), General James A. Van Fleet is shown kissing the ring of Archbishop Michael following the Greek Independence Day Parade in New York. Brother Spyros P. Skouras approvingly observes the religious salute.

Initiation at Delphi

On April 17 at the Fraternal Clubhouse in midtown Gotham, the Past Presidents of venerable Delphi conducted an initiation rite with dignity and decorum and in the best traditions of Delphi history. Presiding was Dr. KIMON A. DOUKAS and in the Vice-President's chair was ARISTIDES GEORGIADES. The post of the Chaplain was occupied by JOHN DOUNOUCOS and that of the Warden by GEORGE STUART. Secretary was HARRY PAPPS. The orator of the evening was Supreme Vice-President STEPHEN S. SCOPAS and amongst the distinguished guests were Past Supreme President DEAN ALFANGE, Supreme Counsellor LOUIS J. DUKAS, District Governor GUS NICHOLAS, Lieutenant Governor PETER GIFTOS of Albany, Past Supreme Secretary PETER KOURIDES and Past District Governor GEORGE KASTRINOS.

The newly-initiated are: Dr. PETER KOUTROS, ALEX LOVERDOS, STEPHEN ZELVER, LEONIDAS DAMASCUS, JOHN BASIL, MENELAUS TRIANDAFILLOU and CHRISTOPHER POULOS.

ALBANY INITIATION

The Empire State Degree Team traveled to Albany, N. Y., on Sunday, April 12, 1953, and conducted an impressive Initiation Rite for the Albany Chapter No. 140. District Governor Gus Nicholas led the contingent from New York City to the State Capital and the solemn ceremony took place in the auditorium of the St. Sophia Church that afternoon. The degree team is under the supevision of District Marshal Gus Cherevas who has worked hard to organize it.

In addition to Governor Nicholas, the following participated in the Albany ceremony: George Dimas, Thomas Mallas, Lt. Gov. Peter Giftos, George Cashoty, Nicholas Papadakos, Angelo Chaoush and the members of the patrol with John Krones as Captain of the Guard.

Ahepa Excursion Commanders pose at Delphi-Upper Manhattan Chapters party for excursionists. Left to right: "Pop" Loris, Helen Karagianis and Peter Bell.

DELPHI No. 25 INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

An outstanding initiation ceremony took place on January 14, 1953, at the Fraternal Clubhouse in New York City to induct into office the new administration of the venerable Delphi Chapter No. 25.

Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas was the installing officer and he was assisted by members of the Empire State District Lodge and the presidents of the metropolitan chapters. Past Supreme President Dean Alfange delivered an eloquent address on the occasion.

The new officers are as follows: Captain Dimitrios Dritsas, President; Basil Dounoucos, Vice-President; John P. Krones, Secretary; and James A. Poll, Treasurer. The Board of Governors: John K. Bell, Chairman, and Peter P. Angelos, Kimon A. Doukas, Jason Kokinatos and Harry Papps, Governors. Home Fund Trustees: Dr. Louis Ferris, E. D. Polites, Evangelos Theoharis, Peter Vouchelas and Peter Vlastos. The Athletic Director is George Ellison.

POUGHKEEPSIE KEGLERS DOWN ALBANY

A first in the annals of athletic competition was scored on Sunday, February 1, 1953, in the Empire State District No. 6 when at the Sporthaven Bowling Alleys in Albany the Poughkeepsie Ahepa Chapter No. 158 downed the Albany Ahepa Chapter No. 140 in three straight games.

Brother Zack Chumas of the winners scored a 197 single while Brother Peter Athan of the losers scored a 540 triple.

The boys from Albany are looking forward to the return match in Poughkeepsie to turn the tables on Poughkeepsie to even the matches.

Lieutenant Governor Giftos welcomes District Governor Gus Nicholas to the Albany District Convention at Ten Eyck Hotel.

Hon. Christian A. Axelos speaking at the Testimonial Dinner in honor of Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas. Shown on the dais are Mrs. Dukas; Brother Dukas; Mr. Axelos; Supreme Vice-President Scopas; Rt. Rev. Demetrios, Bishop of Olympos, and Mrs. Scopas.

EMPIRE DISTRICT MEETS IN ALBANY

The 17th District Convention of Ahepa held june 27th to July 1st at the Ten Eyck Hotel, Albany, N.Y., was one of the biggest and most impressive affairs in the annals of the Empire State District.

On Saturday evening a gala Initiation and Get-Together Party was held and on Sunday afternoon the Convention officially got under way. During the afternoon the Sons and Maids held a Beach Party, the Daughters held their Formal Dance and on Monday morning City and County officials welcomed the delegates.

Monday afternoon featured the Sons Softball Tournament, the Daughters of Penelope Recognition Luncheon and Fashion Show and on Monday evening the much awaited Greek Night.

The Grand Banquet and Ball was enjoyed by all. Brother James P. Fusscas was Toastmaster. Brother Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Vice-President; Alexis Kyrou, Permanent Greek Delegate to the United Nations; and Eleanor Stamoules, Grand Secretary of the Daughters, spoke.

Members of the Executive Committee were: George J. Pipentacos, Chairman; Stelio P. Stricos, Vice-Chairman; Georgia Lascaris, Secretary; Thomas Docous, Assistant Secretary; and Arthur Takes, Treasurer. They were assisted by John N. Perdaris, George D. Jeoney, Aristides Tseckares, Margaret Stricos, and Despina Ziamandanis. Executive Chairmen of the Ahepa Auxiliaries were Olga Angeledes for the Daughters and Jerry Sokaris for the Sons.

Ambassador Politis, Mayor Impellitteri, Archbishop Michael and Gen. Van Fleet at Independence Day Celebration, St. Moritz Hotel.

SYRACUSE HONORS NICHOLAS VALENTINE

One of the most successful affairs given by the Syracuse Chapter was the "Elleniki Vradia" given in honor of its first President, Nicholas S. Valentine.

Over 500 people gathered in the Church Hall to enjoy a wonderful evening and at the same time pay tribute to one who served the Order for 30 years in every capacity. "Elleniki Vradia" was introduced to Ahepa at the Syracuse National Convention in 1937 and has since become one of the most enjoyable nights at conventions.

A jewel was presented to Brother Valentine by Past Supreme Counsellor Dan Panels, who, in a most stirring speech, enumerated the services and sacrifices that the guest of honor contributed to the Order of Ahepa.

Brother Nicholas S. Valentine (left) receiving a jewel from Past Supreme Counsellor Panels while Nicholas D'Jimas looks on.

The Future of Hellenism and Ahepa

By LEO J. LAMBERSON, *Ahepa's Former "Veep"*

(Continued from previous issue)

Responsibilities of Ahepans

Without question, too many older Hellenes remain unreceptive to liberal thinking and progressive leadership. In too many cases, they allow their personal prejudices, "old country customs," petty jealousies and indifferent attitudes to dominate us and our actions, our thinking, and actually stymie new and modern conceptions, and eventually our progress. An overwhelming majority forget their obligations to this great land of ours, shirk their responsibilities as naturalized citizens, and even go so far as being opposed to active participation in the affairs of our government, or are content to remain silent and inactive.

Therefore, I cannot urge too strongly for every AHEPAN, every member of the Ahepa family, as well as all Hellenes, to re-appraise their responsibilities of citizenship and to fully and sincerely discharge their obligations to our Country and to accelerate their efforts to preserve and strengthen Hellenism and the American Way of Life.

The ORDER OF AHEPA is the greatest vehicle for the preservation of freedom and its ideals in America and Canada. A stronger Hellenic fraternity and the re-affirmation by its members of their stake in the American way of life can become undeniable Hellenic contributions for a better and stronger America. Both can stimulate all Hellenes into further cultivation of Hellenic ideals and principles which have been the backbone of civilized culture and progress since the beginning of time.

The Challenge to Ahepans

AHEPANISM is not only fascinating, but it affords the finest avenue of social activity and harmonious family life. Thousands upon thousands of Ahepans have made lasting friends within AHEPA circles. They have consummated marriages, become "koumbari," linked in business associations, and derived mutual understanding and benefits. But, the inner soul of one must seek to find the definition of "AHEPANISM." learn it and then live to practice it. I always like to define AHEPANISM as follows:

"When you walk down the street on a sunny afternoon, just notice how your shadow darts in and out of doorways, upon steps, around trees, and disappears at times in the darkness as you walk along. So it is with the fraternal light of AHEPANISM — the light which shines in your everyday life and into the life of your fellowman. You never know fully where the shadows fall, or whom they touch as you walk through life. Many times the good that we do, unbeknown to us, touches and effects the lives of others, helps make them better citizens, who in turn help make their community, their home and their nation a better place in which to live."

Freedom and democracy were invented by Greece. Today she has joined with other freedom-loving peoples to preserve this most priceless asset of the civilized world. Greece proudly exemplified at the Pass of Thermopylae in October 1940, when Fascist hordes pounced upon little Greece from the Albanian front, the age-old philosophical maxim, "IT IS BETTER TO LIVE AN HOUR OF FREEDOM THAN 40 YEARS OF SLAVERY." And even today, some 5,000 Greek warriors, along with the United Nations fight with their utmost and die in perpetuating these ideals on the Battle-front of Korea to preserve the four freedoms of the liberty-loving peoples of the world.

We of Hellenic extraction proudly share in these modern Glories of Greece as well as the Glory that Was Greece by re-affirming ourselves to these principles of citizenship, the true symbol of man's love for his country.

As one stands near Constitution Square in Athens on a Sunday morning to review the palace Evzones march along to replace the colorful guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and gloriously sing "E ELLATHA POTES DE PETHENE" (GREECE WILL NEVER DIE); it is a genuine spectacle that truly thrills every soul that has any Hellenic blood in its veins.

And, that is why the AHEPA Conventions, both District and the National Conclaves, afford the opportunity to put our shoulders to the wheel and accept our convention tasks as a challenge. If we meet this challenge, the horizons will usher a new decade of accelerated progress and fraternal prosperity, a bigger and better Hellenism, and a Greater and more Powerful AHEPA. A mightier AHEPA can assume leadership along with all Hellenic groups in America and Canada, to help coordinate them with a gigantic program to build true Hellenic community centers for the future of Hellenism; and thus really insure the progress and the perpetuation of Hellenic ideals, language, customs, religion and family life.

THEN, AND NOT UNTIL THEN, can any of us AHEPANS (like the Greek Evzone's song "Greece Will Never Die") really sing "AHEPA WILL NEVER DIE — AHEPA WILL NEVER DIE."

BAY STATE DISTRICT No. 8

Charles Cronis

The 21st Annual District Convention of District No. 8 was held for the second consecutive year at the Oceanside Hotel in Magnolia, Mass. This unprecedented procedure was decided upon after the many favorable comments and the great success that accompanied last year's conclave at the same place.

Attorney Charles Cronis was the General Chairman of the Convention City Committee and together with his committee prepared an elaborate program for the visiting delegates and visitors.

DAYTON, OHIO AHEPA CONCLAVE HOSTS

The Dayton Chapter of Ahepa No. 113 and the Daughters of Penelope, Polydama Chapter No. 111, were hosts to the recent Sixth Annual District Conclave of the Buckeye District No. 11, held October 11–12.

Highlights of the two-day affair were "Greek Nite," featuring George Economou's Greek orchestra, held on Saturday evening, followed by a buffet dinner for the District Lodge and visiting Ahepans, given by Bro. and Mrs. Tom Ellis at their home. Church services, District Lodge meetings, Daughters of Penelope initiation, Banquet and Grand Ball were held on Sunday. Immediately after the Daughters initiation, Sister Anne Semeotes was host to the Daughters of Penelope with a cocktail party held at her home.

Twenty-five members of the Dayton Chapter were presented 25-year pins by District Governor George N. George at the Banquet. In addition to District Governor George, the following members of the District Lodge were present: Lt. Gov. John Martin, District Secretary Ted G. Boudouris who also served as Toastmaster, District Treasurer Thomas Cyrus, Marshal Fred Christopher, and Advisor Peter Dickson. Daughter of Penelope District Lodge Officers included District Governor Florence Stathopoulos, Marshal Josie Chase, Athletic Director Sophie Coumnanter, Advisor Pauline Pafilias, and Grand Governor of the Daughters Christine Johnson of Lexington. A number of past District Officers and present Chapter Officers were also present. Visiting Ahepans and Daughters from Akron, Massilon, Middletown, Springfield, Urbana, Cincinnati, Sidney, Lima, Hamilton, Richmond, Ind.; Huntington, W. Va.; and Lexington, Ky., were present.

Houston Initiation Team with Mayor Hofheinz and Supreme Vice-President Scopas: Left to right: G. Petheriotes, Sentinel; J. Zgourides, Warden; C. P. Dickson, Captain of the Guard; S. Caloudas, Vice-President; Mayor and Brother Roy Hofheinz; J. A. Pappadas, Chair. of the Team; C. N. DeClaris, Houston Chapt. Pres.; Scopas and G. Angelos, Chaplain.

HOUSTON MAYOR INITIATED IN AHEPA

Mayor's Wife Joins Daughters of Penelope

Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas and Grand President Pota Saratsis Attend Initiation Ceremonies; Speak at Banquet.

Hon. Roy Hofheinz, Mayor of the City of Houston, became a member of Alexander the Great Chapter No. 29 on May 3, 1953, at a most impressive Initiation Ceremony. At the same time, in a separate Initiation Ceremony, Mrs. Irene Hofheinz became a member of Achaia Chapter No. 54, Daughters of Penelope. Sister Hofheinz is the daughter of James Cafcalas, deceased, a charter member of and the first President of the Houston Ahepa Chapter and a Past Governor of District 16.

A Cocktail Reception, Banquet and Dance followed the Initiations. Supreme Vice-President Scopas' inspiring speech at the Banquet, relating the achievements, aims and ideals of the Order of Ahepa, was enthusiastically received by a capacity audience of over 500 persons. Brother Scopas brought tears to the the eyes of many that remembered James Cafcalas, when he stated, "Mayor, with your initiation into the Alexander the Great Chapter you have dropped a rose on the grave of your father-in-law." Grand President Saratsis eloquently delivered the message of the Daughters of Penelope. The honored guest of the evening, Mayor (Brother) Hofheinz, praised the people of Hellenic origin and descent of Houston, pointing out that they were all fine American citizens and that they had achieved outstanding success in their fields of endeavor. The Mayor stated that he was proud to become a member of the Order of Ahepa.

A beautiful bouquet of Texas roses was presented to both Sister Hofheinz and Grand President Saratsis.

Houston Ahepans and Daughters are grateful to Brother Scopas and Sister Saratsis for coming to Houston to welcome Mayor and Mrs. Hofheinz into the Ahepa Family. The presence of such high-ranking officials of the Order of Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope added dignity to the Initiations and made them highly impressive.

MUSKEGON ELECTS JERELOS PRESIDENT

MUSKEGON, MICH.—Peter Jerelos, who had previously served the chapter in the capacity of President and the District as Lt. Governor, was elected again to that office by the chapter.

The other officers elected were: George Vulgaris, Vice-Pres.; Alex Lafkas, Sec'y; James Pappas, Treas. and John Poulos, Athletic Director. Elected to the Board of Governors were: Gust Danigelis, Chairman; Thos. Caris, Thos. Karihalios, Angelos Ladas and Wm. Chonis. District Governor John Doukas of Kalamazoo presided at the elections.

The chapter also elected the following delegates to the District Convention: Peter Jerelos, Thos. Caris, George Vulgaris and Alex Lafkas. The alternates chosen were: Geo. Stathas, John Poulos, Mike Ladas and Nick Tsaggaris.

ROCHESTER, MINN., HOST TO DISTRICT CONVENTION

Hippocrates Chapter 230 of Rochester, Minn., will be host for the 1953 14th District Convention which is to be held on June 13, 14, and 15. The 14th "Grainfield" District comprises the states of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Mike Caffes is President of Hippocrates Chapter No. 230, and Mrs. George Barbes is President of Maia Chapter No. 77 of the Daughters of Penelope. Gus Anton is Chairman of the Convention; John Scocos, Co-Chairman; George Margellos, Secretary; and Andrew Chafoulias, Treasurer. For the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Pete Anton is Chairman; Mrs. Gregory Pappas, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Louis Phill, Secretary; and Miss Helen Chonis, Treasurer.

Heni G. Poolitsan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Poolitsan, carries the Queen's Crown and Michael Jonson the silver cup which was presented by George N. George, District Governor, to Miss Mary Kappas and Nicholas Demas of Cincinnati, Ohio, Queen and King of the Seventh Annual Ahepa May Festival in Middletown, Ohio. Others in photo are: Chris Margurum, Prince Consort, and Georgia Comminos, Lady-in-waiting.

LEXINGTON INITIATES

On May 10th the Henry Clay Chapter of Lexington, Ky., initiated six new members. President John Chalkatgas welcomed Supreme Governor Peter Kourmoules, District Governor George N. George, District Marshal Fred Christopher and a host of visitors that were present for the initiation rites.

At the request of the President, Brother Kourmoules assumed the gavel and presided during the ceremonies. The initiates were: John C. Anggelis, Nick Benick, Stephen Douglas, Chris Galanos, Mike Pappas and Peter Psihoges.

Following the meeting a turkey supper with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. Vice-President James Yonkas acted as the master of ceremonies at the open house that followed. The speakers were the Ahepa dignitaries present and Grand Governor Christine Johnson for the Daughters of Penelope.

Since the celebration was held on Mother's Day, the youth group under the leadership of John Levas, asked for a few minutes, and Miss Sula Margaritis, the newly elected President of the Daughters, presented a gift and a bouquet of roses to the oldest mother in the community — Mrs. Stanley Collis, a charming lady of 94 years, mother of six, grandmother of twenty-four and great grandmother of fifteen.

The welcoming committee consisted of Tony Wallace, Gus Johnson and George Kontakas. The committee in charge of preparations was composed of Charles Danos, Clay Wallace, Joseph George, John Stokas and Gus Kalos.

CLEVELAND HONORS LARGE 25-YEAR CLASS

Sunday, April 26th, was a day that will long be remembered by many Cleveland Ahepans. Seventy-six 25-year members were honored. President James Stratis introduced Bro. Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Vice-President, who in turn congratulated and presented the gold pins to the honored members. Others present at the speakers' table were Peter Kourmoules, Supreme Governor; Leo Lamberson, Past Supreme Vice-Pres.; George N. George, District Governor; Tom Cyrus, District Treasurer, and all the Presidents of the Buckeye District.

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Cleveland's fourth annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Spring Valley Country Club on June 25th. Dr. N. P. Kouris, Chris Regas and Sec'y James G. Christ are in charge of arrangements. Leo J. Lamberson, Past Sup. Vice-Pres., promises to attend, so, if you want to hear a wonderful after dinner speaker, do not fail to attend the tournament.

HOLLYWOOD IN '55

Hollywood Chapter, No. 318, has been working with one goal in mind . . . "Meet you in Hollywood in '55" . . . meaning that the members are anticipating and planning to welcome all of you to the National Convention in Hollywood two years hence.

Committees have been formed together with Melita Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, and a goodly representation will meet you in Houston and give you 101 good sound reasons why we expect to "Meet you in Hollywood in '55."

Such high lights as balmy weather, swaying palms, miles of beaches, an endless variety of gorgeous blossoms, interesting market places, old Spanish locales and a colorful history are all offered to you in the vacationland of Hollywood. Yes, you again will have the opportunity of seeing filmland and the processes used in the new wonder of picture making, Cinemascope, and many features that only southern California can offer but over and beyond all of this we wish to point out to you that it is the sincere and reverent duty of every Greek-American and his family to visit the magnificent St. Sophia Cathedral in our midst. This is an opportunity and a privilege for one and all.

We feel that Hollywood Chapter can report with pride its activities of the past few months. First of all we have had three initiations in the first four months. Our officers filled the stations for the annual Caravan Meeting held in Los Angeles this spring.

Monthly dinners have been held at the Hollywood Ahepa Center and we also were hosts at a Past District Governors' dinner.

Our annual spring formal dance was given with Melita Chapter at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

We held an illustrated lecture on Greece, became actively interested in polio and cancer drives as well as financially assisting the Daughters in some of their extensive philanthropic work.

Yes, we believe you will agree that Hollywood is one of the outstandingly active chapters of Ahepa so we do look forward to proving our worth to you in '55.

Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas was the principal speaker at the Banquet rendered in honor of Brother Andrew Fasseas, Assistant Director of Revenue for the State of Illinois. The Testimonial which took place on Sunday, May 17, at Chicago was attended by several hundred friends of the guest of honor. Shown above are Governor William G. Stratton of Illinois, Brother Andrew Fasseas and Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas.

Hon. David L. Lawrence, Mayor of Pittsburgh, Pa., displays his proclamation of March 25th as Greek Independence Day to "Evzone" John Shorall, II, whose father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Shorall, are members of the Ahepa Family. Mrs. Fota Saratsis, Grand President of the Daughters, is the great aunt of this future Ahepan.

Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas of New York with members of the Ahepa, Daughters, Sons and Maids on the occasion of his recent visit to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Supreme President Peter L. Bell with Supreme Governors Speros A. Versis, Peter Kourmoules, Speros Zepatos and Chris Tsipuras and accompanied by John A. Pappadas, Vice-Chairman of the Houston Convention Committee, leaving church after services on the occasion of the Supreme Lodge meeting. In the other photos are shown the Supreme Governors and some of the buildings they were looking at to recommend to the Houston Convention for the purchase of a National Headquarters.

JERSEY CITY FETES ATTY. LESTER GARO

On Wednesday, February 18, Brother Lester Stathis Garo was honored by 250 fellow Ahepans and friends at a Testimonial Dinner at the Hi Hat Night Club, Bayonne, N. J.

The guest of honor was feted on his becoming the first attorney of Greek descent to practice Law in Jersey City. After three years in the Army Air Force, he enrolled at Rutgers University School of Law from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June 1951. Brother Garo was admitted as an Attorney in June 1952.

The principal speaker at the affair was the Hon. John G. Thevos, Assistant to the United States Attorney at Newark and Past Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa. Other speakers were the Hon. William A. O'Brien, Assistant Prosecutor of Hudson County; Hon. Cyril J. Galvin, Judge of the First Criminal Court of Hudson County; and the Very Rev. Christopher Christodoulou, of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Jersey City.

LESTER S. GARO

CANTON AHEPA NEWS

The Canton Chapter No. 59, Order of Ahepa, takes pride in the fact that its "Own" Peter Kourmoules, Past President of this Chapter, also Past District Governor, was elevated by the last National Convention to the office of Supreme Governor. Brother Kourmoules is one of the few spokes in the wheels of this community and is recognized for his ability to make things "tick" at anything he undertakes, whether in business, for the good of Ahepa, or the Community of the Holy Trinity Church of which he is President of the Board of Trustees.

The precedent established by our Chapter to annually commemorate the "No!" ("Oxi!") Day, October 28 of every year, was again celebrated in the Church of Holy Trinity. Many brothers, under the leadership of President Gregory Pelay and the Chairman James Manos, took part. A wreath was placed before a cenotaph in memory of those who gave their lives in order that Greece may live today. Rev. Hartofilax, in appropriate sermon, exalted the courage of the leaders, as well as the people of that courageous little country, "Hellas," who dared to defy the then military power of the Axis.

The Ahepa family of this city is mourning the passing of Moises Eleftheriades, affectionate father of our efficient Secretary, Tom Eleftheriades, who at the conclusion of the last war took it upon himself to head a drive for clothing to alleviate the needs of the suffering compatriots of his home-town of Pontos. As a result of this drive, over 1000 lbs. of clothing was donated, dry-cleaned by him, and forwarded across at his own expense. The Ahepa funeral ceremony was performed at the Holy Trinity Church, where the body lay in state.

At one of the recent meetings, Brother Peter Gerros, attorney, delivered an eloquent lecture on his recent trip to Greece. The Marshall Plan and its effect in Greece was the highlight of his talk. At a still later meeting, Brother James P. Manos gave a very informative talk pertaining to the City Income Tax proposal, which later, however, was defeated at the polls.

SPEROS J. ZEPATOS SUPREME GOVERNOR

Supreme Governor Zepatos has served on three different occasions as President of Memphis Chapter No. 7, which chapter he reorganized in 1930; he was Governor of Districts No. 1 and 23, and in 1952 was elected Supreme Governor.

Supreme Governor Zepatos is a member of the Hellenic Orthodox Church in Memphis, and has held every office in the community, having served twice as President. He has held office as Chairman of the new church building committee since 1950.

He is one of the organizing charter members and one of the most active members in the Memphis Restaurant Association, serving as President, 1949-1950, and Treasurer, 1951-1952. He served as Vice-President of the state-wide Tennessee Restaurant Association, 1950-1951.

SPEROS J. ZEPATOS
Supreme Governor

NEW BRITAIN AHEPAN PROMINENT NEUROSURGEON

Dr. L. M. Davey

The Elpis Chapter No. 17 of New Britain, Conn., is proud to salute and pay tribute to Dr. Lycurgus M. Davey — a former Sons of Pericles and member of the Ahepa.

Dr. Davey matriculated at Yale College and graduated from the Yale Medical School in 1943. He interned at New Haven Hospital and in 1944 was called to active duty in the Navy serving in the Pacific for two years. He now holds the rank of Lt. Commander in the Naval Reserves.

Upon his discharge from the Navy he returned to Yale University for added training in general surgery, completing it in 1950, but remained for more specialized training in neurosurgery.

During this period he received a Fellowship to do research in the department of neurophysiology at Yale University. He made a significant discovery which was published in the Medical Journal and subsequently was included in the Medical textbooks for Yale.

He is on the staff at the New Haven Hospital; is a consultant for the Newington Veterans Hospital at Newington; is clinical instructor for neurosurgery on the Yale University faculty and is a consultant neurologist for the Bradley Memorial Hospital in Southington. Brother Davey also has an office for private practice in neurosurgery in New Haven.

He is married to the former Artemis Pappas of South Bend, Indiana, and they have three children, Michael 9, Elaine 5, and Elizabeth 3.

CANADIANS TENDER RECEPTION TO HON. SPYROS MARKEZINIS

The Hon. Raoul Rosetti, Royal Greek Ambassador to Canada, and his charming daughter were hosts to a group of Ahepans and other Canadians, both of Hellenic origin and other racial groups, at a reception tendered for the Hon. Spyros Markezinis, Vice-Premier and Economic Coordinator of the Government of the Kingdom of Greece, on May 11th. The reception took place in the Chateau Laurier and was graced with the presence of the Right Hon. Louis Stephen St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, and the Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of Health. The purpose of the reception was to welcome and meet with the distinguished visitor from our Motherland, the Hon. Markezinis who came to Canada on a visit of goodwill, intended to cement the cordial relations already existing between the two countries, and met with high Canadian Goverment officials on the question of the facilitation and exchange of trade, collaboration on economic problems and the letting down of bars on immigration.

The reception was well attended and we are inclined to think that the crowd exceedeed expectations, although the hors d'oeuvres nad refreshments were both exotic and plentiful. The Consulate of Greece was represented by its Consuls from Montreal and Toronto. The Greek Orthodox Church had as its emissaries the Pastor from Toronto, the Rev. Ramfos of Ottawa and the Rev. Salamis from Montreal. The Ahepa was represented by President Vlassis and Secretary Kehayes of Sir Edward Codrington Chapter CJ-5 of Ottawa, the Mount Royal Chapter CJ-7 of Montreal by President Tsadillas, Vice-President Adamacos, Secretary Hagiepetros and Treasurer Pitsiladis, Bros. Frank Bazos and Boukides of the Lord Byron Chapter CJ-1, and the Supreme Lodge was represented by the Supreme Governor of the Canadian Jurisdiction, Chris D. Tsipuras. Also in attendance were Bros. Tsaros, Triantafilou, Stephens, Peters, Karakassis, Pezoulas from Ottawa and Bros. Paganos and George Grivakis from Montreal.

HARRY PAPPS DOES PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

Harry Papps

Bro Harry Papps, Past President of Delphi Chapter No. 25, in New York, has been doing a great deal of goodwill public relations between the people of America and Greece, for many years.

The Congressional Record states that Senator Irving M. Ives of New York on March 25, 1953, spoke eloquently in the United States Senate in honor of Greek Independence. As part of his address he read the famed letter "Fighters for Freedom" which was featured in the editorial page of the "Washington Post" of March 25, 1953, and was written by our Bro. Harry Papps.

Since his early days in the Sons of Pericles, Harry Papps has rendered active services to the Order of Ahepa and his beloved "Delphi Always Leads Chapter." Harry holds the degrees of B.A. and A.I.B. and practices accounting and taxation with offices in New York and Glen Cove, Long Island. In 1950 he was a guest of the American Embassy in Athens and had consultations with government and business leaders regarding the ways and means of increasing Greece's trade to the United States.

The Athens Chapter of Boston honored 48 of its members by presenting them with 25-year pins at a banquet held May 3 at the Ahepa Home with Supreme Secretary Verinis making the presentation. Picture at left shows District Governor George Granitsas presenting Past President's jewel to Arthur C. Hasiotis. Surrounded by bevy of beauties in center picture is Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras. Another quarter century member, Michael Vrotsos, is shown receiving his Past President's jewel from Harris J. Booras in photograph at right.

Supreme Gov'r Speros A. Versis, left, and Dist. Gov'r of Capital District No. 3 Andrew D. Vozeolas placing the Ahepa wreath at the Tomb of George Washington, Mt. Vernon, Va. Large photo shows an Ahepa Family group on the lawn of the George Washington Estate following the Ahepa Wreath Laying Ceremony.

AHEPA HONORS MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

In emphasizing the patriotic aspect of our Order, Supreme Governor Speros A. Versis took the initiative in establishing the Ahepa Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of George Washington at Mt. Vernon, Va., on February 22nd.

Assisting in this patriotic ceremony were District Governor Andrew D. Vozeolas of Capital District No. 3; Miss Margaret Willias, Daughters 3rd District Governor; Mrs. Madea Commings, President of Washington Daughters; Ernest Dematatis, Pres. of Washington Chapter No. 31; Arthur Craten, Pres. of Alexandria, Va., Peter Stathes, of the Sons National Advisory Board; Executive Sec'y Arthur H. Lalos and other members of the Ahepa family of Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, Virginia.

BATTLE CREEK SPONSORS POST-EASTER PARTY

A post-Easter party was held Sunday, April 12, by the Battle Creek, Mich., Ahepa Chapter No. 214 with 200 members and guests in attendance. The traditional dinner was served together with red Easter eggs and Greek cookies.

President George Bizzis introduced the district officers present and the visiting dignitaries, after which Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sayre of the Calhoun Cancer Society showed a film in connection with the cancer drive.

Guests were present from the surrounding communities. A collection was taken and the proceeds were sent to the Cancer Society by the lodge.

RALEIGH, N. C. AHEPA NEWS

On November 30, 1952, a movie sponsored by the chapter and entitled "The Germans Strike Again" was enjoyed by the membership in the local High School auditorium. Refreshments were served in the Greek Church Hall and enjoyed by over 300 brothers representing most of the District.

A Christmas party held on December 24, 1952, for the benefit of the Sunday School children was a huge success. The Ahepa Chapter presented gifts and presents to all the children. Santa Claus was John Dompalis. President Spiro Alex and John Capatannis were in charge of arrangements.

The chapter celebrated Independence Day by sponsoring a radio program. Speakers included President Alexiou, Nick Russos and Hon. Luther P. Hughes, Lt. Governor of North Carolina. A film depicting the Revolution was shown at the Greek Church Hall and enjoyed by representatives of the chapter and District. Refreshments were served.

EAST CHICAGO HONORS 25-YEAR MEMBERS

Calumet Chapter No. 157 on Sunday, March 1st, honored its 25-year members. Close to one hundred brothers and sisters, including District Governor Eli Miller of the Ahepa, and District Governor of the Daughters Rita Danikolas, were in attendance. 25-year pins were presented to: Soterios Cappas, John Collins, Chris Danikolas, John Dollas, Tom Dollas, Contantine P. Frantzis, Soterios E. Kalomires, John Kontolukas, James Kosmites, Nick Kotsiakos, George Krekos, Peter Lazares, John Morfis, Peter Pappathanos, Peter Rallis, Tom Rumas, William Sirigas, Nick Soteropoulos, George Speros, Louis K. Tsaros and Gus Vambakas.

A moment of silent reverence was held in memory of the departed brothers who would have been honored if living.

A delectable buffet supper was enjoyed by all. After the buffet supper the cake in honor of the 25-year members was cut and distributed to all present. Dancing and other entertainment crowned the evening's affair.

Supreme President Bell amongst Chicago No. 46 Ahepa leaders at a meeting arranged by D. Pappageorge, Past Pres., seated between Van A. Nomikos, Past Sup. Pres., and Bro. Bell.

CLEVELAND ACTIVITIES

Educational Lecture

On Wednesday, January 21, 1953, the Order of Ahepa sponsored an Educational Forum featuring as its principal speaker Mr. John P. Leacacos, the European Correspondent of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

In this, his initial address before the Greek Community, Mr. Leacacos reviewed the historic position of the United States and its relation to Europe, the world and to Greece in particular.

The great interest exemplified in this affair was indicated by the numerous questions directed at Mr. Leacacos, on all phases of existing world problems.

All who attended were favorably impressed with the copious points of information revealed by the speaker in connection with the internal government of Greece.

Honored guests of the evening were: Peter Kourmoules, Supreme Governor of the Order of Ahepa; George N. George, Governor of the Buckeye District No. 11. James Stratis, President of Chapter No. 36 of the Ahepa, presided.

Sons of Pericles

Latest reports from Sons of Pericles Athletic Chairman Lou Fitros show that the basketball squad is slowly rounding into shape. Practices are scheduled twice weekly, Thursday evening at the Merrick House and Sunday afternoons at Gray's Armory. The team has had five games so far this season, compiling a 3-2 won-lost record. Their victories were over the Canton Sons of Pericles, the Armory Reserves, and the Hellenics. The top individual point-getters for the Sons are Pete Kousdas with 78, Pat Linkas with 75, and Ron Curtis with 66. At the last game played, the opposition was led by Perry Tsantilas with 32 markers. Fortunately for the Cleveland Sons, Perry will soon be a Son of Pericles and will be scoring for them rather than against them. Keep the good work up, boys.

Maids of Athens

Ending the old year and welcoming the bright new year of 1953, was a wonderful holiday affair held by the Maids of Athens.

On December 27, 1952, the Maids held a Christmas dance at the Church Hall. The entire affair met with great success and fun was had by all those who attended.

Putting everyone in a dancing mood with gay and friendly music was a five piece band known as the "Stardusters." The music must have been good for it attracted visitors from Canton and Warren, Ohio, as well as many of our friends home from college and the armed forces.

At educational forum of the Cleveland Ahepa Chapter. Seated, left to right: Treasurer George Bates; President James Stratis; Mr. John Leacacos, European Correspondent of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer," who was the principal speaker at the forum; and District Treasurer Tom Cyrus. Standing, left to right: Vice-President George Kalamaras; John Manos, Chairman of the affair; Supreme Governor Peter Kourmoules; District Governor of Buckeye District No. 11 George Nick George; Dr. Nick Kouris; and Alex Mekedis.

NICK HOUVOURAS, W. VA. "OLD WARRIOR," ELECTED JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Following many faithful years of service to the people of Huntington, W. Va., the popular and conscientious Brother Nick Houvouras was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in Huntington, W. Va., having previously served as a member of the House of Delegates of the State of West Virginia.

Brother Houvouras, still active at the age of 76, is one of the most loved and distinguished Ahepans of Huntington. Well known in Ahepa circles, he started his Ahepa career as a charter member of the Huntington Chapter over 30 years ago, has served his Chapter as President on two occasions and at the present time is serving as Secretary.

Extremely active in Masonic and other Orders, Brother Houvouras has been a member of the Odd Fellows for over 40 years, is a 32nd degree Mason, Shriner and Past High Priest of the Royal Arch Masonic Chapter No. 6.

Brother "Nick," as he is affectionately known to so many of his friends, was very instrumental in raising funds to erect a new church in Huntington. Five years ago he helped raise finances and as the first Secretary of St. George's Church contributed much to the realization of a new church edifice.

At 54, Bro. John Liaskos, a bachelor (second from left), decided it was about time to have a large family. The restaurateur is pictured in front of his Hammond, Ind., home with 12 of the 25 orphans he has brought over from Greece and which will reside with him. The others have found homes in the Chicago area. Also included are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Demakas and their two young sons.

Veikko Karvonen, Finland's marathon champion and winner of B.A.A. marathon, is congratulated by Charles Kotsilimbas Davis, Past Supreme Vice-President, himself a runner in his boyhood days.

DISTRICT No. 8 ATHLETIC NEWS

On Sunday, April 19, about 150 Ahepans, Daughters and Maids gathered in Lowell for the 5th Annual District No. 8 Bowling Tourney.

The Ahepa teams entered were from Lowell, Lawrence, Salem-Peabody, Marlboro, Webster, Clinton, and Gloucester.

There were many thrilling matches especially Clinton vs. Peabody that saw Clinton force a playoff by overcoming a 90 pin lead only to lose in the end.

The two finalists, Marlboro 3 time winner, and Peabody 1 time winner, met in a terrific match that saw it go down the wire when in the last 5 boxes Dr. Ventzalides of Peabody slammed a triple strike to win for Peabody its second straight title. The high single string was won by Ventzalides with 148, and high triple by C. Haritos of Peabody with 365.

At the Webster Sports Night, seated left to right: Arthur Pappas, Past Pres.; Rev. Father A. P. Sarris; and Ernest Pizzatti, Master of Ceremonies. Standing: Vasile Angelis, Chairman; John McCormac, Editor Putnam "Patriot"; Togo Pallozi of Holy Cross; and Wendell Mansfield, Athletic Director of Pomfret School.

DIST. GOVERNOR MILLER'S VISITATION TO HAMMOND DRAWS LARGE TURNOUT

The first official visit of Eli D. Miller, Hoosier District Governor, attracted a record throng to a meeting of the Hammond Ahepa Chapter No. 123 on November 12, 1952.

Brother Miller, paying tribute to Hammond as the Blue Ribbon Chapter of the 12th District, was greeted by Hammond Chapter members as well as those from Gary, East Chicago and South Bend when he was introduced at a meeting in St. Demetrios Hall.

The occasion also marked the first stop for the Hoosier District gavel, presented to Hammond by Dennis T. Karas, President of Calumet Chapter No. 157 at East Chicago. It was accepted for the Hammond Chapter by James Brahos, President.

Hammond immediately made plans to deliver the gavel to the Gary Chapter on November 25 and from there, the gavel will move to South Bend, Kokomo, Fort Wayne, Anderson, Muncie and Indianapolis in its circuit around the 12th District before the 1953 District Convention at Indianapolis.

The new policy of "streamlining" chapter meetings and bringing in outside speakers has won the approval of Hammond members. In addition, the Education Committee composed of George J. Bereolos, Louis N. Karras and Harry Argus, has shown movies on Greece, athletic events and American tours. The chapter also serves refreshments at every meeting under the direction of its Refreshment Committee Chairman, Emmanuel J. Thompson.

At present, plans are being made to honor Hammond's 25-year members at a banquet or similar affair after the new year.

"Hammond certainly is upholding its reputation of being the Blue Ribbon Chapter of the Hoosier District," said Governor Miller after his visit in November.

WEBSTER SPONSORS SPORTS NIGHT

The 1st Annual Sports Night of the Webster, Mass., Chapter No. 376 was held in the Church Hall on April 20, 1953. The award for outstanding sportsmanship was presented to Togo Pallazi who broke many records of the Holy Cross basketball team.

During the evening the chapter honored the church junior and senior basketball teams coached by Rev. Father A. P. Sarris, a member of the chapter. A short speaking program with many local dignitaries participating was enjoyed by all in attendance.

REFLECTIONS OF TOLEDO AHEPANS

The Ahepans of Toledo, Ohio, in a short period of twenty-six years, have established an excellent record and have been to a very large extent instrumental in the development of the Toledo Community.

It was in September, 1926, when Brother Rocca, then Supreme Governor of the Order of Ahepa, contacted Nicholas A. Pappas for the purpose of organizing an Ahepa Chapter in Toledo. The idea spread so rapidly that on October 10, 1926, the above leaders and business men were initiated and became charter members in the new Chapter, Ypsilanti No. 118.

In January, 1935, the Dodona Chapter No. 24, Daughters of Penelope, was installed and in the spring of 1937, the Delphi Chapter No. 21, Maids of Athens, was installed.

The Ahepa Family of Toledo has always strived to fulfill its obligations, locally and nationally: $20,000 was raised and donated for the hospital in Greece; Sanatorium funds were collected annually; U. S. Victory Bonds were sold; Ahepans were active in Greek War Relief activities, and local community activities. Every District and National Convention has found the Ypsilanti Chapter represented.

The Ahepa Family of Toledo has always felt that one of its greatest responsibilities and obligations is to the Greek Orthodox Church. In fulfillment of this obligation, all members have taken an active part in the community activities. Presently, the Toledo Community is in the midst of a Community Building Fund Drive and the Ahepa Family of Toledo has pledged its wholehearted support to this project.

Constantine Rouppas, Ypsilanti Chapter President in Toledo, Ohio, proudly presents a check for $10,000 in behalf of the Chapter to Thos. N. Fisher, President of the Community, who in turn presented it to Evangelos Stathulis, Chair. of the Building Committee Fund. In the picture may also be seen Reverend Theotokis Pappas and Brother Gus County, Jr.

SCOPAS VISITS WEST COAST

Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas in mid-May paid official visitations to the principal Ahepa units on the West Coast and at mass meetings, rallies, dinners and get-togethers he inspired his audiences with his expounding of the tenets, precepts, traditions and future program of the Ahepa. Throughout his tour of the great Western domain, Brother Scopas fervently preached the gospel of Ahepa and pleaded for the strengthening and reinforcing of the Ahepa structure through a dynamic program of positive action. Specifically the Ahepa leader asserted, the paramount need of the Ahepa today is for the absolute realization that we need a stronger and more virile Sons of Pericles in order to insure future membership and to develop future leadership. A sound program of acquisition of Ahepa Homes by the chapters, he pointed out, is essential to the future well-being of every chapter if it is to hold its membership together under the fraternal roof of activity. And the participation of all Ahepa chapters in community and civic endeavors is imperative if the Ahepa is to become a pillar of service and responsibility in the American communities and enjoy the prestige and dignity extended other fraternal organizations.

In the Los Angeles area on May 8, the Supreme Vice-President addressed a combined meeting of the Hesperia Chapter No. 152 and the Hollywood Chapter No. 318 together with auxiliaries of the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens. Dignitaries present were District Governor Andrew Angelson, Lieutenant Governor Nick Angelos, Hesperia President John Cordarys, and Hollywood President George J. Shanis.

On Sunday, May 10, he spent a busy day in Seattle, Washington. A large delegation met the visiting Ahepan at the airport. A dinner was held in his honor at the Metropolitan Club and then he addressed a mass meeting at the Greek Orthodox Community Hall. Chapters represented at the meeting were: Juan de Fuca, Cheholis, Port Angeles, Yakima, Tacoma, Aberdeen, Portland, and Vancouver with their auxiliaries. Prominent local Ahepans present were: District Governor Jack C. Tsapralis, Past District Governors Nick Carras, Gus P. Rakus and Spiro J. Kalivas; Past Supreme Governor Thomas D. Lentgis, Lieutenant Governor Nick Rillakis, District Treasurer John A. Papajani and Athletic Director John G. Melonas; Steve Marinakos, President of Juan de Fuca No. 177, and many others.

An Monday, May 11, the Supreme Vice-President returned to San Francisco to address a joint meeting of the Golden Gate and Pacific Chapters and their auxiliaries. Present at this event were the following Ahepa leaders: Supreme Treasurer Stephen L. Berdalis, District Governor Andrew Sardell, Past Supreme Vice-President Nicholas Loumos, Past Supreme Governor George C. Peterson, National Sons Advisor John Kaplanis, President Ted Tryfon of the Golden Gate Chapter, and President Anthony Manual of the Pacific Chapter. Also, from Sacramento Past Supreme Vice-President George E. Johnson and from Reno, Nevada, I. A. Lougaris with delegation, and Past Supreme Governor Chris E. Athas from Salt Lake City.

Supreme Vice-President S. Scopas in Los Angeles on his coast-to-coast tour. Left to right: Lieutenant Governor Nick Angelos, Scopas and Dist. Gov. Andrew Angelson.

CHESTER, PA., HONORS 25 YEAR MEMBERS

April 21, 1953, will long be remembered as one of the most inspiring days in many years.

Aside from the initiations of three new members our chapter presented 25-year Ahepa Pins to 16 members.

The presentation was made by President Paul Tambetis who praised the idea of sponsoring the pins as one of the best incentives to the old members to continue their interest in our Order and expressed the chapter's appreciation for their many years of service.

Pins were presented to the following members: John P. Adams, Andrew Beldecos, E. P. Christake, Theodore Christy, Peter Danos, John M. Dottis, John Dracopoulos, Demetrius Gouvellis, Andrew Kaffes, George Karvelas, Adam Karas, William Michalopoulos, John Panos, Sam Savopoulos, Nick Vlahanas, and Andrew Varikes.

On the occasion of the Supreme Vice-President's recent visit to San Francisco. Front, left to right: District Governor No. 21 Andrew Sardell; Hon. C. Tranos, Consul General of Greece to San Francisco; Brother Stephen S. Scopas and Supreme Treasurer Stephen Berdalis. In the back row may be seen John Kaplanis, Ted Tryfon, President of Golden Gate Chapter, and Lieutenant Governor Nicholas Loumos.

Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas, Chairman of the National Advisory Board of the Sons of Pericles, with John Kaplanis, National Advisor to the Sons, and members of the recently reorganized Sons Chapter in San Francisco, Cal. The Supreme Vice-President on his tour of the West Coast emphasized the importance of maintaining strong and active Sons of Pericles Chapters throughout the domain.

LEO J. LAMBERSON HEADS PAST GOVERNORS CLUB

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Leo J. Lamberson, prominent South Bend attorney and past Supreme Vice-President of the Order of Ahepa, is the first President of the Past District Governors' Club of Hoosier District No. 12 of Ahepa.

Brother Lamberson was elected unanimously to the post at the organization meeting of the Club at the 1953 Ahepa Mid-Winter Conference on January 25 at South Bend.

The Club is one of the few such projects in existence in the Ahepa domain. The project, pioneered by Brother Lamberson in the Hoosier District, became a reality under the leadership of Eli D. Miller, of South Bend, Governor of the Hoosier District, and National Ahepa Public Relations Director. The project was one of major import in the current Miller administration.

The Club, which this year will have 13 active Past District Governors in the Hoosier District in its membership, elected the following other officers: Milton Kouroubetis, South Bend, Vice-President; James Brahos, Hammond, Ind., Secretary; and Peter Michaels, Calumet City, Ill., Treasurer. The Club by-laws were drafted by Brothers Lamberson, Miller, Kouroubetis, Louis T. Tsaros of East Chicago, and Perry E. Pakes of Anderson. The California Past District Governors' Club members assisted in the initial phases of the by-laws draft.

A schedule of activities for Past District Governors will be worked out during the year under the leadership of Brother Lamberson.

Supreme Treasurer Stephen L. Berdalis with the congratulatory scroll presented to him by Brother George Christopher, Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco.

The Hoosier District Mid-Winter Parley featured morning church services, a buffet luncheon for delegates and friends in the Hotel Oliver, business sessions in the Hotel Oliver, and the Conference Ball in the Palais Royale Ballroom.

Delegates and visitors from nine Hoosier cities (South Bend, Indianapolis, Gary, Hammond, East Chicago, Fort Wayne, Muncie, Anderson, Kokomo) and environs attended the one-day parley.

Ahepa, Daughters and Sons dignitaries who attended the parley were Brother Peter Kourmoules, of Canton, O., Ahepa Supreme Governor; Miss Adeline Geo-Karis, Zion, Ill., Grand Treasurer of the Daughters; Mrs. Zoe Rummel, Chicago, Grand Vice-President of the Daughters; James Skutakiss, Hammond, Ind., Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles; Miss Rita Danikolas, East Chicago, Ind., Daughters Governor of the Hoosier District; Nick Velonis, Indianapolis, Hoosier Governor of the Sons; as well as Brother Miller, Ahepa Governor of the Hoosier District. Conference guests also were Miss Teena Doudalis, of Chicago, Daughters Governor of the 13th District; William D. Belroy, Chicago, past Supreme Counsellor of Ahepa; Nicholas Giovan, Chicago, past Supreme Secretary of the Ahepa, and members of the 13th District Lodge.

Conference hosts were South Bend Chapter No. 100, Order of Ahepa, Gaia Chapter No. 60, Daughters of Penelope; and South Bend Chapter, No. 160, Sons of Pericles.

Proceeds of the conference are designated for the Hoosier District Ahepa scholarship program.

FALL RIVERITE RECALLS WORKING WITH EDISON

FALL RIVER, MASS.—Brother Theofanis Samitas of this city, a prominent restaurateur, once worked for a wizard.

Back in 1906 the Greek teenager, who couldn't speak a word of English, became an employee of the Edison Laboratories at West Orange, N. J. His job was to place grooves in the interior of the cylinder disks used in the Edison phonographs of that era.

Samitas became so adept that he was one of eight employees tapped by Edison to work with him on the development of a new disk-producing process.

A section of the main floor was partitioned off and only the trusted, small knot of workers was permitted entry. The group was pledged to secrecy.

"Tommy seldom said a word," says Samitas. The inventor would hover near the complex machine which he had developed. When he wanted to perfect a production technique, he would signal. The workmen would step back and Edison would tinker with the apparatus. Interruptions were frequent because Edison was a perfectionist.

While the inventor made his adjustments, the workmen stood nearby with arms folded. This was Edison's characteristic pose as he pondered and it became contagious.

The secrecy was enforced until a patent was registered for the machine. Then Samitas returned to his work bench.

He says he always marvelled at Edison's ability to work long periods without sleep. Edison worked from morning until night.

"Tommy said genius was two per cent inspiration and ninety eight per cent perspiration, and he proved it," says Samitas.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Samitas, an Ahepan for over 25 years, has served his Chapter and Community as President. He is a highly respected and successful businessman in Fall River, Mass.

Bro. Samitas with an old Edison phonograph.

CALIFORNIANS CREATE BLOOD BANK

The Bakersfield, Calif., Chapter No. 224 is very happy to announce that primary steps have been taken to set up a reserve in the local Blood Bank for the benefit of the entire Greek Community. A blood reserve is kept on hand with the local Blood Bank, having been contributed by the members of the chapter and the community. Any member of these groups is entitled to participate in this very worthy and noble cause.

The officers of the chapter are: Guy Rodgers, President; Nick Valos, Vice-President; John Daoutis, Secretary, and Nick Harris, Treasurer.

CHAPTER NEWS

SONS HOLD FIRST NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

On April 24, 1953, the first post-war Sons National Basketball Tournament was held in Cleveland, Ohio. Visiting chapters from various parts of the nation participated.

The competing chapter teams, Chicago No. 22, Hammond, Ind., Warren, Ohio, Chicago No. 229, Buffalo, N. Y., Akron, Ohio, Chicago No. 162 and the Cleveland host chapter, played many closely contested, thrilling matches as they vied for tournament honors. The Hammond quintet, led by Nick Morfas, outstanding player of the tournament, emerged as victors after edging an inspired Phaethon team of Chicago in a thrilling 75-72 contest for the championship. Second place honors went to the Chicago Chapter No. 229 who had defeated Warren, Buckeye District champions, to enter the finals against Hammond. The Akron squad won third place after defeating the Plato Chapter of Chicago, and losing to the powerful Hammond club.

The outstanding game of the tournament, with the exception of the final, was without doubt the Hammond-Chicago "Ypsilanti" contest early in the quarter-finals. The heavily favored Ypsilanti team, second place winners in the National Ahepa-Sons tourney, was edged by one point by Hammond.

The Plato Chapter of Chicago copped the trophy for traveling the greatest distance to participate in the tournament and also won the Consolation honors by defeating the Cleveland hosts in a play-off among first elimination losers. The presentation of the various trophies took place during the "Victory Ball" at the Hotel Cleveland by Miss Sophie Lazos, Queen of the Tournament of Akron, O. Miss Lazos was selected from a field of five contenders representing the Maids of Athens chapters in their cities. President of the Cleveland Chapter, Dean Vezos, presented Miss Lazos a matching necklace and earring set on behalf of the host chapter.

In addition to the tremendous "Victory Ball" the host chapter also sponsored an Informal Dance on Saturday, for all participants, visitors, and the youth of the Cleveland area. The Buckeye District Maids of Athens were hostesses on Friday evening during the Welcome Party.

At a meeting of all Sons Supreme Lodge, District Lodge and Chapter Officers on Sunday morning, it was moved and approved that the Tournament Executive Committee composed of Dean Vezos, John Janas, Kos Rukule and Lou Fitros be named as Honorary Supreme Athletic Chairmen of the Sons in appreciation for their months of effort and planning.

The Hammond, Ind., Team, winners of the First National Basketball Tournament.

Schenectady Chapter No. 165 of the Sons of Pericles recently elected and installed the following officers: Seated left, Pres. Peter Manikas, standing, left to right: Treasurer George Diamantis; Vice-President Michael Vasilion, and Sec'y James Couchell. Seated, at right, is C. Gustave Lambrose, District Treasurer of the Ahepa. Bro. Lambrose organized the Sons while serving as District Advisor of District No. 6.

Dimitri Mallios, President of the Washington Sons, presenting a gold bracelet to Miss Mary Katinas of the Maids of Athens in Washington, D. C., who was selected as the "sweetheart" of the Sons.

TENTH OLYMPIAD

OPEN TO ALL ATHLETES OF HELLENIC DESCENT

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Track and Field Athletes Everywhere plan to enter the famous National Ahepan Olympiad planned for Houston, Tex. August 18, 1953

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EVENTS:

100, 220, 440, 880, mile; 70 yd. HH; 120 yd. LH; High Jump; Shotput (12 lbs.); Pole Vault; Broad Jump; Discus (college); Javelin; 4-man 440 yd. Relay.

AWARDS:

Trophies to be awarded for all places. High point man, and the team scoring the most points will receive additional trophies.

ENTRIES:

Each athlete limited to two track and one field or two field and one track plus the relay.

Send your entry or intent to enter to Pete Clentzos, 275 Wallis Street, Pasadena 5, California. Further information will be sent to you. Clip out and send information below.

Name

Address

I want to enter the following events.

Height Weight

School Attending

CHAPTER NEWS

PROVIDENCE, R. I. DAUGHTER NOTES

A unique "Bake Sale" held by the Althea Chapter No. 112 of Providence, R. I., was a tremendous financial success. A large portion of the proceeds was donated to St. Basil's Academy. Members did their own baking which consisted of cakes, pies, Greek pastries, etc.

Chapter interest to increase membership has been at a high pitch. Six new members were initiated last November and it is expected several others will join the ranks in 1953. Highlight of the chapter's drive to increase its membership was the visitation of Sister Bessie Nichols, Governor of District No. 7, last November. Sister Nichols outlined the program of the District and praised Sister Artemis Miller, Chapter President, for her outstanding work as proxy.

The chapter's social season came to a close with a Christmas Party held on December 19th. Our party was well attended and all enjoyed the planned activities.

NOVEMBER BUSY MONTH FOR SPRINGFIELD, OHIO DAUGHTERS

On November 16, members of Ithaca Chapter No. 22 of Springfield, Ohio, met for a joint session with Springfield Chapter No. 247, Order of Ahepa. The meeting was conducted by Sister Tula Patsiavos, President of Ithaca Chapter. Brief talks were given by President John Tsugranes, District Governor Florence Stathopoulos and District Advisor Peter Dickson.

Guest speaker for the evening was Reverend Father Germanos Psalidakos, Pastor of the Greek Church, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Springfield. Miss Mary Kotcifas of Urbana was chairman of the hospitality committee, assisted by Mrs. Peter Dickson and Mrs. James Kotcifas of Urbana and Mrs. Peter Manos and Miss Maxine Manos of London, Ohio.

On November 23, a Thanksgiving Dance and Get-Together was held in the Church Parlors. The Thanksgiving theme was carried out in every detail. Members and friends of the surrounding area were invited and they responded from Columbus, Dayton, London, Wilmington, Hamilton, Middletown, Urbana and Lima. Miss Elaine Patsiavos was chairman of the evening's activities and was assisted by Mrs. Marika Leni, Mrs. George Stathopoulos, Mrs. A. C. Delinanos, Mrs. John Tsugranes, Mrs. Leon Kostas, Mrs. Thomas Fote, Mrs. Nicholas Patsiavos, and Miss Georgia Giannakopoulos.

CANTON, OHIO, REPORTS

On February 4, 1953, at the Ahepa Hall, the Daughters of Penelope of Canton, Ohio, held a combined Initiation and Valentine Party. Four new members were initiated and were impressed by the candlelight ceremony. After initiation, the social hour began, the theme being Valentine. A gift exchange took place and refreshments were served. The program for the evening was dance demonstrations of the most popular ballroom dancing by the Arthur Murray dance studio. Hostesses for the evening were Miss Betty Georgiadis, Mrs. Serk Georgiadis, and Mrs. William Lamprinoudis.

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On February 16, 1953, a business meeting of the Daughters took place at the Ahepa Club room. This same date was Mrs. John Anderson's 25th Wedding Anniversary. She treated the club with homemade delicacies. Mrs. Jack Biris, another member of the club, celebrated her 30th anniversary on February 11. Again *Hrouna Polla* and may they celebrate their Golden one!

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On February 25, 1953, the Daughters of Penelope, Canton, Ohio, held a Card Party at the Ahepa Hall. Members, families, and friends attended. A gold Volupte compact was the door prize, won by Mrs. Harry Laggeris. Refreshments consisting of diples, karidopita and coffee, were served. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Emmanuel Elite, Mrs. George Boutlas, Mrs. George Antoney, Mrs. Jack Biris, and Mrs. Nick Trikilis.

The same evening, honor was given to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Pelay who are leaving for Greece in March. Bon voyage! May your entire trip be safe and delightful!

Houston Daughters with Sister Irene Hotheinz and Grand President Pota Saratsis. Left to right, back row: B. Giannukos, Warden; T. Andrews, Guardian; K. Pappas, Priestess; A. Koumouyian, Songstress; F. DeClaris, Marshal; G. John, Sentinel; B. Retsios, Treasurer, Daughters National Convention Committee, and M. Pappas. Front row: B. Spillios, Past Gov'r Dist. 16; F. Zaglanis, Sec'y, Houston Chapter; S. Angelos, Gen'l Chair., Daughters National Convention Committee, and Past Gov'r; T. Vassiliades, Chapter Vice-Pres.; Pota Saratsis, Grand President; M. G. Pappas, Vice-Chair. Convention Committee and Houston Chapter Pres.; Irene Hotheinz; C. C. Pappas of Dallas, Grand Gov'r; B. Petherlotes, Lt. Gov'r Dist. 16; M. Vamvouras of San Antonio, Treas. Dist. 16, and M. Argiropoulos.

At a Canton, Ohio, initiation of the Maids, left to right, front row: D. Peppas, Canton Pres.; P. Anthoney, Dist. Marshal; and S. Fakos, Akron Pres. Second row: M. Pitsunes, Dist. Sec'y; M. Stremanos, Dist. Gov.; S. Lazos, Lt. Gov.; A. Callas, Dist. Treas.

DISTRICT No. 7 HOLDS INITIATION – CONFERENCE

On March 15 the New Haven Daughters, Mycale Chapter No. 137, were hosts to the Annual District Initiation and Conference. Twenty-five new members were initiated. The chapter degree team performed the initiation under the leadership of Sister Anne Marnel, President of the Mycale Chapter.

Following the initiation, District Governor Bessie Nichols presided at a District Conference and reported on the progress which had been made in connection with District projects. It is interesting to note that prior to the National Convention in August of 1952, District No. 7 had already adopted St. Basil's Academy as an individual project. District Governor Nichols reported that the District was supporting the Academy through both National and District projects.

A report was heard from the District Athletic Director. District No. 7 has been sponsoring a district-wide bowling tournament. Every other Sunday the contending teams meet, each time in a different city. After the bowling, the host chapter usually provides a buffet supper and entertainment with both Ahepans and Daughers participating. This makes for a very pleasant Sunday and an excellent way for the members of the District to get to know one another.

Helen Hadchgis, Pittsburgh Secretary; Pota Saratsis, Grand President; and Laia Halepus, Pittsburgh President, at the Steubenville, Ohio, initiation on March 15. Five members were initiated at this session where Mrs. Pete Lakios presided.

DALLAS SPONSORS BOND DRIVE TEA

In line with a resolution adopted at the District Convention held in Galveston last June, the Daughters of Penelope of District 16 participated in the U.S. Savings Bond Program.

Sister Evelyn Semos of the Terpsichore Chapter No. 105, Dallas, was appointed to represent the Daughters of Penelope on the Texas Women's Advisory Committee and simultaneously appointed State Bond Chairman for Texas.

Chapter No. 105 was indeed honored when Mrs. Wallace Savage, Chairman of the Mary Pickford Committee, appointed Sister Evelyn Semos as Chairman of the Mary Pickford Treasury Tea which was given in conjunction with Mary Pickford's visit to Dallas, climaxing the Crusade for Security Campaign. The tea was sponsored by ten leading organizations in the City of Dallas of which one was the Daughters of Penelope.

Among those receiving awards for signing up three or more bond-a-month authorization cards were Sisters Elaine Strattin, Chapter Bond Chairman; Mary Vlamides, Helen Pappas, Georgia Manos and Evelyn Semos. Awards were presented at a special joint meeting of the Thetis Chapter No. 86, Fort Worth, and Terpsichore Chapter No. 105, held in Dallas on May 7th, at which Grand President Pota Saratsis addressed the two chapters.

DAUGHTERS HONOR GRAND GOVERNOR PAPPAS

Miss Christine Pappas, retiring Governor of District No. 16 and newly-elected Grand Governor of Zone No. 3, was honored at a luncheon held on Saturday, October 25th, at the Century Room, Hotel Adolphus, by the Terpsichore Chapter No. 105 of Dallas, Texas. The luncheon table was centered with yellow chrysanthemums, yellow tapers and gold leaves.

The honored guest was presented with a sterling silver goblet, appropriately engraved, and an orchid corsage. There were forty members in attendance.

Sister Pappas was graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas, Texas, with high honors and attended Dallas College of S.M.U. She has been employed for the past eight years with Commercial Metals Company, Scrap Iron and Steel Brokers, and at present holds the position of Administrative Assistant to the Vice-President. She resides in Dallas, Texas, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pappas.

Mary Pickford with Evelyn Semos, Chairman of the Mary Pickford Treasury Tea in Dallas, Texas. The enlarged bond was used to decorate the reception room at Arlington Hall, Lee Park.

CANTON HOLDS SHOW MUSICAL–DANCE REVIEW

The Style Show and Musical-Dance Review held at the Vogue Room of the Belden Hotel, on May 1, 1953, at 8:00 P.M., by the Canton, Ohio, Daughters was a huge success. Fashions and Models were by Stark's. Favors of "Intoxication Perfume" were distributed and refreshments were served. A Quaker Lace Table Cloth was given away as Door Prize.

The musical program consisted of an Accordionist, Ensemble Trio, Two Soloists, Tap Dancer, Marimba Solo, Dance of the Blues, Pantomime Trio and Can-Can Dancers. In charge of tickets were Sisters Emmanuel Elite and George Bourlas. Hostesses were Miss Persephone Biris, Miss Sophie Papachrist and Miss Bea Antoney. Miss Betty Georgiadis was in charge of arrangements and also served as Toastmistress.

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The Daughters of Canton, Ohio, were honored with a visitation from the Buckeye District Lodge Officers — namely: District Governor Florence Stathopoulos, Lieutenant Governor Katherine Carlos, District Marshal Jose Chase, and District Advisor Pauline Paffilas.

ST. PAUL PRESENTS DONATION TO CHURCH

At the annual St. George's Day dinner, April 26, 1953, President Mary Koulouris, on behalf of the Euridyce Chapter No. 21 of the Daughters of Penelope of St. Paul, presented to the board of trustees a check of $500.00 towards the remodeling fund of the St. George's Greek Orthodox Church of St. Paul. This money was raised by the Daughters of Penelope at a drawing, for the special purpose of the church, under the chairmanship of Blanche Tsiarmadas assisted by Mary Georgantones and Ethel J. Miller.

DAUGHTERS' PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO

By ELEANOR STAMOULES, *Grand Secretary*

The Daughters of Penelope have the honor of being recognized by the United Nations as an international educational organization and have been invited to participate in the VOLUNTARY INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION of UNESCO.

Education is the greatest bulwark against the spread of communism and when you realize that forty-seven per cent of the world is illiterate you know how much work needs to be done. But perhaps if we all do our share, the work that would ordinarily take forty years can be done in ten. In this day of jet planes every country is our neighbor and it behooves us to foster Good Will.

UNESCO offers us this opportunity through its Gift Coupon Plan. This is how it works:

A group selects the items it wishes to enable an institution to buy in the country of its choice; then Unesco will send you Souvenir Stamps to be sold for twenty-five cents each to finance the project. In this simple way you collect the necessary amount and help to spread information about the purpose of the United Nations and Unesco. Each booklet of forty stamps sold pays for a ten dollar Gift Coupon. This is a special sort of "International Money Order" bearing the name of the Organization and of the recipient you have chosen with the aid of Unesco. The coupons are mailed by your group directly to the recipient with a personal letter. The Institution can then buy the specific items for which the money was collected from an approved supplier of their choice. This way there is no packing, shipping or currency problem and the Institution gets exactly what it needs and wants.

Individuals may only take part in this great work through approved organized groups.

There are now non-governmental organizations such as ours working with UNESCO in eleven participating countries and the Daughters is one of about sixty Educational Groups in the United States.

The projects involve amounts as small as ten dollars to large ones of thousands of dollars. For amounts of fifty dollars and up a group has its choice of project. Because of the flexibility of this program it can be joined at Chapter, District and National level.

The New York State Chapters and their whole District Lodge headed by District Governor Margaret Stricos were so enthusiastic that they insisted on immediately starting this work. They chose to buy scientific equipment for the study of light for a Secondary School in Ardhea, Greece, thirty-five miles northwest of Salonika. Because of a shortage of teachers in this area resulting from the last ten years of war and occupation, a recent Greek law authorizes High School graduates to teach in village schools, so it is very necessary for them to learn about the modern world. Scientific equipment is only one of the many kinds of Tools for Learning that these schools need.

As the Daughters of Penelope representative at UNESCO I am proud that we have received this recognition. Our aims and accomplishments are known. This is a milestone in our growth.

Let Us Be Worthy.

Shown in the Copper Bowl Room of the Hotel Finlen are members of the Orestis Chapter No. 78 of Butte, Mont., at the Chapter's Christmas Party. A sumptuous buffet dinner was served and gifts were exchanged. This is an annual event of the Orestis Chapter.

Over 1000 persons attended the gala reception given by Brother George Papanicolas in honor of Senator Robert A. Taft and Mrs. Taft at the Papanicolas mansion at suburban Bethesda, Maryland. Shown above are Senator Taft, host Papanicolas and Speaker of the House, Joseph Martin.

ASBURY PARK NOTES

On April 6th, Mrs. J. Lo Piccolo of the Candlelight Gift Shop spoke on the history and romance of candles and displayed many of the unusual items from her collection of 2300 candles.

The annual combined dance of the Daughters and local Ahepa Chapter held on April 10th at the Berkeley Carteret Hotel was a success and enjoyed by over 500 guests. Mrs. Gus Poulos and Mr. Dino Panagiotopoulos were co-chairmen of the affair.

On April 27th, six new members were initiated. The neophytes, Miss Lulu Mandakes, Mrs. Peter Petrow, Mrs. Peter Argyris, Mrs. Peter Constas, Miss Crystal Stamos and Miss Christine Athans, were each presented with a chapter pin and etiquette booklet. The impressive ceremony was witnessed by the 5th District officers.

On May 11th the following officers were elected: President Mrs. Louis Apostolou; Vice-Pres. Mrs. John Dafnis; Recording Sec'y Miss Tina Angeles; Cor. Sec'y Mrs. Nicholas Sevestakis; Treas. Miss Lilyan Heleotis; Marshal Mrs. Joseph Robinson; Warden Miss Sophie Palyanes; Priestess Miss Susan Pascal; Board of Governors, Chairman, Miss Helen Heleotis, and Mrs. Ida Vasiliades, Mrs. Steve Pascal, Miss Frances Pascal and Mrs. John Costaris.

On May 16th, the Daughters joined forces with Sunday School Teachers of St. George Orthodox Church in taking older children to visit St. Basil's Academy. The Daughters are contributing fifty dollars to the orphanage of St. Basil's Academy at Garrison, N. Y.

RED CROSS ADOPTS GREEK VILLAGE

A little over a year ago the pupils of the fifth grade class of the Ensigne School of Salt Lake City, Utah, undertook to send gift packages to war-torn Greece. A few weeks ago they were rewarded with letters of thanks and appreciation from the children of the Greek village of Xirolofos, where the gifts were sent by the organization in Athens, a section of the King's Fund, Friends of the Village, that has charge of donations of this type.

Our American friends in Salt Lake City were so thrilled by the letters from this tiny village perched in the mountains in a remote part of Greece, that they decided to seal this "friendship bond" by adopting this little village of Xirolofos.

To quote from a letter sent to the parents of the children in the Ensign School by Norris W. Gould, of the Ensign Junior Red Cross: "Our Greek friends are in need of clothing, blankets, soap, tooth paste and brushes, and a few minor luxuries such as candy and toys suitable for shipping. All items must be clean and in good condition. The postage on these packages will be paid from the Red Cross Fund that was so generously built up by your children earlier in the year."

Cedric Foster, while visiting Salt Lake City, suggested that either the Ahepa or the Daughters would do a world of good by taking up this project of "The Friends of the Village."

We can accomplish miracles in the various small villages throughout Greece. Why not discuss it at your next chapter meeting? Surely, your chapter could get some group in your city to adopt a village. The warm feeling of sympathy and friendship that would flow between your group and these children would gladden your hearts and make the project worthwhile.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Athas of 519 H Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, have been staunch supporters of this idea and would be happy to lend to you whatever assistance you desire. Their son Leon is a member of the school group that adopted this village.*

Important Notice

Chapter editors are reminded that the post-convention issue deadline is August 1, 1953.

Kindly forward news items directly to:

C. P. VERINIS
178 Meadow Street
New Haven, Conn.

The class of the Ensign School of Salt Lake City that adopted the Village of Xirolofos, Greece. In the back row, left to right, are Miss Merva Morris, Principal of the school; Norris Gould, the teacher, and Mrs. Christopher Athas.

Denver No. 145 Sets Red Cross Drive Record

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
DENVER CHAPTER

May 11, 1953

Mr. C. P. Verinis
Editor of the Ahepan
178 Meadow Street
New Haven 10, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Verinis:

As secretary of the down-town business division of the Denver Chapter, American Red Cross Annual Fund Campaign, it has been my pleasure to work with members of the Denver Chapter No. 145, Ahepa, for the past few years. During that time, the Ahepa group has been the outstanding team in our business division army. The untiring work and perseverance in making their quota has been of great satisfaction to all of us connected with this campaign.

Under the leadership of Mr. Chris Politis, president of Ahepa Chapter No. 145, Mr. George Francis and Mr. Gus Baines, this past year, did a particularly outstanding job for the Ahepa team. These three men assumed responsibility for heading up the team. Probably the outstanding worker was Mr. Gus Gatzeos, who personally raised over a thousand dollars. Other members of the team are as follows: Mike Athens, Katherine Contos, William Angelos, Ted Demos, George J. Francis, Andrew Gatzeos, John Kostikos, Nancy Licka, Mike Makris, John Pappadakis, Loretta Politis.

The quota assigned for the 1953 campaign was $5,600.00. The team raised $6,440.55, or approximately 116%. They contacted several thousand people and obtained subscriptions from over a thousand of them.

I can't praise this organization too much. The spirit and cooperation they displayed was certainly outstanding and one that every member of Ahepa may well be proud.

Sincerely yours,
HARRY W. STRADE, *Secretary Business Division*
1953 Red Cross Fund Campaign

SPORTS

SPORTS-BRIEFS
By Peter Clentzos

Well, the Ypsilanti basketball behometh did it again — they won the 10th Annual National Ahepa-Sons Basketball Tournament held in Chicago April 17, 18 and 19. The Seniors fought it out with the Juniors to win by a score of 60-15. Oak Park took third and Moline captured the consolation crown from Chicago Hellenic Center 55 to 48. Dan Lecos of DePaul University, and Marco Gianopoulos of Hyde Park High School paced the Ypsilanti seniors. . . . One good story that comes from the windy city was that the Ypsilanti juniors were not good enough to enter the NHIBT . . . then beat the one-two teams of the latter in the Ahepa tourney. Nice going, boys — the Ahepa tournament committee including Van Nomikos, John N. Vrouvas, the Daughters, Maids, etc., all deserve orchids for the wonderful tournament.

Brother Steve Scopas, Supreme Vice-President, in his recent visit to L.A. and Hollywood gave sports a tremendous lift in his excellent address which stressed Ahepa's role in the future. . . . Jim Psaltis, famous defensive halfback for the U.S.C. Trojans, has signed a contract with the Chicago Cardinals. . . . The Webster Chapter held an Ahepa Sports Night. . . . From Brother Demo Roumeliotes of Montreal, Canada, came an interesting letter stating interest in the Olympiad held at Houston. It is hoped some ardent Ahepans will help these boys meet transportation expenses to compete at Houston. . . . Van Nomikos states that a group of track athletes from Ann Arbor, Michigan, are interested in competing, also. . . . George Fotiu, coach of the Detroit Ahepa, was thrilled when he accepted the winner's award for the National Hellenic Invitational Tournament in Chicago. . . . Ahepa teams have shown their superiority. Latest news is that Hammond won the Sons of Pericles crown in their National Tournament at Cleveland. Congratulations. . . . We are planning an Olympiad for the L.A. region in the middle of July.

Now let's give a plug for our Olympiad in Houston on August 18th. The Houston Committee has lined up the Public High School Stadium for the occasion . . . and it should be a good one. We had some fine athletes from Texas. In the 6th Olympiad at Miami in 1949 Arge Brockles from Dallas won the low hurdles, Pete Manos of Dallas won the mile, and Mert Tassos won the high hurdles. George Polydoros of Houston placed in the discus in the 9th Olympiad at Washington. . . . We should have a good turnout for the event.

THE VICTORS' CIRCLE

CHICAGO, ILL. — Members of Garfield Chapter No. 203 pictured here with trophies awarded its number one team for clinching first place in Seventh Annual Thirteenth District Ahepa Bowling Tournament. Tourney was sponsored by North Shore Chapter No. 94 February 7 to 8 with 26 teams competing.

The smiling victors are (from L. to R.): Steve Chopores; Jim Carambelas; District Athletic Director Peter G. Batsakis; Lou Asimakopoulos, Chapter President; Gus Bamos; Peter Stryker; and District Governor Sam Skafidas. Garfield was also host to First Ahepa National Bowling Meet held in Chicago.

SPORTS-SCRIPTS
By Nicholas Rekas

North Shore Chapter No. 94 of Chicago, Ahepa's "Blue Ribbon" lodge, took top honors in the First National Ahepa Bowling Tournament sponsored by Garfield Chapter No. 203, April 25 and 26, in the Windy City. Of the 12 top events, No. 94 walked off with 7.

As hosts to the Seventh Annual 13th District Tournament held February 7 and 8, North Shore took 7 of the top 15 spots, losing out on the Team event.

Ironically, North Shore's No. 5 Team, "The Orphans," took second place in both the District and National tournaments. The team was not sponsored by the chapter but the individual members paid all the necessary fees. Members of the team are: Nick Rekas, Art Daravanis, George Tjenos, George Pyre and Pete Angelos. Gus Condiss substituted for George Pyre in the National Tourney.

North Shore, the pioneer chapter in bowling in the 13th District, has won the District team title 4 times in 7 years.

On September 8 next, North Shore will begin its eighth straight year in intra-chapter bowling with 12 teams competing in the North Shore Ahepa League.

Ted Vlahandreas, Chapter Athletic Director and President of the North Shore Ahepa League, took 4 of the top honors in both the District and National Tourneys.

North Shore applied strict American Bowling Congress rules when it hosted the recent District tourney, primarily to protect sanctioned ABC bowlers and to insure a properly conducted event. For the first time in 7 years, all participants, as well as 13th District chapters, were sent complete and official tournament results.

PATERSON BOWLERS COMPETE IN TOURNEY

The Alexander Hamilton Chapter No. 54 of Paterson, N. J., participated in the singles, doubles and team events in the National Bowling Tournament held in Chicago. Bowlers included: John Betts, Peter Constandelis, Harry Davatelis, Manny Davatelis, Nick Pagonis and Mark Petrakakis. The chapter was presented a beautiful distance trophy.

The trophies that were presented to the various teams were beautiful and we sincerely hope that next year there will be more teams competing which will make it even more successful.

The trophies awarded at the National Bowling Tournament.

Brother Scopas and James Skufakiss, Supreme President of the Sons, surrounded by some of the players at the National Basketball Tourney.

7th Annual 13th District Bowling Tournament
February 7 and 8, 1953
Host: North Shore Chapter No. 94, Chicago, Ill.

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(Scores include handicap) 2/3 of 200

5-MAN EVENT (TEAM) — 26 teams

1st.	Garfield Chapter No. 203, Team No. 1	2988
2nd.	North Shore Chapter No. 94, Team No. 5 (Orphans)	2984
3rd.	North Shore Chapter No. 94, Team No. 1	2896

2-MAN EVENT (DOUBLES) — 38 doubles

1st.	Pete Vrettos & Dave Christy, North Shore	1265
2nd.	Ted Zoros & Steve Stevens, St. Andrews	1238
3rd.	George Miller & Harry Mammas, Harvey	1214

INDIVIDUAL EVENT (SINGLES) — 64 singles

1st.	Ted Vlahandreas, North Shore	657
2nd.	Harry Christopher, Kankakee	654
3rd.	George Miller, Harvey	631

INDIVIDUAL HI GAME SCRATCH

1st.	Ted Costoplos, North Shore	244
2nd.	Dave Christy, North Shore	240
3rd.	Ted Zoros, St. Andrews	237

ALL-EVENTS — 54 all-events

1st.	Ted Vlahandreas, North Shore	1897
2nd.	Gus Bannos, Garfield	1862
3rd.	John Kachians, Garfield	1859

1st National Ahepa Bowling Tournament
April 25 and 26, 1953
Host: Garfield Chapter No. 203, Chicago, Ill.

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(Scores include handicap) 2/3 of 200

5-MAN TEAM EVENT — 27 teams entered

1st.	North Shore Chapter, Team No. 1	2869
2nd.	North Shore Chapter, Team No. 5 (Orphans)	2851
3rd.	Garfield Chapter, Team No. 1	2828

2-MAN EVENT (DOUBLES)

1st.	Ted Vlahandreas & Greg Papadourakos, North Shore	1208
2nd.	Andrew Kallas & George Kapantas, St. Andrews	1188
3rd.	Pete Kostandelis & Nick Pagonis, Patterson, N. J.	1182

INDIVIDUAL EVENT (SINGLES)

1st.	Pete Stryker, Garfield	659
2nd.	George Kapsunalis, Englewood	643
3rd.	George Bombolis, North Shore	638

ALL EVENTS

1st.	Ted Vlahandreas, North Shore	1831
2nd.	George Bombolis, North Shore	1796
3rd.	Grek Papadourakos, North Shore	1777

NATIONAL AHEPA BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Garfield chapter No. 203 of Chicago, Ill., the host Chapter of the First National Ahepa Bowling Tournament, has planned a very interesting program for all the bowlers and visitors.

On the first week-end, the local Chapters and the Chapters that are located within a fifty-mile radius of Chicago will bowl their singles and doubles events on Saturday, April 18th, and the team event on Sunday, April 19th. On the following week-end, the rest of the teams will bowl, bowling their singles and doubles events on Saturday, April 25th, and the team event on Sunday, April 26th.

On Saturday night, April 25th, the "Tenpin" Ball will take place at the Grand Ballroom of the Midwest Hotel, which will be the Tournament Headquarters. On Sunday night, April 26th, at the completion of the bowling tournament, a buffet dinner will be served at the Assumption Church Hall where the winners will be announced and cash prizes and trophies presented to them.

The first Chapter to express interest in entering a team in the Tournament is Alexander Hamilton No. 34 of Paterson, New Jersey. Other cities that have indicated that they will be represented in the Tournament are Hammond, Indiana; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Kankakee, Illinois; and Chicago, Illinois.

NATIONAL BOWLING CHAMPIONS, North Shore Chapter's No. 1 team with the trophies they won. Left to right: Art Lambros, Gus Panagopoulos, Ray Gray of the Chicago "Herald-American," Gus Mangel, Greg. Papadourakis and Steve Sakas.

The Supreme Vice-President on his tour of the West at Seattle, Washington. Seated, left to right: District Governor No. 22 Jack Tsapralis; Mrs. Gus Carras, District Governor of the Daughters; Brother Stephen S. Scopas; Mrs. P. Laskaris, President of Seattle Chapter of the Daughters; Past District Governor Thomas D. Lentgis. In back row may be seen Past District Governors Gus Carras and Gus Rakus.

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If you know any of these people in your community, please advise him or her to write to the AHEPA DISPLACED PERSONS COMMITTEE, 1420 K Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C. They may write in English or in Greek. The main objective of the Committee is not only to see that these people receive their Alien Registration Card, but also that they may be advised on Governmental requirements affecting their status.

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An Appeal from Our Supreme President

As your new Supreme President, I convey my salutations and fraternal love to you and pledge my entire devotion, vitality and spirit in the great and noble work of our Order. I know that I shall have your faith and your fullest cooperation, and for that I am deeply thankful. Together, we shall all march forth to greater triumphs and accomplishments.

This, my first message to you, is not intended to set out programs and policies, but rather, to appeal to you, in the name of charity and philanthropy, for the victims of the recent catastrophic earthquake that has rocked and destroyed the beautiful Ionian Isles. The pathos, suffering and destruction, you all know! I am confident that all of us, with human hearts and brotherly devotion and spirit, will respond to this sacred call.

By unanimous resolution of our recent Convention, every Chapter of Ahepa, as well as the Daughters, Maids and Sons, are to stage a spontaneous drive for money and clothing commencing with the week of September 6th. This drive is with the fullest sanction of, and in harmony with, the great drive of the Red Cross as well as with that of our Church. I, therefore, ask that every Chapter arrange to hold a special meeting during that week, form their committees, and, like a great army, proceed with the collection of monies and clothing from our members as well as all other citizens. Arrangements should also be made for the giving of affairs and functions for the benefit of this humanitarian crusade.

All monies are to be sent to our Ahepa Headquarters, from whence ultimately they will be transmitted to the American Red Cross. Clothing collections will be forwarded to the Greek Cathedral in New York where it will be sorted out and immediately shipped to the unfortunate victims. The Ahepa Committees that will be formed are also directed to cooperate fully with those of the Community and Red Cross so that the maximum result may be realized for the benefit of the victims of the disaster. I'm requesting all District Governors to chairman and organize District Committees at once, so as to assist, augment and supplement the Drive within their respective Districts.

Further messages will follow, my Brethren. I might add that the Convention appropriated Ten Thousand Dollars from its National Treasury, the Daughters another Five Thousand Dollars, and more than Five Thousand Dollars was contributed by the Delegates. Thus, over Twenty Thousand Dollars is being immediately transmitted from Headquarters. I am confident that every Ahepa Chapter, as well as our Auxiliaries, will devote themselves exclusively and relentlessly toward this cause, and will set aside everything else during this great Drive.

Now is the time for every Ahepan to come to the aid of Greece.

With the fullest faith that Ahepa will again produce a brilliant record in the alleviation of suffering and distress, and with my sincerest gratitude, I am

LEO J. LAMBERSON
Supreme President

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

I am pleased to learn that the American Red Cross is responding to the appeal of the Greek Red Cross to assist in relieving the distressed victims of the tragic earthquake in Greece. As Honorary President of the American Red Cross, I am confident that the people of the United States of America will respond generously in helping to alleviate the sufferings of the people of Greece who have contributed so much to our common cause of freedom.

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THE ORDER OF AHEPA HOLDING ITS 27th NATIONAL CONVENTION IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, BY UNANIMOUS ACTION OF DELEGATES APPROPRIATED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM ITS NATIONAL TREASURY FOR THE RELIEF OF EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN GREECE. IN ADDITION OVER $5,400 WERE RAISED FROM INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS, $4,000 BY DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE AND THE SONS OF PERICLES. TOTAL SUMS HEREIN MENTIONED TO BE TRANSMITTED BY CHECK THROUGH OUR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D. C., TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR RELIEF OF EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. ORDER OF AHEPA BY UNANIMOUS DECISION OF DELEGATES IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED EXTENDED DEEP APPRECIATION OF MAGNIFICENT WORK OF AMERICAN RED CROSS IN PRESENT GREEK CRISIS AND IN ALL EMERGENCIES AFFECTING HUMAN NEEDS.

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Editor's Corner—

This issue is representative of an all-out effort to pictorially highlight the Houston Convention. Approximately 100 pictures — unprecedented in the history of "The Ahepan" — have been used to vividly portray one of our Order's greatest undertakings. It is hoped that the membership will receive this issue with the same enthusiasm as generated your staff in its preparation.

The newly elected Supreme Lodge — elected by the representatives of the Chapters assembled at Houston recently announced a change in the composition of the Editorial Staff. Brother George Dimas, presently the Managing Editor, has been entrusted the stewardship of our publication during the ensuing year. I accept the mandate of the Supreme Lodge, and wish my successor an abundance of success.

Since this is my last issue as your Editor and will henceforth not participate in the editorial functions of "The Ahepan", I desire to express my appreciation to the many Chapter Editors, Officers and members for their splendid cooperation accorded me during the past year. The wonderful support, encouragement and plaudits of so many members of the Ahepa Family were certainly appreciated and a constant source of great inspiration in the discharge of my duties. For the many letters of commendation and good wishes and which I am unable to answer, I shall always be grateful.

During the past year I have endeavored to execute my duties impartially and on a non-partisan basis, with the sole objective of publishing a fraternal magazine which would be proudly and enthusiastically received by the membership and completely responsive to the needs of the Ahepa Family. I sincerely hope I have merited the confidence reposed toward me and that in some small measure have contributed to the improvement of "The Ahepan" and in the realization of these objectives.

To Brother George J. Margoles, Associate Editor, I am deeply indebted and immeasurably grateful for his splendid journalistic contributions. Throughout the past year he has been a conscientious worker and participants in the formulation of the many changes and improvements inaugurated and contributed much to the success of our magazine endeavors. I would also like to express my thanks to Brother George Dimas, Managing Editor, for his efforts and assistance. To Dr. Kimon A. Doukas, I am deeply appreciative for his outstanding editorial contributions, suggestions and advice. To the remaining members of the Editorial Board, consisting of Andrew D. Vozeolas, Elias Gatoura, Jack C. Tsapralis and Chris Athas, I desire to publicly acknowledge their untiring services in reporting the activities of the Ahepa domain. A special word of thanks to Sister Esther Dometios, who spent much time and effort as my secretary in the typing and preparation of voluminous magazine material.

Last, but not least, *a big bouquet of THANKS* to my wife, Sue Verinis, for her patience and understanding as an "Ahepa wife" during the many years I have been privileged to serve the Fraternity.

I urge the officers and members of the Ahepa Family to continue supporting "The Ahepan" and to further promote a genuine and sincere awareness of the tremendous importance our publication serves in the progressive development of our great Order.

C. P. Verinis, *Editor*

The new Editor, appointed by the new Supreme Lodge, will assume the Editorship of the magazine commencing with the October-November-December issue. He has set November 20, 1953, as the deadline date, and all material is to be henceforth forwarded to *Editor* GEORGE DIMAS, 103 Haven Ave., New York 32, N. Y.

All of the Convention photos appearing in this issue were taken by Bro. Don Avlon of New York, who went to Houston at a great sacrifice to serve as our photographer. Anyone desiring to purchase any of these photos, or any others that were taken there, may do so by forwarding $2.00 for each one desired to DON AVLON, 1697 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

ON THE COVER —

Leo J. Lamberson of South Bend, Indiana, who was elected to the Supreme Presidency of the Order of Ahepa by the 27th National Convention at Houston, Texas. Supreme President Lamberson is the 12th brother to hold this high and exalted office in the 51 years since the Ahepa was founded.

THE HOUSTON NATIONAL CONVENTION

By GEORGE J. MARGOLES, *Associate Editor*

The 27th National Convention of the Order of Ahepa held at Houston, Texas, during the week of August 16 to 22, promulgated a variety of constructive mandates designed to further develop the Ahepa Family and navigate our great organization to further heights of achievement.

Three hundred and eighty-six delegates, constituting a voting strength of 307 and representing chapters of the United States and Canada, vigorously and enthusiastically discharged their duties in deliberating the affairs of our Order.

The Ahepan," in pursuance of its objectives and purposes, is pleased to present, in conjunction with its pictorial review, the highlights of the business deliberations and mandates of the Convention in the interest of acquainting the rank and file of our membership with its accomplishments, deeds and actions.

His Eminence, Most Reverend Archbishop Michael, pronouncing the Benediction at the opening ceremonies of the 27th National Convention in Houston, Texas.

Convention Officers

The first order of business on Monday was the selection of Convention Officers. Past Supreme Vice-President George Johnson of Sacramento, Calif., admirably and impartially presided throughout the week as Convention Chairman. He was assisted by Leo Ypsilanti of New York City as Vice-Chairman and Dean Macris of Quincy, Ill., as Secretary, both of whom greatly contributed to the success of the Convention.

Ionian Earthquake Disaster

No time was lost in marshalling the resources of the Ahepa Family in an attempt to alleviate the immediate relief of the deplorable suffering of the recent earthquake victims on the Ionian Islands of Greece. $10,000 was immediately appropriated by the Order of Ahepa and $5,000 by the Daughters of Penelope. The Sons of Pericles at the Convention raised and contributed the sum of $107.00 and the Ahepa delegates solicited the sum of $5,145.00, making a grand total of $20,252.00 initially earmarked for aid and relief.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted directing the Ahepa Family to institute drives for the collection of money, food and clothing during the period designated as Relief Week. It is anticipated, as in previous humanitarian and charitable endeavors, that the Ahepa banner will once again lead the way and that our membership will do more than its share in assisting the sufferers in Greece.

Committee Chairmen

The Ionian Earthquake situation having been resolved to the satisfaction of the Convention, the delegates promptly began the task of studying and analyzing the reports of the Supreme Lodge Officers and the various recommendations submitted. The officers of the Supreme Lodge, District Governors, and members of the Displaced Persons Committee rendered their reports for the enlightenment of the delegates. Then began the time consuming task of selecting the various committees in order to expeditiously handle the business of the Convention. Chairman Johnson appointed the following 15 committees and chairmen:

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Convention City – 1955

San Francisco, Calif., in a close race with Hollywood, Calif., was selected as the site of the 1955 National Convention. New York City, Chicago, Montreal, Canada and Washington, D. C. stated for the record their intention to bid for the 1956 Convention.

"The Ahepan"

The existing editorial staff of "The Ahepan" received the plaudits of the

Elias Gatoura, General Chairman; Hon. Roy Hofheinz, Mayor of Houston; Peter L. Bell, Ahepa Supr. President; Pota Saratsis, Daughters Grand President; and James Skufakiss, Sons Supreme President,, addressing the Convention at the opening ceremonies.

Magazine Committee and Convention for its efforts in improving the stature of our official publication. Subject to the availability of funds, the Editor of "The Ahepan" was authorized to publish the magazine bi-monthly instead of quarterly commencing January, 1954. Appropriate resolutions were adopted authorizing the establishment of a Public Relations Department, functioning through "The Ahepan." The Editor was authorized to retain agents to solicit advertisements in order to increase the magazine income and further insure publication on a bi-monthly basis.

National Projects

The need was recognized by the delegates to coordinate the activities and programs of our various national projects and institutions. In the future, the management, investment and re-investment of all national projects of the Order, such as the Albuquerque Sanatorium property, the Florida Orphanage project, the National Home Fund and any and all other national projects created by future Conventions, will vest exclusively in a Board of Trustees consisting of seven members, two of whom will be the Supreme President and the Supreme Treasurer.

The Board of Trustees was vested with the power and authority to buy, sell, transfer, rent, lease, mortgage and hypothecate all real and personal property properly designated as belonging to a national project or projects. All funds, property and income under the supervision and control of the Trustees will be kept in a separate trust account and may not be used for any other purpose than a national project.

An additional important duty to be performed by the Board of Trustees as soon as the necessary funds are accumulated is the administration of *The Ahepa Scholarship Trust and Loan Fund* which was created at Houston. The practice of granting outright scholarship gifts has been discontinued. In the future, each scholarship grant from the Fund will be on a loan basis and must be repaid after graduation, at low interest, and at an approximate return rate of $200.00 per year. The maximum loan per student per academic year will be $500.00. Any member of an Ahepa Family in good standing will be eligible for a loan, as determined by the respective Districts. Each and every District will be entitled to one scholarship loan per year.

Ahepans, Daughters, Sons, Maids and friends at the Convention opening ceremonies.

Past Supreme Governor Chris Athas of Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected a 5-year member of the Board and will serve as its chairman during the ensuing year.

Emergency Fund

In an effort to insure the continuation of the Emergency Fund (insurance), the Convention authorized the incoming Supreme Lodge to circularize and conduct a poll of the various Chapters of the Ahepa Domain and offer the members $500.00 insurance at $6.50 or $1,000 at

The Convention officers at Houston. First photo: Adeline Geo-Karis in center, Daughters' Chairman, with Vice-Chair. Josie Chase and Sec'y Susan Collis. Second photo: Sec'y Dean Macris, Ahepa Chairman George E. Johnson and Vice-Chair. Leo Ypsilanti. The Chairmen for our Junior Orders are in the third photo: Nick C. Demeris for the Sons and Miss Becky Angelos for the Maids.

Top photo: The D.P. Committee in session with Chair. Geo. N. Pahno (seated 3rd from left). 2nd photo: Oil Center District No. 15. Third photo: El Camino Real District No. 20. 4th photo: Sam Nakos (back row, 4th from left) Chairman, with National Projects Committee.

$13.00 per annum. In the event the response is favorable, the Convention recommended that the Pittsburgh Convention adopt such a plan on a permanent basis. The funds so collected will be returned to the individual members if the response is not encouraging.

St. Basil's Boys Dormitory

One of the most constructive endeavors undertaken by the Convention was the authorization of a drive to be conducted by the incoming Supreme Lodge, with the aid and assistance of the Ahepa Family, to raise funds to build a boys' dormitory at St. Basil's Academy, Garrison, N. Y., to be designated as *The Ahepa Dormitory*.

The proposed project, which was unanimously adopted by the delegates, will immeasurably contribute to the welfare of those unfortunate orphaned boys of our people in providing them the opportunity to mature in a pleasant and conducive environment under the spiritual guidance of our Church.

Archbishop Michael has assured the Convention of the full cooperation and assistance of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America. The following telegram, received from His Eminence while the Convention was in session vividly reflects the need for such a boys' orphanage and the great humanitarian cause our Order seeks to espouse:

WESTERN UNION

"George Margoles
Shamrock Hotel, Houston, Texas.

Deeply grateful to the Order of Ahepa for the wonderful resolution to erect boys' dormitory at St. Basil's Academy. All American citizens of Greek extraction will appreciate immensely your resolution. It was something urgently needed. God bless, guide and protect Ahepa.

Archbishop Michael"

Legislative Enactments

Significant legislative changes were enacted. The Executive Secretary will be ineligible for election as a delegate or alternate of his Chapter to future National Conventions while serving as the Executive Secretary. Chapters in good standing with the Supreme Lodge will be entitled to the following representation at future National Conventions:

(a) Chapters having from 15 up to and including 200 members in good standing as of June 30 will have one full vote.

(b) Chapters having 201 members in good standing as of June 30 will have two full votes.

Those Chapters entitled to two votes will be required to send at least two delegates each, with one vote for each delegate, and no delegate will be permitted to have more than one full vote.

In the interest of meeting the rising cost of operating the affairs of the Order and maintaining our Headquarters on an efficient basis, the per capita tax was raised from $5.00 to $6.00 effective Jan. 1, 1954.

The Chapters of the Order of Ahepa in Canada were authorized to hold their District Conventions not later than the first week in August.

Concrete steps were taken to affiliate the Order of Ahepa of Australia with the Order in the United States. In this connection, the number of Districts in the Ahepa Domain was enlarged to include the new Australian jurisdiction — known as the 25th District of the Order of Ahepa. Our Australian brothers in the future will contribute a portion of their per capita tax and initiation fees to our National Headquarters in Washington and will be the recipients of the benefits of "The Ahepan" and the Emergency Fund.

The Supreme Lodge of Australia will henceforth have the same status as a District Lodge and the National Convention of Australia will have powers identical to those enjoyed by the District Conventions in this Country. Australian Chapters will have rights and privileges identical to those set forth in the Constitution, and the Supreme President, Supreme Vice-President or any delegate elected by the National Convention in Australia will have the right to be a delegate to the National Convention in this Country.

The Ahepa Refugee Committee

The Convention authorized the continuation of the Displaced Persons Committee, now known as The Ahepa Refugee Committee, for the purpose of guiding, acting, advising, obtaining sponsors, and carrying out a full program of immigration of all allowable visas under the Watkins Act and further authorized the Order of Ahepa to become a voluntary agency for such purposes.

The report of the 1952-53 Displaced Persons Committee submitted by Brothers C. C. Paris, Harris J. Booras and John G. Thevos relating to their activities during the past year was examined and approved.

Future activities of the Ahepa Refugee Committee will be handled by a committee consisting of five members. Included on the committee, which will be headed by Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras as its Chairman, will be Leo J. Lamberson, Supreme President; John Kiamos, Supreme Treasurer; George Polos, Mother Lodge member; and Louis J. Doukas, Past Supreme Counsellor.

Auxiliaries, Excursion, Athletics and Miscellaneous

The attention of the delegates was directed to a number of other important

From the top down: 1st photo shows the Scholarship Committee with Vice-Chair. Steve Pepps (2nd from left) in charge. (2) Chairman Peter Giftos (in front with white shirt) and the Emergency Fund Committee. (3) Chairman William Revis (seated, front row right) and the Budget Committee. (4) Chair. Lamberson (seated extreme right) and the Ritual Committee.

matters. Legislation was adopted automatically graduating members of the Sons of Pericles upon reaching their 21st birthday. Members, however, who join the Order of Ahepa immediately upon reaching their majority may remain active in the Sons and eligible to hold any office until they have completed their 23rd birthday, except as provided in Article XV, Section 9 of the Constitution.

With reference to the annual Ahepa Excursion, the delegates adopted several mandates. The incoming Supreme Lodge was directed to select immediately the Commander-in-Chief in order to provide him sufficient time to make arrangements with the steamship lines. The Daughters of Penelope will continue to participate in the Excursion. The profits, if any, derived from Excursions were directed to be contributed to different charitable organizations every year.

The Officers Reports Committee, consisting of several very able accountants, devoted much time in scrutinizing the affairs of the Order. It is regretted that the report was not completely presented to the Convention. It is anticipated that since two of the members of the Committee are now members of the Supreme Lodge that the recommendations of the Committee will be brought to the attention of the Supreme Lodge for consideration and adoption.

Athletics were recognized as an important activity in the development of the Ahepa Family. A number of mandates were adopted in the interest of clarifying the responsibilities of District and National Athletic Directors. At all future national tournaments sponsored by local chapters, the District Athletic Director and the Zone Athletic Director will be a part of the executive committee sponsoring the tournament. Disputes of eligibility will be resolved by the District Athletic Director and Zone Athletic Director, with the right of final appeal to the National Athletic Director.

The retiring Supreme Lodge, their wives, Exec. Sec'y Lalos and the Hon. Oveta Culp Hobby. Seated, l. to r.: Mrs. Zepatos, Mrs. Kourmoules, Secretary Hobby, Peter L. Bell, Mrs. Versis.

Elections

The delegates, having concluded the legislative deliberations of the Convention, then devoted their exclusive thoughts and attention to the selection and election of the Supreme Lodge and various Boards and Committees. The following were elected to lead the destinies of our Order and entrusted the responsibility of executing the mandates of the 27th National Convention:

Supr. President, LEO J. LAMBERSON
Supr. Vice-Pres., STEPHEN S. SCOPAS
Supr. Sec'y, PETER KOURMOULES (6 months)
Sup. Sec'y, GEORGE N. GEORGE (6 months)
Supr. Treasurer, JOHN KIAMOS
Supr. Counsellor, JOHN T. LASKARIS
Supr. Gov'or, JAMES P. MAZARAKOS
Supr. Gov'r, ANDREW C. ANGELSON
Supr. Gov'r, JAMES MILLAS
Supr. Gov'r (Canada), CHRIS TSIPURAS

Board of Trustees

CHRIS ATHAS, Chairman
CHARLES D. KOTSILIMBAS, Vice-Chair.
SPEROS A. VERSIS, Secretary
SAM NAKOS
ANTHONY ARONEY
LEO J. LAMBERSON (Supr. President)
JOHN KIAMOS (Supr. Treasurer)

Ahepa Refugee Committee

HARRIS J. BOORAS, Chairman
GEORGE A. POLOS, Vice-Chairman
LOUIS J. DUKAS, Secretary
LEO J. LAMBERSON (Supr. President)
JOHN KIAMOS (Supr. Treasurer)

Following appropriate installation ceremonies which concluded at 8:45 Sunday morning, the delegates, weary and tired from the strenuous activity of the week but proud that another milestone of progress had been achieved, eagerly started planning for Pittsburgh in '53 with renewed spirit and determination for a bigger and better Ahepa.

Conventioneers enjoying the hospitality of George Papanicolas (standing at extreme left) following the Banquet.

Archbishop Michael accepts $7,000 check from Zoe Cavalaris, Chairman Daughters Seal Drive, and Grand President Saratsis.

First photo: Mrs. Hofheinz; Hon. Oveta Culp Hobby, Sec'y of Health, Education and Welfare; Hon. Hofheinz, Mayor of Houston; and Mr. Hobby. In the second photo: Editor C. P. Verinis interviews Secretary Hobby under the vigilant eye of Supr. Pres. Peter Bell.

First picture shows Chairman Vasiliou (seated third from left) with his very important Officers' Reports Committee. In second photo, Chairman Doukas (seated third from left) explains to the Editors the recommendations of the Magazine Committee.

First photo shows the New York delegation, headed by District Governor Giftos, with their favorite son — Supreme Vice-President Scopas. To the right, Chairman Papanicolas (seated third from left) with Legislative Committee.

Left photo, Ambassador Polites (seated center) enjoying "Greek Night." To right, the Northwest delegation with "Suprexy" Lamberson.

Top photo: Chairman Johnson addressing Convention following his election. Second photo: Mayor Hofheinz embraces George Kelley, Houston's leading restaurateur, and Nick Dallas, Editor of the "New California." Third photo: John Manta and Peter Giftos listen to James Dikeou relating the "Denver Story." Lower photo: George Papanicolas briefs Van A. Nomikos on his campaign strategy.

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BUCKEYE DISTRICT No 11

GARDEN STATE DISTRICT No. 5

GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT No. 21

POWER DISTRICT No. 4

Left photo, Mother Lodge Members at Convention. Left to right: James Vlass, Speros J. Stamos, George A. Polos and James Campbell. Right photo, Past Supr. Presidents "unite" for the photographer. L. to r.: V. A. Nomikos, H. J. Booras, V. I. Chebithes and J. G. Thevos.

A PARTIAL VIEW OF THE THREE HEAD TABLES NEEDED TO SEAT ALL OF THE DIGNITARIES

Northern New England Conventioneers at Convention Banquet (left photo). Upper right, Mother Lodge Member James Vlass and Mrs. Vlass with George Dimas, Past District Governor No. 6. Lower right, outstanding Ahepa leaders at Banquet.

Sister Hofheinz, wife of Houston's Mayor, seated in center at the Convention Banquet Reception. To the right and center, George Christopher, San Francisco Supervisor, with members of the Supreme Lodge.

DANCING AND DINING AT THE GET-ACQUAINTED PARTY AT THE HOTEL SHAMROCK ON SUNDAY EVENING.

"We're all with you" seems to be the theme with these groups. From L to r.: (1) Gov'r DonBullion, Geo. Margoles, C. P. Verinis and Wm. Karabots, all of District No. 7, with Presidential candidate Lamberson in center. (2) James A. Veras, left, and the Gov'r of Dist. No. 4, William Seras. (3) Stephen S. Scopas, Chris Athas and J. Veras. (4) Scopas, George Christopher of San Francisco and James Kallas of Cheyenne, Wyo., who seems to be saying "What about me?" (5) George Johnson, Speros Zepatos, Harris Booras, Leo Ypsilanti and Geo. Christopher. (6) Stephen S. Scopas, Speros Versis and the winner — Leo J. Lamberson with his "Can it be true" smile.

Secretary Hobby Addresses Convention Banquet

"I could not begin to talk to you tonight without expressing two deep feelings I have.

One is sympathy for you who might have friends or loved ones suffering from the tragic earthquakes which have struck the Ionian Islands. Certainly there must be no feeling of helplessness and hopelessness to match the experience of an earthquake.

But the strength of the Greek people, rising again as it has through the pages of history, is once more proudly on display in the show window of the world.

And that brings me to the second thing I would like to say. That is the pride America has in organizations such as the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association — a pride that we can place these organizations in our show window for the rest of the world to see.

In America, we are greatly enriched by the ideals and culture which have come to us from throughout the world. In many areas of the globe, an organization such as yours, composed of citizens of foreign descent, might be looked upon with suspicion. Such an organization could not exist in some countries.

Especially is our nation better off for the contributions which have been made by the people who have come to us from Greece.

Few Americans, after all, are able to echo the words of the great humorist, Will Rogers.

He was partially of American Indian descent. According to a story, he was once in conversation with two descendants of pilgrims who had come to America on the Mayflower.

"And when did your ancestors come to America?" Rogers was asked by one of the Mayflower descendants.

"Mine met the boat," he replied.

So, in the United States, a country of free people made up in part by cultures from throughout the world, we consider it a very natural thing indeed that the descendants of immigrants should form organizations together for the purposes so well put in your own constitution — "To promote and encourage loyalty to the United States of America; allegiance to its flag; support to its Constitution; obedience to its laws and reverence to its history and traditions."

In one of his great orations, Pericles said that a man who takes no part in public business is called by some a "quiet man," but by Athenians he is called "useless." In such a large and complex society as we have in the United States today, the average citizen cannot participate directly and easily in all the decisions of government as the ancient Greek did in his city-state.

But today's citizen who refuses to be "useless" in the eyes of the Athenians is an important person. The citizen who is aware and interested in his government helps form public opinion and influences the decisions of those he chooses for public office. The citizen can, of course, run for office himself.

In times such as these — when the nation seeks the answers to the perilous problems which face us — we who are participating directly in government need the help of all Americans."

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The above introductory remarks were delivered by Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Oveta Culp Hobby, at the 27th National Convention Banquet. We regret that the lack of space prevents printing the entire message.*

Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, with Athanase G. Politis, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, at the reception that preceded the Convention Banquet.

Peter L. Bell congratulates his successor, Leo J. Lamberson, as George Johnson, the Convention Chairman, approvingly looks on.

John Douglas, left, and Speros Zepatos, right, watch C. G. Paris total the $5,145.00 collected for the Ionian Relief Drive at the Convention.

Ambassador Polites' Message To Convention

"These are days of cruel tragedy for my country. A most terrible disaster has struck a part of the nation bringing death, terror, suffering and untold misery in its wake.

The beloved islands of Cephalonia, Ithaca, Zakynthos and Lefkas lie in ruin and devastation. Hundreds of our brothers are dead and thousands injured.

Their Majesties King Paul and Queen Frederika rushed immediately to the scene and took part personally in relief operations to care for the injured and sick.

Here in the United States, there has been an overwhelmingly sympathetic response to the great need that exists and expressions of sympathy and offers of assistance have come to me from all parts of the land. Because of this great and generous response, I have asked the American Red Cross to accept all contributions for transmission to Greece. The American Red Cross not only gladly accepted but immediately offered to launch a nation-wide campaign to raise funds.

Needless to say, AHEPA was one of the first to offer its aid last week and here in Houston the wheels have already been put in motion to put the strength and energy of your great organization behind the drive to bring relief to the area.

I am confident that in this great hour of need there will be a generous and sympathetic response on the part of everyone whose heart is touched by the plight of these unfortunate victims of tragedy.

I need not tell you that this disaster has been a cruel and crushing blow to my country which has for so long been devoting its fullest efforts to economic recovery and reconstruction after almost a decade of war, occupation and communist aggression.

But while we may reflect on what has befallen us in order to better estimate what we have to do, we shall not pause in the face of our duty. We will bury our dead, care for the sick and injured and begin the task of restoring our people to their homes and land as best as we can.

It is heartening to know that in this room there sit so many whose hearts are touched as mine by the plight of these people.

This is not the first time your hearts have responded to the unfortunate circumstances of those of your blood who are across the sea. This is not the first time that your great organization has come to the aid of the people of Greece in a tragic hour of need.

The history of AHEPA has been not only a period of important accomplishments in this blessed land of America but a period marked by significant humanitarian deeds in behalf of my country.

For these many deeds we remain constantly grateful. We are rightfully proud of your accomplishments in the United States, for since the day of July 26, 1922, when the courageous founders of your order met in Atlanta to set down the principles that have guided AHEPA in the 31 years of its existence, you have firmly established your organization as the leading proponent of Hellenic thought in the United States.

History has proved the need for AHEPA in the United States. It was fortunate indeed for thousands of my countrymen coming to this great land to begin a new life that here came into being such an organization dedicated to the task of helping them integrate into a new national stream, an organization which stood ready to provide that educational inspiration that was needed to help so many adjust themselves to a new way of life.

AHEPA has served well. Many are the thousands who can testify to this at first hand."

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Part of address delivered by his Excellency, Athanase G. Politis, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, at the Banquet of the 27th National Convention.*

Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, his son, and Mrs. Lamberson, still showing the effects of their auto accident on the way to Houston.

The Degree Team from Canton, Ohio, that has initiated over 150 members throughout the Buckeye, Power and Hoosier Districts under the leadership of Supreme Governor Peter Kourmoules. Left to right: M. Ergazos, Chaplain; G. Konstand, Warden; P. Kourmoules, Pres.; G. Tremoulis, V.-Pres.; A. Manos, Capt. of Guard, H. Laggeris, Sec'y.

At initiation of Congressman James Donovan into the Pindus Chapter No. 354. Seated, left to right: Rev. Matthew Pappavasiliou, Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, Mr. Donovan, Past District Governor Gus Nicholas and Past District Secretary Anthony Kouttos. Standing, left to right: John Baltis, Alex Sioris, Past District Governors George Dimas and George Kastrinos, District Secretary Gus Cherevas and President Tom Lagoumis of the Pindus Chapter.

Newly elected officers of Liberty Chapter No. 127, Cincinnati, Ohio. Left to right are: J. Moraites, Governor; P. Dimitry, Treasurer; P. Zinzigk, Vice-President; George Sfarnas, President; A. Mehas, Chairman, Board of Governors; J. Ponticos, Athletic Director; and T. Thomas, Governor. Absent when picture was taken were P. Kappas, Secretary; G. Plagakis and T. Pappas, Governors.

William D. Belroy, Governor District No. 13, and some of the delegates of his District at the Houston National Convention.

"There's so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us;
It hardly behooves any of us,
To talk about the rest of us."

August 22, 1953 — LEO J. LAMBERSON
Houston Convention — Ahepa's "Suprexy"

OFFICIAL GREEK PHOTOS OF THE IONIAN DISASTER

FINDING REFUGE ON THE MAINLAND

THE RUINS OF ARGOSTOLION

EARTHQUAKE REFUGEES ARRIVING AT PATRAS

DEVASTATION OF SAMI, CEPHALONIA

12th National Convention—Daughters Of Penelope

By LILLIAN MANETAS

Another milestone has been set on the road of achievement for the Order of the Daughters of Penelope. With the 12th National Convention receding into the misty corridors of memory, it is fitting that we should pause briefly to review and analyze for ourselves, and for our Sisters who could not be present, the significance of the work that transpired within the much publicized Shamrock Hotel in Houston, Texas, the week of August 16, 1953.

One of the youngest, but largest, states in the Union was hostess to the 12th Annual National Convention. Literally, with arms outstretched, Houston welcomed the delegates and visitors as no other city in this vast country of ours has done in the past. The warm, friendly hospitality of the not so old Southwest was apparent everywhere. In large measure, the social success of the convention must be attributed to the efforts and graciousness of the General Chairmen, Brother Elias Gatoura and Sister Sara Angelos. Both, Brother Gatoura and Sister Angelos, worked arduously all week long to assure the comfort of all delegates and visitors.

It was evident that delegates descended from many parts of the country to the convention with renewed convictions, with new philosophies, and with an almost insatiable desire to participate actively in all phases of the convention. This year's convention was strongly permeated with a seriousness of purpose seldom witnessed before. To a degree, one could almost sense the spirit of a "crusade." Legislatively-wise, the convention will long be noted and remembered for its fine work. Many worthwhile resolutions were unanimously adopted for the good of the Order. The changes effected were numerous. At this convention, the delegates demonstrated a firmness in their beliefs. Resolute in their ideas and stalwart in their actions, the Daughters of Penelope came of age as a deliberative body. Time, and only time, can now evaluate the soundness of our thoughts, the righteousness of our actions, and the correctness of our attitude.

Activities of the Week

On Sunday morning, August 16, church services were held in the beautiful air-conditioned Hellenic Orthodox Church, The Annunciation. The services were conducted by His Grace, Archbishop Michael, assisted by Reverend Seraphim Haginas of Houston and several visiting priests.

Sunday afternoon the Achaia Chapter No. 54 of Houston conducted an initiation ceremony so beautiful that it will long be remembered. The members of the Achaia Chapter are highly commended for their excellent ritualistic work.

Sunday evening found the delegates milling around the beautiful lobby of the Shamrock Hotel greeting old friends and making new ones. For all those who desired to trip the light fantastic, Teddy Phillips provided the music in the Emerald Room.

Monday heralded the official opening of the National Convention. Chairman Elias Gatoura introduced the many visitors and dignitaries present. Grand President Pota Saratsis addressed the assembly and introduced her Grand Lodge Officers as well as her District Governors. Dynamic Supreme President Peter Bell injected humor into the proceedings. Because of his slight stature, Supreme President Bell was momentarily obscured from view by the lectern. This prompted him to say in Greek to the assembly, "Ma Pou Esaste Olli?" When the audience quieted down, President Bell introduced the members of his Supreme Lodge. The Honorable Roy Hofheinz, Mayor of the City of Houston, offered the welcoming address in a delightful and engaging manner. Mayor Hofheinz is a member of the Ahepa, and his charming wife, Mrs. Hofheinz, who is of Hellenic descent, is a member of the Achaia Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

At 2:30 Monday afternoon the business sessions of the Daughters of Penelope were officially opened in the Shamrock Room with Grand President Saratsis presiding. The following convention officers were elected: Chairman, Adeline J. Geo-Karis; Vice-Chairman, Josie Chase; Secretary, Susan Collis. Mrs. Larimer served as Parliamentarian.

At 6:30 Monday evening the most popular perennial event, Greek Night (Elliniko Glendi), which was introduced in Syracuse, N. Y., many years ago, was successfully staged in the Sam Houston Coliseum. The exotic Greek melodies and folk dances brought back pleasant memories to many who left the Motherland years ago. Once more this year, a little "bit of Greece" was revisited.

The Tuesday morning business session of the Daughters of Penelope got underway at 10 o'clock in the appropriately titled room, "The Grecian Room." The care-free, frolicking figures depicted in the murals made many delegates feel that they were born 5,000 years too late. After a short recess for luncheon, the delegates assembled once more to undertake the tasks of the convention.

The Ahepa Convention Banquet took place Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Emerald Room. The breaking of bread together once more symbolized the unity of purpose of the Ahepa Family. The most exacting gourmet would have been delighted with the carefully planned and beautifully served dinner.

Brother Elias Gatoura ably handled the duties of Toastmaster and introduced the many dignitaries and speakers of the evening. It is to be noted here, that Brother Gatoura made certain that the entire Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope, plus past Grand Lodge Officers, were seated on the dais. It is fervently hoped that future chairmen of national conventions will follow Brother Gatoura's fine example.

The principal speakers of the Banquet were the Ambassador of Greece, His Excellency Athanase G. Politis; His Grace Archbishop Michael; Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education,

The Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope. Seated, left to right: Christine Johnson, Secretary; Adeline Geo-Karis, President; Tula Zotaley, Vice-President; Cleo Tsapralis, Treasurer. Standing, from left to right: Zoe Cavalaris, Helen Limbrou, Christine Pappas, Sophie Angelos, Governors.

and Welfare in President Eisenhower's Cabinet; Supreme President Peter Bell; and Grand President Pota Saratsis. All Daughters were proud to hear Sister Saratsis, in her quiet way, ably define and compare the struggles of all pioneers. She further explained that fertile frontiers still remain to be examined and explored by the Daughters of Penelope. Through this inspiring address, all Daughters felt a resurgence of their faith and belief in our Order.

Sister Penelope Kays of Miami, Fla., made many hearts beat faster with her beautiful rendition of several classic and semi-classic songs, including the perennial favorite, "Yirise Piso."

The Business Sessions

Wednesday morning found the delegates closeted in the Castillian Room for the reading of various reports. Shortly before noon, the meeting recessed for the Fashion Show and Luncheon. This was a highly successful affair staged in the Emerald Room. The fashions on display were lovely; but to this casual observer, the delegates and visitors were fashion plates in themselves.

The Ahepa Grand Ball took place at 8 P.M. in the Emerald Room with Teddy Phillips providing the dance music. As always, the ballroom was filled to capacity and only the young in body and spirit ventured into the realm of Terpsichore.

All day Thursday found the conscientious Daughters earnestly involved in their business sessions. It was on this day that important legislative work was transacted and committee findings deliberated.

With the setting of the Western Sun, the Rice Hotel was the scene of the Daughters of Penelope Grand Ball. This, too, was a successful social affair which was well attended with Albino Torres and his Orchestra providing the music.

At 10 o'clock Friday morning the delegates reconvened to bring to a fruitful completion the unfinished business remaining on the agenda. With the exception of a luncheon recess, the delegates remained in session until midnight. Upon the termination of all convention business, the last remaining and most exciting event was at hand—the election of Grand Lodge Officers. The following were elected to serve our Order for the year ahead: Grand President, Adeline J. Geo-Karis of Zion, Ill.; Grand Vice-President, Tula Zotaley of Minneapolis, Minn.; Grand Secretary, Christine Johnson of Lexington, Ky.; Grand Treasurer, Cleo Tsapralis of Tacoma, Wash.; Grand Governor, Zoe Cavalaris of Charlotte, N. C.; Grand Governor, Helen Lambrou of Canton, Ohio; Grand Governor, Christine Pappas of Dallas, Texas; Grand Governor, Sophie Angelos of Los Angeles, Calif.; National Advisor to the Maids of Athens, Angela Varlas of Wheeling, W. Va.

Saturday at 2 P.M. a Tea Party was held for the Daughters of Penelope in the Shell Room of the Ship Ahoy Restaurant. Immediately following, at 5 P.M., the newly elected Grand Lodge Officers were installed by retiring Grand President Pota Saratsis.

The Ahepa Buffet Supper around the Shamrock Hotel Swimming Pool was underway by 6:30 Saturday evening. To the writer, this was a gracious way to say good-bye to friends, to new acquaintances, to hospitable Houston, and to the beautiful Shamrock.

Private parties then ensued, lasting far into the morning hours, awaiting the results of Ahepa's balloting. It was at these impromptu gatherings that many delegates and visitors, once more, bade their farewells for another year.

In closing, may we all seek God's help and guidance so that we may promote only those measures and support only those programs that give sustenance and meaning to our great Order, The Daughters of Penelope.

From l. to r.: San Francisco, successful bidders for the 1955 Convention, during the nominations. A group of dancing "Texas Cowgirls." Maestro Teddy Phillips, who supplied the music at the Convention, with the "Buy a Ticket Committee." A scene from the Fashion Show.

1953-1954 DISTRICT GOVERNORS

NICK MACK
District No. 2

Born on October 17, 1913, on the Island of Syme, Greece, Nick Mack came to America in 1916 with his parents and settled in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

He graduated from the Public Schools and the Greek School in Tarpon Springs. Attended Florida Southern College on an Athletic Scholarship and has been extremely active in Athletics, having won the Boxing Middleweight Championship of the South.

He entered his own business in 1933, and is presently owner of "Nick Mack's," manufacturers of Cypress Knee lamps and products. He is also in the gasoline and garage business.

An Ahepan for six years, he has held the offices of Vice-President and President of George Washington Chapter No. 16. He was Lt. Governor of District No. 2 for two years before being elevated to District Governor.

Bro. Mack is a City Commissioner of Tarpon Springs; a member of the Board of Directors of the Greek Community; Vice-President of the Young Democratic Club of Pinellas County; and is also an agent for the State Conservation Department of Florida.

Married to the former June Fowler, of Waukegan, Ill., he is very proud of the fact that his wife has served as Lt. Governor and Dist. Governor of the Daughtres of Penelope. They are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl, Gail and "Pinkey" Mack, age 13 years.

PETER G. GIFTOS
District No. 6

Peter G. Giftos, Governor of Empire State District No. 6, was born in Agios Petros, Kynourias, in Greece, on February 2, 1900. He came to the United States in July of 1914, and settled in Pittsfield, Mass. In 1926 he helped organize a chapter of the Ahepa there and became its first President serving for three terms. In 1934 he transferred to the Albany Chapter No. 140 where he served in various offices, including the presidency. He was a delegate to the Boston, Syracuse, Baltimore, Detroit and Washington National Conventions and to all the District Conventions of the Sixth District, presiding as chairman at three of them. He served his District as Lieutenant Governor prior to being elevated to the Governorship. He has also served the Pittsfield, Mass., Troy and Albany, N. Y., communities as President.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason, Knight Templar, a member of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, the Order of Odd Fellows, the Order of Ahepa, the Society of Agios Petros and the Pan-Arcadian Federation. He has also been appointed by the State of New York for a four-year term as a member of the Albany Council of the State Commission Against Discrimination.

In the business world he operates the restaurant and cafeteria in the State Capitol Building in Albany, New York.

JOHN P. ANGELSON
District No. 3

An extremely active Ahepan, Bro. Angelson was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and migrated to Norfolk, Va., where he served his chapter as President on two occasions. He served his District with distinction as District Secretary and Lieutenant Governor prior to his elevation as Governor.

Bro. Angelson served in the Army during World War II and participated in five major campaigns from France through Germany. Upon his discharge, he entered the freight forwarding business and recently became an investment securities dealer in Norfolk, Va.

He is a past Commander of Hellenic Post No. 179 of the American Legion and is past Chancellor of Charity Lodge No. 10, Knights of Pythias (second largest lodge in U.S.). Under his leadership as Musical Director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Norfolk unit won two State Championships in the Drum and Bugle Corps Competition.

A member of the Masonic Order and Board Director of the Building Committee of the Greek Orthodox Church in Norfolk, Bro. Angelson is married to the former Ann Cyprus of Norfolk.

ANTHONY DON BULLION
District No. 7

A hard working and outstanding member of Yankee District No. 7, Brother Don Bullion started his Ahepa career in 1934 and immediately took an active part in the affairs of his chapter, serving in many appointed and elective capacities. Under his leadership as Chairman, over 1200 Ahepans attended his Chapter's 25th Anniversary Ball and Banquet. He successfully took the initiative of his Community in connection with the Greek War Relief Drive and raised over $9,000.

In 1951 he was honored with the position of District Secretary. The financial success of the District's publication under his leadership and his untiring efforts in behalf of the Order were recognized with the more important positions of Lieutenant Governor and District Governor.

A very successful business man, Brother Don Bullion operated at one time five modern diners, operates a hotel in Asbury Park and has extensive realty holdings throughout New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Using the same methods of operation which have brought him success in the business world, Bro. Don Bullion is now engaged in an ambitious program to develop and build a bigger and better District No. 7.

A member of the Knights of Thermopylae, Bro. Don Bullion is married and has two daughters.

WILLIAM D. BELROY
District No. 13

Elected at the Peoria Convention on July 21, 1953, Lawyer, former Assistant Attorney General and presently on the Commerce Commission of the State of Illinois; member of the American and Illinois Bar Associations, and the American Judicature Society. Former member of the Supreme Educational Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America; member of the Sons of Pericles and founder of the Ypsilanti Chapter of the Sons, and former Supreme Counsellor of the Order of Ahepa.

CHRISTOS COSTARAKIS
District No. 9

Bro. Costarakis, an Ahepan since 1933 and a former member of the Sons. Prior to his elevation to District Governor, he served his District as Lieutenant Governor, and his Chapter in Dover, New Hampshire, as Sec'y, Vice-President and President. A Veteran of World War II, he served as 1st Sergeant with the 6th Armored Division in Europe. He has served as Secretary of the Greek Community in Dover, and is employed as an electrician at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Brother Costarakis was born in Dover, N. H., in 1915 and is one of the few eligible bachelors amongst the Ahepa leaders.

JAMES P. DEMOS
District No. 14

James P. Demos, Governor of District No. 14, has served Demosthenes Chapter No. 66 of Minneapolis in every capacity including President in 1949 and 1950. He has been a delegate to the National Conventions in Detroit, Miami, Cleveland and Minneapolis. Brother Demos has attended several District Conventions and in 1952 was unanimously elected Lt. Governor. At this year's convention held at Rochester, Minn., he was elevated to the office of District Governor.

In addition to his contributions to the Ahepa, Brother Demos has been very active in the church affairs of Minneapolis. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for 17 years and as President of the Board in 1952. He has participated very actively in the Greek War Relief, Red Cross and the War Bond drives.

As a young boy he emigrated to the United States, spent his boyhood days in Massachusetts and then he moved to the city of Chicago. Finally he settled in Minneapolis where he established a business of his own, a beautiful restaurant and cocktail lounge, the Gopher Cafe and Bar. He also owns the building where his business is located, appraised at more than a quarter of a million dollars.

JOHN G. MARTIN
District No. 11

Bro. John G. Martin, recently elevated as District Governor of Buckeye District No. 11, is a member of Diogenes Chapter No. 307 of Huntington, W.Va. A former member of the Sons of Pericles, he has served his Ahepa Chapter as Treasurer, Vice-President and President for two years. In 1950 he was District Secretary of the Buckeye District and later elevated to Lt. Governor for two years.

He served four years in the Army, enlisting as a private and later receiving his commission at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He then was attached to the Transportation Corps and served as Transport Commander aboard a troopship for 26 months' sea duty. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of captain.

He has served as Secretary of the Greek Church, St. George's, and is active in the Hellenic Community. He is married, has two sons, and is the owner of Martin's Grill in Huntington, W. Va.

WILLIAM C. KARNAZE
District No. 15

Bro. Karnaze was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on Nov. 15, 1912. His parents, Chrysanthos and Efemia Karnaze, came from Tripolis, Greece. He has been an Ahepan since 1934, and served his Chapter as its first President, as Secretary and as a member of the Board of Governors. He was unanimously elected to the office of Governor at the District Convention in Oklahoma City after serving his District as Lt. Governor during 1952. He attended the Minneapolis, Washington and Houston National Conventions.

Admitted to the Bar in 1939, following his graduation from the University of Kansas, he served as General Counsel for the Vehicle Commission, State of Kansas, and has been actively engaged in the practice of law since 1946.

District Governor Karnaze is a member of the Wyandotte County and Kansas Bar Associations, Optimist International, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and St. Dionysios Church Council. Has been active in Kansas City, Kansas Flood Rehabilitation, Greek War Relief, Red Cross and Community Chest Campaigns.

NICK G. ANGELOS
District No. 20

Newly elected District Governor Nick G. Angelos of El Camino Real District is a member of the Hesperia Chapter No. 152 of Los Angeles, Cal. He entered the ranks of Ahepa in 1928, serving his chapter in various offices and as President in 1951. In 1952 he was elected to the District Lodge as Lt. Governor and this year he was elevated to the office of District Governor.

Brother Angelos was born in Tripolis, Greece, and came to America in 1913. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Royal Lodge, Commandering, and is also a Shriner of All Malaikah Temple. He has served for many years in the Greek Community, and is now a Director of the St. Sophia Cathedral.

His wife, Sophie Angelos, has served as District Governor for the Daughters of Penelope for two years, and is now the District Advisor. He is the proud father of a daughter, Christine, who is a member of the Maids of Athens, and a son, Jimmy, who will someday follow in his father's footsteps.

THOMAS N. SIDERES
District No. 22

Thomas N. Sideres was born on February 20, 1892 in Velouhovon, Doridos, Greece, and came to America in 1906. During the First World War he answered the call to the colors and served in the United States Army from 1917 to June 1919, serving most of this time overseas. Upon his discharge he settled in Tacoma, Wash., and shorty thereafter married Miss Margaret Kovack. They are the proud parents of three daughters, Marguerite, Gloria and Darlene.

He joined the Olympic Chapter No. 178 in 1929 and served as its President from 1944 to 1946. In 1948 he was elected District Marshal and the following year became the District Secretary. The 1953 District Convention held in Aberdeen, Washington, elected him as the Governor of District No. 22.

He has been engaged in the insurance business for many years and he is now the Unit Manager of the New World Life Insurance Company office in Tacoma.

CHAPTER NEWS

CHRIS COSTARAKIS HEADS DISTRICT No. 9

On June 21 and 22, the 20th Annual Northern New England District No. 9 Ahepa Convention was held in Portland, Maine, with headquarters at the Falmouth Hotel.

General Chairman was Harry Gamulis; Secretary, Stratis Doukas; Treasurer, Eustace Lekousis; Banquet and Dance Chairman, Albert Rallis; and the Daughters' General Chairman was Chrysoula Pappas.

Convention Officers were: H. Gamulis, Chairman; John Pappas of Rutland, Vt., Vice-Chair.; James Leotsakos of Lewiston, Me., Secretary; and Basil Joannides, Past District Governor, as Parliamentarian.

A cocktail hour preceded the banquet, which was attended by over 275. Dinner music lent a gay and festive air. A brief and enjoyable program followed the banquet.

Another banquet feature was the presentation of the District No. 9 Scholarship by Past District Governor Basil Joannides to Brother George Eraklis in behalf of his son Angelo.

After the banquet the "Ahepico Glendi" with Greek music was a huge success with over 400 people in attendance.

Monday morning found all groups getting down to serious business. In the afternoon session the newly elected District Officers were: Governor Chris Costarakis, Dover, N. H.; Lt. Governor Stratis Doukas, Secretary George Brickates, Saco, Me.; Treasurer Louis Georgiou, Manchester, N. H.; District Marshal Theodore Leotsakos, Lewiston, Me.; District Advisor Nicholas Scontras, Saco, Me.

CHICAGO HONORS ANDREW FASSEAS

Garfield Chapter No. 203 gave a testimonial dinner in honor of Bro. Andrew Fasseas, Assistant Director of Revenue for the State of Illinois, Sunday, May 17, 1953, in the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

The Committee consisting of Past President James Carabelas, Chairman; Past President Peter S. Stavelis and Nicholas S. Limperis, were ably assisted by Louis G. Asimakopoulos, President, and Thomas P. Gianes, Secretary of the Chapter.

Joining the chapter in honoring Bro. Andrew Fasseas were many prominent State and City officials. Heading the list was Bro. William G. Stratton, Governor of the State of Illinois; Richard Lyons, Director of Revenue; Dr. Otto Bettag, Director of Public Welfare; and Alderman Charles Fleck, who all spoke in honoring our guest.

The Supreme Vice-President, Stephen S. Scopas, headed the list of prominent Ahepans. Sam Skafidas, Governor of the 13th District and members of his lodge were also in attendance. The Auxiliaries were represented by Zoe Rummell, Grand Vice-President of the Daughters of Penelope; Adeline GeoKaris, Grand Treasurer; and Tina Doudalis, Governor of the 13th District. The Sons of Pericles were represented by Socrates Shukas, Acting District Governor, and the Maids of Athens by Bunnie Chakonas, District Governor.

The banquet hall was filled to capacity with over 600 people in attendance. The festivities were very ably handled by Toastmaster Nicholas S. Limperis, prominent Chicago attorney of Garfield Chapter. The Supreme Vice-President delivered a very eloquent speech explaining the activities of the Ahepa to the audience. The 13th District Governor, Sam Skafidas, also spoke along the same lines. The main speech of the evening was delivered by William G. Stratton, Governor of the State of Illinois, lauding Bro. Fasseas' activities in State politics and the Order of Ahepa.

Louis G. Asimakopoulos, President of Garfield Chapter No. 203, presents a set of luggage to Andrew Fasseas, Asst. Director of Revenue for Illinois, as William G. Stratton, Governor of Illinois, approvingly looks on.

Three Indiana officials were initiated during Convention of District No. 12 and a wreath was placed on the favorite chair of the celebrated Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley. First picture shows Nick Angell, President of James W. Riley Chapter; Supreme President Peter L. Bell; George N. Craig, Governor of Indiana; Alex M. Clark, Mayor of Indianapolis; Hugh P. O'Brien, Chairman Indiana Board of Correction; and Eli Miller, Governor of District No. 12, following the initiation. In the second photo: L. J. Lamberson, Past Sup. Vice-Pres.; L. Tsaros, Past Dist. Gov'r; Eli Miller; Nick Angell and E. S. Zaphiriou, Chair. Convention City Committee, at the wreath laying ceremonies.

AHEPA BANNER UNFURLED IN NORWALK, CONN.

Norwalk, Conn., became Chapter No. 387, the sixteenth chapter in Yankee District No. 7, with 22 charter members. Seated, left to right: Peter Bufithis, Treas.; John Petropoulos, Sec'y; George Mehos, Pres.; William Argeros, Vice-Pres.; Paul Kapetanakis, Chair. of Gov'rs. Standing: Dino Zapherson, Peter Scombul and John Kyriakides, Governors; Constantine Petropoulos, Nicholas Kambolis, Nicholas Haritos, Demetrios Koletsos, Michael Vasilacopoulos, Milton Maskaleris, Steve Kydes, Michael Karamanis (Governor), Anthony Thireos. Absent were: Nick Nicholas, George Galagotis, Steve Galagotis, William Captain, Gregory Demos (Governor). The new chapter was installed by Supreme Sec'y C. P. Verinis, assisted by District Governor A. Don Bullion and his District Lodge.

GEORGE CHARLES HEADS RALEIGH N. C.

George Charles was installed as President of the Sir Walter Raleigh Chapter No. 10 at a special meeting held recently.

District Governor John P. Angelson conducted the installation ceremonies, assisted by Dist. Lt. Gov. John Plumedes.

Other officers installed were: Nick G. Russos, Vice-President; Nick J. Russos, Treasurer; George Mohas, Secretary; John L. Capetanos, Chaplain; Stanley Kanellas, Warden; James H. Russos, Captain of the Guards; George Caporal and Steve Loumis, Sentinels. Board of Governors: Spiro Alexiou, Chairman; Allen M. Furman, Spiro Koutsis, Tom G. Ross and Mike G. Matinos.

Nick J. Russos of Raleigh was installed as District Treasurer of the Ahepa.

Speaking briefly, District Governor Angelson told of the rapid growth of Ahepa in North Carolina and praised the fine work of the Raleigh Chapter. He explained the District Education Trust Fund, whose aim is to help worthy and qualified young Greek students. The initial sum of $10,000 is to be raised through the fund-raising activities of Ahepans and friends, he said.

John A. Samanis, President of the Fayetteville Chapter extended greetings, and other brief talks were made by District Lieutenant Governor Plumedes and Thomas G. Ross, Past District Lt. Gov.

DOUNIS NAMED PRES. 75TH DIV. VETERANS

Veterans of the 75th Division meeting in Washington, D. C., recently elected Peter G. Dounis of 647 Emerson Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., as President of the Association for the coming year.

Three hundred members were present at the annual reunion recently held at the Hotel Washington. This meeting voted to give its support to the hospital in Charmes sur Mosell, France.

In an interview for "The Ahepan," Dounis stated that there were a number of Greek boys that served with him in this division overseas that he would like to hear from so that they may be included in the next reunion planned for Columbus, Ohio, in 1954.

DR. JAMES KORELLIS HAMMOND, IND. PREXY

Dr. James S. Korellis was elevated from Vice-President to President of Hammond Chapter No. 123, the largest chapter in Hoosier District No. 12, last June.

Dr. Korellis, a young dentist in nearby Calumet City, Ill., succeeds James Brahos, city editor of The Hammond Times and a past Hoosier District Governor, who completed his second term as President.

Joseph Anthos, formerly of Wilmington, Del., and now manager of a Hammond clothing store, was named Vice-President with Brahos returning as Secretary, a post he held for nine years prior to becoming District Governor and Chapter President. The new Treasurer is John Kostopoulos and members of the Board of Governors are Charles G. Tsatsos, Chairman; S. J. Senes, Andrew Bronas, James Kostopoulos and Harry Argus.

In his annual report to the membership, former President Brahos recalled a series of 24 events, one of which highlighted each chapter meeting during the past year and a half.

In tribute to the excellent record as chapter president, the chapter presented Brother Brahos with a new bowling ball and bag. The presentation was made by Charles G. Tsatsos, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Important Notice

Chapter and District editors and all other correspondents are reminded that the deadline for the October-November-December issue is November 20, 1953.

Kindly forward news items and all other material to the Editor:

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YANKEE DISTRICT No 7 AT THE HOUSTON CONVENTION

ENROUTE HOUSTON

Mother Lodge member Spiros J. Stamos, completely recovered from a recent operation, is on the way to the National Convention at Houston, Texas. Cowboy hat, boots, etc. are part of his Texas wardrobe.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

The Ahepans of Little Rock, Arkansas, have installed the following newly-elected officers: President, Bill Panaras; Vice-President, John Morris; Secretary, Chas. P. Kumpuris; Treasurer, Tom Kanakis; Board of Governors: George Miller, Frank Biniors, George Kumpuris, Pete Kumpuris, George Versams and Tom Anton.

Newly initiated members of the chapter are: George Plaster, Steve Canelos, Andrew Canelos, Pete Chantilas, Angelo Chantilas and Giannas. Brother Pakis, District Governor, participated at the initiation ceremonies and banquet which followed the initiation.

Members of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Chapter assisted in the initiation. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

"BACHELORS" HOST MARRIED BROTHERS

The "Bachelors" of Ahepa Chapter No. 281, Reno, Nevada, were hosts to their married brothers, their families and friends at the Pythian Hall on Sunday, May 17. A delicious buffet supper was served. The program included Greek folk dancing in which everyone participated.

The party chairman was Nick Limperis. Serving on the committee were Peter Pappas, Mike Georgoudes, and Pete Cladianos, Jr.

William H. Pappas, although not a bachelor, and Peter Demosthenes assisted by preparing all the food.

GEO. PAHNO ELECTED LIFE MEMBER

On June 2, 1955, at a meeting of the Robert E. Lee Chapter No. 122, Norfolk, Virginia, which was visited by Supreme Governor Speros Versis and C. G. Paris, George Pahno was elected a life-time member of the chapter for his long and faithful service to the chapter, the first member of the chapter to be so honored.

Brother Pahno who has been a member of the chapter for 27 years has served 26 years as an officer and has worked hard and successfully in making the chapter one of the outstanding in the Third District.

During these years Bro. Pahno served one term as President of the chapter and the remainder of the time he served as Secretary. Bro. Pahno has served as Chairman of many District Conventions; he was Chairman at Raleigh, Wilmington, Richmond, Roanoke, Greenville and Annapolis.

Bro. Pahno has taken a keen interest in civic and fraternal affairs of the City of Norfolk; he is President of the Greek Orthodox Community, Past Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, a member of the Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 1, B. P. O. E. Elks No. 58, Director of the Virginia State Restaurant Association, and Past District Lieutenant Governor of the Order of Ahepa.

A dinner will be held at a later date for Bro. Pahno when he will be presented with his lifetime membership card.

BELROY ELECTED GOVERNOR 13TH DISTRICT

PEORIA, ILL.—William D. Belroy, Past Supreme Counsellor, was overwhelmingly elected Governor of "Blue Ribbon" District No. 13 at the 21st annual convention held at the Pere Marquette Hotel here July 18-20. This is the first time Belroy was a candidate for district office, and his election serves as proof of his popularity.

Zack T. Ritsos, former Supreme Counsellor, Secretary and Governor of the Blue Ribbon District, was elected Convention Chairman. Among the important resolutions adopted by the 142 delegates present were:

(1) Ahepa Conventions now open to the public; (2) All past District Governors, beginning with Van A. Nomikos (1936), will have a voice in the conventions; (3) Establishment of an Executive Secretary's office which will operate as does the National Executive Secretary's; (4) Increasing publication of *Ahepa Herald* to bi-monthly publication instead of quarterly; and (5) Creation of a $2,500.00 Scholarship Fund.

The convention city for 1954 chosen by the delegates is Oak Park No. 204. The confab will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago.

Officers elected for 1953-1954 are: William D. Belroy, Chicago, Governor; Sam Jordan, Waukegan, Ill., Lt. Governor; Sam Karakostas, Chicago, Secretary; John Samios, Joliet, Ill., Treasurer; Louis Vriner, Champaign, Ill., Marshal; Tom Magin, Aurora, Ill., Athletic Director and Advisor.

On the occasion of the commemoration of Greek Independence Day in Boise, Idaho. Dist. Governor Joe Morris, Connie Phillips, Mrs. Frank Dagres, Mary James, Florence Cooper, Lucille Cooper, Vasho Kassis and Ann Dagres of the Daughters. In the center is Eman. Papasifakis.

The 1953-54 Empire State District Lodge No. Six. Left to right: Advisor George L. Kanganis, Lieutenant Governor Kimon A. Doukas, District Governor Peter Giftos, District Secretary Gus Cherevas, Treasurer Constantine Rockas and Marshal George G. Antonakos.

Looking on as District Governor Vozeolas presents the certificate of membership to Governor Boggs are, left to right: G. Constantinou; Dr. G. J. Boines; E. E. Dematatis; Supreme Governor S. A. Versis; Governor Boggs; District Governor Vozeolas; Exec. Sec'y A. H. Lalos; C. Assimos and G. Assimos, President and Vice-Pres. of Wilmington Chapter, respectively.

GOVERNOR OF DELAWARE INITIATED BY VOZEOLAS

The Honorable J. Caleb Boggs, Governor of Delaware, was recently initiated into membership of Wilmington Chapter No. 95 of Wilmington, Delaware.

District Governor Andrew D. Vozeolas officiated at the solemn ceremony which saw the Governor take the oath as a member of the Order. Among the many members attending were a number of out of town Ahepans including Supreme Governor Speros A. Versis, Executive Secretary Arthur H. Lalos, President of Washington Chapter No. 31 Ernest E. Dematatis, and others.

Governor Boggs ascended to the leadership of the State of Delaware following a distinguished period of service to his state and country as a member of Congress. Throughout his public service he has had the deepest respect of the Order of Ahepa in appreciation of his untiring and devoted efforts in advancing the principles and objects of the Order. All Americans of Greek extraction in the state of Delaware took this occasion to pay tribute to Governor Boggs in recognition of the close bond of friendship that has existed during the years.

Following the initiation, a banquet in honor of the occasion was held at which many city and state officials attended. Chairman of this event was James Assimos, with Dr. George J. Boines as toastmaster. Speakers included Charles Assimos, President of Wilmington Chapter; Supreme Governor Versis; Rep. Herbert B. Warburton of Delaware; Governor Boggs; and District Governor Vozeolas.

WATERBURY CONN.

At the Yankee District No. 7 Convention recently held at Springfield, Mass., Waterbury Chapter was selected as host of next year's convention to be held June 5, 6 and 7.

Preparations towards planning a colorful convention have already begun. The committee in charge of arrangements includes: Brother Peter N. Laskas, Chairman; George Pistolas, Vice-Chairman; Charles Chekas, Secretary; Paul N. Fotos, Publicity Director; Nicholas Mattoff, Photographer, and all the newly elected members of the Board of Directors.

As the chapter culminated its 500th Ahepa meeting on June 23rd, the nucleus and hard working Ahepans of Waterbury Chapter No. 48 respectfully called "old timers" by the younger element, momentarily reminisced their earlier fraternal accomplishments when they pioneered and organized Yankee District No. 7. This milestone of Ahepa progress dedicated to our "old timers" was celebrated by holding a combined installation ceremony with the Daughters of Penelope. Supreme and District Officers who honored our chapter at this ceremony were: C. P. Verinis, Supreme Secretary; A. DonBullion, District Governor; William Karabots, District Secretary; Theodore Constantinou, District Treasurer; and George Margoles, Past District Governor.

The newly installed officers of Waterbury Chapter No. 48 are: Peter Stavros, President; Charles Chekas, Vice-President; Michael Exarhou, Secretary; James Coukis, Treasurer. Board of Governors include: George Coukis, Chairman; Louis Liakos, Nicholas Arlington, Peter Delaney and George Pistolas. Appointed Officers are: Nicholas Vorvis, Captain of the Guard; Nicholas Pappas, Chaplain; Nicholas Mattoff, Warden; and James Pepides, Inside Sentinel.

EASTON, PA.

Steve Dimmis was recently re-elected President of Easton Chapter No. 56. Also re-elected were John Pappas, Secretary, and Michael Voyagis, Treasurer. Anthony Giannopoulos was elected as Vice President of the chapter.

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A committee to make plans for the District 4 Convention of Ahepa Chapters to be held in Easton next year was formed at a meeting of members of the Easton Chapter, recently held in the Hellenic Church of Annunciation.

The convention will be held there from June 18 to 21, with headquarters at the Hotel Easton. The district includes all of Pennsylvania and part of West Virginia.

Anthony Giannopoulos and Michael Voyagis were named chairmen, John Pappas and George Michalakos, secretaries, and John Janos, treasurer. Peter Vlahakis and Steve Dimmis are other committee members.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Greek Civil Air Patrol cadets, in this country on an exchange basis of CAP members, are shown in the Studebaker Corporation executive dining room following a tour of Studebaker plant facilities. Left to right, seated, are: E. E. Richards, Studebaker treas.; Geo. Bairaktaris, of Greece; P. M. Clark, Studebaker sec'y; Stephen Papapanyiotou and Dimitri Loukopulos, both from Greece. Standing, left to right, are: Const. Xanthoudakis, Isle of Crete; Athans Chinopoulos, Greece; Lt. Anton C. Negri, Jr., Commandant of the South Bend CAP Squadron; Tassos Sapounas, Greece; Cosmas Makris, Pres. of South Bend Chapter No. 100, Order of Ahepa; Leo J. Lamberson, Past Supreme Vice-President; and Rev. Constantine Glynos, pastor of the St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church of South Bend.

GEO. E. JOHNSON HEADS CALIF. RESTAURATEURS

SACRAMENTO, CAL.—George E. Johnson of Sacramento, Calif., Past Supreme Vice-President of the Ahepa and the Chairman of the 27th National Convention at Houston, was elected President of the California State Restaurant Association.

In announcing his acceptance to head the organization with more than 35,000 member restaurants, Johnson stated: "In terms of dollar volume, the food dispensing business ranks third in the nation. No other state or region equals California in the high standards which its restaurant owners maintain."

Brother Johnson has been engaged in the restaurant business for more than 30 years. He is a past president of the Queens Restaurant Association, Queens County, New York, and past president of the Sacramento Restaurant Association. A director in the Retail Merchants Association, he is state treasurer of the California State Democratic Committee.

In addition to his restaurants in Sacramento, Johnson's Restaurant and the Del Prado Restaurant, he also has business interests in Nevada and Oregon.

THOS. SIDERIS, GOV'R DISTRICT No. 22

Grays Harbor Chapter No. 179, under the capable leadership of Chairman Nick Rillakis and with only a handful of Ahepans to man his numerous committees, proved that even small chapters can put on a splendid convention.

"Greek Nite" on Friday, the Banquet and Dance on Saturday and the indoor Picnic on Sunday were all top-notch affairs, well attended and much appreciated by the huge turnout of Ahepa visitors on hand for the festivities and business.

Business highlights included: (1) Awarding of the District Basketball and Pre-Convention Conference (Feb. or Mar. 1954) to Bellingham; (2) a scholarship committee of John Goneris, Gus Rakus and Spiro Kalivas elected to pass on prospective applicants; (3) awarding of the Pallas Trophy to the Seattle Maids for last year's outstanding work; and (4) Victoria was chosen the 1954 convention city.

Grande finale of the deliberations saw Thos. Sideris of Tacoma elected Governor; John Melonas of Portland, Lieut. Governor; Peter Conom of Seattle, Secretary; Wm. Karanson, Jr., of Everett, Treasurer; Themio Carras of Seattle, Marshal; and John Karamanos, Jr., of Portland, Athletic Director.

George Johnson of Sacramento, Calif., former Supreme Vice-President, installed Ahepa's new District Lodge.

AHEPANS MOURN LOSS OF PAST SUP. GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. PETROS

On July 17, 1953, after a long illness, our beloved brother William A. Petros answered the last call of our Divine Master, at the age of fifty-nine.

Born in Kiato, Greece, he came to this land of opportunity at a very tender age, and with toil and perseverance, he attained his dream to become a Lawyer, seeking knowledge and wisdom.

In our Fraternity he constantly showed his willingness to serve. He started as a charter member of Golden Gate Chapter No. 150, in San Francisco, served as Governor in 1927, Secretary in 1928, and Vice-President in 1929. He became President of his Chapter in 1931 and was very instrumental in bringing the National Convention of the Order of Ahepa to San Francisco that year. In 1934-35 he was the District Governor of the 21st District and finally was elected to the high office of Supreme Governor of Ahepa. He worked hard for Ahepa, and not long ago, his ideals for the Order of Ahepa were expressed in these terms when he said: *"We need Ahepa, because Ahepa represents our identity as a race,* guarding preciously our patrimonial endowments, the Family Honor based on our Greek Orthodox Religion."

AKRON, OHIO SONS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

An outstanding Son of Pericles, of the Akron, Ohio Chapter, Ed. Shammaridian, who last year won All-City football honors, has been awarded a football scholarship to Purdue University.

Another Akron Son, Mike Lampers, won All-City basketball honors and is considering several college basketball scholarship offers.

NICK THEODORE ELECTED SONS SUPREME PRESIDENT

Former Supreme Governor Nick Theodore of Greenville, S. C., was elected as the new Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles at the Houston National Convention.

Brother Nick is one of the best liked members in the Sons of Pericles and has served his Chapter, No. 153 of Greenville, S. C., in various capacities before being elevated to the District Lodge. At the Washington National Convention in 1952, where he served as Convention Chairman, he was elected a Supreme Governor, in which office he served with distinction prior to his elevation to the Supreme Presidency.

Congratulations and best wishes to you, Nick, for you bring back many pleasant memories of his many years in the Sons of Pericles to your Editor.

1953-1954 DISTRICT GOVERNORS

GEORGE N. PAHNO
District No. 1

THOS. T. CORONTZOS
District No. 18

GEORGE MORRIS
District No. 19

At the Testimonial Dinner tendered by Washington Chapters No. 31 and No. 236 in honor of George Papanicolas for his great services to the District of Columbia Ahepa, Toastmaster James Veras, Chairman Nicholas Sakell and Brother Papanicolas.

HARRY GAMILIS HEADS PORTLAND CHAPTER

Harry Gamilis has been elected President of the Longfellow Chapter in Portland, Maine.

Named to serve with him, at a recent meeting, were George Fellios, Vice President; Arthur Lekousi, Secretary; and Andrew Lekousi, Treasurer.

Elected to the Board of Governors were Albert Rallis, Chairman; John Pappas, Harry Nanos, Louis Constantine and John Gianibas.

The new officers assumed their duties last July 1 and a public installation will be held in September.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. FETES "MISS GREECE"

The Long Beach Chapter of Ahepa No. 342 and its sister chapter of the "Daughters of Penelope" held a gala luncheon on the roof garden of the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach, Calif., on July 15, 1953. The occasion was to honor Miss Derotta Xerau of Athens, Greece, who was chosen as "Miss Greece" to compete in the Miss Universe contest of 1953 in Long Beach, Calif.

Bro. Peter Mangus and Sister Teresa Tsanavares, newly elected presidents of the Ahepa and Daughters chapters respectively, presented "Miss Greece" with a lovely bracelet.

Speeches on this occasion by the many dignitaries present were brief. The Toastmaster was Michael Boyar, newly elected vice-president of the chapter.

NASHUA, N. H., HONORS WEST POINT GRAD

NASHUA, N. H.—Close to 150 men and women paid tribute to Lt. George J. Dimtsios, U.S. Army, at a testimonial dinner staged by Nashua Chapter of the Order of Ahepa on July 21.

Son of Board of Education member and Mrs. John T. Dimtsios, the Army officer is the first Nashua youth of Greek extraction who graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

At the Testimonial to Lt. Dimtsios, left to right: Jas. L. Sardonis, Toastmaster; Miss Freida Pappademas; George J. Pappademas, Ahepa Chapter President; Judge Bolic A. Degasis; Lieutenant George J. Dimtsios; and Mayor of Nashua Lester H. Burnham.

The guest of honor was presented with an attractive brief case, with George J. Pappademas, President of the Ahepa Chapter, making the presentation. Highlighting the speaking program was an address by Judge Bolic A. Degasis in which he described the world today and what young West Point graduates like Lieutenant Dimtsios would face.

He said, "Lt. George Dimtsios, you now pass a milestone on the road to life—birth, school, college, graduation. These are the common landmarks in the pre-military life of a graduate. From now on, you must assume full responsibility for your own future—for your success or failure, for the support and security of the family you will have and for the well being of the new generations which will follow."

In closing, Judge Degasis said, "Always bear in mind what Plato once said, 'There is no greater ambition in a father's or mother's life than to have his son the best of men.' Don't let them down, George."

Among the speakers were Mayor Lester H. Burnham, Colonel Harold Small of Hudson (ret.), Bro. George Pappademas, Michael Moraros, who was in charge of arrangements, and Lieutenant Dimtsios.

Introduced by Toastmaster Sardonis were the guest of honor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dimtsios, his grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Dimtsios, and his sisters, Misses Aphrodite and Calliope Dimtsios.

The committee in charge of arrangements included Chairman Moraros and George Pappademas, John Scontras, Geo. Mandravelis, Attorney Nicholas Pantelas and Nicholas Gatgos.

During the Empire State District Convention at Albany, N. Y., prominent Ahepans paid their respects to Governor Thomas E. Dewey at the Executive Mansion. Left to right: Peter Kourides, Gus Cherevas, Gustave Lambrose, John Panos, Gus Nicholas, Nicholas Tryforus, Mrs. Eleanor Stamoules, Louis J. Dukas, Father Eliopoulos, Governor Dewey, Nicholas Coffinas, James S. Dikeou, James Fuscas, Peter Giftos, George Pipentacos, John A. Kiamos.

BLUE RIBBON CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS

CHICAGO, ILL.—North Shore Chapter No. 94, the Blue Ribbon Chapter of Ahepa, elected its officers for 1953-1954. They are:

Arthur Lambros, President; George Vourvoulias, Vice-President; George Panagopoulos, Secretary, Kay George Kelly, Treasurer; N. G. Rekas, Chairman of the Board of Governors; John Geocaris, Ted Vlahandreas, George Makris and Dr. Louis Angelopoulos, Governors; Peter Angelopoulos, Athletic Director. The Appointed Officers are: David J. Christ, Captain of Guard; Dick Costulas, Warden; George Seretis, Chaplain; Nick Toulis, Inside Sentinel; and Nick Bacil, Outside Sentinel.

Lambros succeeds Gust Mangel as President. He has served the chapter as a member of the Board of Governors, Vice-President and in numerous appointed offices and other capacities. Vourvoulias and Panagopoulos moved into their respective offices from the Board of Governors. Kelly has served as Governor and Vice-President and is now starting his third year as Treasurer. Rekas had been Secretary for three and a half years. Previously he had been a Captain of Guard.

North Shore's program is currently built around a driving campaign for a new home. It has established a Trust Fund Committee to keep tabulation of all revenue collected and report on any possible home site that may arise in the future. Paul L. Alexander, who served as Secretary of the chapter for 14 years, is chairman.

Assisting in this drive are the Auxiliaries of North Shore, Danae Chapter No. 121 of the Daughters of Penelope, Lord Byron Chapter No. 11 of the Sons of Pericles, and Jacma Chapter No. 40 of the Maids of Athens. A combined annual fund-raising program is currently being planned by the groups.

At the Citrus District No. 2 Convention at Nassau, Bahamas. Front row, left to right: Marshal Chris Ekonomou, Lieut. Governor Peter Kouchalakos, Advisor John Manos, District Governor Nick Mack and Gus Economou. Second row, left to right: Chris Christopher, Matthew Marcus, Daughters District Governor Kay Ekonomou, Panos Secker, Advisor June Mack, Olga Esfakis, Mrs. L. Pappas, Mrs. G. Economou, Lucas Pappas and A. Herrologus.

NASSAU WELCOMES DIST No. 2 CONVENTION

Some 100 delegates of the Twentieth Annual District Convention of District No. 2 assembled in the main dining room of the Royal Victoria Hotel last June where they were addressed by the Hon. A. R. Braynen, M.E.C., M.H.A., at a Welcome Meeting.

The conventioners arrived by two specially chartered Pan American Airway planes and the S.S. "Nuevo Dominicano" on Friday and Saturday, and were met on arrival by the convention committee of the Nassau, Bahamas, Chapter No. 1, headed by Matthew Marcus, Chairman.

Delegates were registered at the Royal Victoria by Messrs. Michael Miaulis, Tony Klonaris and Miss Ionna Esfakis of the local chapter.

At the meeting, opened with the singing of the British, American and Greek National Anthems, Chris Christopher, presiding chairman, extended an official welcome to the Ahepa family.

Speakers were Dr. Andrew Esfakis, Chapter President; Matthew Marcus, President of the Nassau Greek Community and Deputy Greek Vice-Consul; Mrs. Kay Economou, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, Miami; Mrs. Chris Esfakis, wife of the local Greek Consul; John T. Manos, District Governor of the Ahepa.

Following the Welcome Meeting, the Ahepans went into a business session and at 9 P.M. Saturday, a formal Greek Night was held at the Royal Victoria Hotel.

Delegates attended church services at the Greek Orthodox Church, West Street, on Sunday morning followed by a visit to Paradise Beach and social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Marcus, Cable Beach.

Nick Mack, Tarpon Springs, was elected District Governor; Peter Kouchalakos, Miami, Lieutenant Governor; Gregory Gout, Tampa, District Secretary; Frank Photiades, Clearwater, District Treasurer; John Manos, Miami, District Advisor; Christopher Ekonomou, Miami, District Marshal; Sam Felos, Jacksonville, District Athletic Director.

Daughters of Penelope district officers elected were: Mrs. Kay Ekonomou, Miami, District Governor, with the following other district officers: Miss Angel Lyrios, Tarpon Springs, Lt. Gov'r; Miss Theresa Hatzopoulos, Miami, Secretary; Mrs. Kay Drousakis, West Palm Beach, Treasurer; Mrs. Irene Marcus, Nassau, Bahamas, Marshal; Mrs. June Mack, Tarpon Springs, Advisor.

Announcements were made that the annual scholarship award went to Miss Evelyn Malamatos of Tarpon Springs. Miami will be convention city for 1954.

The Empire State Degree Team poses just before officiating at the gala induction ceremonies of the Long Island Chapter No. 86. Seated in center is Past District Governor Gus Nicholas.

At the Convention of the 14th District held in Rochester, Minn. First photo shows Dr. C. W. Mayo from the Mayo Clinic speaking at the Banquet; Van A. Nomikos, Past Sup. Pres.; Mrs. E. H. Rynearson and Senator Hubert Humphrey. In the second photo, left to right: G. M. Miller, Past Dist. Treas.; James, Paul, Charles and George Pappas, four brothers initiated during the convention; P. E. Kamuchey and L. J. Zotaley, *Past District Governors who took part in the initiation.*

SYRACUSE DONATES $1,000 TO PATRIARCHATE

Headquarters recently received a contribution from the Syracuse Ahepa Chapter No. 37 in the sum of $1,000 for the Patriarchate of Jerusalem Fund.

The contribution, one of the largest made by the Ahepa Chapters, was gratefully acknowledged by Supreme President Bell who applauded the efforts of the Chapter to "safeguard and perpetuate the possession of the Holy Relics and Holy Places which have been in the hands of our people since the beginning of Christianity."

14TH DISTRICT ELECTS JAMES DEMOS GOVERNOR

The 14th District Convention of the Order of Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope concluded its 21st annual convention by electing new district officers and selecting St. Paul as next year's convention site.

A "Greek Night" party and dance and installation of new officers drew some 800 persons to the Pla-Mor ballroom.

New district officers elected were James Demos of Minneapolis, Governor; George Miller of St. Paul, Lieutenant Governor; George Margellos of Sioux Falls, S. D., Secretary; Georgie Karaidos of Des Moines, Iowa, Treasurer; Alex Kazos of Sioux City, Iowa, Marshal; John Ormas of St. Paul, Adviser.

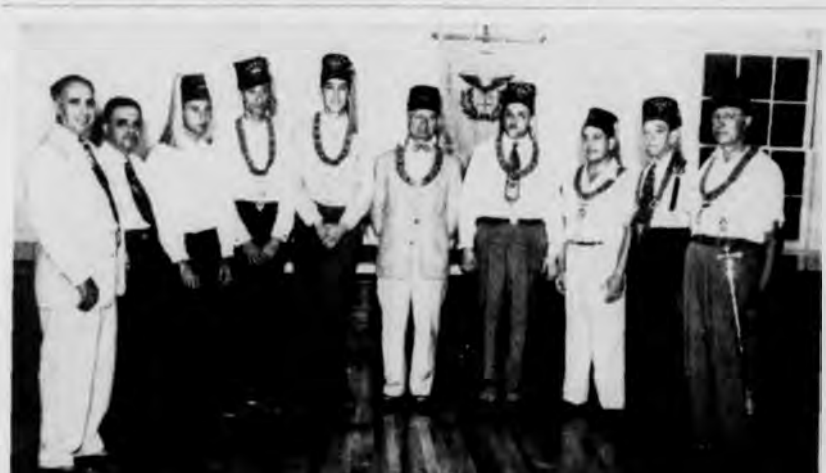
The convention adopted resolutions opposing all "isms" inimical to the American form of government and favoring the stamping out by legal means all un-American and subversive activities, as well as subversive groups or organizations in this country.

New officers of the Daughters of Penelope are Mrs. Myrtle Phillips of Minneapolis, District Governor; Jennie Kirk of Sioux Falls, S. D., Lieutenant Governor; Patty Andrews of Duluth, Minn., Secretary; Theresa Ralles of Des Moines, Iowa, Treasurer; Ann Sideris of Sioux Falls, S. D., Marshal.

My Creed

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon—*if I can. I seek opportunity* —not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, *this I have* done. All this is what it means to be an American.

DEAN ALFANGE
Past Supreme President



At the installation ceremonies of Chapter No. 368 in High Point, N. C., left to right: N. Vogiages and F. Mellonas, Gov'rs; S. Mellonas, Capt. of the Guard; S. Hassapelis, Sec'y; S. Steffans, President; N. Pappas, Past Dist. Governor and Installing Officer; A. Drakulakos, Vice-Pres.; T. Calomiris, Treas.; T. Gianoulis, Chaplain; J. Pappas of Winston-Salem Chapter No. 32 who assisted in the installation. Absent from picture are N. Drakulakos and S. Costademos, Gov'rs; M. Caplanides, Warden; J. Nickoladis and S. Gekas, Sentinels.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

By ELI D. MILLER

Ahepa Public Relations Department

The spotlight was focused on much-needed Ahepa Public Relations for the first time at the Washington, D. C., national Ahepa convention of 1952.

Need for an organized and "do something" Public Relations program for our fraternity was voiced by numerous Ahepa leaders and convention delegates. And, this need was stressed by Supreme President Bell in his convention report.

Yet, a practical start in the direction of a well-organized and effective Public Relations program for Ahepa was delayed at Washington because of the import and necessity for delegates to give major attention to other fraternal matters.

During the past year, the writer has scrutinized the effects of the lack of a sound fraternal Public Relations program down through the past years. And, at the same time we charted a Public Relations course for the fraternity.

The current proposed Public Relations program, devised through study, counsel by Ahepa leaders, and our more than 15 years of experience in this field, has been outlined in previous issues of "The Ahepan" in past months.

The time has come for the fraternity to act on a sound Public Relations approach, and to put such a program in motion. A basic Public Relations course for our fraternity, in the embryonic stage of this program proposal, could be:

1. To work out a close and friendly relationship between the Order and the nation's press, radio and television facilities, with emphasis not only on a national level but also on a local Chapter and District plane. In this respect, it is hoped that Ahepa will be projected among Hellenes, and the non-Hellenic public, as a major fraternal force in American life.

2. To publicize and promote Ahepa, its accomplishments, its plans, programs, and decisions, on a local, district, national and international level, using every available tool of Public Relations at our disposal.

3. To develop "grass roots" Chapter and District effectiveness in general publicity and public relations channels, including the development of more local Chapter news organs.

4. To stimulate better fraternal relations in the Districts of the Ahepa Domain through the establishment of more District Ahepa publications or news organs so that Ahepans, Hellenes in general, as well as Ahepa's auxiliaries, will be better informed in matters pertaining to the Order, and Hellenism.

5. To project ideas to Chapters and District "Cabinets" that will assist them in publicizing their fraternal work, developing better fraternal relations, a better understanding of the program and deeds of the fraternity, as well as a better comprehension of the principles of Brotherhood and Fraternalism.

Based upon our observations and experience, the Department of Public Relations should be established as an "arm" of "The Ahepan" Magazine — our fraternity's only nation-wide medium of communication. The Department should be administered by a Director competent and experienced in this field of endeavor, assisted by a Public Relations Board. In order to establish a net-work for effective work in the national Ahepa domain, each of the 24 Ahepa Districts should appoint District Public Relations Directors, and each Chapter should designate Chapter Public Relations Chairmen.

With such an organization structure established, and with financial support appropriated and utilized wisely, the National Department of Public Relations can do effective work to better "sell" Ahepa, its accomplishments, and the good it does, to its membership, Hellenes in general, and the non-Hellenic Public.

CHRIST POULOS ENTERS WEST POINT

Christ Poulos

Christ Poulos, son of Brother and Mrs. John Poulos of Grand Island, Neb., was recently appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Christ, who is seventeen, reported as a cadet last July. Bro. John Poulos is from Gastoune, Elias, and Mrs. Poulos is from Leonidion, Kinourias in Greece.

A recent graduate of the Grand Island Senior High School, Christ served his school in many capacities. During his junior year, he represented Grand Island at Boy's State. He was president of the student body in his senior year and was also active on many senior committees. He was awarded the Lions' Club Medal for leadership and has never failed to be on the Honor Roll in scholastic standing.

Rep. A. L. Miller nominated Christ for the appointment which was made on the basis of a preliminary Civil Service examination and complete set of mental, medical and physical aptitude exams which lasted three days. Christ's father, John Poulos, is a member of Ahepa Chapter No. 167, Grand Island, Neb.

SUCCESS STORY IN MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

CHRIST LEVENTIS

ZOAN

CADET JOHN

It would be hard to find a happier man — or one with more pride in his children — than Christ Leventis, operator of a hat cleaning and shoe shine parlor in Muskegon, Mich. Christ sent his daughter Zoan through college and a son John to a swanky military school for three years in preparation for West Point. Zoan has graduated from the University of Michigan with honors and Cadet John Leventis is a third year cadet, having been appointed by Rep. Ruth Thomson.

All this from a meager start as a dishwasher when he arrived from Greece 38 years ago. His friends and patrons regard him as a modern "Horatio Alger." He also has a younger daughter, Flora, and an older son, William, a veteran of World War II who served with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific.

(From the Muskegon Chronicle)

CHAPTER NEWS

ADELINE GEO-KARIS NEW DAUGHTERS GRAND PRESIDENT

At the Houston National Convention, Sister Adeline Geo-Karis was elected to the office of Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope after having served the Fraternity well during the past year as the Grand Treasurer.

Miss Geo-Karis has had a very colorful fraternal and professional career. She served District No. 13, which has 21 chapters, for two years as District Governor. An attorney by profession, Sister Geo-Karis was elected Justice of the Peace in 1949 for the Town of Zion, Illinois, and was an unsuccessful candidate for City Judge recently.

Extremely active in organization activities, she is a charter and active member of Lake County Women's Post No. 1122 of the American Legion, Women's Club of Zion, Legislative Chairman of the Zion Chamber of Commerce, Illinois State Bar Association, Lake County Bar Association, Women's Bar Association and Illinois Township Officials League, as well as President of St. Demetrius' Church Ladies Auxiliary in Waukegan, Illinois.

EMPIRE STATE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The delegates of District No. 6 met in Albany, N. Y., last June and completed the convention business in record time thanks to Chairman Georgia Lascaris.

Grand President Pota Saratsis and Grand Secretary Eleanor Stamoules were in attendance.

A delightful get-together party was held Saturday evening at the Convention Headquarters under the sponsorship of the Albany Daughters Chapter.

The Mayor officially welcomed the delegates on Monday after which a Recognition Luncheon and Fashion Show was given by the Daughters in honor of Grand Secretary Eleanor Stamoules.

The following were elected officers to the District Lodge for the coming year: Dist. Gov., Titina Liverakos; Lt. Gov., Dorothea Sofologis; Dist. Sec'y, Mary Gorgas; Dist. Treas., Alex Sismanoglou; Dist. Marshal, Mary Alex; and Dist. Advisor, Margaret Stricos.

The officers were installed following the Convention Banquet with Grand President Pota Saratsis presiding.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Proceeds from a recent benefit dance sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope, Antigone Chapter, made possible the purchase of fifty new folding chairs for St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.

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Two new officers were elected at a recent meeting of the Daughters of Penelope to replace the offices left vacant. Kay Spell was elected Warden and Lucille Villas, the Marshal. Mrs. Marie Ziaskas, President, also appointed Mrs. Psomas and Celia Boosalis as Inside and Outside Sentinels.

MRS. NICK DARAVANIS HEADS GARY DAUGHTERS

Mrs. Nick Daravanis was recently installed as President of Mentor Chapter of the Daughters in Gary, Ind., at the Dunes White House at the third annual installation banquet of the chapter.

Others installed were Mrs. Steve Karas, Vice-President; Mrs. George Adams, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Thomas Pesos, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. John Christakis, Treasurer; Mrs. Evangeline Bikos, Priestess; Mrs. Angelo Zaharakis, Warden; Mrs. Michael Coury, Marshal; and Mrs. James Tachteris, Chairman of the Board of Governors. Mrs. Nick Bikos, Mrs. Sam Christie, Mrs. Gus Chapas and Mrs. James Kallinani were installed as Governors.

Mrs. William Rummel of Chicago, Grand Vice-President, and Miss Rita Danicolas of East Chicago, District Governor, acted as installing officers. Mrs. Angelo Psimos was the installing marshal.

The invocation was read by Mrs. Geo. Kiricoples. Miss Christine Bikos sang a vocal solo accompanied by Miss Irene Theodoros. Mrs. Rummel was the main speaker. Her topic was "History of the Daughters of Penelope."

Mrs. Louis Bikos, Past District Lieut. Governor, presented Mrs. Tachteris, retiring President, with a jeweled pin. Mrs. Gus Chapas was chairman of the affair. Guests and speakers were presented with carnation corsages.

A group of well wishers gathered to honor Grand Secretary Eleanor Stamoules at a Luncheon sponsored by the Convention of District Six. Mrs. Stamoules is shown seated at the extreme left with Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Pota Saratsis seated next to her.

LITTLE ROCK DAUGHTERS

Newly elected officers of the Daughters of Penelope in Little Rock, Arkansas, are: President, Virginia Kumpures; Vice-President, May G. Peters; Secretary, Sophia Plaster; Treasurer, Helen J. Nichols; Board of Governors: Connie Panaras, Eugenia Peters, Keratso Broomas, Anna Plaster and Sophia Plaster; Priestess, Pauline Brokrow; Marshal, Gladys Vovos; and Warden, Bora Seaser. May G. Peters was designated reporter and Connie Panaras in charge of publicity.

Sister Helen J. Nichols, Past President, installed the officers. The Past President Pin was presented to Sister Sophia Plaster by President Sister Kumpures.

THE SEAL DRIVE

The Daughters of Penelope 1953-1954 Seal Drive for the benefit of St. Basil's Academy has been organized with the cooperation and good wishes of Archbishop Michael. On Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1953, the Seal Drive Committee together with Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis and Grand Governor Zoe Cavalaris met with His Grace to formulate plans for this year's drive. Medea Comings of Washington, D. C., and Elaine Pinkham of Manchester, N. H., are the co-chairmen, and Ruth Kampos of Baltimore, Md., is the vice-chairman. Grand Governor Cavalaris of North Carolina is the Advisor and Eleanor Stamoules of New York is on the Committee.

St. Basil's Academy is located at Garrison, N. Y., and is an orphanage for children of Hellenic descent. It is doing a marvelous job along humanitarian lines and particularly in educating the orphans in the Hellenic language and traditions. It is worthy of the support of all of us in the Ahepa Family.

At the present time it is in dire need of recreational facilities and the Daughters this year will concentrate in improving these facilities. Especially the Academy is in need of an adequate water supply as its present system only meets the requirements of only 40 persons and there are 135 persons who must be accommodated. This limited water supply makes it necessary to resort to drinking water from impurified brooks.

The 1953-1954 Seal Drive will be conducted with the objective in mind of remedying this condition and also improving the recreational facilities at the Academy. It is, therefore, very urgent that all members of the Ahepa Family cooperate to the extent so that sufficient funds may be raised by the Daughters Seal Drive to complete these projects.

Penelope Kays, Convention Vocalist; Elias Gatoura, Gen'l Chairman; Peter L. Bell, Supreme President; Archbishop Michael and his staff. In second photo: Sara Angelos, General Chairman Daughters Convention; and Pota Saratsis, Daughters Grand President.

DISTRICT No. 12 RE-ELECTS GOVERNOR

At the Hoosier District No. 12 Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, Miss Rita Danikolas of East Chicago, Indiana, was re-elected District Governor.

The following Daughters were elected to serve on the District Lodge: Mrs. Angeline Panos of South Bend, Indiana, Lt Governor; Mrs. Lottie Michael of Hammond, Indiana, Treasurer; Miss Thespena Pallas of Richmond, Indiana, Secretary; Miss Mary Prokos of Anderson, Indiana, Marshal; Mrs. Alexandra Lamberson of South Bend, Indiana, Advisor to the Daughters; and Mrs. Dorothy Chapas of Gary, Indiana, Advisor to the Maids.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

The Winston-Salem, N. C., Daughters sponsored their 2nd annual Spring Dance in conjunction with the local Ahepans last April. The dance was a success socially and financially and was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The chapter recently contributed $500 towards the painting of rooms in the local Greek Church, one of which will be used as a clubroom for the chapter to hold their meetings.

Last May the chapter acted as "Godmother" to one of the local Greek children by accepting the responsibility of baptizing the child. The baptism was an inspirational service for all the members and the others attending.

Present officers of the chapter are: Virginia Christou, President; Peggy Nichols, Vice-President; Thelma Pappas, Secretary; and Mary Hondras, Treasurer.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Daughters of Menelaus Chapter No. 55 were recently hostesses at a spaghetti supper as a part of the Ahepa Family Night series. Following the delicious supper which was both prepared and served by members of the local Daughters, several games of Bingo were played by those present and an enjoyable time was had by all.

One of the activities of the chapter and of special interest to the members is their financial sponsorship of a small Greek war orphan. For two consecutive years the Atlanta Daughters have undertaken this program, under the auspices of the Foster Parents Plan for War Orphans, by sending aid to a needy child orphaned as a result of war. The orphan, "adopted" by the local chapter for the second successive year, is a little eleven year old girl, and her warm and affectionate letters to her many "mothers" in America show clearly with what gratitude and appreciation their help is received.

Ten Grecian Lovelies competing for the "Queen's Crown" at the Olympiad.

District Governor Mrs. Elaine Pinkham pours tea at the style show that was a feature of the Convention held by District No. 9 in Portland, Me. Others in photo, left to right: Miss S. Coussoule, Dist. Treas.; Mrs. J. Pappas, Pres. Meander Chapter; Mrs. Eleanor Stamoules, Grand Secretary; Miss K. Gollaros, Lieutenant Governor; Miss B. Perry, District Secretary; and Miss K. Raizes, District Marshal.

The 1953-54 Daughters of Penelope Empire State District Lodge No. Six. Left to right: Marshal Mary Alex, Treasurer Alexandra Sismanoglu, District Governor Titina Liverakos, Lieutenant Governor Dorothea Sofologis and District Secretary Mary Gorgas.

PORTLAND, ME. HOSTS DISTRICT CONVENTION

The District Convention of the Daughters in District No. 9 was very successful — thanks to the wonderful efforts of the host chapters of Portland, Me.

The convention commenced with the selection of Rosella Boucavalas as Chairman and Sylvia Paraskevas and Athena Costarakos as Secretaries. An initiation conducted prior to the meeting and presided by District Governor Elaine Pinkham was impressive and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Following the business meeting, the members of the Ahepa Family enjoyed a social hour sponsored by the host chapters. In the evening, a large attendance participated in the "Ahepico Glendi" which followed the Convention Banquet. Grand Secretary Eleanor Stamoules was present and represented the Daughters Grand Lodge.

Climaxing a well planned program of activity, the delegates proceeded to elect the following District Lodge officers for the coming year: Mrs. Elaine Pinkham, Governor; Katherine Gollaros, Lt. Governor; Bessy Perry, Secretary; and Katherine Raizes, District Marshal.

A highlight of the Convention was a combined fashion show and tea held following the election of officers. Vials of perfume were presented to each guest. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Marie Mageles, Chairman; Mrs. Beatrice Verenis, Mrs. Lefke Panages, Mrs. Miriam Manolides, Mrs. Freda Lekousi, Mrs. Helen Alexion and Mrs. Jennie Rallis. The Grand Ball, an outstanding social event, terminated the social activities of the convention.

Chrysula Pappas, President of the Meander Chapter of Portland, was the General Chairman of the Convention and was ably assisted by the Daughters of Portland in providing those in attendance with an enjoyable visit.

AKRON, OHIO

At the District Convention of District No. 11 held at Cincinnati, Ohio, the Akron Sons of Pericles Chapter was the recipient of an award designating the chapter as the outstanding in the District.

George Manos, a student at Akron University and a member of Theta Chi fraternity, was elected Lt. Governor. John Pappas was elected District Secretary.

The Akron Chapter has made bids to act as host to the District ping-pong and basketball tournaments. During the summer months a variety of combined social events were held in conjunction with the local Maids of Athens Chapter and the Greek Orthodox Church Choir.

HOLLYWOOD NEWS

The Daughters of Melita Chapter No. 119 divided their Easter gifts by sending a remembrance with a card to their fellow countrymen in sanatoriums, forwarding a check to the library fund at the Veterans' Hospital, giving a party for 50 orphans, aiding in the purchase of new drapes for their Home and helping make a happy holiday for their little godchild. Assistance was rendered the 20th District project in providing the Bible Class of the St. Sophia Church with New Testaments that have been published in Athens.

Last spring an annual spring dance was held with the local Ahepans of Hollywood. The beautiful Crystal Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel was the site of the colorful event. The chapter sponsored an apron booth at the Sister Kenny Bazaar and assisted in the great work being done to combat the effects of polio. Dr. Zina Symeonides, who heads the treating staff of the local Sister Kenny Hospital, is a member of the Melita Chapter.

BUFFALO CELEBRATES 17TH ANNIVERSARY

The Buffalo, N. Y., Pallas Athena Chapter No. 30 of the Daughters celebrated their 17th anniversary with a party last May.

Mrs. Michael Karanas was chairman of the affair and with the assistance of our charter members made the refreshments of the evening. The anniversary cake was cut by the President, Miss Poppy Dellas.

Newly elected officers of Chapter No. 30 in Buffalo, N. Y. Seated, l. to r.: Mrs. J. Macris, Chair. of Gov'rs; Miss H. Spanos, Rec. Sec'y; Miss P. Dellas, Pres.; Mrs. J. Conomos, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. V. Papadopoulos, Treas.; Miss C. Kondis, Corres. Sec'y. Standing: Miss H. Argeros, Past Dist. Sec'y; Mrs. I. Triantafillou, Marshal; Miss H. Lazarou and Miss A. Faturos, Sentinels; Miss H. Christodoulou, Mrs. J. Argeros and Mrs. C. Mastoris, Gov'rs; Miss E. Perdikas, Warden.

CANADIAN AHEPA NEWS

GEORGE SPIROPOULOS HEADS DISTRICT No. 23

Bro. George Spiropoulos, Governor of Beaver District No. 23, was born in Strezova, now known as Dapline of Calavrita, Greece, in the year 1900. He served in the armed forces of Greece from 1919 to 1923 and was wounded in Asia Minor. Following his honourable discharge, he engaged in the grocery business in Athens until 1928 when he migrated to Canada. After a short period he ventured into business for himself beginning with the restaurant and confectionery line and ending up with a progressive and lucrative pastry business. For reasons of overfatigue, he retired for a period of time and is now associated with Tasse Neon, manufacturers of neon signs.

Bro. Spiropoulos entered the ranks of Ahepa in 1930, very shortly after the inception of Mount Royal Chapter, CJ-7, in Montreal and has been very active ever since, serving his Chapter in the capacity of Treasurer and Vice-President as well as other posts. He has attended several District and National Conventions and is very active in Community affairs, only recently relinquishing the post of Treasurer of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community of Montreal.

He entered into matrimonial partnership with Miss Alexandra Catarelou, who hails from Cephalonia, in 1937, and although it is the popular belief that it takes children to cement marriage, they have surmounted this handicap and a happier and more contented couple would be hard to find, attributable in no small measure to the charm of his lovely lady.

Admirations of a Vancouver Excursionist

Dear Mr. Gregory:

I would like to express my thanks to you for the good wishes you extended to me in the *Ahepa Mentor* for my visit to Greece. I have wanted to visit Greece, the homeland of my parents, for a great many years. Now that I am here, I can hardly believe it is true. It seems so strange to walk down the street and hear Greek spoken everywhere. Strange, but very wonderful.

And now I can also say that you were right — the sky is the most magnificent shade of blue. The Acropolis, after seeing it every day for two months, still fills me with reverence. It is especially beautiful at night, when the moon shines on the milky marble of its columns, high and lofty above the city. Symbolically, it is still a temple and a fortress — a temple to beauty, and a fortress to guard the democratic spirit of the Greeks. But more impressive than all the temples of Greece are the Greek people themselves. For they are a people with indomitable spirit, in whom one sees the characteristics of the ancients — love of democracy, scholarship, and personal freedom. The Greek people are clever, intelligent, and capable, and with the assistance of a sincere leader Greece can again rise to another Golden Age.

During April, I visited my father's village, Kaparelli. When I saw the house in which my father was born, I could not quite believe it. To think that my father had such a humble beginning in life, and had since risen to an enviable position in a foreign land, made me silently admire the wonderful stuff that Greeks are made of. This rocky little village is typical of the birthplaces of most of the Greeks in America, and I salute them, for I am proud of them all.

Last month we flew to Constantinople with Ahepa President, Mr. Peter Bell, and the rest of the Ahepans. We were received by His Holiness, the Patriarch, who was overjoyed to see his American children for whom he has a special feeling. As the personal guests of His Holiness, we were taken on a two-day tour of sights of the city. Needless to say, St. Sophia was the first on the list. It is a fabulous work in both beauty and magnitude, of which we can be very proud. But I am afraid I cannot say the same for the Patriarchate. It is a poverty-stricken and neglected group of buildings in the oldest section of the city. That such a place should be the headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Church is hard to reconcile with the fact that the Greeks have built such magnificent churches all over the world. The Patriarchate is badly in need of money, and I appeal to you, Mr. Gregory, to use your influence to make this fact known to the Greeks of not only Vancouver and Canada, but the United States as well. For I am certain that this neglect is only due to the fact that the Greek people are not aware of the conditions. We should consider it a matter of national pride, if not religiousness, to have a Patriarchate of which we can be proud for its beauty and dignity. And as good Greeks we must remember the tremendous role the Church played in maintaining the Greek language and ideals during the 400 years under the Ottoman Empire.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA MICHAS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Virginia Michas, daughter of Bro. Nick Michas of Vancouver, B. C., went to Greece for the first time as a member of the Ahepa Excursion. The above is a letter she sent to Bro. Aleck Gregory, Secretary of the Gladstone Chapter No. CJ6 and Associate Editor of the "Ahepa Mentor," the publication of District No. 22. It voices the feelings of a number of our American born people visiting Greece for the first time.

Two Canadian delegates (first two in back row), good will ambassadors from Canada with four Connecticut delegates at the Greek Night. Governor George Spiropoulos of District No. 23 receives the Membership Trophy won by his District from Supreme President Peter L. Bell, with the assistance of Chairman George E. Johnson. General Chairman Gatoura presents a "personalized" Souvenir Album to Supreme Governor Tsiguras of Canada. (Similar books were also presented to the entire Supreme Lodge and honored guests.)

ROYAL CANADIAN DISTRICT No. 24 ELECTS JAMES N. KANGLES, GOVERNOR

The 21st Annual Convention of the Royal Canadian District No. 24 was held in the hub of the prairie provinces, the City of Saskatoon, with about 200 delegates and visitors in attendance.

At the Convention of Dist. No. 24: J. N. Kangles, Dist. Gov'r; C. D. Tsipuras, Supr. Gov'r of Canada; G. Spillios, Convention Chair.; Rev. Zeatas of Great Falls; T. Kortes, Pres. of Saskatoon Chapter.

Delegates representing the Dominion Chapter No. 9 C.J. of the host city, the Aurora Borealis Chapter No. 10 C.J. of Edmonton, the Omiron Othisia Chapter No. 11 C.J. of Calgary, and the Regina Chapter No. 13 of Regina attended. The Daughters of Penelope of all the above chapters and from Winnipeg were represented.

The highlights of the convention were the Get-Acquainted Party on Sunday, August 2, Business Sessions and Greek Nite of Monday, Sessions and Picnic on Tuesday, culminating with a Golf Tournament followed by a Banquet and Ball at the Bessborough Hotel. All Ahepa business sessions were held in the Ahepa Hall, the Chapter of Saskatoon being the only city in Canada with its own home.

The newly elected District Officers are: James N. Kangles, Regina, District Governor; James Baltekos, Regina, Lieutenant Governor; James Chrones, Saskatton, District Advisor; Ted H. Gardener, Edmonton, Marshal; J. G. Trehas, Regina, Dist. Sec'y-Treas.; and Ted B. Gardener, Edmonton, Athletic Director.

The speakers at the concluding banquet included the Hon. W. J. Patterson, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, who spoke on the recent coronation of Queen Elizabeth; James Kangles, the District Governor; Hon. J. H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare, spoke on behalf of the Premier of Saskatchewan and paid tribute to the local Greeks and briefly outlined the achievements of ancient heroes; Mrs. S. H. Girgulis, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope; C. D. Tsipuras, the Supreme Governor of Canada; Rev. D. Zeatas, who paid tribute to the parents who were the pioneers to this country and America. On behalf of the guests, Mr. Steve MacEachern, Commissioner of the Board of Trade, thanked everyone and recalled his High School teaching days when Greek students were amongst the best scholars of his class. Tinos Kortes, Pres., acted as the chairman.

IMMIGRATION NOTICE

The AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE (formerly the Displaced Persons Committee) is now fully organized and prepared to help all those who desire to bring into the U.S.A. relatives and others from Greece, under the new law. Those who are interested must write immediately direct to the newly opened offices:

Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee
16 Beaver St., New York, N. Y.

Committee offices will soon be opened in Greece. Refugees, relatives, displaced persons, orphans and others may qualify under the law. The Committee will give prompt attention to requests for assistance by Ahepans, as well as all other Greek-Americans. This is a voluntary and humanitarian —

AHEPA IMMIGRATION SERVICE

At a gay stag of Citadel Chapter No. C.J. 15, Quebec City, Can. Seated, left to right: C. Spetidakos of Montreal; P. Theonas, Vice-President; C. D. Tsipuras, Supreme Governor; C. Lentgis, President; N. Kerhonfas, District Governor; H. Dommas, Treasurer; and J. P. Pergantis, Secretary. Standing, in the same order: J. Marangos, P. Theonas, J. Kokolakis, J. Theonas, S. Pergantis, C. Hone, J. Glezos, T. Harris, A. Shilakos, G. Daperis and E. Kostitch.

Our Canadian brothers serving notice to the Houston Convention that they want you in Montreal in 1956. Left to right: G. S. Prahales, Vice-President; J. E. Hadzipetros, Sec'y and Delegate; A. Paganos, Warden; C. K. Sperdakos; G. Adamakos, President; Geo. Spiropoulos, Governor of District No. 23; C. D. Tsipuras, Supreme Governor; and N. Liaskos, Treasurer.

SPORTS

THE 10th NATIONAL OLYMPIAD AT HOUSTON

By PETER D. CLENTZOS, *National Director of Athletics*

One record went by the boards in the 10th National Ahepan Olympiad held at Rice Stadium in Houston on August 18. Under a blazing hot Texas sun, over 45 Greek athletes from all parts of the country took part in torrid competition as they vied for top honors.

Nick Spillios, husky Houston University track star, shattered the discus mark of 125 ft. 4 in., held by Charley George of Miami when he flipped it out 139 feet. Handsome George Daskarolis of San Francisco and track Captain for the University of San Francisco next spring, walked off with high point honors winning the 220, broad jump, and the 120 yards low hurdles. He also placed first as part of the winning relay team. Spillios also won the shot-put at 52 ft. 3½ in. and was voted the outstanding athlete.

Houston, host city, won team honors with 37 points while District 10 amassed 26 points. San Francisco was third with 18. District 20 with Hollywood, Pasadena and Phoenix, Ariz., competing as a unit won fourth with 16 points.

Preceding the Olympiad, the Olympic torch was lighted by Mayor Roy Hofheinz at the City Hall and run by a Houston Ahepa relay team to the Stadium escorted by motor police. Jim Vamvakias of Houston was the first runner.

Beautiful Evelyn Theocharidis of Houston, a Lamar High School student, was chosen as Olympiad Queen, the tenth in the long list of Grecian lovelies who have thrilled Greek Athletes with their presence at Olympiads. Her princesses were charming Bella Castrinos of New Orleans and exotic Theresa Kostas of Houston.

Judging the contest were Bill Roberts of the Houston Press; Morris Frank, columnist of the Houston Chronicle; Dick Freeman, sports editor of the Chronicle; and Pete Clentzos. There were fifteen candidates and the judges had a rough time screening the beauties although they loved their assignments.

Steve Johnson and John Gavrel, co-chairmen for the Olympiad in Houston, did one swell job in lining things up for the meet. They added two events, a golf tournament and a bowling tourney that were very successful.

In the convention bowling tournaments P. J. Kurmadas of Houston was high man with a score of 156, average for three games; Steve Gaveras of Milwaukee was second at 154, Nick Chirekos of Rock Island, Ill., third with 147; and Peter Pappas of Rock Island, fourth with 146. Becky Angelos of Houston won the ladies division.

Olympiad golfers held their tournament at Hermann Park and Gus Malavansos was first with 78; Johnny Gavrel was second with 79; Fred Vales was third with 82.

Viola Souris from Chicago won the ladies division with a 106 and Christine Stamos of Saint Louis was second.

Convention Highlights

Over fifty entries competed in the Olympiad . . . a hot sun and humid atmosphere

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AKRON SONS WIN SOFTBALL TITLE

At the Sons of Pericles District No. 11 softball tournament recently held in Canton, Ohio, a veteran Akron team defeated the Cleveland Sons in a hard fought game by a score of 10 to 7 to reach the finals. They had previously defeated a young Steubenville team by a score of 20 to 4.

The championship game against a strong Warren team that had defeated the Canton Sons to gain the finals was a nip and tuck contest. The score was tied at 3-3 until Manager George Manos of the Akron Sons hit a three run homer to break the game wide open. The Championship Trophy went to Akron for the second straight year. George Kefalos, the Akron pitcher hurled a brilliant 4 hitter.

The Akron Sons Championship Team. First row, left to right: N. Gopougis, T. Fundukos, G. Manos, M. Kermizes and T. Pachares. Second row: J. Roubenis, S. Arfaras, G. Kefalos and N. Chibis.

(1) Mayor Hofheinz Lighting the Olympic Torch on the City Hall steps as Athletic Director Clentzos looks on. (2) Transferring the Torch enroute to the field. (3) Olympiad "Queen" Evelyn Theocharidis rewards the lucky Torch bearer.

YPSILANTI SENIORS WIN BASKETBALL TITLE

The 10th Annual National Ahepa-Sons Basketball Tournament was held on April 17, 18 and 19 at the University of Chicago fieldhouse. This year's classic was another great event replete with upsets. The teams traveled far and wide to participate and there were many prospective college stars amongst the Hellenic youth participating.

In the initial contests, the Phaethon Sons of Chicago bowed to the Sioux City, Iowa, Ahepans, 50 to 47, and the Hammond, Ind., Sons eked out a final quarter victory over the Hellenic Center Ahepans of Chicago, 58 to 51.

The surprise team of the tourney, the Ypsilanti Jrs. of Chicago, started its trek towards the finals with an easy victory over the Harvey, Ill., Sons, 48 to 25. The Sioux Falls, So. Dakota, Ahepans won over the Battle Creek, Mich., Ahepans, 49 to 41, and in a hard fought contest the Oak Park Chicago Ahepa bested the East Chicago, Ind., Ahepa, 54 to 46. The Colorado Ahepa team followed with a victory over the Ann Arbor, Mich., Ahepa, 48 to 42, and the Alpha (Detroit) Ahepa trounced the Moline, Ill., Ahepa, 61 to 46. The first day's activities ended with the Ypsilanti Srs. easy win over the Plato Sons of Chicago, 54 to 17.

On Saturday, the second day of competition, the Chicago No. 46 Ahepa nosed out the Sioux City, Iowa, Ahepa by one point in the last seconds of play, 48 to 47. Colorado beat Sioux Falls, 53 to 43. The winners of the following contests emerged as quarter-finalists: Ypsilanti Jrs. staggered Alpha (Detroit) Ahepa, 52 to 43; Oak Park beat Colorado; Ypsilanti

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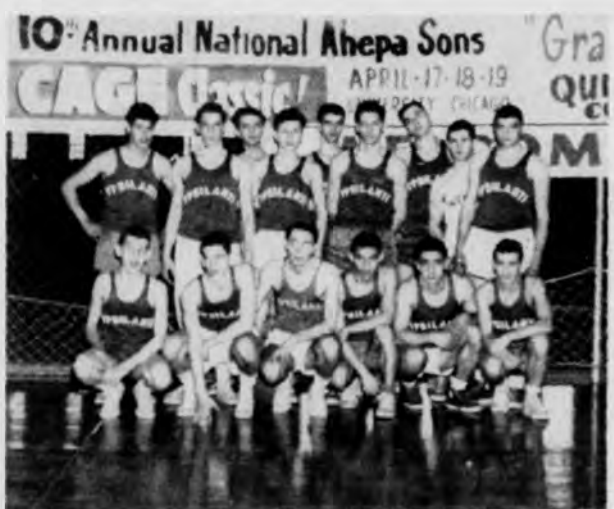
Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos, Honorary Chairman of the National Department of Athletics with Peter C. Batsakis, 15th District Athletic Director. Second photo shows the crowning of Queen Penny Manesales by retiring Queen Jennie Kambetos. Looking on are J. Mustis, Tourney Treasurer; Van Nomikos; J. Kleronomos, Chairman Queen Committee; and L. Asimakopoulos, President of Garfield Chapter.

John Catsaros, right, President of Woodlawn Chapter No. 93, presents the "Sportsmanship Trophy" to the Harvey Sons team. In the second photo is James Dikeou receiving the "Distance Trophy" on behalf of the Colorado team he sponsored.



Ypsilanti Juniors of Chicago, the "wonder" team of the National Ahepa-Sons Basketball Tournament. George Fefles receiving the "Most Valuable Player" Trophy from Tourney Queen Penny Manesales. Looking on are, left to right: P. Demes, Tourney Dance Chairman; Miss D. Demes, Queen runner-up; E. Nicholaou, Treasurer Chapter No. 93; and Mr. and Mrs. John Catsaros.

OLYMPIAD RESULTS

100-YARD DASH: 1) John Batsakes, Ann Arbor, Mich; 2) Angelo Vasos, Houston; 3) Mike Alexander, Milwaukee. Time: 10.5.

220-YARD DASH: 1) George Vaskavolis, San Francisco; 2) John Katsenes, Phoenix, Ariz.; 3) Angelo Safos, Houston. Time: 25.5.

440-YARD DASH: 1) James Fontis, Houston; 2) Jack Becronis, Pasadena, Calif.; 3) Vino Breketes, Ann Arbor, Mich. Time: 62.1.

880-YARD RUN: 1) Theodore Karalis, Houston; 2) Vino Breketes, Ann Arbor, Mich.; 3) Joe Allen, Trenton, N. J. Time: 2:28.4.

ONE MILE RUN: 1) Pete Stamos, Ypsilanti, Mich.;)2) Pete Manos, Dallas; 3) Ronnie Mafridge, Houston. Time: 5:26.2.

70-YARD HIGH HURDLES: 1) Leon Nichols, Miami, Fla.; 2) Pete Stamos, Ypsilanti; 3) Chris Karatzas, Hollywood, Calif. Time: 10 5.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES: 1) George Vaskavolis, San Francisco; 2) John Vatsekes, Ann Arbor; 3) Mike Alexander, Milwaukee. Time: 14.5.

HIGH JUMP: 1) Leon Nichols, Miami, Fla.; 2) Jim Maratsos, San Francisco; 3) Chris Karatzas, Hollywood, Calif. Height: 5 feet, 8 inches.

12-POUND SHOT-PUT: 1) Nick Spillios, Houston; 2) John Lingon, Ann Arbor; 3) Tony Demitro, Pittsburgh, Calif. Distance: 52 feet, 3½ inches.

POLE VAULT: 1) Tie for first between A. Karatszas, Los Angeles, Calif., and L. Lampropulos, Chicago, Illinois. Height: 9 feet.

BROAD JUMP: 1) George Vaskavolis, San Francisco; 2) Pluto Vamvakis, Houston; 3) L. Lampropulos, Chicago. Distance: 18 feet, 5¼ inches.

DISCUS THROW: 1) Nick Spillios, Houston; 2) George Demos, Colorado Springs; 3) John Lingon, Ann Arbor. Distance: 139 feet (new record).

JAVELIN THROW: 1) Pluto Vamvakis, Houston; 2) John Katsenes, Phoenix; 3) George Doldydoren, Houston. Distance: 136 feet, 10 inches.

440-YARD RELAY: 1) Unattached (Batsakes, Stamos, Lingon, Vaskavolis); 2) Houston; 3) Pasadena, Calif. Time: 50.1.

Gus Malavansos, Fred Vale and John Gavrel, winners of this year's Golf Tournament. receiving their trophies from National Athletic Director Clentzos.

NATIONAL OLYMPIAD

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kept large crowds away . . . there was no shade in the huge stadium. . . . Nick Spillios of Houston gave the oath. . . . The lack of officials caused a bit of confusion at first, but once more Ahepans like Pete Patras of Chicago, James Kulides, Pete Versis of Houston, Louis Asimakopoulos of Chicago, Peter Erjames of Peabody, Mass., pitched in. Two officials who saved the day were Cap Harding and Dutch Albert of Houston who acted as starter and finish judge. . . . The convention golf tournament and bowling tournaments were well attended but at Pittsburgh, it is recommended that they be held later in the week to permit delegates to attend. These tournaments will be closed to all except members of the Ahepa family. . . . The Queen contest held in the Castillian Room of the Shamrock Hotel was a nice affair . . . it was well attended. Thanks to the three members of the press who assisted in the selection. . . . We had a great time . . . the Shamrock Pool was incomparable. Louis Dukas had a lot of fun in the pool trying to back-dive. . . . Tony Demetro, winner of the shot-put in the 1940 Seattle Olympiad, made a comeback 13 years later by taking third . . . there's a nice guy.

YPSILANTI SENIORS

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Srs. won over Omega (Detroit) Ahepa, and Hammond beat Chicago No. 46. In the semi-finals, the Ypsilanti Srs. nosed out Hammond, 55 to 53, and the Ypsilanti Jrs. continued as the "charm" team by whipping Oak Park, 59 to 51.

In the championship contest, the two Ypsilanti teams played against each other. The Juniors were picked to upset the "big" team as they had the others, but the Seniors' superior ability prevailed. They won the title by a score of 60 to 45 for the sixth time in the seven years of tourney history, truly an envialbe record.

Spiros Copanas of Syracuse Chapter No. 37 with some of the trophies won by the chapter basketball team.

Olympiad "Queen" Evelyn Theocharidis of Houston and her ladies-in-waiting, Bella Castrinos and Theresa Kostas. The "Queen" crowns some of the victorious athletes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . .

In response to the desires of many readers of "The Ahepan" to create a section wherein views and comments of the membership may be expressed for the betterment of our publication and the Ahepa Family in general, your editorial staff agreed as a matter of policy to create such a feature and encouraged the membership in the last issue of "The Ahepan" to forward their comments and views.

Following are several of the letters received — it is hoped that the membership will continue expressing their comments.

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It would be very stimulating to the readers of your fine magazine if a page were reserved for letters. What better way is there to learn how Greek-Americans feel about certain things than to exchange ideas in "The Ahepan." . . .

A "Daughter of Penelope"

New York

• • *Here is your opportunity.—Editor*

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. . . Frankly, I noticed an improvement in the new layout, and my only constructive criticism would be that each issue should carry one major article of national or international significance prepared by some high ranking official or noted author. . . .

DEAN J. LEWIS, Mayor
City of Newport, R. I.

• • *Brother Lewis' hat is "in the ring" for the Governorship of Rhode Island. Lots of luck, Dean.—Editor*

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CORRECTION . . .

Allow me to congratulate you, and your co-workers for the April-May-June issue of "The Ahepan," it really is a nice looking magazine. However, on Page 19, a picture shows General Van Fleet kissing the hand of our Archbishop, but the caption states that he is kissing his *ring*. Since when have our Bishops started wearing rings? . . .

A. G. GEEKOS

Amherst, Va.

• • *You are correct. This caption was incorrectly submitted to us from another publication. It should have read "paying his respects." Thank you for the correction.—Editor*

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. . . It is my considered opinion that not only can this magazine be issued on a monthly basis insofar as the extra cost is concerned but can with efficient, aggressive and continuous management be made completely self sustaining. . . .

CHRIS D. TSIPURAS
Supreme Governor of Canada

Montreal, Canada

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. . . I wish to thank you and the Editorial Board of "The Ahepan" for the splendid publication you have given us.

(Mrs.) THEODORA PAYNE, Pres.

Los Angeles, Calif.

It has been suggested to me that you would be interested in seeing a copy of a bill which I introduced at the request of Archbishop Michael to provide for the issuance of non-quota visas for 78 Greek children, bereft of both parents, who are at present in various orphanages in Greece.

United States citizens of Greek descent have already expressed the desire to adopt and educate these children. It is a pleasure for me to send you the enclosed copy of the bill. . . .

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
U.S. Senator (Minn.)

• • *Many thanks, Senator, for your fine work.—Editor*

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. . . I would like very much to receive this magazine as there is always news about the Daughters I would like to read. . . .

IRENE CONSTANTINE

New London, Conn.

• • *Subscriptions are available to the Daughters and the entire Ahepa Family through the Headquarters.—Editor*

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You and your associates are to be congratulated for a job well done and encouraged to proceed forward in keeping "The Ahepan" the informative organ of the Ahepa domain. . . . Keep up the good work. Your reward will be the plaudits of the rank and file members of the Order. . . .

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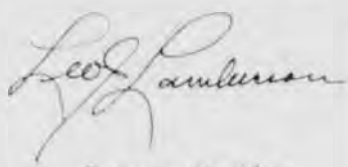
I firmly believe that Ahepa is a great institution. I know its ideals and principles are worth fighting for. I feel that every true Ahepan should devote all the time and energy possible to help Ahepa grow, become a stronger and greater fraternity, and cultivate a better fraternal spirit. I am certain that in this way only can Ahepa render better service to its members, their families, their communities, our Nation, and Hellenism throughout America and the world.



Supreme President

South Bend, Ind.
December, 1953

GREEK ROYAL COUPLE FETED BY POUGHKEEPSIE AHEPANS

On Sunday, November 1, 1953, more than 500 Poughkeepsie area Greek Americans gave a truly royal welcome to King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt historic site at nearby Hyde Park, N. Y.

After King Paul placed an orchid wreath, decorated with blue and white ribbon, on the late President Roosevelt's grave, the Poughkeepsie Community, the Poughkeepsie Chapter of the Order of Ahepa No. 158, the Daughters of Pericles, Corinth Chapter and other groups presented a bouquet of American beauty roses to the Queen and a silver dish to King Paul.

Included in the ceremonies for the Greek royal couple was the singing of Greek songs by children of St. Basil's Academy of Garrison, N. Y.

After the wreath laying ceremonies at the grave, and a visit to the Roosevelt home and library, the royal party was escorted to attend ceremonies sponsored by Ahepa Chapter No. 158. Marian Georgia Pschewlys, five years old, opened the ceremonies by presenting the bouquet of roses to the Queen, who flashed a broad smile, broke off one of the roses and returned it to the child.

Marian's father, Stephen Pschewlys, President of the Poughkeepsie Chapter, was presented to the King and Queen by George Antonakos, District Marshal of the Empire State District No. 6. Also presented to the King and Queen were Aristides M. Moustakas, past President of the Poughkeepsie Chapter, and Nicholas G. Kustas, President of the Greek Community of Poughkeepsie.

The silver dish presented to the Royal couple contained the following inscription: "To Their Majesties, King Paul and Queen Frederika of the Hellenes in commemoration of their visit to Hyde Park, November 1, 1953. Presented by the Order of Ahepa, Chapter No. 158 of Poughkeepsie, and Daughters of Penelope, Corinth Chapter No. 248."

The King thanked the Ahepa leaders for the silver dish, for the turnout of Greek-Americans and the ceremony and asked them to "extend my best wishes to the members of your order and the community."

POUGHKEEPSIE HONORS ARISTIDES MUSTAKAS

A testimonial dinner in honor of Past President Aristides Mustakas of the Poughkeepsie Chapter No. 158 was tendered on October 25 in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The banquet was in recognition of the many services Brother Mustakas has rendered to the Ahepa in his area over the years.

Toastmaster for the event was Past President George Antonakos. The main speaker was Supreme Vice-Pres. Stephen S. Scopas. Amongst the dignitaries present were District Governor Peter G. Giftos and Lieut. Governor Kimon A. Doukas of the Empire State No. 6.

THE SUPREME PRESIDENT ON FRATERNAL PROJECTS

Ahepa Chapters throughout the Ahepa Domain have been requested by Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, of South Bend, Ind., to assist in the development of three major fraternal projects adopted by the Houstson, Texas, national Ahepa convention:

The projects are:

1. "Certificate of Merit" awards for students in high schools, colleges, and universities.

2. "Outstanding Ahepan of the Year" award.

3. Chapter and District Lodge Ahepa "Instruction Manual" or handbook.

Chapters are requested to forward the names of candidates for educational "Certificate of Merit" awards and "Outstanding Ahepan of the Year" award to the Supreme Lodge through the President as soon as possible.

The "Certificate of Merit" awards are designed as recognition of honor to students in high schools, colleges, and universities, in order to provide an incentive for the study of and the propagation of the Hellenic traditions, culture, and continued cultural Greek studies.

The *"Outstanding Ahepan of the Year"* award is to be granted on the District level throughout the Ahepa Domain to provide incentive for Ahepa progress and enthusiasm, and would be recognition to Ahepans for meritorious service to the fraternity.

The Supreme President also has requested suggestions from the fraternal membership for the preparation of an Ahepa "Instruction Manual" or handbook for Chapter officers and District Lodge members. The proposed handbook would include protocol and arrangements for various extra-curricular activities sponsored by Ahepa Chapters and the Ahepa family. The handbook would be in mimeograph form, and distributed to each Chapter as well as District Lodge officers.

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Views and Reviews

A careful perusal of the minutes of the Houston National Convention enlightens one as to the solid accomplishments of the twenty-seventh national assembly of the Order of Ahepa.

Now that the emotions have subsided and the great debates have been resolved, the record discloses several commendable and constructive enactments that will have a salutary effect on the future growth of our fraternity. Especially one legislative enactment and one recommendation adopted are of particular significance to the rank and file.

The Constitution was amended by the required two-thirds vote and a Board of Trustees was created to manage all our national projects. This Board consists of seven members, two of whom are the Supreme President and the Supreme Treasurer. The other five were elected by the Houston Convention to serve for terms ranging from one to five years. The tremendous responsibilities entrusted to this Board can easily be discerned in Section 2 of the Amendment, to wit: "The Trustees shall be vested with the *power* and *authority* to buy, sell, transfer, rent, lease, mortgage and hypothecate all real and personal property which has now or may hereafter be designated as belonging to a national project or projects approved by a National Convention, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Trustees."

The amendment specifically gives managerial and supervisory powers to the Board over the following existing projects: the Albuquerque Sanatorium property; the Florida Orphanage project, the National Home Fund and the Scholarship Trust and Loan Fund.

In addition to Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson and Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos, the other five members are: Chris E. Athas, Charles Davis Kotsilibas, Speros A. Versis, Sam S. Nakos and Anthony Arouey. All are outstanding Ahepans and eminently successful in the business world.

The creation of this Board is a step in the right direction. It will act as a stabilizing force in the management of the Ahepa properties and assets and will present an opportunity for long range planning and development. We look upon it as the pioneer agency through which the Ahepa capital assets will be administered with wisdom and foresight so as to bring the maximum financial return to the fraternity and make it possible for Ahepa to be of greater service to its members.

The recommendation adopted concerns the improvement of our present insurance plan. Substantially, the recommendation embodies a plan whereby the death benefit payments to beneficiaries will be increased from $200.00 to $500.00. This is to be effected by increasing the death benefit assessment from $2.00 to $6.50. Moreover, the plan contemplates $1000.00 benefits at $13.00 annual assessments, on an optional basis.

The Convention directed the Supreme Lodge to conduct a poll of the membership on the adoption of this plan. Headquarters has about completed arrangements to conduct this poll. Every member will receive full information on this vital matter in order to enable him to make the proper decision. If the response is favorable, the Pittsburgh National Convention will act on this proposition.

The Supreme Lodge at its October meeting appointed a new Editorial Board and a new set of Associate Editors. We are happy to welcome this distinguished array of Ahepans and we look to them for counsel, guidance and encouragement. They are pre-eminently qualified to assist us in our constant effort to maintain and to further improve the high standard of The Ahepan.

We are privileged to present in this issue as our principal article by special arrangement with Think magazine, the philosophic survey of present world tensions and the outlook for world peace "The Meaning of it All" by Dr. James T. Shotwell, distinguished American scholar and educator and a prime force in the movement for world peace.

ON THE COVER —

Marian Georgia Pechewlys, daughter of the President of the Poughkeepsie Chapter No. 158 of the Order of Ahepa, kissing Queen Frederika's hand after presenting Her Majesty with a bouquet of roses while King Paul smilingly looks on. The occasion, the visit of the Royal Couple to the Roosevelt Shrine at Hyde Park. Leaning over is Raymond D. Muir, Deputy Chief of Protocol of the State Department; partly obscured is Stephen Pechewlys, President of Poughkeepsie Ahepa Chapter No. 158; and extreme right, George Antonakos, Marshal of the Empire State District Lodge No. 6.

View of Athens, Mount Lycabettus in Background.

New Bargains For

By ANNE STROMQUIST

ATHENS.—The recent devaluation of the Greek drachma makes this country one of the best travel buys in Europe. The tourist here now gets twice as much for his dollar, which puts Greece on a par with Spain and Austria as one of the bargain countries for travel.

Tourist costs in Greece were formerly rather high, but the action of the Government in raising the official exchange rate from the large-sounding figure of 15,000 drachmas for the dollar to the even more astronomical figure of 30,000 to the dollar resulted in cutting all prices in half — for the tourists. All money exchanges must be made at banks or authorized agencies at official rates.

Some tourists have discovered an interesting quirk in the official exchange rates in that the rate for French francs in Greek banks has been an unrealistic 85 drachmas per franc, equivalent to 353 francs to the U. S. dollar. Travelers taking advantage of this are legally obtaining an additional 15 per cent of drachmas per dollar at this writing by buying French francs at over 400 to the dollar at any European bank outside France, and then exchanging them for drachmas at the official rate in Greece.

Much for Little

Besides a very cheap vacation, Greece offers the tourist her unmatched cultural treasures, magnificent natural beauty and sunny climate. Here summer lingers more than half the year, drenching the land in sunlight and illuminating the glorious past everywhere recalled by the classical monuments that dot the countryside.

Greece is easily accessible by railway, ship and airline. By automobile, on the other hand, the motorist must travel over stretches of very bad roads on both sides of the Greek-Yugoslav border and over even worse coming from the Turkish border. These roads are impassable in winter, but the main roads within Greece are good macadam. This year saw the inauguration of an interesting motor coach tour sponsored jointly by the Greek and Yugoslav Governments which facilitates seeing both countries for tourists in Greece who wish to make the side trip to Yugoslavia, or vice versa.

The showcase of Greece is the capital city. Athens is a busy cosmopolitan town and a crossroads of Eastern and Western culture. Here modern white buildings blend harmoniously with mellowed monuments of the great classical age of the fifth century B.C. under Pericles. It was during this Golden Age that the Erectheum and Parthenon were built on the rocky hill of the Acropolis.

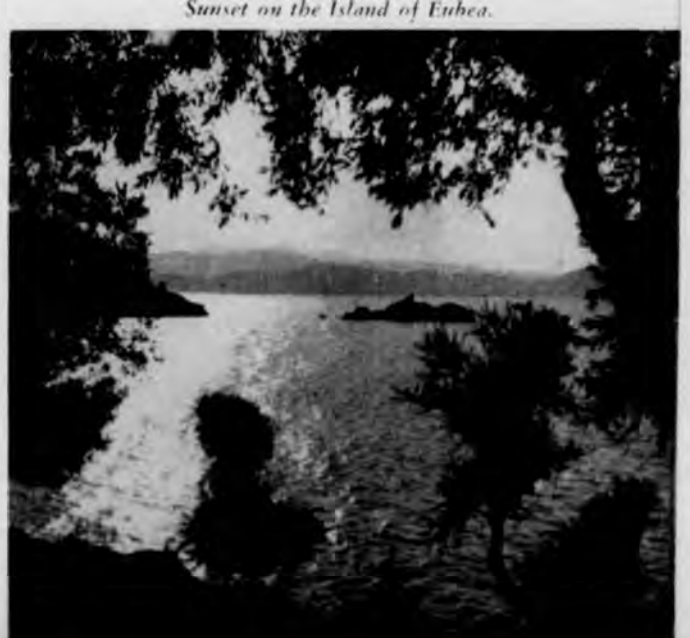
The Parthenon, which was erected at the instigation of Pericles, is one of the most famous buildings in the world and is often called its best proportioned piece of architecture. Most of its sculpture was designed by Phidias, who won renown for his work in gold and ivory and in bronze. The enemies of Pericles, in rather modern manner, accused Phidias of graft in connection with his great rebuilding projects in Athens and it is said that he died while under arrest on one of these charges.

Rooms With a View

The Parthenon dominates the city and most Athenian hotels have at least some rooms having a view of the great temple. The newest luxury hotel, opened last winter, is the Athénée Palace. In general, Athens' first-class hotel rates run from $2 a day for a double without bath to $5 with bath. There are more modest hotels, comfortable and clean, at lesser rates. Rates in other Greek cities are lower.

Food in Greece is so cheap that even the budgeted traveler can eat in the best restaurants and enjoy the meal

Sunset on the Island of Eubea.



Travelers In Greece

without worrying about the check. Some of the hotels have excellent dining rooms; there are good restaurants and a sidewalk cafe that might have been transplanted from Rome's fashionable Via Veneto. But for a real treat, one should visit a local Greek *taverna*. Here both the food and atmosphere are a delight. You may wish to peep into the huge refrigerator in the back to select your meal. While dining you can examine the shimmering bucolic murals on the walls or count the huge wine casks holding the unique *retsina* and *kokinelli*, Greek wines which taste as strange as they sound.

There are many mementos to bring back from Greece, and the hotel area abounds in souvenir shops of native handicrafts. Although they may look like elegant "tourist traps," their wares are surprisingly inexpensive at the new rate of exchange. There are beautiful hand-embroidered blouses and striking hand-loomed skirts. Brass-studded wooden water flasks make exceptional gifts. Regional costumes and textiles decorated with hand-worked details from old costumes are very colorful.

Caryatides

Copies of Pottery

There are several grades of copies of ancient Greek pottery which are cheap. Real antiquities are on sale in a row of small shops near the Agora in Athens, but it is against the law to take them out of the country.

Greece is still a vast archeological museum where every stone seems to be connected with either a myth or a historical fact. All leading tourist agencies run daily tours of the city of Athens and there are also many tours to nearby places of special interest to sight-seers.

Perhaps the most popular is the two-day Argolis tour beginning each Tuesday and Thursday. The cost is only $12 and includes transportation, meals and lodging. This motor coach tour is sponsored by the National Tourist Organization, but its bookings are handled by a different private travel agency each month. The guide lectures in both French and English. The trip is strenuous going because of the many places that are visited during the two days. Stops are made at Daphni and Eleusis in Attica, and at Corinth, Mycenae, Tiryns and Epidaurus on the Peloponnese peninsula, all names that recall the fact, myth and legend of ancient Greece.

The Famous Academy of Athens.

Myth and History

All these places are some of the most famous remains of the classic world. Some are merely sites, such as the hotel at Eleusis, where Persephone is said to have been carried underground by Pluto, but many are quite spectacular, like the fourth-century B.C. theatre at Epidaurus,

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Flocks of sheep and goats on the way to pasture. In background is Mount Olonos, the ancient Erymanthia, seven thousand feet high.

St. Nicholas Comes By Sea

By THEODORE J. GEORGE

NIKITA is just returning from school. It is the last day before the holidays for Christmas. He opens the door to the ruins of the little three-room hut that had been the home of the Gerasimos family for generations. Now the gaping hole in the roof has left one of the rooms uninhabitable. One wall in the room has fallen with the quake which laid low so many of the homes in the village of Lexourion, several miles from Argostoli, the capital of the beautiful Ionian isle of Cephalonia.

"Mama," Nikita calls. "I am home."

His mother, Gregoria, comes from the back of the hut where she has been working.

"It is good that you have come, Nikita. You are just in time to help your little brother and sister. I have much to do to finish the baking of the Christopsomo. Come and lend a hand to little Dimitri and Maria. They are busy cleaning the other room in preparation for the feast days ahead." And Gregoria wipes her face with the beautifully embroidered apron she is wearing.

"Mama," asks Nikita, "why do we make such preparation? We shall not have a bright Christmas this year. The earthquakes have ruined our village. All our friends, too, are in need. And Daddy is not here to provide for us as he did other Christmases."

"We must have faith, Nikita," answers his mother. "God is great and He is good. He will not desert us in our hour of need. Did not Christ say, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'?"

"Yes, Mama," Nikita replies. "But now all good things are in America. St. Nicholas has forgotten us here in Greece. Only Santa Claus in America remembers the little children. Yesterday, Miss Chrysoula, our teacher, read us a poem about America and how Santa Claus comes to the house and fills the stockings of the children with toys and good things to eat. Santa Claus was described as—

"He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump — a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose."

(From Clement C. Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas")

"Oh, Mama, it must be wonderful to live in America, where there is plenty — where children like little Dimitri and Maria don't have to worry about having enough to eat and drink, enough clothes to wear, fine schools to go to, and warm houses to live in. God has truly blessed America. Here in Greece, we have suffered so long — the war, the occupation, starvation, the communist threat, and now, the earthquakes."

Gregoria's eyes fill with tears.

"True, my son," she says, "but we must not lose heart. God will be merciful."

Suddenly, the door opens wide. Christopher, the neighbor and koumparo of the Gerasimos family, enters.

"Come, Koumpara. Bring the children. A ship has come to Argostoli with bundles of gifts from America. Let us all go and see what has been brought to make our Christmas merry."

Gregoria makes the sign of the Cross. Then she runs outside, calling her two smaller children.

"Dimitri. Maria. Come quickly. You may finish your chores some other time."

And the little ones come running. Excitement is high as the happy mother prepares her three children for the ride to Argostoli with Koumparo Christopher and his wife and child.

It is dusk when they arrive at the capital. The streets are crowded with many people, all excited and happy with the prospect of a more bountiful holiday than they had anticipated. Hours later, the bundles have been distributed and the Lexourians are returning to their wrecked homes.

There were clothes for the children, packs of toys, and red mesh stockings stuffed with hard candies. For the older folk, there were clothing, mostly, and sacks of foodstuffs with which to feed their families. And the bundles had been sent from America — from the generous American people, a good many of whom are of Greek descent and who feel deeply the hurt of any wound to the heart of Greece.

Little Maria sleeps in her mother's lap. Dimitri listens, fascinated, while Nikita recites:

"He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL
A GOOD NIGHT."

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The Meaning Of It All

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FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES *of today's world crisis and their significance in the age-old quest for universal freedom. A working membership in international community of free nations as a prime factor in promoting peace and justice.*

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IN THE WORLD CRISIS of today the question which haunts thoughtful minds is: What is the meaning of it all? This is a very different question from that which confronts the governments engaged in a conflict of power, in which the issue is one of victory or defeat. It reaches beyond the tactics of action to the understanding of the fundamental issues involved.

This at once carries it directly into the realm of history, for the forces engaged are as much those of the past as of the present and future. Nothing in human affairs can escape history, not even the revolution which attempts to defy it; and the final issue is the oldest and the most constant one, that of freedom.

It goes without saying that this is not the way the Communists view the conflict, for those who have never lived under the regime of freedom cannot understand it. The peoples of Eastern Europe and Asia have never known what self-government meant, never having shared in that great experiment which from the days of ancient Greece challenged despotism in the West. We therefore cannot expect them to know what we mean when we present as an ideal of government the principles of the Declaration of Independence or the Gettysburg Address or even the Atlantic Charter.

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But, more serious still, we ourselves are not wholly clear about this heritage of ours, won for us by the sacrifice and faith, the creative energy and tireless devotion of our forefathers. What is the harvest of their sowing, garnered into the rich storehouse of the Republic?

This is the supreme question of our time, for we are standing at a great divide in the long processes of history, looking into a future which offers an escape from much of the past, the world of science, with its ever-shifting frontier, leaving the static world of habit and repetition behind. But though the scenes of the drama are shifting, even too rapidly for thought to follow, the human actors remain the same, limited by the same needs, responsive to the same desires as in the past. The mind that controls the atom is never wholly in control of itself. It responds to the instincts of primitive life as well as to the disciplines of reason.

Therefore, as we stand on the horizon of the future, we need to get our bearings by tracing the pathway of civilization to our own country and our own lives. For the crisis of today is part of that vast and tragic drama which kept throughout the ages — and still keeps — the undertone of primitive savagery, but which also rises to the highest themes of human thought, justice and mercy. We are the inheritors of every gain made in the history of justice from the days of Hammurabi to those of the welding of Roman and English law, of the ideals of freedom from ancient Greece to Puritan England and revolutionary France, and of all the creative thought nourished by the arts of peace in every land. But this is only half the story, for the gifts of the Old World were fully matched by those of the New World, as the continent opened new paths of freedom and challenged mankind to rise above the past by making its own the greatest of these achievements, the quiet, long-delayed conquest of peace itself.

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To no other land and to no other people has this supreme issue of the welding of the past and future come with such compelling power. The heritage of other peoples which is ours by right of their own choice in coming here is reinforced by the kind of life they have had to live, concentrating with steadfast purpose upon the conquest — not of man but of nature — in the winning of a continent, intractable but kindly, spacious and magnificent. Then, just when the New World was won from sea to sea, another new world was opened up by the discoveries of science, remaking time and space and recasting human relationships. Once again we are pioneers, but this time the pioneering will never stop; it will go on forever. For it is a test, not merely of steadfastness and endurance, but of that final attribute of man: intelligence.

It is this new, new world which holds the promise for the future. The promise is by no means clear in the dawn's early light, nor in the red glare which gleams so menacingly on the ramparts of freedom. But one thing

is clear, the cause of freedom, justice and peace must ultimately prevail, for otherwise there is no future for mankind. Science has already seen to that by forging weapons of destruction that leave no hope either for victim or victor, making war — the supreme instrument of politics in the upbuilding of nations — an international crime that brings its own punishment.

The drama of history is still enacted on the ill-lighted stage where the animal in man has so long stalked its prey. But even while brute force acquires the most deadly power

U.N. General Assembly . . . "Justice and peace must ultimately prevail, for otherwise there is no future for mankind."

of mass destruction, the theme of the conflict is changing to the realm of the spirit. The principles of secular society which each nation accepted for itself but denied in its relations with others are now being forged in the white heat of controversy into universal concepts of right and wrong, applying everywhere, to everyone. The ultimate ideal with which communism beguiles its devotees is that of a classless world of increased welfare for all; its crime against society is not in its insistence on this goal, but in its ruthless methods of persecution at home and conquest abroad, which substitutes for the ideal of a cooperative commonwealth the oppressive might of imperialistic despotism.

The communists justify this reliance on force and violence as part of the unfinished revolution by which their regime will be established and, therefore, only a temporary phase of their polity. But this reasoning is based on the assumption that there can be only one outcome, the triumph of communism everywhere and the submission of everyone to the despotism of those who would wield universal, unquestioned authority in the application of their doctrine. Until that day of triumph, communism accepts war as the instrument of its policy. Its propaganda for peace must be understood in the light of these conditions, which not only deny the validity of the peace movements among non-communist nations, but distort the ultimate ideal of a world of economic justice by making that justice the synonym for rigid, bureaucratic despotism.

What, then, is the way to meet this challenge to the free world? Both history and the events of these last years of crisis point in a single direction: peace based upon freedom and justice. At last these great ideals must be made real. For too many centuries they have been professed in morals and religion while denied in the practical affairs of daily life and the politics of nations. As long as that hypocrisy mocks our ideals, the enemy has a case.

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We have, of course, a ready rejoinder in the fact that the communists themselves have excelled as hypocrites in their dealings with other nations, but that is too easy and cheap an argument for a debate so serious as this should be. The real contrast lies in the fact that the Bolshevists undertook to change society by a single movement, and that the non-communist nations held to the slow, evolutionary processes of history. They have been slow to realize or at least to apply the Golden Rule, which is the Einstein equation for the free world, turning the inert mass of self-centered nationalism into the dynamics of mutual aid and welfare; and they have been equally slow to deny the age-long legitimacy of war. Now, however, with the advent of science, the only lasting prosperity comes from a working membership in the world community and the only lasting peace from a recognition that war has become an anachronism between civilized nations because its mass destruction escapes all limits of control or direction.

The meaning of history is thus becoming clear in the crisis of today, which seems at first sight to darken and obscure it. Peace is not merely a vacuum left by the ending of wars. It is the creation of two eternal principles, justice and freedom; justice as defined in the Roman law as "the fixed and constant purpose to give to every man his due," and freedom as set forth in the declarations of rights of man, by England, by France, by the United States and by the United Nations.

Some day these rights may be embodied in world law, but that day is still distant, for unless law is the expression of the common will, it is worse than meaningless; it is an impediment to progress. But, with a rapidity without parallel in history, the varied purposes of nations are being brought into line, the contrary methods of the communists notwithstanding. For, underlying all conflicting ideologies, the final fact remains that the moral order of the world is at last a living issue in practical politics.

This is the faith in which the free world can face the future, unafraid, confident of the ultimate issue.

Legislation Affecting The Greek Orthodox Church

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The first legislative action affecting the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States was adopted by the New York state legislature during its 1896 session when it granted incorporation by joint resolution of the assembly and senate to the Hellenic Eastern Orthodox Church of New York which is the corporate entity presently administering the Hellenic Cathedral in New York City. All of the other Greek churches and communities in the United States were incorporated either under the religious corporations law or under the membership corporations law of the states in which they are functioning.

For forty-seven years thereafter not a single act was passed by any of the forty-eight state legislatures in this country in any way affecting or referring to the Greek Orthodox Church.

In 1943 under the leadership of His Holiness, Patriarch Athenagoras I, who was then our Archbishop, a federation was formed of all of the Eastern Orthodox Churches in this country which were under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchates of Constantinople, Antioch, Moscow and Yugoslavia. Simultaneously therewith and under the leadership of Past Supreme President George S. Phillies of Buffalo, New York, an act was introduced into the New York state legislature on January 22, 1943 which was approved and became effective on March 20, 1943. This act specifically provides for the method of incorporation of all Eastern Orthodox Churches in New York state, the contents of the certificate of incorporation and the administrative powers and duties of the governing trustees. It comprises sections 290 to 296 inclusive of the religious corporations law and has been set up separately as article XV thereof.

Last April, His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, anxious to obtain for the Eastern Orthodox Church recognition as the fourth major religious faith in America, called upon all our communities to join forces in each state for the passage of similar legislative provisions. On June 26, 1953 the state of Wisconsin approved such legislation and on July 1, 1953 the commonwealth of Massachussets followed suit.

There are, however, forty-five more states which have not made such provisions in their law. The Order of Ahepa with its chapters throughout the breadth and width of this land can render an important service to our people and to our church by taking the initiative in introducing into the remaining forty-five legislatures similar resolutions.

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In order to simplify this procedure as much as possible and not to limit its effect to the Greek Orthodox Church alone but to include the other Eastern Orthodox Churches therein, our Archdiocese has drafted and circularized a short act which can effectively carry out this objective. For the guidance of those Ahepans who will take the initiative and the responsibility of seeing to it that this legislation becomes a part of the law of every state in the United States, this article will close with the draft of the uniform act as sent out by the Archdiocese and which is as follows:

"An Act to amend the religious corporations law in relation to the incorporation of Orthodox parishes

"SECTION 1.

"Application of Article

"This article applies to all churches, congregations, parishes, committees and other religious organizations governed by jurisdictions, archdioceses and dioceses of any Orthodox Patriarchate, Synod or national church of the Orthodox Church (the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church), recognized by the apostolic historic Orthodox Patriarchates of Constantinople, Antioch, Moscow and Yugoslavia and in general to all churches, congregations, parishes, committees and other religious organizations founded or established with the intent and for the purpose of adhering to and maintaining the apostolic and historic communion, doctrine, discipline, canon law, tradition, worship and unity of the Orthodox Church.

"SECTION 2.

"Application for Incorporation

"An unincorporated church, congregation, parish or any other religious organization may apply to the appropriate hierarch, archbishop, bishop or administrator for permission to incorporate under this article. When such permission has been granted in writing, it shall be attached to the certificate of incorporation.

"SECTION 3.

"Certificate of Incorporation

"The certificate of incorporation shall be in the form provided by law for all religious corporations and must in addition recite therein that the purpose and intent of the corporation is to maintain, propagate, practice and forever perpetuate religious worship, services, sacraments and teachings in full accordance and unity with the doctrine, ritual, canon law, faith, practice, discipline, traditions and usages of the Orthodox Church and for the carrying out of the said purpose and intent to maintain a religious organization which will be adherent and obedient to the Orthodox ecclesiastical jurisdiction and authority and which shall recognize and remain subject to the duly appointed and canonical Orthodox hierarch, archbishop, bishop or administrator appropriate for the Orthodox communicant members comprising the same."

Poultry Improvement Program Brings Cash Income to Greek Villagers

ATHENS.—Quality eggs, shipped daily, are coming into the Athens market in increasing amounts as a tangible result of a new project undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture, with Marshall Plan technical advice.

The eggs — white and clean and large —are produced in Mandra, a large village outside of Eleusis, famed in ancient times as site of Eleusinian Mysteries, and goal of an annual religious processional down the Sacred Way from Athens.

The egg traffic now moves the opposite way, with more than 15 Mandra families engaged in commercial production, using the latest scientific methods of poultry care and feeding. Dozens of other Mandra villagers, noting the success of their neighbors, also are beginning to cut into the egg business with small backyard flocks.

Spark-plugs of the Mandra experiment are George Divolis, a seasoned poultry specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture, who has emerged from retirement to serve as a technical consultant, and Miss Angelica Fyta, an alert girl who serves as rural home-making worker for four large Attica villages, Aspropyrgos, Mandra, Magoula and Mazi.

Main objectives of the work, pushed hard by Marshall Plan agricultural advisers, are three: to provide a supplementary source of cash income to Greek farmers, to develop a rapidly expanding program of farm extension work by the Ministry of Agriculture, of which rural homemaking is a part, and to increase domestic production of food items which now are imported into Greece and thus use up scarce foreign exchange.

A fourth goal in the case of the poultry improvement program is to help raise the nutrition level of Greeks by making such healthful foods as eggs more readily available, of higher quality, and at lower prices to consumers.

Angelika Fyta (left), rural home-making worker with the Ministry of Agriculture, who first interested the villagers in the possibilities of egg production, examines a large rooster held by Meletios Pepas.

A good instance of the impact of the demonstration on Mandra villagers is the family of Anastasios Plastis, whose wife and two daughters manage the flock on a full-time basis while he continues regular farm work.

The Plastis family remade a spare structure near one end of their house into a chicken house, according to Ministry of Agriculture advice on such matters as construction of nests, roosts, ventilation, cleanliness, feeding and water troughs.

"We now have 250 hens in our flock and two roosters," Mrs. Plastis explained. "They are producing 140 to 150 eggs a day, and we expect this total to increase because the hens are still young."

Mrs. Plastis bought pure-bred white Leghorn chicks from an Athens incubator this spring and raised the flock according to a careful diet prescribed by Divolis. She buys balanced, prepared chicken feed in Athens, containing mixed portion of corn, barley, wheat, protein in the form of bone meal, calcium and cod-liver oil.

"My chickens are very healthy and active," she said. "All have been inoculated against various diseases, and whenever Mr. Divolis comes past, I ask him to look them over and advise me what to do."

Divolis pointed out that Mrs. Plastis' chickenyard also was a good example to her neighbors because of its scientific construction and operation. As one feature he pointed out a carefully maintained compost heap, neatly covered, in one corner of the yard, conserving straw, litter and manure for fertilizer.

Mrs. Plastis estimated that after deducting all costs, including a fair daily wage for herself and her older daughter, Athena, 12, the family is averaging about 75,000* drachmas ($5) daily in profits from sale of their eggs. This figure compares with the average Greek farm family's total daily income, both in cash and produce, of about 10,000 drachmas (67 cents).

Mrs. Plastis sends her eggs daily to Athens, where she sells them to a wholesaler for the legal price of 1,050 drachmas (about seven cents) apiece. The retail ceiling price in Athens is set at 1,300 drachmas, but choice eggs have been selling as high as 2,000 drachmas each, and egg producers are seeking to have the legal limit raised.

A large share of eggs sold on the Athens market are imported from Turkey. Not as fresh as locally produced eggs, the Turkish eggs sell at retail for about 900 to 1,000 drachmas each.

* Before Markezinis' devaluation.

Athena Plastis, 14, who helps her mother care for a flock of 250 purebred white Leghorn chickens, examines a hen for signs of sickness. The high quality eggs bring premium prices on the Athens market.

Total profits of Mrs. Plastis are not confined to egg sales alone. Roosters and non-productive hens, culled from her flock, bring more than 30,000 drachmas ($2) per oka (2.8 pounds) on the Athens market, and she also can realize some profits by the sale of such by-products as fertilizer.

Urged by Miss Fyta, the rural homemaking worker, Mrs. Plastis was one of the first in Mandra to undertake poultry raising on a commercial basis, and as a result now has one of the most productive flocks in the village. But other Mandra residents do nearly as well.

An instance of a less successful breeder is Melitios Pepas, whose luck has not been so spectacular. Running a small farm to support his wife and five children, Pepas

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George Divolis, a retired Ministry of Agriculture poultry specialist, is back in harness as special consultant to the project at Mandra. He is shown here inspecting a laying rack where hens are nesting.

Tsalikis — A Magic Name for State Prison Inmates

St. J. Tsalikis

MICHIGAN CITY, IND. — A new era has dawned for the forgotten men behind the high stone walls of the Indiana State Prison here. The prisoners have inherited a new lease on freedom. The era dawned with the appearance among them of a young man who walks almost daily through the prison compound among murderers, bank robbers and the criminally insane.

But he has no fear of the convicts. They know he is a friend.

The man is Steven J. Tsalikis, 28, of South Bend, supervisor of the State Clemency Bureau. Since Tsalikis took over the post two months ago, he has become a familiar figure in the state prison as well as in other penal institutions in Indiana.

His job calls for establishing prison reforms and promoting clemency for qualified inmates. He is studying and evaluating penal methods with a view to modernizing them.

Since he began his work with Governor George N. Craig's new penal correctional board, headed by Hugh P. O'Brien, also of South Bend, changes have been taking place behind the prison walls.

May Choose Suit Now

A parolee now may choose his own civilian suit and color of tie when he leaves, instead of wearing the standard blue suit and black tie.

An inmate now may embrace his child during visiting hours.

Prisoners soon will be sending letters to next of kin on plain stationery, instead of stationery with prison legends and rules printed on it.

But above all, men who six weeks ago were doomed to spend many more years behind prison bars suddenly have been given new hope for freedom. If they can qualify, all they have to do is talk with or write to Steve Tsalikis.

The news spread like wildfire through this institution of 2,360 inmates. No army camp rumor ever blanketed a community more thoroughly than the word that prisoners may get out by simply asking.

And how they ask.

Many Seek His Help

On his investigative rounds through the prison he is besieged on all sides by polite inmates, with hat in hand, asking that their plea for freedom be heard. Some are lifers, others short-termers and still others hopeless criminals. They address him by name.

For every case on which he makes a trip through the compound eight of 10 new cases are personally brought to his attention by the men most directly concerned, the convicts.

Tsalikis takes down the man's prison number and his name and tells him he will look into his case. Or he tells him to put his request in writing. And he reminds the convict of the time it may take to give his case consideration.

For in addition to the daily personal requests for clemency and parole made by inmates, scores of others have learned to write Tsalikis' hard-to-spell name and have sent written pleas for leniency. Tsalikis has become a magic name for inmates.

Tsalikis said he receives 450 letters a week from convicts with their tales of woe. He has replied to hundreds of them. One letter was 80 typewritten pages.

It's all part of a program to reduce the population of Indiana's overcrowded penal institutions, explains Tsalikis, by pardoning or extending clemency or some other short-cut in deserving cases.

The job will be thorough, he insists. He decided to start at the top and is considering recommending the release of the prison's oldest inmate, a man sentenced to life imprisonment in 1898.

Tsalikis said he feels morale has never been so high behind the forbidding walls of the penitentiary.

The trouble, he said, has been that although many are qualified for parole they have difficulty finding someone outside to sponsor them and assure them a job, as required by the state. Also, it takes outside-instituted action to begin parole proceedings.

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POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN GREECE

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decided to go in for poultry production. But first he had to erect a chicken house, which meant considerable investment, nearly 7,000,000 drachmas ($467) by the time the brick building was up and equipped properly. He is still negotiating with the Agricultural Bank for a loan to cover this investment, but has encountered numerous delays.

Then Pepas' chickens became ill with diphtheria, and while there were few fatalities because of prompt inoculation, the disease slowed their growth. Afterward, the chickens seemed thin and listless and failed to gain weight. Finally he consulted the specialist, Divolis, and learned that by some mixup, the miller had been selling him the wrong feed.

"I've been discouraged lately," he said. "We are only averaging 40 to 45 eggs daily from our 210 chickens, which means I'm losing money so far. But now I think we're over the worst of it and things should improve. After all, this is my first experience in this business and it takes time to learn."

Probably the busiest poultryman in Mandra, and one of the most successful, is Evangelos Nezis, whose poultry house is a model of efficiency and cleanliness. A few weeks ago, his 240 hens were producing at the high rate of 170 eggs a day, and while the average later dropped seasonally to about 100, it still represents a good profit margin.

Nezis, a careful man, was interested by Miss Fyta last spring in the possibilities of egg production, but he wanted to make sure. So he took his wife, Christina, to nearby Megara where they spent several days studying the operation of large commercial poultry farms.

Nezis was so thoroughly convinced that he sold his entire flock of 120 goats to obtain capital for the new venture. He has succeeded so well that he is now negotiating for a loan to build another poultry house and more than double the egg production next year.

"If the loan is too hard to get, I want to sell our cow to finance it, but my wife is opposed to that — she is very attached to the cow, and also we have two small daughters and another child on the way and the milk is good for children," Nezis said.

As with extension work in other countries, the rural home-making worker is the direct contact between the Ministry of Agriculture and the farmers in her district.

Miss Fyta personally instructed the Mandra families in the basic principles of poultry raising, taught them to have their chickens vaccinated against Newcastle disease and other ailments, checked continually on progress of their flocks, and called in Divolis, the poultry specialist, only when she encountered some specialized problem.

The National Blood Program and AHEPA

Blood Bank for National and Individual Emergency

By DR. NICHOLAS M. ANGEL
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Blood is a National Resource. Blood is as much a weapon of defense, as guns, tanks, planes and bullets.

It is as vital to National strength, as aluminum or steel. Unlike weapons, it cannot be mined or fabricated. It must come as a free donation from the veins of men and women of good will.

Recognizing that Human Blood is a critical national resource to the country's health, strength and security — the President of the United States has directed the establishment of a *National Blood program;* within the *Office of Defense Mobilization.*

The National Blood program is charged with the responsibility of mobilizing the nation's Blood Resources, so that blood will be readdy available to meet the total needs of the country — military and civilian.

Three major National Organizations are cooperating in broadening and strengthening Blood Collection Facilities, and recruiting Blood-Donors. They are:

1. The American National Red Cross.
2. The Defense Department.
3. The Federal Civil Defense Administration.

As in the past, the American National Red Cross, serves as the official procurement agency, in cooperation with several community Blood Banks and Blood Collection facilities on military posts.

Priorities

Allocation of Blood collected under the National Blood program is on a priority basis, similar to those established for other critical material resources, in the Nation. First priority is given to the allocation of Whole-Blood, to the Armed Forces for transfusion purposes; second priority is given to the allocation of Whole-Blood and Blood Derivatives, for civilian needs; third priority is given to the allocation of Blood to the production of Plasma and Blood-Derivatives to meet the immediate needs of the Nation, military and civilian, and to establish a *National Plasma Reserve.*

The total reserves of Plasma and Blood Derivatives are subject to immediate reallocation by Executive order of the President of the United States, in the event of enemy action — war — or other wide-scale catastrophies, such as accidents, trainwrecks, floods, draught, earthquakes, etc.

Dr. Nicholas M. Angel is a distinguished member of the dental profession in New York. He voluntarily served in World War I and World War II and in the National Guard of New York State with a total service of 17 years, and holds the military rank of Major D. C., U.S.A., Retired.

Major Angel is an outstanding Ahepan of over 25 years membership in the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 and at present he is Chairman of Blood Program of the Empire State District No. 6.

Why vast quantities of blood and plasma are needed? They are needed for all victims of casualties, wounded, injured, diseased and accidents in warfare, as well as in civilian life and Federal civil defense administration. Used to save and restore life as transfusions in surgery and during convalescence. The death rate of our wounded in World War I was 8.11%. In World War II was about 5%, and in the Korean War it was brought down to 2.5% — thanks to the whole blood, and plasma and its derivatives.

Modern war is total war — involving the fighting man and the civilian. All draw heavily in the Nation's blood supplies. The magnitude of this need is demonstrated by the fact that every minute 20 people are injured by accidents, and one in every second, enters a hospital for various reasons, causes and diseases.

In Civil Defense — who knows how and when it may happen? Air Raids, planes, H-Bombs, Atom Bombs, shells, fires, debris and diseases. Epidemics play havoc. There is no time to collect blood, classify it, group it or type it. Here is where plasma is mostly needed and universally used, almost for all purposes. The average transfusion case requires about 5 pints of blood. It varies from one to 40 pints. And again it may take as high as 30 pints of plasma in another case.

It takes about two and one-half pints of blood to make one pint of plasma. The whole blood can be used only within 21 days. It is rather difficult to maintain. It requires preservatives and refrigeration. After that it is turned or fabricated into powder form, *plasma,* which can be kept for 5 years. During the period and whenever wanted to be used, doctors dissolve it with sterile distilled water in its proper formula and use it accordingly. Here one can easily *understand* the great and immediate need for the establishment of the *National Plasma Reserve.*

As you see by now, the American National Red Cross in conjunction with the Defense Department, want your blood and mine very badly; but for a very good humanitarian and philanthropic purpose. They are trying to save the life of someone. It may be your own, or the life of one of your relatives; father, mother, sister or brother in the Armed Forces, or in civilian life, or the kid neighbor next door, a polio victim! This youngster has a right to live and walk again. He or she wants to go out in the sunlight, breathe fresh air and play with other boys and girls. Won't you help? Go ahead and give a pint of blood, Brother or Sister Ahepan; or no Ahepan. It is a wonderful feeling to give — and the essence of life itself to get.

By the way, who can give blood? Both sexes: from 18 to 60 — if they are eligible, healthy, and kind enough to give or donate a pint of blood. Is giving blood harmful? Dangerous? NO. What does blood do in the body? Blood carries the necessities of life: oxygen, water, food. It feeds these to the blood cells, picks up waste products for removal from the body, distributes heat produced by the working muscles of the body; regulates body temperature; guards the body against disease. It carries hormones, vitamins, enzymes, minerals, etc., where they are needed.

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The Women In Black

Two foreigners, a man and his wife, traveled out of ancient Corinth one day last May along the twisting roads that lead toward the rugged interior of the Peloponnesian peninsula. In a tranquil mountain valley, they came to the village of Kalavryta. When the villagers learned that the visitors were Germans, there were sullen mutterings in the village square. A white-haired woman in widow's weeds glared at the man. "He is one of them," she said. "He must go."

The mayor, Petros Georgacopoulis, was more receptive. At the visitors' request, he summoned the village leaders to Kalavryta's new hotel to listen to the man and woman. While this meeting was going on, black-dressed women gathered in the lobby. They said and did nothing, but the bitterness in their eyes told a story.

Under the Cross

One day late in 1943, Communist-led guerrillas of the ELAS captured 80 German soldiers in a brief battle with Nazi occupying troops near Kalavryta. They fled into the hills, pausing only to leave behind three seriously wounded Germans. The Greek doctor in the village hospital treated the wounded men, and the townspeople saw to it that they were fed and made comfortable. Later the ELAS swooped in again, and made off with the wounded prisoners. Close to the village, the guerrillas killed the three, mutilated their bodies, and threw them into a deep well. The villagers, terrified of Nazi retribution, recovered the bodies and buried them under a white cross in the village cemetery.

When the Germans came back, they found the graves and demanded to know who had killed their men. Most of the people of Kalavryta did not like the ELAS Communists, but they would not betray fellow Greeks. Infuriated, the Germans burned down the houses of five men known to have joined the guerrillas. Then for good measure they burned the hotel.

That might have been all, but then another fearsome piece of news came to occupation headquarters. Up in the mountains, three German soldiers had been found wandering in a bloody haze. They said that they, with 74 fellow prisoners, had been taken up one of the highest mountains in the vicinity to die. There the guerrillas stripped them, then pushed them off a crag. Only these three survived.

Up the Hill

The local Nazi commander called in the mayor and told him to ring the church bell at 7 o'clock the next morning — the signal for all villagers to gather.

It was wintry dark and the mud of Kalavryta streets was frozen, when the bells tolled that morning — Dec. 13, 1943 — and the 2,400 men, women and children of Kalavryta gathered obediently at the grey stone schoolhouse. A few mothers who had left their babies sleeping at home were ordered to return and get them. "You may be gone for some time," an officer explained. Women and girls, boys under 13 and men over 80 were sorted out and locked in the schoolhouse.

The other men were marched up the hill, past the small, walled cemetery to a grassy ledge overhanging the town. For hours they were kept there. Finally, at 3:30 in the afternoon (the time was verified later from several smashed watches), two red flares arched skyward from the village below. At that signal, concealed machine guns opened up. A few minutes later, 1,200 men and boys lay on the sod in grotesque, moaning clumps. Soldiers moved professionally among them, silencing the moans with machine pistols. Somehow, five pretended death successfully. All the rest — the mayor, the priest, the doctor, all the able hands and strong backs of the village, were dead.

The Bolt on the Door

In the village schoolhouse, the chatter of the burp guns could not be heard. But as babies wailed and the women took worried counsel of each other, they sensed trouble. Soon they smelled it, then saw it. The Nazis had set torches to the village. Smoke seeped through cracks in the schoolhouse floor. In panic, the women crashed at the bolted door. It would not give. But their screaming and beating was too much for the lone soldier guarding the door. Moved by pity, he pulled the bolt, and the village women rushed out. Before them, with a machine gun in firing position, were three Germans. They waved empty wine bottles and laughed drunkenly, but they did not fire. The women glanced for one terrified instant at their town — almost every house and building and stable in it was ablaze — then ran for the hills, dragging their children behind them.

An old woman laboring up the hill beyond the cemetery found the men. Wailing, she shambled back to the others: "Come! Come! I have found them!" Before they got to the scene, the women passed red rivulets in the gully that led to the grassy ledge, and they knew. When they reached the bodies, the women were no longer screaming. They ran among them, recognizing a husband here, a son there. In the dusk they dragged the bodies down to the black cypress grove. With only their hands, they clawed at the muddy earth to make graves. When they went back to the village, the Germans were gone.

Governments Forget

Months went by before real help came. The embattled Greek government sent re-

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THE VILLAGE OF KALAVRYTA
Ten years after, a measure of atonement.

THE WOMEN IN BLACK

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lief money. Greek-Americans who came from that area sent $20,000 for a new school; the Near East Foundation set up a feeding station for the 500 young children. Eventually, Marshall Plan money came to complete a new hospital and hotel, and to raise new houses and shops. Gradually, men from other parts trickled into the women's town and made their homes there; occasionally, there was even a pathetic wedding, with all the guests in black.

The Communist guerrillas came back to Kalavryta too in 1948, during Greece's bitter civil war and for a month held and looted the village. Again there were cries for help. The King and Queen came; so did General Van Fleet. Athens granted $40-a-month pensions to the widows in black. But soon Athens forgot; three years ago the pensions were stopped, and important officials no longer thought to come. "It is the way of governments to forget," said a widow of Kalavryta.

Last year Frau Ehrengard Schramm, a German historian, arrived in Greece to write a war history. She wanted to visit Kalavryta, but was warned not to; she went anyway. She met hostility but no harm. "They were simple in their sorrow," she said, "not fanatical. They had no self-pity, but their faces expressed so much sorrow my breath stopped." She talked with one woman whose husband and three sons had been killed. "Her figure," she said, "seemed to have turned to stone."

Frau Schramm returned to Germany determined to arouse German women to the plight of Kalavryta, and to raise funds to buy machinery for some simple industry. "This is a matter for women," she said. "We must not let it get into the hands of men, who would spoil it."

But in spite of Frau Schramm — or perhaps because of her — the men of the West German government began to take an interest in Kalavryta. The German who, with his wife beside him, met with the village leaders was Alexander Post, commercial counselor of the German embassy in Athens. Under the reproachful eyes of the black-draped widows, he asked about what might be done as a measure of atonement: some looms, perhaps, to establish a small tapestry-weaving business, with equipment, dyes and technical assistance to come from Germany; 10,000 poplar trees to provide wood for the crates Greece needs to ship its fruit crops, livestock to increase the village's pitiful herd of 100 cows to 1,000 or more; a training program which would send 30 Kalavryta youths to Bavaria each year to learn good farming methods.

Old Mayor Georgacopoulis tried to explain the purpose of the visit to his people. "His people want to make up for their crime," he said. "We must be courteous to him and try to forget the past." The women said little, but that night, as always, they left their jobs in stores, or their work in the meadows and orchards to trudge up the hill to the graves, there to lay fresh flowers, to kneel for prayers, or to light a candle in a little glass and tin box fastened to one of the small white crosses, all inscribed with the same date — December 13, 1943.

—Courtesy "Time" Magazine

AHEPA BLOOD PROGRAM

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What can Ahepa do about this Blood Program within its own domain? The following three ways may be applied:

1. The Ahepa can give blood as a group—big organization that she is.
2. As an individual Ahepan.
3. As per Mobile Unit—where either as a group or an individual can give, and get credit either way.

Write or call up your Blood Bank Chairman. He is acquainted with all the mechanics, and will be too glad to help you — even get an application and appointment card for you and advise you to go to your nearest community blood center, to donate your blood, at your earliest convenience. Or do apply yourself at the nearest hospital and ask for information, or ask a policeman. But remember being that you are a member of Ahepa, an organization, to designate — Ahepa (and your chapter). So that not only you get credit for it but also the Ahepa receives recognition, and may help some other Brother or Sister Ahepan if and when the necessity arises.

It is mentioned in the Ritual work of Ahepa and you know it, that the Greeks come from "a noble race." Naturally they carry noble blood in their veins. Surely they will be noble enough to give a pint of it for such a noble and worthy cause, namely to save the life of someone within or without their family. Come, brethren, give, give, give. I still believe that you get more than you give. You get not only the Red Cross Button that you are a blood donor of good standing to wear it proudly on your lapel, but also your personal registered card showing the group and type of blood that can be given or received by you, means so much to you, in case of necessity. Doctors do not have to lose time for proper classification of the needed blood. The Red Cross has and cheerfully gives the right blood immediately and without delay — where time means life.

Supreme Lodge

As a youth he joined the Sons of Pericles in 1930 and he became an Ahepan in 1935, serving his chapter as Secretary for three years and also as Chapter President. He has served as District Governor of Buckeye District No. 11 and during his term of office he increased the membership by 400 and organized the Canton Degree Team, one of the finest teams in the Ahepa Domain. At the Washington Convention in 1952, he was elected Supreme Governor and at the Houston Convention he was elected to the Supreme Secretaryship along with fellow Buckeye Ahepan George N. George, both receiving the same number of votes and agreeing each to serve six months, with Brother Kourmoules serving the first six months of the fraternal year from August 23, 1953 to February 23, 1954.

The Supreme Secretary is active in community affairs and is serving as President of the Canton Greek Orthodox Church for his third term. He is a member of the William McKinley Chapter, Blue Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Stark County consistory 32 degree Mason and Tadmor Shrine Temple. He is married to the former Sophia Alogdelis of Akron, Ohio.

JOHN A. KIAMOS
Supreme Treasurer

The Ahepa chief fiscal officer was born in New York City in 1906. He was initiated into the Order of Ahepa in 1928 at the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York. Subsequently, he moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he served the Ahepa chapter as Secretary in 1932. Moving back to New York, he joined the Queensboro Chapter where for four years he held the post of President. He has also served as Treasurer of the Empire State District and at present is a member of the Westchester Chapter of Yonkers, New York.

At the Minneapolis Convention in 1951 he was elected Supreme Governor and at the Houston Convention he was chosen Supreme Treasurer of the Ahepa.

An enterprising business man, he is engaged in the wholesale flower business and has served as Vice-President of the New York Florist Club. He is actively engaged in charitable endeavors and he is the sponsor of an annual Easter party for the students of St. Basil's Academy. In June 1952 he organized the brilliant reception at the St. Moritz Hotel in honor of the then visiting Mayor of Athens, Mr. Nikolopoulos.

The Supreme Treasurer and Mrs. Kiamos are the proud parents of two lovely children.

JOHN T. LASKARIS
Supreme Counsellor

The youngest member of the Supreme Lodge was born in Salem, Massachusetts, on July 31, 1918. At the tender age of 11 months his parents took him to Greece where he stayed until 1930. On to the Uni for a whil in Detroit, Michigan, and the cago, Illinois. In 1932, he mov body, Mass., where he has lived

Brother Laskaris is a gradu body High School and of B versity Liberal Arts with the Bachelor of Science. He stud Boston University and graduate

During the war he was in service on March 17, 1941, wh ing law school. He served in t for one year with the Yanke Subsequently, he was transfer Air Corps and was discharged tain in the spring of 1946.

Brother Laskaris was admi bar in July 1947 and has beer law in Salem since then. He i of the Federal Court System. County and Massachusetts B tions.

The Supreme Counsellor of the Essex County Young President of Peabody Young and Supreme Vice-Preside Demosthenes Democratic Cl 1949-1950 he served the Gree Church of Peabody as Presi Board of Trustees.

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ANDREW C. ANGELSON
Supreme Governor

Born in Argos, Greece, on February 10, 1892, Bro. Angelson came to America as a young boy in 1904. He attended schools both here and in Greece. He was initiated into the Order of Ahepa on April 1, 1925, and is now a member of the Hollywood Chapter No. 318, Hollywood, California.

He served his chapter and his district in every capacity, including the District Governorship. In addition to having been Governor of District No. 20, some years before he served as Governor of District No. 5. He has attended fourteen National Conventions and served on many of its committees as chairman. At District Conventions, on five different occasions he held the post of Chairman. Acted as Supreme Advisor for the Junior Order of the Sons of Pericles and helped to establish several Sons Chapters. Held the post of Deputy Supreme Governor.

Professionally, he is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Accountants and is practicing in the City of Los Angeles. He rendered services to the Ahepa as its official Auditor, Organization, Warden, Spyros Balanes, High Priest; Gus Stangas, Inner Sentinel; and Harry Panos, Outer Sentinel.

Installed as new officers of the Gaia Chapter No. 60, South Bend, of the Daughters of Penelope, were: Miss Bertha Magrames, President; Mrs. Helen Grams, Vice-President; Miss Helen Samacovis, Secretary; Miss Helen Stergion, Treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Colyvas, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Mrs. Alexandra Ninios, Miss Kathryn Morfettas, Miss Yetta Samacovis and Miss Mary Furos, Governors.

The following appointed officers were installed: Mrs. Josephine Michalos, Priestess; Mrs. Joan Thanos, Warden; Mrs. Victoria Petrou, Marshal; Mrs. Minnie Poledor, Inside Sentinel; Mrs. Izora Pappas, Outside Sentinel; Mrs. Dorothy Samacovis and Mrs. Mary Vellis, Guards.

Installed as the new officers of the Sons of Pericles, South Bend Chapter No. 160, were: Chris Makris, President; George Leonakis, Vice-President; Perry Lewis, Secretary; and William Batalis, Treasurer.

Installing officer for the Daughters of Penelope was the District Governor, Miss Rita Danikolas of East Chicago. James Furos of South Bend, District Treasurer of the Sons, installed the officers of the Junior Order.

Quo Vadis AHEPA

By ANDREW C. ANGELSON, *Supreme Governor*

During my visits to the Ahepa Chapters in my district I have discussed Ahepa with several of our Brothers and have carefully observed the reaction of our members and the way they view the Ahepa of today. Here are the results of my observations:

To start with, and this is very important, Ahepa does not mean the same thing to all of our members. Their hopes and aspirations, as to the future of the Ahepa, vary greatly. All members, with a few exceptions, agree that the Ahepa is a Fraternal organization and its members are mostly Naturalized Greek Americans, or Americans of Greek descent.

Our Order is dedicated to Americanism. Many of our members feel that our Order is a secret organization only to the extent of the ritualistic work and the balloting on our candidates. Its activities are not secret — in fact they should be given wide publicity.

Some feel that our beloved Fraternity should concern itself with the Education, Welfare and Entertainment of its members.

Quite a percentage of our members are of the opinion that the Ahepa should provide a sizable sum of insurance protection, scholarships for our children, clubrooms for its members and old age homes and orphanages.

Some of us believe that the Ahepa is really a non-sectarian organization, as provided for in the Constitution. Yet, others point out that in practice the Ahepa is and has been a Greek Orthodox organization. To all of our affairs the Orthodox Clergy are invited and offer prayer and many of our Chapters meet in church halls. Nearly all of our Chapters and practically every National Convention contributes, financially speaking, to the Greek Orthodox Church; and many of our Greek Church communities since the founding of our Order were sponsored by Ahepa Chapters.

Political you say — the majority of our members feel politics are "taboo" and we should not engage in political activities at all. Still the same members voice the desire that the Ahepa should endeavor by every way possible to obtain political recognition for its members. This is really, in the words of our Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell, a paradox.

Here are some other opinons that have been freely expressed by some of the members:

That the Ahepa should establish full-time Greek Schools — especially in large Greek Communities — even an Academy for boarding students.

That all its charitable activities should be concentrated in the United States. (While with the same breath, some members state that we shouldn't forget the poor and the destitute of our Fatherland.)

After all is said and done, the confusion that exists is necessary, because in the words of Past Supreme Pres. Bell (as stated in his report to the National Convention): "The Ahepa is not an organization reaching for one goal; going in one direction; having an inflexible schedule. Its members and its captains set its course according to the times; its goals according to its needs; and its schedules according to the means on hand."

During my many years in the ranks of the Ahepa and while attending many of its National and District Conventions, I had the good fortune to come in contact with and meet some of our Government Officials, Senators, Congressmen, Judges and many leaders in business, industry and finance.

It is an acknowledged fact that the Ahepa is held in high esteem by all these people. They think we have more members than we actually have and are more powerful than we really are. Our accomplishments are many and great and indeed we are united.

This means that we have been very successful in advertising and selling the Ahepa to the outside world. We should be proud of this achievement.

Permit me at this point to briefly state the objects of our Order as outlined in the Constitution:

a. To promote and encourage loyalty to the United States of America.

b. To instruct our members in the tenets and fundamental principles of government.

c. To instill in everyone of our members a due appreciation of the privileges of citizenship.

d. To awaken in every member an abhorrence of all political corruption.

e. To promote throughout the world and especially in these United States of America, a better and more comprehensive understanding of the Hellenic peoples.

f. To champion the cause of Education and to resist, by lawful means, any union between the civil government and any Church.

I believe we have been very successful in carrying out the above objectives. We have built and elevated the good name of Hellene. We have expended our efforts in every direction. The name of Ahepa is known and respected throughout the world.

District Lodge No. 20, elected at the San Diego District Convention. Seated, left to right: District Governor Nick G. Angelos; Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell and Supreme Governor Andrew C. Angelson. Standing, left to right: Secretary Bill Drulios; Lieut. Governor Ike Economou; Marshal George Shonis and Treasurer Chris Stassis.

This is an achievement that we can point to with justifiable pride — yet we have miserably failed in other directions. Let me explain:

We have made joining the Ahepa cheap. We have failed to sell the idea to our people, that it is an honor and a privilege to belong to the Ahepa and that it is not easy to become a member. This constitutes, in my opinion, the biggest failure of the Ahepa.

I dare say we have neglected to give due regard and attention to the teachings of the principles and ideals for which this order was founded. I believe this phase of the program is very important, if we expect our Order to be firmly established in the hearts of our members and be handed down to our descendants.

In order to preserve the good name of the Ahepa and attract the younger generation to our ranks, a more thorough understanding of the principles, ideals and aims of our brotherhood should, and must be, made the order of business for today. The problem confronting us today is not how to get members or how many, but how to retain them and what means we are using to inculcate them with the true meaning of fraternalism.

Again, it is not the question who will be our officers or leaders, but the important thing is, what training and preparation they have had in understanding the principles and ideals of the Order, and the duties and obligations of their respective offices.

The education and the proper and consistent instruction of candidates and members cannot be stressed too strongly; and last but not least, the method of conducting our meetings, the execution of the ritualistic work and the strict observances of the Constitution and By-Laws of our Order.

Peter Boudoures Returns from Greece With Epic Documentary Film

Peter Boudoures

A motion picture, *Barefoot Battalion*, is Peter Boudoures' latest contribution to the cause of Freedom which was so heroically symbolized by Greece during the last war. The film deals with the tricks and methods Greek children were forced to use for simple survival during and after World War II.

Brother Boudoures, a past Supreme Governor of the Order of Ahepa and a prominent San Fanciscan, first got the idea for the picture while serving as Western Regional Director of the Greek War Relief Association.

"I saw the poverty stricken children in Greece during my four trips there on behalf of Greek War Relief," the veteran Ahepan said, "and their suffering haunted me. I felt that their story should be told so that the world might understand the tragedy that enveloped these children."

Barefoot Battalion portrays the hardships and handicaps forced on Greek children by their common enemies, hunger and poverty. And, Brother Boudoures explained, it deals in stark, dramatic human tragedy, tempered with that type of pitiable humor that children bring to situations that belong, if anywhere, to an adult world.

One of the episodes of the 90-minute film opens on the scene of a German truck, filled with canned goods, parked by the side of the road. In the cab, its driver is drinking a bottle of beer.

A six-year-old boy hops onto the running board and taps on the window. He points to an unlit cigarette in his mouth and asks the German for a light.

The driver impatiently suggests that the boy light his cigarette from the truck's headlights. After trying to get his cigarette going by this method — to the contemptuous amusement of the German driver — he returns to the running board with a gesture of failure.

Suddenly the German leaps from the truck and discovers the canned goods have been looted by several of the boy's colleagues. When he starts to pursue them, the first boy jumps into the truck and drives it off.

Shooting on location in the seaport city of Salonika, Boudoures and his crew used about 35 boys from a juvenile home, under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice, for most of the scenes.

Boudoures said the boys were "perfect" and seemed unaware that a camera was trained on them.

Director of the film was Gregg Tallas, a Hollywood film editor, who, Producer Boudoures said, "lived and slept this picture for ten months." The scenario was written by Nicos Catsiotis, a former actor with the Greek National Theatre who came to America in 1947.

Brother Boudoures estimates that the total cost of the film will run about $100,000. If it were made in Hollywood, "it would have cost at least ten times that amount."

The film is presently undergoing technical processing in Hollywood where the music, sound track and sequences are being spliced together in final form. An English sound track will be dubbed in for the film's American showing. The Greek version will be exported to Greece and nearby countries.

Brother Boudoures is a well-known Ahepan who has been active in the national affairs of the Order for many years, having served as Supreme Governor. He is a prominent member of the Greek Community of San Francisco and was a prime factor in the success of the Greek War Relief program in the Western States.

BRONX, PINDUS WASHINGTON HEIGHTS INSTALL OFFICERS

At a Combined Installation Ceremony on September 18 in the auditorium of the St. Spyridon Church in the Washington Heights section of New York, three New York chapters inducted into office their 1953-1954 officers. Over three hundred persons attended the rites presided over by District Governor Peter G. Giftos of the Empire State District No. 6.

The following were installed:

BRONX CHAPTER NO. 175: Charles Sarantos, President; Nicholas Anagnostakos, Vice-President; Chris Christie, Secretary; Harry Zourdos, Recording Secretary; James Courtis, Treasurer.

PINDUS CHAPTER NO. 354: Steven Kocoris, President; Edward Panos, Vice-President; Nicholas Cherevas, Secretary; George Constantine, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Tom Lagoumis, Chairman; Charles Jordan, Louis Zafiropoulos, Paul Prois, Artemios Tsismenakis. Athletic Director: Nicholas Abezendakis.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS NO. 367: Don Avlon, President; Nicholas Pappas, Vice-President; Basil Williams, Jr., Secretary; John Z. Marmarinos, Treasurer; George Agriogianis, Athletic Director. Board of Governors: Constantine P. Lambos, Chairman; Nicholas Botsacos, Peter Malas, Christ Constant and Peter Hanges.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Committee responsible for blanket drive for Ionian Relief. Left to right: Gus Demas, President of the Greek Community; the Rev. Karaphiles of Tarpon Springs; Lew McMasters, Jaycees Chairman Drive and Ted Hadjean, President of Sunshine Chapter No. 15.

JAYCEES CONDUCT "OPERATION WARMTH"

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of St. Petersburg, Florida, conducted "Operation Warmth" on September 1 to collect blankets for the victims of the Ionian earthquake. In the one day drive, 135 blankets were donated.

The Committee for the drive was headed by Mr. Lew McMasters of the Jaycees and he was assisted by veteran Ahepan Michael Ross, prominent St. Petersburg business man and owner of the Northside Cleaners.

As an added feature of the drive, Sister Michael Ross, President of the Aeneas Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, together with Mrs. Stratton Jr., rented a booth in the down town section of St. Petersburg and cleared $40.02 from contributions which they sent to the Red Cross in Washington.

CANNELOS ON STATE BOARD

Vancouver, Wash., realtor Joseph Cannelos, past President of the Portland Chapter, has been appointed by Governor Langlie to fill the State Real Estate Commission vacancy left by the death in mid July of real estate broker Louis C. Cook of Vancouver.

Cannellos is a past president of the Vancouver Real Estate Board, a past president of the Washington State Association of Realtors, and is a past regional vice-president and member of the board of directors of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

He is a member of the Portland Realty Board and the Multnomah Athletic Club.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

The Mary Washington Chapter No. 290 recently held its sixth annual picnic at Triangle, Virginia. Over 400 attended the best and most successful picnic in the history of the chapter. The affair was most capably arranged by chairman John Pandazides and his committee composed of Mitchell Raftelis, Peter A. Katsarelis, William J. Pappas, Steve Stephanides, John Plevakis, Lively C. Abel and Themis Kataphiotes.

The picnic resembled a state convention with many out of town guests attending. Guests arrived from Staunton, Charlottesville, Culpeper, Warrenton, Richmond, Alexandria, Quantico, Norfolk, Washington, D. C., Annapolis and Aberdeen, Md., and Miami Beach, Fla.

Recorded music was enjoyed by everyone. The Mary Washington All-Stars defeated the Demeris Demons by a score of 14 to 8 in a softball game held during the day.

Newly elected officers of the Mary Washington Chapter are: John Plevakis, President; L. C. Abel, Vice-President; Mitchell P. Raftelis, Secretary; John P. Pandazides, Treasurer; Board of Governors: Mitchell P. Raftelis, Chairman; Peter A. Katsarelis, Nicholas G. Calamos, Themis Kataphiotes, and Wm. J. Pappas.

JACK PILLAS HEADS WORTHINGTON No. 30

Worthington Chapter No. 30, Order of Ahepa, held its election of officers for the coming year on May 20, 1953.

Chosen to preside over the Chapter as President was Jack Pillas, a member whose whole-hearted efforts have earned him its highest honor. Jack came to Baltimore from Sumter, S. C., 13 years ago and today owns a successful business. He is an active member of the Greek-American Civic Club of Baltimore and a Shriner. We're very proud to have Jack at the helm.

Chosen to serve with him were James Kromeris, Vice-President; Nick Varlas, Treasurer; and George Rangos, Secretary.

Installation of officers was effected the 17th of June, 1953. The impressive ceremony was a joint installation in which the officers of Worthington Chapter's auxiliaries took part.

Adding to the success of the installation was the fact that the families and friends of many members were in attendance verifying the interest and scope of influence held by the Ahepa in Baltimore.

Ancient Greek philosopher, Diogenes, carried a lamp wherever he went to help him in search for an honest man. Brother Tom Rapanos of the Victoria Chapter C. J. 16 and member of Victoria committee of Greek Earthquake Relief Fund, emulating ancient forebear, also carried a lamp during the drive to assist in quest for donations for the relief of the suffering people of the Ionian Islands. With Brother Rapanos are his brothers, Gus Rapanos, left, and Peter Rapanos, right, also members of the local relief committee. At latest reports the Victoria committee had collected close to $20,000.00 for the fund.

WILMINGTON CHAPTER

Brother Stephen S. Exar was elected President of the Wilmington, Delaware, Chapter at its election meeting held recently at the educational building of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. He succeeds Charles N. Assimos of Manor Park, who served for the past three years.

Bro. Exar is a World War I veteran. He is a director of the Talleyville Volunteer Fire Company and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

SPOKANE

After a two-month recess of the Mount Olympus Chapter, the first meeting was held at the Greek Community Hall Wednesday, September 9, and everyone was happy to meet again and resume the work of our chapter.

Bros. Jim Paras and Tomi Zografos are back among the Ahepans after serving with the U. S. Navy as flyers in Japan and Korea.

The Order of Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope and the Greek Community had a successful picnic at Liberty Lake with more than 200 attending. $285 were collected for the Ionian Islands Relief Fund, the joint organizations working very hard to send clothing, medicine and other necessities for the victims.

YOUNG D. P. SERVING IN UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

How the United States gains in needed manpower through the Displaced Persons program is forcefully demonstrated in the case of Theodore P. Pappelis.

Young Theodore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Panayotis Pappelis of the village of Vitrinitsa, Doridos, and he came to the United States in 1950 through the efforts of the Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee and his uncle Brother Andrew Katsoulis, of Rochester, Minn.

Recently he was inducted into the Army and is now stationed at Camp Fort Hood, Texas. And thus the young D. P. lost no time in fulfilling his obligation to his adopted country and showing his appreciation for the opportunity given him to enjoy the rights and privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship. Indeed, a wonderful example!

ROYAL CANADIAN DISTRICT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the District Convention of the Royal Canadian District No. 24 at Saskatoon, Sask., last August was the awarding of several scholarships.

Three University Scholarships of $50.00 each were awarded for the highest scholastic standing in Greek Classics to the following:

University of Manitoba: Miss Dorothy Isabel Hill of Winnipeg.

University of Saskatchewan: Peter Michael David Swan of Kennedy, Sask.

University of Alberta: Miss Winnifred Grace Pulleyblank of Calgary, Alberta.

A High School scholarship of $25.00 was awarded to Michael John Mercury of Winnipeg for the second time for achieving the highest scholastic standing of a high school student of Hellenic descent.

The Convention also made a donation of $50.00 to the Crippled Children's Society of the Saskatoon Branch.

THEODORE P. PAPPELIS

IMMIGRATION NOTICE

The AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE (formerly the Displaced Persons Committee) is now fully organized and prepared to help all those who desire to bring into the U.S.A. relatives and others from Greece, under the new law. Those who are interested must write immediately direct to the newly opened offices:

Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee

16 Beaver St., New York, N. Y.

Committee offices will soon be opened in Greece. Refugees, relatives, displaced persons, orphans and others may qualify under the law. The Committee will give prompt attention to requests for assistance by Ahepans, as well as all other Greek-Americans. This is a voluntary and humanitarian —

AHEPA IMMIGRATION SERVICE

ARIZONA AHEPANS AID IONIAN RELIEF

The Arizona Chapter with the cooperation of the Daughters of Penelope, the Greek Community and the Greek Youth Club launched a week long cash fund drive to aid the earthquake sufferers of the Ionian Islands. The drive was officially recognized by Mayor Fred Emery of Tucson and the week of September 6 to September 13 was declared Ionian Earthquake Relief Week.

General Chairman of the drive was the President of the Arizona Chapter No. 275, Brother John Gekas. Radio Station KVOA and TV Station KOUO under the direction of Mrs. Richard Harvill donated their time and entertainers to assist in this worthy cause.

During the drive $3,000 was collected and in addition the following contributions were made: Arizona Chapt. $500.00; Phoebus Chapt. No. 146 of the Daughters of Penelope $50.00; The Philoptohos Society $25.00; The Youth Club $10.00 and St. Demetrius Hellenic Church $100.00. All these funds were sent to the Red Cross. At the present time the chapter is having a blanket and clothing drive in progress. The zeal and enthusiasm shown by the Tucson Community during the drive is indeed a fine example of civic enterprise.

PORT ANGELES

Ahepa held its annual picnic Sunday, August 30, at Lincoln Park and among the guests enjoying the bountiful pot luck dinner were groups from Victoria and Portland. A social evening in the American Legion Hall followed the picnic. Refreshments were served and the group enjoyed recent movies of Greece shown by Gust Rapanos of Victoria and also Greek and American dancing until midnight. Pete Capos, president, spoke briefly and thanked all who had worked to make the event a success.

The Empire State Degree Team at recent Grand Initiation Rite at Albany, N. Y. In center is District Governor Peter G. Giftos.

GEORGE SARRAS

Henry Clay Chapter No. 258, Lexington, Kentucky, mourns the untimely death of George Sarras, one of its most beloved and highly respected charter members.

Brother Sarras was born on the historic and heroic island of Crete, was orphaned in early infancy, and came to America in 1913. Through honest labor, judicious thrift and wise application of his time and earnings, Brother Sarras prospered and shared his prosperity with others. He contributed generously to every patriotic, philanthropic and humanitarian cause brought to his attention. His contributions to the Greek Orthodox Churches of Lexington, Cincinnati and Tarpon Springs, and to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, constitute the brightest records of those institutions of which he was a valuable member.

Above all, Brother Sarras was an Ahepan of the first rank, always enthusiastic, zealous and loyal to all Ahepa programs and undertakings. When in 1937 the National Convention at Syracuse, New York, adopted a program to institute an Ahepa Home for Orphans, Bro. George Sarras came forward with a contribution of $1,000.00 to start the campaign for the funds with which the Ahepa property in Florida was purchased.

THE AHEPAN and the entire membership of the Order mourn his passing.

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FOND DU LAC HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

Nearly 100 members of Fond du Lac Chapter No. 49, Fond du Lac, Wis., and their wives, families, and friends attended the sixth annual past presidents' banquet May 3, at the beautiful, new Sunset Supper Club, overlooking Lake Winnebago. The guest speaker was Col. L. B. Von Spach, Milwaukee, onetime administrator of UNRRA in Western Macedonia, and special field representative for the Greek War Relief Association, who spoke on his experiences while serving in this post.

Past presidents attending the banquet were Denis Stateson, first chapter president, who also acted as toastmaster for the evening's program, James Mologianes, Gust Aposkites, and Peter Frank. Sam Bekeams, chapter president, presented a gift to Acting Postmaster Brother James Megellas, guest of honor, and praised him for his services to the organization and his civic work.

Guests in addition to the speaker were Mrs. Von Spach; 13th District officers from Chicago, Ill., Sam Karakostas, Paul Costulas, and Peter Batsakis; Miss Peggy Anthonasin, 13th District secretary of the Daughters; Miss Sophie Crosses, secretary, Argus Chapter No. 74; Andrew Zafiropoulos, Milwaukee; Andy Zahs, Madison; and Rev. C. Capoyiannes, pastor of the local Greek Orthodox Church.

Anton A. Axotis, chapter secretary, was chairman of this successful affair. Greek and American dancing concluded the evening's festivities.

BANQUET TO HONOR EX-PRESIDENT TRUMAN

The Heart of America Chapter No. 75 of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Sunflower Chapter No. 372 of Kansas City, Kansas, are planning a Testimonial Banquet in honor of former President Harry S. Truman, life member of the Heart of America Chapter. The event has the backing of the entire 15th District by resolution adopted at the Oklahoma City District Convention and, furthermore, the project was endorsed by the Houston National Convention.

The event was conceived for the purpose of extending tangible recognition to the former President of the United States for his noble efforts in behalf of Greece and its people during his tenure of office.

According to a communication from Brother C. G. Garrison, Chairman of the Committee in charge for the Banquet, the net proceeds realized from this venture will be donated to the Truman Library to be built at Independence, Missouri, to house the documents, reports, records and archives of the Truman years in the White House.

A SALUTE TO AN ARDENT AHEPAN

G. J. Cashoty

One of the most outstanding Ahepans rising from the ranks of the Upper Manhattan No. 42 of New York is Past President George J. Cashoty. Initiated some twenty-four years ago, Brother Cashoty became indoctrinated with the Ahepa spirit from the first day of his induction. Beginning with his appointment to the then famous Upper Manhattan patrol, he has served in every elective and appointive office, culminating with his election as President of the Chapter during the years 1944 and 1945. In spite of the upheaval of the second World War, Upper Manhattan Chapter enjoyed two fruitful years under his leadership.

The Victory Ball held at the Waldorf-Astoria under Brother Cashoty's Chairmanship was one of the most brilliant affairs in the annals of the Metropolitan New York Chapters.

With a few exceptions, he has attended every convention in his district, serving in various official capacities. As Editor of the Ahepa "Messenger," official publication of the New York Chapters, his commentaries and inspiring poems were avidly read.

Since 1937 when he was appointed Warden of the Empire State Degree Team, Brother Cashoty's delivery of the Warden's charge has virtually become a legend in the 6th District. His rendition of it is a classic.

In business, he is associated with the Ward Baking Company as Director of Cake Research. A resident of Whitestone, Queens, George is very active in civic affairs and has been publicly commended for his initiative in bringing about many needed improvements. He is married and is the father of two daughters: Elaine who is a sophomore at Fordham College, and Virginia, a High School student.

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NEW YORK CHAPTERS INSTALL OFFICERS

On September 30 at the Fraternal Clubhouse in mid-Manhattan a Grand Installation Rite took place inducting into office the 1953-1954 officers of the Delphi No. 25, Upper Manhattan No. 42 and Hermes No. 186 of the Order of Ahepa and the officers of their auxiliaries, the Evryklia and Thetis Chapters of the Daughters of Penelope.

A capacity audience witnessed the brilliant installation ceremony. Empire State District No. 6 Governor Peter G. Giftos of Albany was the installing officer for the Ahepans, assisted by Lieut. Governor Kimon A. Doukas, District Secretary Gus Cherevas and District Marshal George Kanganis. The Daughters installation was conducted by District Governor Titina Liverakos, aided by District Treasurer Alex Sismanoglu and District Marshal Mary Gorgas.

Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson was the principal speaker. The Ahepa leader in a vigorous address outlined his program for the development of our Fraternity and appealed to the New York Ahepa for support and cooperation.

Distinguished guests present were Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos, Mother Lodge Member George A. Polos, Past Supreme President Dean Alfange, Past Supreme Treasurers Aristides Georgiades and Constantine Critzas, Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas and Past District Governors Michael Loris, George Dimas and George Kastrinos. Also, Past Grand Secretary of the Daughters Mrs. Eleanor Stamoules and Past District Governor Mrs. Mary Zarcadoolas.

Ahepa officers installed:

DELPHI: Capt. Dimitrios Dritsas, President; Basil Dounoucos, Vice-President; John Krones, Secretary; James A. Poll, Treasurer; Board of Governors: John K. Bell, Chairman; Jason Kokinatos, Peter Angelos, Kimon A. Doukas and Harry Papps. George M. Ellison is the Athletic Director.

UPPER MANHATTAN: Arthur D. Voyer, President; Anthony Yanelis, Vice-President; James Diamantis, Secretary; Emanuel Geotas, Treasurer; Board of Governors: George Dimas, Chairman; George Sakelarios, Nick Caluthis, George Chiotes and James Trilivas. Paul Halamandaris is the Athletic Director.

HERMES: James Karabatos, President; Panos Kolybaris, Vice-President; John Thymios, Secretary; Menelaos Georgiades, Treasurer. Paul Gorgas is Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Speech is the gift of all, but thought of few.

—CATO

Personalities at Delphi-Upper Manhattan-Hermes Installation. Top photo: Past Supreme President Dean Alfange; District Governor Peter G. Giftos and Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos. Second photo: Governor Giftos installing Presidents Dimitrios Dritsas (Delphi); Arthur Voyer (Upper Manhattan); James Karabatos (Hermes). Third photo: Cutting the cake, Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson; Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos and looking on, Lieut. Governor Kimon A. Doukas. Lower photo: Delphians Past Supreme Treasurer Aristides Georgiades; Past President John Dounoucos and George Stavrides of Delphi.

Character is that which reveals moral purpose, exposing the class of things a man chooses to avoids.

—ARISTOTLE

N. J. PAPADAKOS FORMS INVESTMENT COMPANY

After seven years of successful pioneer financing of the Gyrodyne Helicopter Company, Brother Nicholas P. Papadakos, Past President of the Brooklyn Chapter No. 41 of New York, has undertaken the management of the 20th Century Pioneer Securities Company of 80 Wall Street, New York City.

According to Mr. Papadakos, his Company will execute orders in buying and selling of all types of securities, but it will specialize in the financing of new and pioneering enterprises with particular emphasis at this time in the securities of the helicopter industry. To offset the risk involved in the pioneering securities, and to provide to the investor a well balanced portofolio, the Company will also handle and recommend to its customers some of the more safe and income producing investments of the Mutual Fund variety.

The establishment of the 20th Century Pioneer Securities Company marks a new, very timely, and promising development in the economic evolution and progress of the Hellenic American element as it is the first securities firm to be found and managed by Greek-Americans.

With the proper management, and if given the opportunity, such a financing firm could eventually provide the highly desirable and heretofore missing medium for the organization of the financial resources of our people in this country. By this we mean that big companies and corporations could then be organized, financed, and consequently controlled by Greek-Americans, thus giving to our young and old alike more opportunity than we have known so far for investment, business, employment, and prosperity in general.

We have come a long way and have made great strides in our Church as well as fraternal organization. We have made a good start and have some very encouraging results in the field of politics. In some instances we have accomplished wonders in individual financial success. The time is certainly very ripe to organize our financial resources as a group and channel them where they can be most effective and beneficial for all of us.

In the light of his seven year record and the results he has produced in as difficult and challenging a type of pioneering financing as that of the Gyrodyne Helicopter Company, Mr. Papadakos has demonstrated enough ability, courage, and foresight to justify such an aspiration, and to attempt such a project with a great deal of promise for success.

At any rate, we certainly believe he is in the right direction, and we wish him and his associates lots of good luck.

Distinguished personalities at the Grand Ball of the New York Greek-American Florists Association given for the benefit of the Building Fund of the Patriarchate. Left to right: Spiros Tzanetatos (Delphi); Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos; motion picture star Irene Dunn and Charles Pappas of the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42, Chairman of the event.

JOINT INSTALLATION AT HOLLYWOOD

From San Francisco to San Diego, all roads led to Hollywood on September 9th last. In a most impressive ceremony, marked by the stately tempo of the Ahepa Ritual, the officers of Hollywood Chapter No. 518 and Melita Chapter No. 119 were inducted into office.

Dignitaries of the Supreme and District Lodges graced the occasion, and the public taxed the facilities of the Hollywood Ahepa Home to the limit. The Church was represented by the Very Reverend Leonidas C. Contos, Dean of St. Sophia Cathedral of Los Angeles, who gave the Invocation and closed the rites with Benediction. In the first major function of his office, District Governor Nick P. Angelos presided at the Installation with his District Lodge, and from the far-flung reaches of District No. 20, Sister Lena Simitzi of Ventura, Calif., gathered the members of her Lodge to lend dignity and beauty to the occasion with the Ritual of the Daughters of Penelope.

The officers-elect wore beautiful gowns of white taffeta, full-skirted with a halter top, and complemented with a bolero of the same material. At her waist each one wore a lovely corsage of canary-yellow, feathered carnations, trimmed in iridescent blue and pink ribbons; white shoes completed the ensemble.

The Candle Light Ceremony was especially impressive, with the Maiden of Light and her Spirits floating through the darkened room in white Choir Gowns, "lighted less by the candles, than the shining faces of the Maidens."

Grand Governor Sophie Angelos gave a stirring address to the assembly, bespeaking the cooperation of both officers and members in the program of the Ahepa and Auxiliary.

In the major address, Supreme Governor Andrew C. Angelson injected a very serious note into the gaiety of the evening with a graphic account of the destruction wrought by the Ionian Earthquake, and voiced an impassioned plea for aid to the hapless Greeks of the Islands.

As a fitting climax, a giant cake was cut by Presidents Harry N. DeVerra and Theodore Payne of the Hollywood Chapters, and in the social that followed far into the night, the strains of the Tsamiko and the Hasapiko could be heard intermingled with the sound of traffic at "Hollywood and Vine."

BLACK DIAMOND AND KEYSTONE CHAPTERS INSTALL OFFICERS

The Black Diamond Chapter No. 55 of Wilkes-Barre and the Keystone Chapter No. 84 of Scranton held a combined Installation ceremony on Sunday, September 20, at the Hotel Redington in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The installing officer was District Governor No. 4 William Seras who was assisted by members of his district lodge.

The induction rite was followed by a banquet in the same hotel. Toastmaster of the occasion was Clayton Karambelas. Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas was the principal speaker. Brother Scopas outlined the program of the Supreme Lodge for the development of our Fraternity and placed particular emphasis on the importance of rehabilitating and revitalizing the Sons of Pericles chapters throughout the Ahepa Domain. In this connection, he stressed the vital role the National Sons Advisory Board can play to bring about fruitful results.

NEW YORK FLORISTS AID PATRIARCHATE

One of the most brilliant social functions of the fall season in the metropolis took place in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria on September 25 when the New York Greek-American Florists Association gave its annual Ball, this year specifically for the benefit of the Patriarchate Building Fund.

The magnificent ballroom of the famous Park Avenue hostelry was transformed into a beautiful floral garden through the decorative genius of Brother Charles Pappas, noted New York florist and general chairman of the affair.

Over a thousand persons attended resplendent in strictly formal attire for the outstanding opener of the social calendar. Notables present included Ambassador Athanase G. Polites; Archbishop Michael; New York Consul General Christian Axelos; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas and Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos; Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri and motion picture star Irene Dunn.

Supreme Treasurer Kiamos and Brother Charles Pappas were primarily instrumental for the staging of this gala affair which netted several thousand dollars for the building fund of the Patriarchate.

BLUE RIDGE No. 193 25TH ANNIVERSARY

A banquet to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Blue Ridge Chapter No. 193 of Westminster, Maryland, was given on October 14 at the American Legion Square in Westminster. Chairman of this affair was Arthur N. Samios and Past District Governor Nicholas P. Brous acted as Toastmaster. Distinguished guests present included Joseph L. Mathias, Mayor of Westminster; State Senator Stanford Hoff; State's Attorney Donald C. Sponseller; District Governor John P. Angelson of District No. 3 and Supreme Vice-Pres. Stephen S. Scopas who was the guest of honor and principal speaker.

Daughters of Penelope

Drive for the benefit of St. Basil's Academy and this year she is acting as advisor to the Seal Drive Committee. She has also served as President of the Daughters of Evritania and the Philoptochos of Charlotte, North Carolina.

HELEN LAMBROU
Grand Governor, Zone 2

Sister Lambrou became a Daughter at a very early age in Columbus, Ohio, joining Penelope Chapter No. 15 in 1935, since there was no Maids of Athens Chapter in that city. She later transferred to Chloris Chapter No. 40 of Canton, Ohio, upon marrying an ardent Ahepan, Brother Lambrou P. Lambrou of Massillon, Ohio. Together they have attended five national conventions.

The Grand Governor came up from the ranks having served her chapter in every office. She was elected District Governor of Buckeye District No. 11 for two years (1947-1949) and subsequently served as District Advisor. At the Houston Convention she was elevated to the Grand Lodge.

Active in the Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Nazir Caldron, Alpha Chi Sorority and the Massillon Women's Club.

CHRISTINE PAPPAS
Grand Governor, Zone 3

Sister Pappas, re-elected Grand Governor, Zone 3, is a charter member of Terpsichore Chapter No. 105 of Dallas. She served her Chapter as Secretary and President and her District, Delta District No. 6, as Governor for two terms. Last year upon her election to the office of Grand Governor, Sister Pappas was assigned to Districts 16 and 17 and has been assigned to Districts 15 and 16 for the current year.

She is presently serving on the Church Board in Dallas and takes an active part in all local activities.

An honor student in high school, Sister Pappas is attending Dallas College of S.M.U. evening classes while employed with Commercial Metals Company as Administrative Assistant to the Vice-President which position she has held for the past nine years.

SOPHIE ANGELOS
Grand Governor, Zone 4

Sophie Angelos, Grand Governor of Zone 4, is a native of Los Angeles, California. She is a charter member of Alkandre Chapter No. 43 of Los Angeles, organized in 1933. Has held all the offices down the line and served as President of her chapter from 1949 through June 1950 when she was elected District Governor of El Camino Real District No. 20.

Sister Angelos served two years as District Governor and as District Advisor. Instituted the Adrasteia Chapter No. 233 in Pasadena. Active in the Community, serving as Vice-President in the Philoptochos, School Board and Advisor to the Maids of Athens.

Sophie is married to Nick G. Angelos, Governor of District No. 20, and they have two children, Christine, a member of the Maids of Athens, and son Jimmy.

ANGELA K. VARLAS
National Advisor, Maids of Athens

Sister Varlas has been associated with the Maids' work and activities as far back as 1939 when she aided in the organization of her local chapter and served as the chapter's first president. The following years found her active within her district — serving on the District Lodge and organizing chapters. After her graduation from the Maids she kept close contact with the Junior Order by serving as a Maids' local advisor.

The National Advisor is a graduate of West Liberty College and also attended the University of Michigan. For two years she taught in the Public Schools of her city and then embarked on a business career. She is married to Brother George N. Varlas of Moundsville, West Virginia, and they are now residing in Wheeling.

Sister Varlas' background has given her close association with teen-agers throughout the years. She is able to cope with the problems of the Maids because though she is old in wisdom, she is still young at heart and able to understand her "Maids."

EDNA MITCHELL
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Edna Mitchell was born at Woodstock, Canada, and educated at Woodstock High School and Bishop Strachan College, Toronto. Is graduate of Toronto Conservatory of Music. At the beginning of World War II, Mrs. Edna Mitchell accepted a position with the British Consul in New York. Three years later, she came to Washington as Assistant to the Supervisor of the Statistical Department of the French Shipping Consul. In 1947, she joined the staff of the Embassy of Pakistan as Assistant Librarian. September, 1950, she accepted the position of Secretary to the Daughters of Penelope.

Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the English Speaking Union and the Canadian Club.

EVERETT DAUGHTERS

In September our Daughters sponsored a card party to help the Quake victims of Greece. We had a very fine turnout, and all proceeds will go toward helping those in distress. Also, we sponsored a city-wide campaign for money and clothing and had some good results. We have everything packed and ready for shipment.

THE EDITOR REGRETS!

Due to lack of space in this issue, the biographical sketches of the Daughters of Penelope District Governors will appear in the next issue, scheduled to circulate in mid-February.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

By PETE CLENTZOS
National Director of Athletics

King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece were feted in a tremendous manner at the Los Angeles Coliseum where dedication ceremonies took place for the 1932 Olympic Games. Los Angeles Hellenes went all out to show gracious Southern California hospitality during their brief stay. . . . Leo J. Lamberson, our jovial Supreme President, was one of our best Olympiad announcers. He officiated in the 3rd Olympiad at Cincinnati in 1941. . . . The testimonial held in his honor at South Bend was a great tribute to a nice guy. South Bend may have its "Fighting Irish" but it also has a "Fighting Greek."

Sad Sam Tsagalakis of the University of Southern California and kicking specialist has kicked 13 out of 14 extra points after touchdowns. . . . Miss Karlette Vourlis, a Physical Education major at the University of California, won second place honors in a race across San Francisco Bay. She swam the distance in 35:30. . . .

Woodlawn Chapter No. 93 has again voted to sponsor the National Ahepa-Sons Basketball Tourney. Last year her two teams, Ypsilanti Sons I & II, took one-two in the tournament. . . . St. Louis has been given the right to hold the 3rd National Golf Tournament. This will take place around June 1st. . . . Anthony Kollias and Mike Hodges are again in charge. . . . No sponsor yet for the 2nd National Bowling Tourney. . . . If you have a wrestling team and would like to arrange tournaments, write to the National Wrestling Director, Sam Karakostas, at 1021 No. Hoyne Street, Chicago. Sam knows his wrestling. . . . All Chapters, both Sons and Ahepans, should alert the track and field athletes to the 11th Olympiad to be held in Pittsburgh in August 1954. Inform the athletes in your area now so they may plan to attend. . . .

I was refereeing a football game in the Rose Bowl recently and one of the coaches was giving me a rough time. He was coaching his players from the sidelines and making comments at me. Finally I started walking off yardage against him for unsportsmanlike conduct in coaching from the sidelines and stepped off ten yards. He yelled, "Why, you don't even know your rules—coaching from the sidelines is fifteen yards!" I yelled back, "Yeah—but for the kind of coaching you're doing it's only ten."

NAT. BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Woodlawn Chapter No. 93 has again voted to sponsor the 11th National Ahepa-Sons Basketball Tournament to be held in Chicago sometime next April. Chairman Van A. Nomikos is urging all Ahepan Chapters and Sons Chapters to plan to attend this tournament classic. In order that there will be no conflict with this event, all District Athletic Directors are asked to send in the dates for their District Tournaments to avoid conflicting schedules. Send these to the office of the National Director of Athletics, Peter Clentzos, 275 Wallis Street, Pasadena 5, California.

The National Tournament has been held in Chicago for the past several years chiefly because no other Chapter has volunteered to sponsor and manage it. Woodlawn Chapter has undertaken and underwritten these tournaments to keep them going and has been doing an excellent job. Although the distance for many Chapters is great, it would be a wonderful experience for most teams to make the trip if possible. Chapter officials can assist by raising funds early. If you have a basketball team in your Chapter, try hard to attend the National Tournament in April in Chicago.

Attention Chapter Athletic Directors!

Inform your Chapter teams of the following definite Tournaments:

11th National Ahepa–Sons Basketball Tourney
Chicago, Ill. (April)

3rd National Golf Tournament
St. Louis, Mo. (June)

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TRAVEL IN GREECE

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whose acoustics are so wonderful that the sound of the striking of a match in the orchestra is heard clearly in the topmost seats.

The tour passes into the large peninsula of southern Greece, which is virtually an island, as it crosses the Corinth Canal. This is a rather spectacular man-made gorge which cuts the narrow isthmus connecting the peninsula to the mainland. Here stands Corinth, once one of the richest cities of Greece, which was destroyed by the Romans in 146 B.C., but was resettled as a Roman colony in 44 B.C.

The overnight stay is made at Nauplia, one of Greece's many resorts as yet "undiscovered" by most Americans. The hotel where the tour stops is one of the newest in Greece and was financed by Marshall Plan money to help build Greece's expanding tourist industry. Its furnishings and layout are ultra-modern; all its rooms overlook the mountain-encircled bay, with beautiful Bourtzi Castle in its center. Bourtzi is an old Venetian fort, perfectly preserved and maintained, but today it is also an unusual and comfortable hotel. Its location, completely surrounded by water, makes it a perfect spot for anyone in search of rest and relaxation.

Nauplia, which also has several more modest hotels, is a good center from which to make trips to the many surrounding places of historical interest. It is also a charming little town fringed by orange and olive groves and small fishing hamlets where one can come in close contact with the very friendly and helpful Greek people.

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