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Important To Every Member

Referendum on The Death Benefit Fund

Since the adoption by our fraternity of the Death Benefit plan approximately two decades ago, many suggestions and ideas have been proposed at every national convention for its improvement. In essence, every recommendation propounded for the betterment of our Death Benefit Fund contemplates more substantial payments to the beneficiaries and the elimination of the recurring deficit in our Emergency Fund account.

For almost twenty years now the plan has been operating as it was originally adopted. It provides a maximum benefit of \$200.00 at the cost of only \$2.00 per year to each member. For a number of years the plan operated satisfactorily from the financial point of view. However, with an ever increasing death rate in our ranks due to the advancing age of our members, it has become not only obvious but absolutely compelling that a re-appraisal of the plan be made to bring it in harmony with present day conceptions of money values.

A beginning along these lines was made at the Houston Convention with the adoption of a recommendation to increase the death benefit from \$200.00 to \$500.00, and on an optional basis to \$1,000.00. The cost per member, of course, is to increase proportionately. The convention directed the Supreme Lodge to conduct a poll of the membership on the adoption of this plan and to report the results of this poll to the Pittsburgh Convention for action.

In the meantime, preparatory to polling the membership, Headquarters has been making a study of this very important problem and certain facts and figures have been compiled for the enlightenment of the members.

The most revealing fact is that during the calendar year 1953 there were filed with Headquarters 386 death claims which at \$200.00 each would bring the total payments to \$67,200.00. The significance of this fact is more fully appreciated when one learns that during 1953 the membership in good standing was about 25,000 and the total contributions allocated to the Emergency Fund at \$2.00 per member amounted to about \$50,000.00, thereby indicating a deficit of over \$17,000.00.

Certainly an unhealthy and unsound financial situation as disclosed by the 1953 figures cannot be permitted to continue much longer if we are to safeguard the economic structure of our organization. Accordingly, certain corrective measures are being proposed by Headquarters in line with its study of this problem.

The primary corrective measure proposed is that the basic rate per \$100.00 of benefit be set at \$1.75. It has been ascertained that with this basic rate in operation and after making allowances for a moderate increase in the death rate in the next few years, the Death Benefit Fund will be self-sustaining and a small surplus will be realized annually to take care of administrative expenses and other contingencies.

Therefore, the members are earnestly requested to study the following three alternative plans and indicate their choice on the card that will be received by every member in the very near future.

PLAN ONE — The \$200.00 Benefit

The per capita tax will be \$7.50 per year. Of this amount, \$5.50 will be allocated to the Death Benefit Fund and \$1.00 to the other funds. This plan would make chapter dues about \$16.00 per year.

PLAN TWO — The \$500.00 Benefit

The per capita tax will be \$12.75 per year. Of this amount, \$8.75 will be allocated to the Death Benefit Fund and \$4.00 to the other funds. This plan would make chapter dues about \$21.25 per year.

PLAN THREE — The \$1,000.00 Benefit

The per capita tax will be \$21.50 per year. Of this amount, \$17.50 will be allocated to the Death Benefit Fund and \$4.00 to the other funds. This plan would make chapter dues about \$30.00 per year.

Every member is urged to give this vital matter serious consideration and in the referendum conducted by mail to indicate clearly the plan of his choice. The Supreme Lodge will announce in the next issue of THE AHEPAN the results of the poll and the recommendation it proposes to make to the Pittsburgh National Convention next August.



PAUL PRODIS

This article is about Greece, of the modern nation of Hellenes who gained their independence in 1821-1828. It is a story also of Freedom — how it is won — and the ingredients that make a people free — among them: brains, blood, faith, and courage.

In the march of humanity the struggle for freedom is constant. The Greeks fought in 1940 as valiantly as in 1821; they battled in hundreds of skirmishes and rebellions since their loss of Constantinople May 28th, 1453. The story of modern Greece is one of dauntless struggle against insurmountable odds. It was as much the victory of heroes in battle, as of the courage of intellectuals who prepared the way.

The Greek would never forget his ancient glory — alas! he couldn't; it was his blood heritage, — it became his racial conscience. Proud, too, of his Byzantine magnificence, the contrast with his Ottoman enslavement was too humiliating. Every song of the klephts chanted longingly of "sweet freedom." He was not alone in this universal thirst.

REBIRTH OF CLASSIC IDEALS

The Renaissance which Greek scholars inspired in Europe, the discovery of new continents, the spread of commerce, the sprouting of cities, the coming of science, the growth of a middle-class became constant stimulants to strive for freedom.

The struggle for men's minds aroused by the philosophers, the political theory of Rousseau's "Contrat Social," the "Declaration of Independence" through the genius of Thomas Jefferson, set a new formula for human freedom; definitions were set for equality of men, laws enacted to enjoy these rights in peace and democracy. These actualities elsewhere, could not but filter through to the eastern corner of the continent — to Greece.

The immediate sparks of nationalism came from such literary giants as Goethe, Keats, Shelley, de Musset and Victor Hugo. Their romantic movement brought fresh imagination and a new brightness — yet a rich escape from hard realities.

It was most proper that the Greeks who have created the diamond civilization, should beckon the kindred spirits of the world, because with the turmoil for equality and group freedom

The Famous Battle of Navarino, Turning Point of Greek Liberation.



The Endless Greek

Political And Cultural Climate Of The Greek Revolution

there were also the forces of oppression, of exploitation, which under the guise of "conservatism" tried to stifle freedom no matter where.

THE SOUL PREPARATION FOR FREEDOM

Greece has had always her thrilling climate and the vitalizing air of the Attic sky, though centuries of oppression darkened this landscape, new breezes of hope and morale blew from the west. These currents of progress and reform would have meant little for Greece had she not the natural terrain for freedom and the self-help required for its fulfillment in the genius of her own teachers and intellectuals.

Among the prodromes who kept alive the Greek desire for a life more noble than that of a Turkish slave were such teachers as Chrysoforas, George Gemistos, Gennadius Scholarios, who later became Patriarch; also Laskaris, Mousouris, and Eparchos. These were followed by the two great scholars — Regas and Korais, who were destined to become the "makers of Modern Greece." Regas Fereos, born in Thessaly in 1757, was the first national poet and the first national martyr. He worked to set free all in the power of the impious tyrants. His songs of freedom aroused his compatriots. He issued pamphlets and proclamations with plans for governing the Balkans, the Islands and Asia Minor. Regas was on the point of carrying out his plan to liberate Greece, when he fell in the hands of the Austrian police, who handed him to the Turks who on June 11, 1798, strangled him and his followers. The death of this protomartyr made the Greeks more determined to live out his prophecy: "I have sown the needful seed; the day of fruition is not distant."

THE GREEK LANGUAGE AS A UNIFIER

Greece who worships her teachers was fortunate in the scholars whom she fondly calls Μεγάλοι Διδασκαλοί του Γένους. Among the more distinguished we may name Bardalochos, Proios Doukas, Photiades, Philippides, Konstandas, Psalidas, Gennadius. They were gifted men who lectured in the many schools of Jannina, Larissa, Triccala, Salonica, Andrianoupolis, Kerkyra and Smyrna. They infused new life in Greece by their writings and translations of kindred minds in western Europe who also sought universal brotherhood, freedom and equality. The passionate love of the Greek for the liberty he needed became, under inspired tutelage, both a mission and a life-purpose for emancipation.

Of these illustrious teachers the greatest was Korais. He stands supreme in the annals of Modern Greece as *the* great teacher. He worked not only to unify the Greek language, but he also aimed at the moral elevation of the race.

Adamantios Korais was born in Smyrna in 1748; he attended the famous "Evangeliki" school; was sent to Amsterdam; went later to Montpellier where he became a doctor of medicine. He devoted himself not only to reviving the classics, but also to make the Greeks

Strife for Freedom

By PAUL PRODIS (PRODRONIDIS)

conscious of their glorious history and their beautiful language. He felt sure that physical rebellion must first be preceded by enlightenment of the people. Korais was greatly instrumental in bringing to the attention of the then intellectual world the deplorable plight of Greece under Ottoman oppression.

THE CHAINS BREAK! GREECE IS FREED

Tyranny had its full toll; the sultan and his pashas fearful of the pending restlessness, sacked the cities, burned villages, beheaded patriots and forced women to death, like the Souliotisses at Zalongo. Two million Greeks had withstood the shackles too long and they chose the powerful alternative of perishing or being delivered; and on March 13th, 1821, a group took the oath of devotion to the cause at Aghia Lavra; eight days later Patras revolted and on March 25th Greece declared herself free of the Ottoman yoke.

The secret Order of the "Filiki Etairia" initiated in 1814, had charted the plans of battle; all of Greece had become a torch and the whole population, participants in the grand liberation. Among the leaders and heroes, Ypsilantis first started the revolt in Moldovlachia, but failed, his idealist followers slain like cattle. Kolokotronis was the great military genius; the Androussos family gave five heroes to Greece; the Patriarch Gregorios was shamefully hanged on Easter Day in the streets of Constantinople. Andreas Miaoulis, Admiral of the Greek fleet, crushed the Turks in naval battles of Samos and burnt 28 enemy ships at Methoni; Karaïskakis, though a personal guard of Ali Pasha in 1820, became the liberator of most of the Greek mainland and died in battle in 1827. Lord Byron's devotion and his death at Mesolonghi are well known.

Greece's struggle lasted to 1828; England and the United States recognized her in 1825 as an independent nation. Greek freedom became a reality on October 20, 1827, when in the naval battle of Navarino the united fleets of Europe with but 27 ships destroyed by fortunate chance the Turkish fleet and those of Egypt and Tunisia comprised of 89 ships.* Ottoman rule had cracked!

AMERICA SENDS HOPE, FOOD, MEN

In the then young America, the struggle of the Greeks won immediate sympathy and material aid. The appeal of the Mesorian Senate at Kalamata, May 25th, 1821, sent to Edward Everett of Boston, inspired mass meetings in many cities, and funds were raised and provisions for the suffering women and children of the fighting Greeks. Webster's eloquent address be-



Dr. Howe in Greek Dress



Regas Feraios



Col. Miller

fore the House of Representatives extolled the classic civilization and added that it was not to pay a debt owed the Greeks, but to help them because they were fighting for mankind, for Christianity and for upholding the very principles set forth in the Ameri-



Bishop Germanos Raising the Flag of Independence

can Declaration of Independence. President Monroe in his annual message to Congress had expressed America's sympathy for the struggling Greeks. Many Americans crossed the seas to join Greece's battle and to share the hardships of her men. Dr. Samuel Howe became chief-surgeon of the Greek navy. General George Jarvis was wounded many times at Mesolonghi. Col. J. P. Miller was known to his Greek comrades as "the Yankee daredevil." William G. Washington, a relative of the first president, died heroically in the battle of Palamidi. Hundreds of other volunteers joined the brave adventure. Ship-loads of food and clothing docked in Greek harbors. Even a hospital for the wounded Greeks was established in the name of the American people.

HYMN TO LIBERTY

"Symbol of the endless love for freedom is the 'Ode to Liberty,' by Solomos — a poem of 135 stanzas, of which the first two were selected as the Greek National Anthem. The closing stanza chants:

From the sacred ashes rising
Of the Hellenes great and true,
Valiant as in olden ages;
Hail! All Hail! O Liberty!

* *History of the Greek Revolution* by John L. Gennetok, M.D., published in New York, 1928. A rare book, loaned to the writer by Dr. George Lohs.

Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee Recognized by State Department

The Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee has been duly recognized as of January 27, 1954, by the Administrator's Office of the State Department as a Voluntary Agency under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. The honor accorded to this committee and its recognition, carries with it the following responsibilities.

The committee is authorized and empowered to guarantee and underwrite the authenticity of any sponsors' applications after proper investigation.

The investigation will be initiated on a local level in every city throughout the United States through the local chapter of the Order of Ahepa. Every local chapter of Ahepa will have a committee of three members which shall be known as the "AHEPA CHAPTER REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE." A sponsor filing his application through the Ahepa Chapter Refugee Relief Committee, will have his application investigated by the local committee, which, in turn, after proper investigation, will file a notice of endorsement with our National Committee. Our National Committee, if satisfied with the report of the local committees, will underwrite the assurances of the sponsors, thus relieving the sponsors from the burden of otherwise preparing the complex documentation and obtaining waivers from the interested governmental agencies. The Order of Ahepa will thus assume the responsibility that no prospective refugee immigrant will become a public charge.

One of the most important functions of the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee will be to secure employment and housing accommodations for qualified un-named refugees who have no relatives or friends



Ahepa Refugee Committee Chairman Harris J. Booras in consultations with American officials upon his arrival in Greece. Left to right: John G. Carzis, Chairman, Ahepa Hospitals Drive; Past Supreme President Booras; United States Ambassador to Greece Cavendish Cannon; and U. Harwood Blocker, United States Consul General in Athens.



New York Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope at New York International Airfield on January 1, 1954, welcoming Stamatoula Roumanis (center), flanked by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Sotirios Roumanis of Denver, Colo., the first Greek to arrive in U.S. under the 1953 law.

to sponsor their admission into the United States.

Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras is Chairman of the Ahepa Refugee Committee. Mother Lodge Member George A. Polos is Vice-Chairman and Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas is Secretary. Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson and Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos are members ex-officio.

Brother Booras went to Greece on January 28 and spent the month of February in Athens, devoting his time to organizational matters concerning the opening of Ahepa Refugee Committee offices in Athens and Salonika.

The Ahepa fraternity is now fully organized to proceed with the execution of the humanitarian and patriotic program and every member in the Order is urgently requested to cooperate with his local chapter committee in every way possible to crown this project with success.

The principal office of the Ahepa Refugee Committee is located at 16 Beaver Street, New York 4, N. Y. Telephone, WHitehall 4-1794.

FIRST GREEK ARRIVES UNDER 1953 LAW

A Greek family, separated for five years by visa problems, began the New Year together when Stamatoula Roumanis arrived at New York's International Airport on January 1, 1954, to join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sotirios Roumanis of Denver, Colo. On this occasion, Stamatoula not only completed the family circle but also became the first Greek to arrive in the United States under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

After her parents, the dark-haired girl was happiest to recognize United States

Commissioner of Immigration Argyle M. Mackey, who represented Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. in the country's official welcome to the young traveler. Mr. Mackey had paid her a flying visit in Athens last December 2 to deliver her visa in person.

Also taking part in the red-carpet welcoming were Edward J. Shaughnessy, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization in New York; William Canfield of the State Department, and officials of the Order of Ahepa. Included in the Ahepa delegation were: Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos; Refugee Committee Secretary Louis J. Dukas; Lieut. Governor Kimon A. Doukas; George Dimas, Editor of THE AHEPAN; Past District Governor Gus Nicholas; Nicholas Levenidis, Nicholas Papadakos, Chas. Pappas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gorgas.



The above photograph, taken in Athens, Greece, on December 3, 1953, shows left to right: Argyle R. Mackey, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Stamatoula Roumanis, and Pausanias Lycourezos, Minister of Interior for Greece. Mr. Mackey is presenting Stamatoula the first visa granted to a Greek under the Refugee Act of 1953.



KING PAUL

Meets with the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa

His Majesty, King Paul of the Hellenes, granted a special audience to the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa prior to his departure for Greece at his suite at the Waldorf-Astoria Towers in New York City.

Those attending were Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Secretary Peter Kourmoules, Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos and Supreme Gov'rs James Millas, James Mazarakos and C. D. Tsiouras.

The subjects discussed were the Ionian Relief Drive, Ahepa Refugee Relief Program, and the role of Ahepa in the hospital program of Greece.

Brothers Lamberson and Scopas led the discussion and expressed the pride of all Hellenism in America in the outstanding results obtained by the Royal visit in promoting good-will between Greece and America.

His Majesty offered his co-operation in any projects that may be developed in the near future and invited the organization to

communicate with him from time to time. He was informed of Ahepa's contemplated drive to build an Ahepa orphanage for the male children of Hellenic descent in the United States. His Majesty congratulated Ahepa on this noteworthy project.

His Majesty spoke of his active interest in the National Institute of Greece which he heads. This is an institute which lends money to all villages in Greece, at no interest, where the people show an interest in helping themselves on local projects.

His Majesty also spoke of his desire to encourage tourism to Greece and spoke of the forthcoming construction of hotels and motels at the historic sites of his country.

His Majesty, King Paul, also made the statement that everywhere he went throughout the United States he was told that Americans of Greek descent are among the best citizens in their respective communities and are held in the highest esteem.

The conference ended with everyone bidding His Majesty farewell and Godspeed.



At the Grand Banquet in New York, Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas, the Toastmaster, introduces Queen Frederika to the audience.



King Paul in a moment of conversation with Supr. Pres. Lamberson the principal speaker at the banquet in honor of the Royal Couple.

Heads Banquet



JAMES G. DIKEOU

AHEPA GRAND BALL AND BANQUET AT CAPITAL'S MAYFLOWER, MARCH 21-22

The 1954 National Ahepa Banquet will take place in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Monday, March 22. The great biennial event will be preceded by the Grand Ball in the grand ballroom of the swank and exclusive Mayflower on Sunday evening, March 21.

Chairman of the Banquet Committee is veteran Ahepan James G. Dikeou, prominent Denver, Colo., business man and civic leader, under whose dynamic leadership the Banquet Committee is working exceptionally hard to present to Ahepa the most outstanding of its national banquets so far. Chairman Dikeou in his latest release stated "no effort or expense will be spared to make this the best event of its kind—ever."

Every chapter is urged to cooperate in this national project by remitting thirty dollars to the Banquet Committee and designating its respective Congressman to be its guest at the banquet. A chapter may name a United States Senator or some other distinguished personality to be its guest at the banquet.

The two days of festivities will commence Sunday afternoon with several get-together parties and Sunday evening, of course, the grand ball will take place with a famous band making music for the merry-makers. On Monday, at 6 P. M., prior to the banquet, the Cocktail Hour will take place and every opportunity will be given to the visiting brothers to meet the distinguished guests. During the banquet, music and entertainment will be furnished.

The price per person is fifteen dollars.

ALTIS No. 85 HONORS SUP. GOV. J. MAZARAKOS

Under the capable chairmanship of John G. Gamilis, Altis No. 85 tendered a beautiful Testimonial Banquet to Supreme Governor James Mazarakos, on December 6, 1953, at Springfield, Mass.

Gathered to pay tribute to Brother Mazarakos, were more than 250 Ahepans and friends, including Supreme Governor Christ D. Tsiouras, Canadian Jurisdiction; Supreme Counsellor John T. Laskaris, and Ahepa Supreme Lodge Executive Secretary V. I. Chebithes.

John A. Kiamos, Supreme Treasurer and ranking Ahepan present, eloquently praised the work of "Jim" as "the work-horse of Ahepa," stressing that "a handful of Hellenes, like Brother Mazarakos, had the fortitude and dynamic perseverance to project the Ahepa into an organization known internationally as the spokesman of Greek Americans."

Our sincere best wishes to Supreme Governor Mazarakos and may he continue in his effective service to Ahepa and his upward climb in the ladder of important offices.



Dignitaries at the testimonial dinner in honor of 25-year members of the Lehigh Chapter No. 60 of Allentown, Pa. Left to right, Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, the principal speaker; Chapter President Spiro Chiaparas; and Past Supreme Governor James Veras, the toastmaster for the testimonial.

LEHIGH No. 6 HONORS 25-YEAR MEMBERS

On Sunday, January 24, 1954, the Lehigh Chapter No. 60 of Allentown, Pa., tendered a testimonial banquet in honor of its twenty-five year members. The affair took place at the Lehigh Valley Club of that city. Past Supreme Governor James Veras was the toastmaster and Past Supreme President John G. Thevos delivered the principal address.

Leads Excursionists



VAN A. NOMIKOS

AHEPA EXCURSIONISTS SAIL ON NEA HELLAS, APRIL 1

The 1954 Ahepa Excursion to Greece will sail on the S.S. "Nea Hellas" of the Greek Line from New York on Thursday, April 1, 1954.

Commander of this year's excursion to the Motherland is Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos of Chicago and Co-Commander is Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson.

The excursion as usual is timed so that the excursionists will spend the Easter holidays in Greece amongst their relatives and friends. A pretentious program of entertainment is being prepared for the excursionists upon their arrival in Athens, with the grand banquet in the Grande Bretagne Hotel climaxing the week's festivities.

District Governor William Seras of Power District No. 4 presented the 25-year pins to the following veterans: Gust Ellis, George Fullas, George Kalfas, Gust Mavrakis, Spiro Phillips, Evan C. Scouris, John Stamm, James Alex, Simos Badinis, George Biss, Jerry Contos, Emmanuel and Constantine Chiaparas, Max Critsinis, George Daskalakis, George Halkias, Gus Honest, George Mourtzis, Theoharis Pantazis, George Spalas, John Sideris and C. P. Thomas.

The committee in charge of the banquet was headed by Evan C. Scouris and was assisted by Spiro Chiaparas, Arris Harris, John Lakis, Emanuel Pelekanos and Theodore Chiaparas.

HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN
USE EASTER SEALS

THE AHEPAN



CHAPTER NEWS

LASKARIS HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL

Peabody, Mass., Ahepans and their friends got together on November 8 to toast their favorite son, Peabodyite attorney John T. Laskaris, who was elevated to the Supreme Counsellorship of the Ahepa at the organization's national convention held last August in Houston, Texas.

The testimonial dinner in honor of Brother Laskaris was held at the Hotel Hawthorne in Salem under the auspices of Damon and Pythias Chapter No. 119. Charles Haritos, Vice-President of the Chapter, was chairman on arrangements, with Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell acting as toastmaster.

Principal speaker of the evening was V. I. Chebithes, Executive Secretary of the Order. Brother Chebithes said: "I consider it a distinct honor and privilege to have been invited here tonight to pay tribute to Attorney John T. Laskaris who exemplifies the ideals of Americanism and the Order of Ahepa. The highest compliment I can pay to him is—I have a son and I can only hope that he will grow up to be another John Laskaris."

Supreme Counsellor Laskaris holds B.S. and LL.B. degrees from Boston University and is a member of the Massachusetts and Essex Bar Associations. He is a veteran of World War II where he held the rank of Captain in the Air Force Ferry Command. He has also served as Vice-Commander of the AMVETS. He



Shown at testimonial dinner in honor of Ahepa's Supr. Counsellor John T. Laskaris at the Hotel Hawthorne in Peabody, Mass., are left to right: Mayor Francis X. Collins of Salem; Supreme Counsellor John T. Laskaris; Charles Haritos, Vice-President of Damon and Pythias Chapter No. 119 and Chairman on Arrangements; and Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell, Toastmaster.

has been active in civic, fraternal and veterans organizations and was also elected to the office of President of the Board of Directors of the St. Basilios Hellenic Orthodox Church in Peabody.

Among the prominent guests in attendance were: Mayor Francis X. Collins of Salem; Supreme Treasurer John Kiamos; Supreme Governor James Mazarakos; Supreme Governor for Canada Christ Tsipuras; and a host of others.

SPOKANE, WASH.

A special meeting of the Mount Olympus Chapter was held at the Greek Community Hall October 7 to honor the visit

GARFIELD CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 17, Garfield Chapter No. 203 of Chicago, Ill., held its long heralded 25th anniversary celebration and also honored its "25 year members." The hall of the "Assumption" Church was overflowing with friends and relatives of the honored Ahepans who have remained good Ahepa soldiers for more than a quarter of a century. Among those attending the festivities was also V. I. Chebithes, Executive Secretary of the Order, who was passing through Chicago but decided to take in the celebration. He was one of the principal speakers and was accompanied to Garfield by Past President Van A. Nomikos and Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Mantzoros. Also among those present was District Governor William D. Belroy and other members of the 13th District Lodge.

Chairman of the evening was young and energetic Chicago attorney George J. Anos with attorney Nick J. Limpers acting as the Marshal of the presentation ceremony. Assisting them was John Floros, Chapter President; James Carabelas, Secretary; former Dist. Treasurer Peter S. Siavelis and Gust Papageorgiou. Following the ceremony refreshments were served and good fellowship prevailed.

of our District Governor Thomas N. Sideres of Tacoma. With the Governor was Vlasios Vamvakos, Vice-President of the Tacoma Chapter.



Honored guests on the 25th anniversary of Garfield Chapter No. 203, Order of Ahepa. Standing extreme left is shown Van A. Nomikos, Past Supreme President. Standing seventh from left is 13th District Governor William D. Belroy and standing extreme right is Executive Secretary V. I. Chebithes. Sitting extreme left is John Floros, Chapter President, and extreme right sitting is Past District Treasurer Peter S. Siavelis.

WOODLAWN AND MEDEA INSTALLATION

A combined installation of officers of Woodlawn and Medea Chapters of Chicago, Ill., was held on Thursday evening, October 29, at the St. Constantine Church Hall. The newly installed officers are as follows: Nick Ernest, President; James Kleronomos, Vice-President; Nick Manos, Secretary; Michael Nickolaou, Treasurer. John Katsaros, retiring President, was installed as Chairman of the Board of Governors. Installing officers included Van A. Nomikos, Past Supreme President; Peter S. Siavelis, Past Dist. Treasurer; A. A. Pasteris, Past Supreme Counselor; George Miller, Past Dist. Athletic Director; and Demetrios Pappageorge, Past President of "46." Gust Spirakis, Past President of Woodlawn, acted as Marshal.

The newly installed officers of Medea Chapter No. 128, Daughters of Penelope, are: Louise Hatzis, President; Helen Nichols, Vice-President; Stella Pappas, Secretary; Mary Kostas, Treasurer. Past President Vula Bovis was installed as Chairman of the Board of Governors. The installing officers were: Tina Doudalis, Dist. Governor; Helen Sanichas, Dist. Treasurer; and Em. Lee Lambos, Dist. Athletic Director. Past Grand Vice-President Zoe Roumnel was the Marshal. The opening prayer was offered by Fr. Tripodakis, pastor of St. Constantine. Father Gregory also of St. Constantine gave an inspiring, most instructive and very enjoyable address of the background of the Ahepa and its accomplishments.

CHICAGO CHAPTER No. 46 INSTALLS OFFICERS

Once again Demetrios Pappageorge, prominent realty broker, did a magnificent job as chairman of Chicago Chapter 46's annual installation of chapter officers, on October 27 at the Fountain View Hall. Many outstanding Ahepans of Chicagoland were on hand with their families and friends to witness the beautiful ceremony of installation. Officers installed included Hellas Chapter No. 9 of the Daughters of Penelope, as follows:

CHICAGO CHAPTER No. 46: Nicholas G. Manos, President; George T. Ganas, Vice-President; D. I. Georgoulis, Secretary; John C. Mouzakiotis, Treasurer. Members of the Board of Governors: George A. Alex, Chairman; Andrew L. Pappageorge, Thos. G. Thodoropoulos, Gust Tripas, John C. Castanos, John Lambakis, Chaplain; Em. Mandakas, Warden; Gust Pabtos, Captain of Guard; James A. Argeres, Sentinel; and Christ Anton, Athletic Director.

HELLAS CHAPTER No. 9: Viviani Kinnas, President; Helen Tangalakis, Vice-



Installation of officers at South Chicago No. 351 was held on November 1. Kneeling before the altar for the oath of their respective offices are Presidents Petro Lewis Patras of South Chicago and James W. Stath of Phaethon Chapter No. 299, Sons of Pericles.

SOUTH CHICAGO HAS BRILLIANT INSTALLATION

November 1 was the day when the South Chicago chapter officers of the Ahepa were installed. More than 100 Ahepans, their families and friends witnessed the beautiful ceremony of induction of the new officers of South Chicago and that of the Sons of Pericles. Master of ceremonies was attorney Sam C. Maragos who is also Supreme Secretary of the Pan-Arcadian Federation of America. Installing officer for the evening was Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos. He was assisted by Peter S. Siavelis of Garfield, a Past Dist. Treasurer; George Miller of Harvey; Duke Gankas, Past Pres. of Woodlawn; and other prominent Ahepans. Installed were: Petro Lewis Patras, President; Nicholas S. Stamos, Vice-President; William Rummel, Secretary; Peter S. Chimoures, Treasurer; James S. Chimoures was installed as Chairman of the Board of Governors and the following members of the Board: George Gregor, Nick Eliopoulos, Bill Panos and James Stamos. Samuel Maragos is the new Chaplain; George Sentas, the Inner Sentinel; and Nicholas L. Patras, the Athletic Director. Gus Spirakis, Past Pres. of Woodlawn, acted as Marshal.

Sons of Pericles officers installed included: James Stath, President; Anthony Kaly, Vice-President; Kenneth Gianoukes, Secretary; Gust Miller, Treasurer. Installed as Captain of the Guard was James Boudas, Thomas Therso, High Priest; Andrew Pappas, Warden; and George Prages, Marshal.

President: Florence Sotern; Secretary: Helen Gianoulakis, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Victoria Katsis, Chairman; Catherine Chakonas, Mary Christopoulos, Elaine Gianopoulos, Katherine Katsis, Priestess; Lilian Shindilis, Warden; Helen Georges, Marshal; Katina Chandler, Inside Sentinel; Elaine Paleologos, Outside Sentinel; and Jennie James, News Editor.

SUPREME OFFICERS AT BRIDGEPORT CHAPTER

November was a busy month for the Bridgeport, Conn., Chapter. At one of its regular meetings during the month the chapter was host to Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos of New York; Supreme Governor James Mazarakos of Springfield, Mass.; and George A. Polos of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mother Lodge Member.

The Supreme Lodge Officers gave a very interesting and informative talk about the program of the Supreme Lodge and the plans they have formulated for the future. Brother Polos who is Vice-Chairman of the Ahepa Refugee Committee discussed the work of his committee and the progress they have so far made and pleaded with the members to support this humanitarian project. He explained how this committee will function and stated that all the details and regulations will be in the hands of the chapter officers shortly.

At this outstanding meeting also were present District Governor A. Don Bullion of Yankee District No. 7; Past Supreme Secretary C. P. Verinis; Past District Governor George J. Margoles; District Marshal C. P. Pappas and Past District Governor James Sentementes. Many brothers from the nearby chapters of the District attended.

President James Zabetas of the Bridgeport Chapter thanked the distinguished guests for the interest and love they are showing for our fraternity. A buffet lunch was served after the meeting.

The Bridgeport Chapter sponsored its 28th Annual Dance last November. The event was a social success and was well attended by members of local and nearby chapters with their families and friends. Brother Leonidas Kiamos served as Chairman of the Committee with the able assistance of Brothers Al Vlanter, V. Laliots, L. Spiliotis, M. Halioris, N. Keffas, N. Pappas, G. Kiesses and J. Constatas. Also, Sisters Athina Argiriades and Elaine Karpenko assisted in the flower department. Responsible to a large extent for the success of the dance was District Governor A. Don Bullion who made many visitations to all the District Chapters promoting good will for all the Ahepa functions of the District.

Present Officers of the Chapter are: James Zabetas, President; Louis Spiliotis, Vice-President; Alec Kranpovitis, Secretary; Nick Keffas, Treasurer; Mike Halioris, Athletic Director. Board of Governors: Leo Kiamos, Chairman; Alec Vlanter, Nick Pappas, Vas. Zorzy and George Beltos, Appointed Officers; C. Morris, Chaplain; Steve Kremastiotis, Warden; N. Kahramanidis, Captain of Guards; G. Kiesses, Sentinel.

CHRISTOPHER S. LARDIS COMMISSIONED ENSIGN



The June 1953 graduating class of the United States Academy at Annapolis, Md., was the second largest since its founding 108 years ago. Among the 926 graduates was Christopher S. Lardis who received a Bachelor of Science degree

and was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy.

Young Lardis entered the Naval Academy on a Congressional appointment from Ohio in August 1949, after graduating from Warren G. Harding High School. He also attended Kent State University. During his first class year at the Naval Academy, he attained the rank of Midshipman Lieutenant (junior grade) serving as Company Sub-Commander during the fall and spring terms.

Ensign Lardis is the son of Brother and Sister Stephen C. Lardis of Warren, Ohio. Brother Lardis hails from the island of Icaria and has been an ardent Ahepan for many years, having received his 25-year pin in 1952 from his chapter, the Zeus No. 88. Sister Lardis is an active member of the local chapter of the Daughters of Penelope.

Congratulations to the proud parents.

SEATTLE HOLDS COLORFUL INSTALLATION

Four member organizations of the Order of Ahepa installed their officers at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle on Sunday evening, September 27, in an outstanding ceremony before a huge throng.

Thos. Sideres, District Governor, installed the senior Ahepans; Mrs. Koula Karafotias, Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, installed the "Daughters"; Miss Katherine Melonas, Lt. Governor of the Maids of Athens, installed the "Maids"; and John Melonas, Lt. Governor of Ahepa, installed the "Sons." Chairman of the affair was John Papajani, who did an excellent job. William Phillips stood out a Master of Ceremonies during the impressive ceremonies.

Following their induction into office Presidents George Carras of the Ahepans, Vicki Manos of the Daughters, Barbara Stamos of the Maids and Terry Karis of the Sons, all spoke briefly in acceptance of their new posts.

District Lodge officers present, besides the installing officers, included Dist. Sec'y Peter Conom and Dist. Treas. William Karanson, Jr.

Dancing followed until a late hour.

SCHOOL DORM UNDERGOES FACE LIFTING

Foster Hall, men's dormitory at Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Utah, is completely redecorated, thanks to members of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of that city.

"Operation Dormitory" included rewiring, redecorating and refurnishing of the building within four months after the church accepted the project.

Nick Strike was chairman of the committee in charge; Chris Demiris, secretary, with the following members: Nick Galanis, Chris E. Athas, Sam Soter, John Papanikolas, James Velis, Ted Speros and Ted Sargent.

MARY WASHINGTON AIDS EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

The Mary Washington Chapter of Fredericksburg, Va., has done a marvelous job in the collection of money and clothing for the relief of the Ionian Islands earthquake victims. Although the chapter is small in membership and it draws its members from a radius of forty miles, it went all out during the recent drive to help the sufferers of the disaster. Brother Harry C. Cokinides of Quantico, who is also very active in the Lions, collected and shipped to the Archdiocese in New York tons of clothing. Some of it went by truck and some by private car and through the cooperation of the U. S. Marine Corps Schools 175 big cases were transported by plane. Thanks are due to the Commandant of the base, Major General Gates, who personally collected clothing and helped in every way for the success of the drive. Also, Chaplain Frame who was instrumental in marshalling the entire personnel of the Marine Corps base during the drive.



The United States Marines assist in clothing drive for relief of Ionian Islands victims. Commander Clavis A. Frame shows clothing donated by Marine Corps Schools personnel for the Greek disaster clothing drive to Greek officers who are attending Junior School at Quantico, Va. Left to right, Commander Frame; Commander A. Roussis, Greek Navy; Lt. Col. A. Papathanopoulos, Greek Army; and Capt. N. Vassigis, Greek Marine Corps.

DEAN MACRIS INDUCTED INTO THE ARMED FORCES



The young but rather successful career of Dean Macris (Quincy, Ill.) will have a two year recess unless the U. S. Army will be graceful enough to grant him a furlough during convention week.

He was inducted into

the Armed Forces December 8th, 1953.

Macris, a 13th District product and one of its brightest prospects, was inducted into the ranks of Ahepa at the age of eighteen by consent of the governor. In 1952 during the 13th District Convention he was elected secretary of that group and considered by many as the youngest convention officer in the Blue Ribbon District's glorious history. In 1953 he received double honors. At the District Convention in Peoria, Ill., he held the Vice-Chairmanship post of the assembly. His greatest honor was received in Houston, Texas, at our Fraternity's annual national convention where the delegates saw fit to give the twenty-one year old Macris the honor of serving as convention secretary.

Dean is a graduate of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., where he held several political positions. President of the Inter-Fraternity Council and President of Missouri Beta of Phi Delta Theta (a national college fraternity) among the outstanding. Macris plans to enter law school after his army service.

FUSSCAS ELECTED TRUSTEE OF BARD COLLEGE

The election of James Peter Fusscas, lawyer, as Alumni Trustee for a five year period, of Bard College (formerly St. Stephens College in Columbia University) was announced by Harry James Carman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, formerly Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Columbia University.

Mr. Fusscas, since 1951 Chief Counsel of the Legal Bureau of the Department of Labor of the State of New York, is a National Director of the Greek War Relief Association, a Director of the City Savings and Loan Association of Jamaica, Queens, and a Trustee of St. Basil's Orphanage at Garrison, N. Y. A graduate of St. Stephens College and the St. Johns University School of Law, Mr. Fusscas is a former Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York. He has also served the State as Counsel of the Governor's Commission on Displaced Persons.

Brother Fusscas is a member of Delphi Chapter No. 23 of New York.

**PETER MANTZOROS
DIRECTOR OF AHEPA'S
PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.**

At the meeting of the Ahepa Supreme Lodge held in the Order's national headquarters in Washington last October, Peter N. Mantzoros, editor of the Chicago PNYX, was appointed the new National Director of Public Relations.

Mantzoros has been active in the inner councils of the Ahepa for almost 20 years and is a former editor of the "Ahepa Herald," official publication of the 13th Ahepa District comprising 39 chapters in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin and the city of St. Louis, Mo. Many of the Ahepa chapters in the 13th District were established with the active participation of Mantzoros in his capacity as organizer acting under various District Governors. He has attended eighteen consecutive national conventions of the Order and numerous district conclaves throughout the country. He was executive secretary of three Ahepa Sanatorium dances in the 13th District and instrumental in the publication of a book on "Who's Who" in the Ahepa 13th District.

He served as a chapter officer and was convention secretary of the first Moline district convention. In the Detroit Ahepa national convention he served as chairman of the Credentials Committee. Public relations for Ahepa is not new with Mantzoros, having served in this capacity in the Peter L. Bell administration. He is currently serving as secretary of the Illinois Division of the American Committee on Special Migration which spearheaded the drive for the enactment of the Refugee Bill of 1953 and was Regional Director for the State of Illinois for the Ahepa Displaced Persons Committee.

He served in the Army of the United States during World War II in a military police unit for more than two years and upon separation from the service his commanding officer wrote the following letter of commendation: "I unhesitatingly recommend him for any position requiring intelligence, trustworthiness and energetic attention to detail." He is among the founders of the American-Hellenic Veterans Association with posts in Chicago and St. Louis.

Mantzoros will be assisted in the discharge of his duties by a Public Relations Board consisting of the following prominent Ahepans: Charles Chetkos, George Shanis, Ernest Chletcos, Louis Belios, Dr. Peter C. Frangos, Louis Yankoo, Gus Alexiadis, Timis Cortes, Nick Stamathis, Frank P. Tripp, John Peterson, Basil Thomas, Tom Christie, Gus Rakus and George Berberides.



PETER N. MANTZOROS

ST. LOUIS No. 53 HOLDS YULE PARTY FOR CHILDREN

The St. Louis, Missouri, Chapter No. 53, Order of Ahepa, played host to over 150 children accompanied by their parents at a Christmas Party held in the auditorium of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on December 20, 1953.

It was the first Christmas Party given for all children of Ahepans and the presence of Santa Claus added to the yuletide spirit. Gifts were presented by Santa himself. Assisting Santa Claus was Athena Demas, Ahepa Queen for 1953.

A program including community singing of carols and the showing of cartoons was highlighted by the playing of Christmas music, featuring Theone Kollias and her violin assisted by three of her schoolmates from the Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School Orchestra.

The Daughters of Penelope decorated the Christmas tree and the hall, and served refreshments. The St. Louis Chapter, elated with the success of this party, is going to make it an annual affair.



Presenting the contribution of the membership of the James Whitcomb Riley Chapter No. 252 of Indianapolis to the United Cerebral Palsy Fund. The event took place on the stage of the Murat Theatre of that city on Sunday, November 29, 1953 where a Telethon was being conducted for the purpose of raising funds. Left to right, Peter Nicholas, Chapter Secretary; Gus Pulos, Treasurer; screen star Marsha Hunt; Emmanuel S. Zaphirion, Past District Governor, Hoosier District No. 12; and James Angell, President.

**25-YEAR MEN HONORED
IN TRENTON, N. J.**

The Trenton Chapter No. 72 held an open meeting on the night of the third of November, 1953. The community joined in wishing those honored God-speed on the advent of the ending of the first lap of their Ahepa career.

The meeting was held in the new hall of the newly purchased St. George Greek Orthodox Church. The leading Greek citizenry was well represented and actively took part in the festivities.

The following were given the gold pin for having passed the first hurdle: Harry Berberides, George A. Demos, James Lakkios, Phillip Prassas, Stamatis Bardonis, Socrates Hero, Michael L. Lavdas, Nick Stephan, Stilianos Zimnes, Louis Costianis, Vasilios Ladikias, James A. Millas, Nicholas Vafas.

Steering the festivities in a very successful manner was the very capable younger member Brother George Gianakopoulos. Assisting him in both the ceremonies and the repast which was later served were the also capable members Brothers Spyros Livanis, Alexander Stillano, Stephen Niatas, and the bundle of energy Xenophon Microoutsicos.

Among those honored was the newly elected Supreme Governor James A. Millas. When he was asked to say a few words he expressed the desire to be able to have an equal number of brothers honored in the near future in the same grand manner. He then welcomed the opportunity to say a few words in honor and praise of the retiring beloved Past President, Brother Sam Fortosis. The Governor then took extreme pleasure in presenting to Brother Sam the Past President's Jewel as a small token of appreciation for a stalwart member's contribution for these past numerous years.

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Middletown Observes 25th Anniversary

Democracy, freedom and the proud feeling to be citizens of the United States were the keynotes of an address by Leo J. Lamberson, South Bend, Ind., Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa, a Greek fraternal organization, before a large audience of members and visiting guests of Middletown Chapter No. 209, Order of Ahepa, which celebrated its silver anniversary at a dinner Wednesday night, December 16, 1953, in the Manchester Hotel, Middletown, Ohio.

His dinner talk was highlighted by the presentation of 25-year pins to charter members of the Middletown Chapter, which included Nick Jonson of Hamilton, Thomas Sarhanis of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Hamilton, also a charter member who was unable to be present.

Others receiving the distinguished awards from Mr. Lamberson were Speros Hagias, Vasilios Karras, George Lambesis, George Manos, Gus Mardas, Chris E. Pape, George T. Poulitsan, James Revelos, John Revelos, Pete Vradelis and Paul Mathews.

Chapter officers honored during the banquet are: George J. Cavalaris, Hamilton, President; George J. Revelos, Vice-President; Mr. Poolitsan, Secretary; and George Manos, Treasurer, all of Middletown.

Mr. Lamberson emphasized the importance of freedom by reliving Greece's fight for independence.

"American citizenship is one of the greatest things for the Greek people. In this great country of ours citizenship is almost priceless," Mr. Lamberson stated.

"In other countries, people are subjects. Citizenship here gives people some-

thing of an armor for their religion, their right to live freely and all inalienable rights. No Congress, no President, no court can take it away from us."

The Supreme President colorfully told of Greece's part in Korea to help freedom loving nations fight for the liberty of South Korean people. He commended the Hamilton and Middletown membership for their outstanding contribution for a better understanding between Greek-Americans and Americans in this country. Such was the basis for the founding of the chapter Dec. 16, 1928, he said.

He closed his speech by saying, "It is better to live one hour of liberty than to live 40 years as slaves. We will never die as members of a great nation and Ahepa."

Mr. Poolitsan, chapter founder, was presented with a scroll for his accomplishments, inscribed as follows: "The Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa does hereby confer upon you the degree of a quarter century in Ahepa in grateful acknowledgement for services to Ahepa and as Godfather of the Middletown Chapter No. 209."

K. A. Politz, toastmaster, gave the history of the chapter and introduced the guests, one of whom was Francis J. Carmody, chairman of the Middletown City Commission. The Rev. George C. Hiotis gave the invocation and brief talks were given by Mr. Cavalaris and John Martin, District Governor, Buckeye District.

The Chapter Board of Governors present were: Gus Lazares, Hamilton, Chairman; Albert Jones, George Margerum, Chris Pappas and K. A. Politz.

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Nicholas D. Jonson of Hamilton, Ohio, a charter member of Middletown Chapter No. 209, is pictured at the right as he accepted his 25-year membership pin from Leo J. Lamberson, Supreme President, as the chapter observed its silver anniversary in Middletown. In the background is K. A. Politz, lodge historian and toastmaster of the event.

DR. ARISTOTLE MICHALOPOULOS

The death of Dr. Aristotle Michal (Michalopoulos) on June 16, 1953, in Pasadena, Calif., at the age of 54 robbed the world of a brilliant mathematical mind at a time when it was at the height of its productiveness. Dr. Michal was born in Smyrna of Greek parents. He had published more than 60 scientific papers and one book, "Matrix and Tension Calculus," and before his death he had completed one volume of a two-volume work on "The Differential Calculus in Abstract Spaces."

He received his A.B. and A.M. at Clark University and his Ph.D. from Rice Institute at the age of 25. He also studied at Harvard, Chicago, Rice and Princeton Universities. At his death he was professor of Mathematics at the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Michal was not an Ahepan, but all Ahepans should be proud that an immigrant Greek boy left his mark in the scientific circles of the United States and of the world.



George T. Poolitsan, Middletown, chapter founder, was honored with scroll for his everyone for cooperation and tireless efforts in the Ahepa. Hamiltonian George J. Cavalaris, chapter president, praised Leo J. Lamberson, South Bend, Ind., Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa, welcomed distinguished guests. gave citizenship address.

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Top officers in the Order of Ahepa and guests are shown at the Carousel in Bedford where the Nashua Chapter held a dinner-dance in observance of its 30th anniversary, Sunday, November 22, 1953. Sitting, left to right, are George J. Pappademas, Chairman of the event; Supreme Ahepa President Leo J. Lamberson of South Bend, Ind.; Basil Joannides of Manchester; U. S. Senator Robert W. Upton; and Mayor Lester H. Burnham. Standing are James L. Sardonis, Toastmaster; Supreme Counsellor John T. Laskaris of Salem, Mass.; Supreme Governor James A. Millas of Trenton, N. J.; District Governor Christos Costarakis of Dover; Supreme Governor of Canada C. D. Tsiouras of Montreal; and Congressman Chester E. Mellow.

NASHUA CHAPTER 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Addresses by U.S. Senator Robert W. Upton, Congressman Chester E. Mellow and Leo J. Lamberson, Supreme President of the Ahepa, featured a dinner-dance marking the 30th anniversary of the Nashua, N. H., Chapter Sunday evening, November 22, 1953, at the Carousel, Bedford.

The event was in honor of the local chapter's past presidents and members with 25 years or more service. It was also a tribute to the national president who came from South Bend, Indiana.

George J. Pappademas, President of the Nashua Chapter, made a brief welcome address after which he turned the speaking program over to James L. Sardonis who served as toastmaster.

Nashuans with 25 years or more service in the chapter were awarded pins in recognition of their activity by Supreme Counsellor John T. Laskaris of Salem, Mass. Present to receive awards were John T. Dimitrios, Arthur Fekas, Costas Cotopoulos, Michael Loulakis, Michael Giatas, Evangelos Mandravelis, Peter Rangazas, William Spylios, Michael Mandravelis and George Pappathomas.

Mayor Lester H. Burnham who was accompanied by Mrs. Burnham, welcomed the group in behalf of the city and congratulated the chapter, while appearing for Manchester Mayor Joseph Benoit was Basil Joannides. Prayer during the evening was offered by Rev. Dr. George J. Tsommas, pastor of the Church of the Annunciation.

Among the guests present were Supreme Governor James A. Millas of Trenton, N. J.; C. D. Tsiouras of Montreal; Supreme Governor of Canada; Mrs. Elaine Pinkham of Manchester, District No. 9 Governor of the Daughters of Penelope;

WILKES-BARRE AND SCRANTON OFFICERS

The following are the 1953-1954 officers of the Black Diamond Chapter No. 55 of Wilkes-Barre and the Keystone Chapter No. 84 of Scranton, Pa.:

Wilkes-Barre Chapter: John Alexiou, President; Andrew Economopoulos, Vice-President; Carl Touris, Treasurer; George Papadopoulos, Secretary, Board of Governors: Deno Pantelakos, Chairman; Peter Proferes, Constantine Limberis, Harry Julius and Samuel N. Stathakis.

Scranton Chapter: William Zacharellis, President; Michael Savas, Vice-President; Peter Demas, Secretary; John Bagias, Treasurer, Board of Governors: Alex Silas, Chairman; John Chakiris, Thomas Chappen, Thomas Constantakus and William Scopis.

Officers of the Daughters of Penelope are:

Wilkes-Barre: Olympia Karambelas, President; Elpiniki Galanos, Vice-Pres.; Georgia Laskaris, Secretary; Mary Seretis, Treasurer; Esther Diamond, Priestess; Mary Stathakis, Warden; and Matina Stathakis, Marshal.

Scranton: Lucille Kremidas, President; Anastasia Chakiris, Vice-Pres.; Dorothea P. Chapper, Secretary; and Poppy Petrakis, Treasurer.

and Christos Costarakis of Dover, District No. 9 Governor of Ahepa.

Arrangements were in charge of Mr. Pappademas as chairman, Angelo Chouramanis, Michael Moratos, James Boyatsis, Zachary Mandravelis, John Scontsas, John Skafilas and Attorney Nicholas Pantelas.

Climaxing the event was American and Greek folk dancing to the music of Carl Haisiv and his orchestra.

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PETER LANGIS, CHAPTER TREASURER, 24 YEARS



There is no question that Peter Langis of Bayshore, Long Island, has broken all records for holding the same chapter office for twenty-four consecutive years. Brother Langis was elected to the office of Treasurer of the Theodore Roosevelt

Chapter No. 170 way back in 1930 and has done such a good job over the years that he has been re-elected repeatedly to the fiscal post of his beloved chapter and undoubtedly is destined to hold this office for life.

Peter Langis in many respects symbolizes the backbone of Ahepa, that pioneering generation that has given so much over the years for the support, advancement and promotion of the Ahepa and that for which it stands. No doubt you find his type in many of the small towns throughout the United States where the Ahepa flourishes. He typifies the mainstay in a chapter, the type of an Ahepan that religiously attends the meetings and week after week fulfills his duties and obligations.

Brother Langis was born in Rihea, Sparta, and immigrated to the United States in 1902 and for a while worked for a tobacco concern in New Jersey. He then moved to Freeport, Long Island, where he lived for several years and in 1912 he settled in Bayshore where he opened a confectionery business under the name of Bay Shore Candy Kitchen. He was initiated into the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter on April 26, 1928, and in 1930 he was elected Treasurer of that Ahepa unit and has held that office ever since.

In 1946 he retired from business and for several months visited his Motherland. Peter now devotes much of his time to the affairs of the chapter, visiting members in the outlying Long Island towns to cultivate the Ahepa fraternal spirit and to promote Ahepanism wherever he can.

We salute Peter Langis for his untiring and devoted services to the Order of Ahepa and to all of us who know him well he serves as a shining example of humble service and devotion to our great fraternity.

HOUSTON AHEPANS GIVE \$1,000 TO IONIAN FUND

Members of Alexander the Great Chapter No. 29 of Houston, Texas, have donated the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Ionian Disaster Relief Fund. In addition to this

amount, the Church, along with groups and societies, have raised money which they have sent to the Archdiocese. Moreover, the Ship Abov Restaurant, all Ahepans, have sent \$500.00 directly to Greece.

The \$1,000.00 check received at Ahepa Headquarters is made up of the following contributions:

Steve Panos	\$50.00
Louis Barbeque	75.00
Tom Spartalis	5.00
Mike's Coney Island	5.00
A. Koulias	10.00
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Gust Angelos	5.00
Jerry Janatos	25.00
Nick Adams	10.00
Jim Williams	5.00
Steve Varoukas	10.00
Gust Papavasiliou	10.00
James Pappas	5.00
James Petheriotes	10.00
G. Haideminos	3.00
John Zaharias	5.00
Elias Gatoura	50.00
Pete Palmos	5.00
John Grivas	5.00
Tom Pappadakis	20.00
Pete Katchis	5.00
Theodore Pappas	20.00
George Caridas	10.00
Tom Bennet	5.00
Jas. Chiacos	5.00
John Argitopoulos	5.00
N. Nichols	5.00
Louis Rumas	5.00
Willard Hadjes	20.00
Steve Caloudas	50.00
Charles Exarky	5.00
Angelo Mytelen	5.00
Gust De Claris	20.00
James Pappadakis	20.00
Pete Mousouliotes	5.00
John James	5.00
Dan Constantatos	25.00
Phil Rich Fan Co.	35.00
Atlas Radio & Record Co.	15.00
European Import Co.	200.00
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WORTHINGTON No. 30 BANQUET AND BALL

The Worthington Chapter No. 30 of Baltimore, Md., held its 29th Annual Banquet and Ball at the Emerson Hotel in that city on Sunday, December 13, 1953. The committee in charge of the Banquet was headed by George H. Pappas who was assisted by Constantine Klosterides. Toastmaster for the auspicious event was William C. Gereny. The principal Ahepa guest was Supreme Vice-

MOSCHOS P. SAPOUNAKIS DECORATED BY KING PAUL



For outstanding services to his motherland and for his ardent participation in a multitude of humanitarian causes over the past twenty-five years, Brother Moschos P. Sapounakis of the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York was decorated

with the Golden Cross of the Order of Phoenix by King Paul of the Hellenes while His Majesty was visiting the United States recently.

Moschos is a dynamic personality who loves to participate in every worthwhile undertaking that has as its objective the betterment of his fellow Greek Americans. Since he immigrated to the United States in 1920 from his birthplace, the beautiful and historic island of Rhodes, he has kept himself in the forefront of civic and political activity in New York.

Moschos is a powerful factor in the Greek division of the Democratic Party in New York City and holds the important post of Vice-President of the Heights Regular Democratic Club of the 15th Assembly District and is a county committeeman of the party. He is President of the Pan-Rhodian Society of America "Diagoras" and Treasurer of the Federation of Greek-American Societies of New York and has served as general chairman of the New York City Greek Independence Parade.

Brother Sapounakis is married to the former Stamatis K. Panagiotou and the happy couple is blessed with three children, Paul who is attending New York University; Michael, a high school student; and Florence at the Greek-American Institute. In 1952, the entire family visited Greece and Rhodes.

Moschos is a manufacturing furrier in association with his brother Theodore, also a member of many years of the Upper Manhattan Chapter of the Ahepa.

President Stephen S. Scopas who spoke on the Ionian Relief project and the Ahepa Refugee Committee program.

Other dignitaries present were Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor of Maryland; Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., Mayor of Baltimore; Simon B. Sobeloff, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals; Congressmen Edward A. Garmatz, George H. Fallon and Samuel N. Fiedel; Arthur B. Price, Baltimore City Council President; and John Angelos, Ahepa District No. 4 Governor.



At the Farewell Party in honor of Past Supreme Treasurer Aristides Georgiades. At left, President Dimitrios Dritsas of the Delphi Chapter No. 25 of New York presenting to the guest of honor a desk set as a token of remembrance from his many Ahepa friends.

GEORGIADES HONORED AT FAREWELL DINNER

Nearly one hundred friends of Past Supreme Treasurer Aristides Georgiades attended a farewell dinner in his honor at the Hotel Marcy on December 15 last. The affair was organized by the officers of the Delphi Chapter No. 25 of New York of which Brother Georgiades has been a member for over twenty-five years.

Brother Georgiades recently resigned as Vice-President of the Hellenic Bank Trust Company upon the merger of that institution with the Bank of Athens Trust Company and has affiliated himself in a responsible position with the Onassis Shipping interests in Europe and will permanently reside in Paris where his office will be located.

Chairman of the dinner committee was James Poli of Delphi and he was ably assisted by Delphi President Captain Dimitrios Dritsas and Past President Peter Vouchejas. Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas acted as Toastmaster and called upon many of the friends of Brother Georgiades to say a few words. All the speakers praised the exemplary services and tireless devotion of the honored guest to the Order of Ahepa and everyone expressed his sadness at the departure of Brother Georgiades from the New York scene where he had become one of the outstanding pillars of the Ahepa and the Hellenic Community in general. As a token of remembrance and high esteem Brother Georgiades was presented with a beautiful desk set.

Among those present on this occasion were Mother Lodge Member George A. Polos; Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas; Past Supreme Treasurer Constantine Critzas; James P. Fuscas, Chief of the Legal Division of the New York State Department of Labor; Evangelos Hardaloupas, former President of the Hellenic

BROOKLYN INSTALLATION

The 1953-54 officers of the Brooklyn Chapter No. 41 of Brooklyn, N. Y., were installed on Friday, November 6, 1953, in a public ceremony at St. Constantine's Auditorium.

Past District Governor George Dimas was the installing officer and was ably assisted by Past District Governors Michael Loris and George L. Bourney. Also assisting was Nicholas Cuyulis, President of the Bay Ridge Chapter.

On the same occasion Past District Governor Gus Nicholas, member of the Brooklyn Chapter, was presented with an appropriate gift in recognition of his services to the New York Ahepa. Past President Nicholas Coffinas was presented with the Past President's Jewel. The presentations were made by Past President Nicholas Papadakos.

Officers installed are as follows: Nicholas Karalekas, President; George Litras, Vice-President; Gustav Coffinas, Secretary; James Halulakos, Treasurer. Governors: Nicholas Coffinas, Chairman; Michael Loris, Nicholas Chapis, Gus Nicholas and Nicholas Papadakos. Angelo Karas, Athletic Director; and George Jounakos, Trustee for three years.

Bank; George Dimas, Editor of THE AHEPAN; Nicholas Mousmoules of the New York State Rent Commission; Past Supreme Secretary Peter Kourides; Past Supreme Warden Arthur Stephos; also, E. D. Polites, George Stavrides, Theodore Zolotas, Don Avlon, George Ellison, Nicholas Papadakos, Peter Angelus, Nicholas Hatzivasilakis, John Kronos and George Stuart.

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Mother Lodge Member James Vlass being greeted by Sister Anna Lukas, hostess at the Schlitz Hospitality Room at the Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, during the 24th District Convention of District No. 1. The Dodd Distributing Company, of which Brother W. H. "Red" Thomas is Vice-President, maintained the Hospitality Room during the five-day conclave of the Mother Lodge District.

FIFTEEN INITIATED BY LONG ISLAND LODGE

Long Island Chapter No. 86 of Jamaica, N. Y., has just enjoyed one of the most magnificent Ahepa concentrations of the season — a season already rich in combined installations and re-vitalizing initiations of other chapters in the metropolitan area.

Chief new member to be initiated was the Borough President of Queens, the Honorable James Lundy. There were 14 other candidates in this pageant of neophytes to thrust Long Island Chapter's record above the 215 mark: Harry T. Constat, running for councilmanship; Demetrios Galanopoulos, Christos Elias, John G. Zitis, Charles Geanacopoulos, Nicholas Caviris, Frank A. Buharis, George Hanges, James Hanges, Andrew Andrews, Daniel Marganis, Peter Ioannidis, Nicholas Karas and James Plevritis — 15 for this grand affair!

ELMIRA, ENDICOTT INSTALLATION RITES

On Sunday, November 15, 1953, the Elmira Chapter No. 111 was the host to a combined public installation of officers of the Endicott and Elmira (New York) Chapters of Ahepa and the Agamemnon and Ithaki Chapters of the Daughters of Penelope. The affair was held at the Elmira Chapter Home. Past District Governor George H. Miller, of Elmira Chapter, and Miss Mary Alex, District Marshal of the Daughters, were the installing officers.

After the installation an especially prepared dinner was served to over 150 Ahepans and Daughters with their families and friends. This was followed by Greek and American dancing.

NEWS FROM DETROIT AND MICHIGAN AREA

The Automotive District No. 10 held a District Conference at Lansing on November 1. All the District Lodge members were present and many chapters and auxiliaries sent representatives. Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, accompanied by Past Supreme Governor Socrates Sekles, visited the conference. Many constructive measures were decided upon for the improvement and strengthening of the district.

The Alpha Chapter No. 40 of Detroit celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a Grand Ball November 14 at the United Dairy Workers Auditorium. It was highlighted by a beauty contest and the crowning of Miss Ahepa of Michigan. Over 1,500 persons attended and it was especially encouraging to see that the younger generation outnumbered the old timers. The net proceeds derived from this event were donated to the three new church building funds of Detroit.

The Detroit Ahepa fully cooperated with the Federation of Hellenic Societies and Churches in the drive for the collection of funds for the Ionian Islands Relief. Every sub-committee was headed by Ahepans. The Tag Day was under the leadership of veteran stalwart Charles N. Diamond, Past Supreme Governor, whose committee was able to collect the sum of \$5,500.00 in one day's drive. The Detroit Committee as of this writing has collected over \$20,000 of which \$15,000 was turned over to the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the balance remitted to the Archdiocese.

During his visit in Detroit, King Paul conferred the Order of Phoenix upon Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan. Prominent in the welcoming committee for Their Majesties were Brothers Diamond, Judge E. N. Karay, Louis Christopher, Thomas Roumell and Peter Theophiles. During the reception, Brother Diamond reminded His Majesty about the Ahepa Excursion of 1939 and about a tree which was planted by the then Crown Prince. The King remembered it well and stated, "How can I forget the Ahepa's excursion?"

Ahepans throughout Michigan and all of those who ever met the wife of Brother Gust Keros of Detroit at National Conventions — including the Houston Convention — were shocked to hear of her sudden death, after their return from Houston. The late Mrs. Grace Mary Keros passed away in September and many Ahepans attended her funeral including Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes.

We all express our sympathy to Brother Keros.



The highlight of the 30th Anniversary Grand Ball of the Alpha Chapter No. 40 of Detroit, Mich., was the Crowning of "Miss Ahepa of Michigan." Left to right, P. G. Nicholson, General Chairman; Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson; Betty Kitsos, "Miss Ahepa"; George Economides, Alpha President; and J. A. Jameson, Anniversary Ball Chairman.

CEDAR RAPIDS OFFICERS INDUCTED

On September 27, 1953, the District Lodge Officers of Grainfield District No. 14 conducted the installations of officers for the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, chapter of the Order of Ahepa in conjunction with that chapter's 25th anniversary as an Ahepa organization. Brother James Demos, District Governor, praised the Cedar Rapids Chapter as being one of the best chapters in District No. 14. Also attending the installations were Past District Governors Tom Ralles of Des Moines and Tom Christie of Minneapolis.

After the installations, Brother Demos called a meeting of the District Officers. There was 100% attendance at the meeting. One of the prime goals Brother Demos is endeavoring to attain is to start a Daughters of Penelope Chapter in Cedar Rapids. Also to bolster the Sons of Pericles in District No. 14.



At Annual Christmas Party for Underprivileged Children, given by New York Ahepa Chapters.

BUCKEYE DISTRICT CONCLAVE

The Buckeye District Conclave was held at Warren, Ohio, on Saturday and Sunday, October 17-18, 1953. The Ahepa family of Warren are to be congratulated for a job well done. Greek Night was held on Saturday evening with many dignitaries in attendance. On Sunday evening, the Grand Ball was held which also was a huge success. Dignitaries in attendance were the District Lodges of the Buckeye District of the Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope, headed by the Governors John G. Martin and Florence Stathopoulos. Grand Lodge members of the Daughters present were Grand Secretary Christine Johnson, Grand Governors Helen Lambrou and Zoe Cavalaris. Business meetings for both organizations along with the Sons of Pericles were held on Sunday afternoon.

BAY RIDGE INITIATION

On November 9, 1953, the Bay Ridge Chapter No. 319 of Brooklyn, N. Y., welcomed eight new members into the Order. Since we were unable to secure the services of the District Degree Team, the chapter formed one of its own and they are to be congratulated. The initiation proceeded rapidly and with solemn dignity. Brother Nicholas Proton, acting as Warden, and Brother Angelo Paratheras, as Captain of the Guard, carried out their duties so efficiently that they were commended by President Nicholas Cuyulis. Brother Philip Phillips missed his vocation. We now refer to him as "Mr. District Attorney." He rates an Academy Award; quite an actor is Brother Phillips.

The new Brothers are John Catalanos, Gus Nikitas, Marino Garbis, Andrew Marcopoulos, John Skimas, Bill Vafades, Michael Calogrides and Leon Economou. Congratulations and welcome to our great fraternity.

The Saga of New York Ahepa

By KIMON A. DOUKAS

Lieutenant Governor, Empire District No. 6



KIMON A. DOUKAS

New York City with all her suburbs and parkways, her bridges and tunnels, her rivers and lakes is at the same time a small provincial city and a great metropolis. It is a community and has a local life of her own; it is a cosmopolitan city and has a superficial existence boldly stamped "Made in New York."

While all her variegated facades may be of great interest to those who live here and to those who visit us from all directions, Ahepa activities are naturally of prime concern to all of us who have taken an oath and obligation to speak evil of no one and to help one another in a great stream of forward deeds of service to ourselves, to our community and to our nation. Of these services exclusively we intend to speak hereafter with facts and figures, leaving to our generous readers the opportunity to comment and to counsel.

CONVENTION CITY

For some reason, to be explained presently, we are neither the eager nor the inevitable convention city. Delegates shy away from us whenever we mention the wish of our constituents to bring here the district or the national convention. So far we have been successful in a very limited way in holding district conventions once in the city proper and twice or thrice in her suburbs; nationwide, we have made only a feeble attempt and Ahepa delegates have not once visited our fair city.

It is explained that in New York City we have too many Chapters; that there are too many hotels and too many facilities; that visitors are besieged by too many distractions; that we Ahepans are woefully divided and could never agree on a date, on centrally located hotels, on a distinct and definite entertainment; that the delegates would be swallowed by the crowds, the distances, the cosmopolitan character of the city.

The truth of the matter is that we New Yorkers have never seriously considered bringing the national convention to our little city. We made a bid at Washington in 1952. We shall be making a whale of an effort at Pittsburgh this year. And what is most significant to all parties concerned, we are resolved to bring the 1956 National Convention to New York. Further, we are also bidding for the 1955 District Convention just for a little experience. Friends, please take note!

COMBINED BALL

For twenty-nine years we Metropolitan New Yorkers have been giving a Grand Ball and issuing a Journal. We call it combined because all Chapters or the majority of our 16 Chapters once a year get together and organize the ball through a central committee. Both the income from the ball and particularly the proceeds from the Journal come very handy especially these days. It is said that without this event most of our Chapters would find it very hard to pay their bills since the annual dues, after the big bite by the per capita tax, could only cover the rent of our meeting places and our secretary's expenses.

This year our 29th Combined Ball and Journal was given Friday, November 13, 1953, at the Hotel Astor. The attendance surpassed all expectations. It exceeded a grand total of 2,300; the net income amounted to about \$6,000. JOHN K. BELL of *Delphi* was the chairman; PANOS KOLYBARIS of *Hermes* the editor.

IONIAN RELIEF

Our delegates contributed to the Fund in Houston; our members joined in the efforts of the many groups in New York, and finally our Chapters conducted in October a special drive through their presidents, under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor with CAPTAIN D. DRISAS of *Delphi* acting as treasurer.

The total sum collected amounted to \$1,564.75, which less postage was remitted to Headquarters for final disposition. In addition, some of the Chapters, like *Westchester*, conducted their own independent drive. Most of our members also participated in drives by their churches, their local societies, etc.

WELFARE FUND

Six years ago we initiated this fund as a means of bringing cheer and joy to our orphans and the needy among our people during the Christmas holidays, of giving scholarships to deserving students and of sending orphans to camps in the summer. For six years we have been doing this small service to our people, finding great pleasure in the process. Our total operations for the year amount to about \$2,000 and cover the Christmas party, two scholarships of \$500 each and about 15 to 25 orphan children sent to camps for 1 to 2 weeks.

The Fund this year is headed by JAMES FUSCAS of *Delphi*; its executive secretary is MICHAEL (POP) LORIS of *Brooklyn*.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We believe we have established the best way of giving financial assistance to our young boys and girls. We do it through certain institutions of learning in New York. We established a set of rules under which candidates (a) must be residents of our State and registered as regular students; (b) must be of Hellenic birth or descent and of proven leadership in their communities;



At the Gaia Initiation Rite of the Washington Heights Chapter No. 367 of New York. In center is Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos.



Merrymakers at the Annual Combined Ball of the New York Chapters.

(c) must need financial aid, and (d) must rank high in their studies. We then award the scholarships to the universities and let them carry out these rules.

The program worked successfully last year. We awarded four scholarships of \$300 each to Columbia, New York, Cornell and Syracuse. They in turn set up their own committees headed by the Dean of the College, and having two additional members, one from the faculty and the other from the local Ahepa Chapter. They selected: ACHILLES PAPALIOGIOS, in architecture at Columbia; NICHOLAS CHOLAKIS, in law at Cornell; ATHENA GEORGAKAKOS, in college at New York University; and HERCULES PERVELIS, in engineering at Syracuse.

KIMON A. DOUKAS of *Delphi* acted as chairman of our own committee; he has been succeeded this year by NICHOLAS COFINAS of *Brooklyn*.

"AHEPA MESSENGER"

For 22 years we have been publishing a monthly paper of 8 pages (used to be by-weekly), in which each member Chapter inserts a regular communication. It is more or less a chronicle of past events, such as meetings, initiations and installations, and serves as an announcement of things to come. It is the public record of our Ahepa family in New York as we strive forward in carrying out the mandates of the national and district conventions, the directives of our national and district headquarters and the day-by-day decisions and motions of our chapter memberships.

ANGELOS CHAIOUSH of *Hermes* is its present editor; JACK ZARCADOGIOLAS of *Eutia* the chairman of its board, and MICHAEL LORIS of *Brooklyn* its business manager. As in the case of all community affairs (we call our city now a little community), the publication is managed by delegates from all participating Chapters. Subscribe to *The Messenger* and you will know what's going on in the Ahepa Domain of Metropolitan New York.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Each year by direction of our District Convention we conduct a drive for membership. This time we propose to do something different. We are making arrangements for a series of radio programs once a week, sponsored by our committee and therefore defrayed by contributions from the participating chapters and some public-spirited Ahepans. Such series of broadcasts, to be worked out in every detail by technicians and officials of our Order, will present our story to the public, primarily Americans of Hellenic descent and birth. We propose to tell them what Ahepa has done so far since July 26, 1922 — the day that will for ever live in our hearts and our minds — and what Ahepans are planning to do in the immediate future.

This committee comprises all the presidents of the 16 Metropolitan Chapters; it is headed by GEORGE KASTRINOS of *Queensboro*, past district governor.

AHEPA HOME

It is said that as long as there is New York City there will also be a movement on the part of New York Ahepans for a home of their own. It is further said that if all the energy and effort that over these past years has been put into this one project could be harnessed at one place and time, the Ahepans could have had the building as if by magic.

Whatever is said, the truth is that so far we New Yorkers have been unable to acquire our own Ahepa home. Tried as we have and we have plenty, the idea remains elusive and unrealizable. Recently, however, things are getting a little realistic. A distinct and separate association has been created by the representatives of all metropolitan chapters and collection of funds through issuance of bonds is on the way. We may still be able to entertain our delegates and visitors to the 1956 National Convention in our own home. You will all be welcome. The association is headed by NICK STEVASON of *Coney Island*.

INITIATIONS

For some months now our Chapters are concentrating on putting over some truly magnificent initiations, thus augmenting their memberships and also strengthening their treasuries. Of course, some of the Chapters are also trying to go over the top, acquire a larger membership than 200 and thus qualify for the extra national vote. We shall mention some of the most successful affairs:

a) *Long Island*, was off to a good start on November 25 with a class of 15, headed by Borough President of Queens, the Honorable James Lundy. The Chapter, one of the largest, is headed by young JOHN LINAKIS.

b) *Delphi*, held so far two initiations with a combined total of 15 drawn from among the shipping world of this metropolis. A third initiation is in the offing. The Chapter of intelligencia is now becoming a seafaring club under the direction of its president, CAPTAIN DEMETRIOS DRITSAS.

c) *Washington Heights*, one of our baby Chapters, initiated a class of 9, headed by the then Police Commissioner GEORGE MONAGHAN.

Our 16 Metropolitan Chapters, ably and consistently assisted and counselled by Supreme Vice-President STEPHEN S. SCOPAS and Supreme Treasurer JOHN A. KIAMOS, are holding regular meetings, are arranging for initiations and drives and are doing everything within their province to increase their membership, to render service and to carry on the work of the *American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association* to which they belong.

At times, most of us feel as if we are doing too much and are attending too many functions as we madly rush from one little community to another without regard to the long boundaries of this great city of ours. But the work must be done and we Ahepans must carry on. And the story is not complete. It will continue . . . for all to know the saga of Ahepanism in New York City.



At Long Island Rite, Queensboro President James Lundy in Center.

MANTZOROS ORGANIZES NORTHWESTERN CHAPTER No. 388

New Chapter Will Represent Fast Growing Northwest Chicago Suburbs

Defying the most incisive fears of his fraternal adversaries who always claim that the 13th District has reached the peak of new Ahepa chapters, Peter N. Mantzoros, National Director of the Department of Public Relations, summarily set aside all these fears and in a bold move established what has come to be known as Ahepa's NORTHWESTERN CHAPTER No. 388.

Ever since his return from the Houston convention, Bro. Mantzoros worked diligently for the establishment of this Ahepa chapter which draws its membership from the following Chicago northwest suburbs: Glenview, Northbrook, Deerfield, Northfield, Morton Grove, Niles, Desplaines and Lincolnwood. In his selection of the charter members of Northwestern Chapter he made sure that if Ahepa is to continue to hold her place in the national affairs of our country and be properly represented from this area, NORTHWESTERN'S leadership had to come from men with vision and foresight; men who can think clearly, weigh fraternal decisions honestly and make up their minds independently.

With this thought in mind, he approached Constantine N. Mavrikis of Skokie and laid before him Ahepa's program and convinced him that his duty as an outstanding citizen of his community was to accept membership and induce others within his power to do the same. Mavrikis readily saw the benefits from a united Hellenic community in this area and threw all his support behind Mantzoros's request. In recognition of his enthusiastic support for the establishment of the new chapter the members elected him as their first president. Other charter members elected to various chapter offices with him include: Louis A. Manolis, Elgin, vice-president; Harry George Chacona, Morton Grove, secretary; George J. Manolas, Glenview, treasurer; Gus G. Gianaras, Skokie, chairman of the Board of Governors; with the following members: James N. Mantzoros, Island Lake; Gus Nicolopoulos, Desplaines; Anthony Castanes, Skokie; and Tom Vosnos, Jr., Northbrook; Harry Vosnos, Morton Grove, chaplain; Peter Zahropoulos, Elgin, warden; James Holevas, Elgin, captain of guard; Christ Theophilos, Skokie, inside sentinel; B. Milton Porter, outside sentinel; and John G. Chirps, Glenview, athletic director. Other charter members include George Vosnos of Morton Grove and Milton Silver of Glenview. Three transferees were also accepted: Peter N. Mantzoros, James W. Zees and Dean Phelus, all of Glenview.



CONSTANTINE N. MAVRIKIS

President, Northwestern Chapter No. 388

Professions and trades represented by the members of the new chapter include: a medical student; a teacher; one retired; restaurateurs; an electrician; a manufacturer; salesmen; an accountant; an attorney; a newspaper editor; and a coffee merchant.

The initiation of the new members and the establishment of the chapter took place on December 20, 1953, in the V.F.W. hall in Skokie, with blessings of William D. Belroy, Governor of the 13th District. The initiation ceremonies were under the direction of James Savoy and Arthur T. Lambros, past president and president of North Shore Chapter No. 94, respectively. Others taking an active part in its institution included such stalwart Ahepans as Paul Demos of Hellenic Center Chapter; Christ Karafotias, President of Hellenic Center; Telis Demos of Hellenic; Demetrios Pappageorge and Peter D. Gianukos, both past presidents of Chicago Chapter No. 46; and a score of other prominent Ahepans.

President Mavrikis was born in Cambridge, Mass., educated in Greece and served with distinction in the armed forces of America during World War II. Most of the other officers and members are also World War II veterans.

After the initiation most officers and members repaired to the home of Brother Mantzoros where Mrs. Mantzoros gave a little party in honor of the new officers.

AKRON, OHIO INSTALLATION

On Sunday, September 20, 1953, one of the most outstanding installation ceremonies in the history of the Akron Ahepa Family was held in the main ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel. Over 300 people attended and the affair was attended by dignitaries not only of national prominence but also with dignitaries throughout the Buckeye District. The highlight of the evening was the excellent address given by Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson. His remarks were most inspiring and very informative. District Governor John G. Martin, of Huntington, W. Va., was the installing officer. We were also fortunate in having with us Supreme Secretary Peter Kourmoules, of Canton, Ohio. Officers installed were the elected officers of the Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens.

Other dignitaries attending were Past District Governors George Tremoulis and Gust Gatsos. There were also visitors from Canton, Cleveland, Youngstown and Massillon.



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At the installation of the Harrisburg Ahpepa Family. Left to right, Power District No. 4 Governor William Seras; President John Nicholas; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Daughters District Secretary Mary Alexiou; Daughters President Bety Giovanis; and Past District Governor Thomas D. Cook. Kneeling, Dist. Treasurer Peter Karambelas.

THE SSEUM PICNIC

The Thesseum Chapter No. 248 of Dover, N. H., held its annual picnic recently with over 500 persons in attendance from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts.

Many distinguished guests were present at the affair which was held at Simpson's Grove Pavilion. Among those attending were Past Supreme President Peter L. Bell of Worcester; Supreme Counselor John T. Laskaris of Peabody, Mass.; District Governor Elaine Pinkham of the Daughters of Penelope, and District Governor Christos Costarakis, both representing District 9. Also present were five past District Governors: Nicholas Colovos and John Tsitsos of Dover; Peter Tsiales of Springfield, Mass.; John Dimtsios and James Sardonis of Nashua, N. H.

Music for the occasion was by the Pan Hellenic Orchestra of Ipswich, Mass., which played a variety of Greek and American music for dancing.

The picnic was under the direction of Christos Costarakis and the committee in charge of the festivities was headed by Christos Pappas. Members of the commit-

HARRISBURG INSTALLS OFFICERS; HONORS 25-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

At a public ceremony Sunday, November 29, 1953, at the Community Church Hall, the Harrisburg Chapter No. 64 of Harrisburg, Pa., installed its 1953-54 officers together with its auxiliaries, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens. On the same occasion, 37 members were honored by presenting them with 25-year pins.

The installing officer and principal speaker was Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas who was assisted by Power District No. 4 Governor William Seras. Past President James Bethos was the chairman of the Installation Party.

The Ahpepa officers are as follows: John F. Nicholas, President; John Maragos, Vice-President; John L. Prokop, Secretary; James K. Triantos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: John G. Giovanis, Chairman; James Bethas, Nicholas Notarys, George Kathales and George Theodore. Theodore Giovanis, Athletic Director.

Following are the 25-year members: James Alexander, Theodore S. Axarlis, Charles Bekas, Arthur Belehas, George Belehas, James Belehas, Peter Booretos, John Boutselis, Spyros Chianos, George Contogianes, Nick Dakos, Christ Gekas, Gust Gekas, William Gekas, George Giovanis, Gust Hampelos, George Kathales, Gust Kokolis, Charles Kokos, Angelo Kokolis, Charles Karras, James Kontogianes, George Lazos, Edward Mack, Gust Manellas, George Megoulas, Nick Melingakis, Frank Nicholas, Nicholas Notarys, Ross Rolles, John Semples, Ernest Tekos, John Terris, Nick Touloumes, Michael Vovakes, George Zakis, Aris Zannos.

tee were: Professor Nicholas Colovos, Dr. Peter Lampesis, George Bantouveris, Paul Caros, James Lazarus, James Kegeliery, James Harritos, Peter Janetos and Athan Costarakis.



At the Lord Baltimore No. 364 of Baltimore, Md., installation banquet. Left to right, Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, Past District Governor Nicholas P. Brous and Governor John P. Angelson of District No. 3 congratulating President George Korfis.

DINNER-INSTALLATION LORD BALTIMORE No. 364

The Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364 of Baltimore, Md., held its first banquet for the installation of officers on September 12, 1953, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Supreme President Leo Lamberson was the main speaker and conducted the installation ceremonies.

Brother Leo Lamberson, assisted by John Angelson, Governor of the Third District; C. G. Paris, Past Supreme Treasurer; George Lucas, Past Supreme Counsellor; and Spiros Versis, Past Supreme Governor, administered the oaths and swore in the following officers to their newly elected and appointed offices: George Korfis, President; Herbert L. Bent, Vice-President; John Morekas, Secretary; Philip Pipinos, Treasurer; Thomas Franko, Director of Athletics; Hercules Barberis, Chaplain; George Peters, Warden; Peter Moralis, Captain of the Guard; Steve Delis, Sentinel; and the Board of Governors, consisting of Andrew Papaminas, Chairman; Vasilios Papadopoulos, Matthew Polites, Thomas Doxanos, and Joseph Sudano.

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- HARRY ELLIS
Hackensack, N. J., No. 285, date unreported
- GUST V. ELIPOULOS
Tulsa, Okla., No. 11, October 28, 1953
- GEORGE ELLIS
Hackensack, N. J., No. 285, Sept. 17, 1952
- SOCRATES W. EZOGLU
Flint, Mich., No. 141, September 22, 1953
- GEORGE FARMAKES
Fond du Lac, Wis., No. 49, August 3, 1953
- GEORGE FLAKAS
Beloit, Wis., No. 164, July 16, 1953
- LOUIS G. FALLIS
Toronto, Ont., Can., C.J-1, date unreported
- CHARLES D. FARDY
Yonkers, N. Y., No. 51, August 15, 1953
- CHRIST FLAMOS
Elizabeth, N. J., No. 280, January 12, 1954
- THOMAS GENECK
San Jose, Calif., No. 251, August 16, 1953
- GUST GEORGE
Anchorage Alaska, No. 379, July 4, 1953
- GUST GEORGE
Mansfield, Ohio, No. 303, September 27, 1953
- GUST GREVAS
Moline, Illinois No. 120, July 26, 1953
- WILLIAM A. GAGAS
Endicott, N. Y., No. 298, October 16, 1953
- EMANUEL GEORGARAKIS
New Brunswick, N.J., No. 75, Dec. 23, 1953
- CHRIST GEORGE
Portland, Oregon, No. 154, August 4, 1952
- DANIEL GEORGE, SR.
Seattle, Wash., No. 177, November 30, 1953
- THEODORE GEORGE
Kansas City, Mo., No. 73, Nov. 11, 1953
- ANDREW GIANOULIS
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- ANTHONY GIRDIS
Springfield, Mass., No. 85, Dec. 27, 1953
- DEMOSTHENIS GONOS
Vallejo, Calif., No. 217, Dec. 20, 1953
- THEODORE N. GOUGEBAZ
Minneapolis, Minn., No. 66, Nov. 28, 1953
- JOHN HARITOS
Reno, Nevada, No. 281, June 1, 1953
- LOUIS HANGES
Rochester, Minn., No. 230, Sept. 13, 1953
- PETER JAMES
Miami, Fla., No. 14, November 16, 1953
- ANGEL JANOS
Cleveland, Ohio, No. 36, August 20, 1953
- TOM JOHNSON
Monroe, La., No. 347, September 29, 1953
- STEPHEN KATSANOS
Portsmouth, N. H., No. 215, Sept. 24, 1953
- MIKE KEROS
Santa Fe, N. M., No. 264, September 30, 1953
- SPIROS KONTELATOS
San Francisco, Calif., No. 150, Oct. 1, 1953
- VASILIOS KOUNTOURAS
Jamaica, N. Y., No. 86, October 7, 1953
- ERNEST KRANIAS
Harrisburg, Pa., No. 64, August 11, 1953
- NICK N. KALAS
Los Angeles, Calif., No. 152, Nov. 11, 1953
- TOM KALLICHIS
Long Beach, Calif., No. 342, Nov. 6, 1953
- JOHN KAPANTAIS
Los Angeles, Calif., No. 152, January 8, 1954
- THOMAS KATOPODIS
Uniontown, Pa., No. 116, October 6, 1953
- NICHOLAS KATSETOS
Harrisburg, Pa., No. 64, November 25, 1953
- CONSTANTINE KAVADIAS
Tacoma, Wash., No. 178, date unreported
- PETER E. KEKENES
Washington, D. C., No. 236, Nov. 18, 1953
- PETER KITSOS
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., No. 158, Jan. 1954
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Salt Lake City, Utah, No. 324, Dec. 21, 1953
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- KOSTAS KOUKOULIS
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- GEORGE D. LAFKAS
Muskegon, Mich., No. 213, Oct. 14, 1953
- ANDREW T. LAMBOS
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- DAN LATTOS
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Akron, Ohio, No. 63, August 13, 1953
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- SOCRATES D. MELETIOU
Greensboro, N. C., No. 257, August 16, 1953
- GEORGE N. MIAOULIS
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- SPIROS MICHAILEDIS
Huntington, W. Va., No. 207, July 11, 1953
- MICHAEL MARKAKIS
Baltimore, Md., No. 364, date unreported
- JOHN MASTOR
Bellingham, Wash., No. 235, Sept. 26, 1953
- NICK MATHEWS
Fort Wayne, Ind., No. 81, December 22, 1953
- THOMAS Z. MEGGAS
Cleveland, Ohio, No. 36, August 20, 1953
- PETER MELOT
Houston, Texas, No. 29, June 16, 1953
- BASIL METROPOULOS
San Francisco, Calif., No. 150, Nov. 30, 1953
- HARRY P. METROS
Aurora, Ill., No. 322, November 29, 1953
- REV. VASILIOS P. MICHALOPOULOS
Brooklyn, N. Y., No. 200, November 10, 1953
- MATTHEW G. MINAKES
Toledo, Ohio, No. 118, November 1, 1953
- JOHN S. MIRRAS
Vancouver, B.C., Can., C.J-6, date unreported
- GUST A. NICKLOS
Chicago, Ill., No. 94, September 15, 1953
- CHRIST NAKIS
Waukegan, Ill., No. 218, November 13, 1953
- MICHAEL ORPHANAKOS
Long Beach, Calif., No. 342, Nov. 25, 1953
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 Fargo, N. D., No. 279, August 2, 1953
- SAM PATRINOS
Milwaukee, Wis., No. 43, July 16, 1953
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Fort Dodge, Iowa, No. 208, July 29, 1953
- JACK W. PAUL
Seattle, Wash., No. 177, September 17, 1953
- JAMES PAULUS
Canton, Ohio, No. 59, September 4, 1953
- THEODORE PERDIKIS
Providence, R. I., No. 106, June 23, 1953
- JAMES PULOS
Cincinnati, Ohio, No. 127, August 5, 1953
- TOM PANOS
Akron, Ohio, No. 63, October 20, 1953
- ANDREW PAPPAS
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- JOHN SALAVRAKOS
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Toledo, Ohio, No. 118, September 16, 1953
- GEORGE STEVESON
San Bernardino, Cal., No. 302, Sept. 14, 1953
- GUS A. SUNAS
Durham, N. C., No. 277, June 30, 1953
- EMMANUEL SALTAS
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., No. 158, Jan. 1954
- GEORGE M. SARRIS
Pasadena, Calif., No. 375, Nov. 20, 1953
- PETER SCALTSAS
Buffalo, N. Y., No. 91, June 9, 1953
- GUST SERETIS
Chicago, Ill., No. 203, November 17, 1953

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Phoenix, Ariz., No. 219, October 31, 1953

GUS P. STAMM
Benton Harbor, Mich., No. 292, Oct. 16, '53

TONY STAMOS
Durham, N. C., No. 277, September 22, 1953

MANUEL STEFANO
San Antonio, Texas, No. 311, Aug. 15, 1953

ALEX STELOGIANIS
Gainesville, Fla., No. 381, Dec. 25, 1953

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Alton, Illinois, No. 304, May 22, 1953

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GUST TASSO
Dayton, Ohio, No. 113, November 22, 1953

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Warren, Ohio, No. 88, January 2, 1954

CONSTANTINE TRIANTAFYLOU
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NICK VASILIOU
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JOHN VASIOPOULOS
Chicago, Illinois, No. 93, June 17, 1953

ANTHONY VOTSIS
Norfolk, Va., No. 122, December 7, 1953

GEORGE P. VRINER
Champaign, Ill., No. 201, December 8, 1953

ALEXANDER D. VASSILIADES
Jamaica, N. Y., No. 86, February 26, 1953

VASSILIOS J. VASSILIOU
Greensboro, N. C., No. 257, July 2, 1953

PETER A. VLACHOS
Boston, Mass., No. 24, November 10, 1952

HARRY VLASTARIS
New York, N. Y., No. 354, March 27, 1953

STAMATIOS VONPARTIS
Cleveland, Ohio, No. 36, March 2, 1953

JOHN VOULGARIS
Billings, Montana, No. 237, Feb. 22, 1953

WILLIAM WOORAS
Long Beach, Calif., No. 342, Feb. 11, 1953

STEVEN A. XEROS
Chicago, Ill., No. 93, September 10, 1953

TOM D. YEANOUSSES
Aberdeen, Wash., No. 179, August 8, 1953

PERRY T. ZOUKOS
St. Paul, Minn., No. 270, June 9, 1953

JOHN ZAPPITES
Albany, N. Y., No. 140, December 12, 1953

JAMES T. ZAVALLAS
Hollywood, Calif., No. 318, Nov. 1, 1953

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Springfield, Mass., No. 85, March 21, 1953

ATHANASIOS J. ZAVITSAS
Denver, Colo., No. 145, April 17, 1953

JOHN ZERVAS
Camden, N. J., No. 69, May 14, 1953

DAN ZIDO
Seattle, Wash., No. 177, April 9, 1953

TIMMY J. BRAHOS DIES SUDDENLY

HAMMOND, IND.—Timothy J. Brahos, two year old son of Brother and Sister James Brahos of this city, died in his sleep the morning of Saturday, Nov. 14, 1953.

Timmy was found dead by his father at 3:25 A.M. when the latter awoke to cover him and Timmy's brother, George, age 6. The family physician said Timmy apparently had succumbed after throwing up slightly in his sleep and when the air passage in his windpipe had been cut off temporarily.

The youngster's father is a past district governor of the Hoosier Ahepa District No. 12 and presently is secretary of the Hammond Ahepa Chapter No. 123. His mother is a past district secretary and past president of the Pleiades Chapter No. 50 of the Daughters of Penelope in Hammond. Surviving are the parents; a brother, George; and the grandparents, George C. Brahos of Hammond and Mrs. Harry Plackas in Anderson, Ind.

Η ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΙΣ

Είναι μία πρόσκλησις αυτή, που πρέπει, που εϋχομεθα, που εΐθε να γίνη δεκτή. Πρόκειται βεβαίως για την πρόσκλησις που απηϋθυεν η 'Αχέπα προς τόν πρωθυπουργόν, προς τόν στρατάρχην και Συναγέρτην της 'Ελλάδος, 'Αλέξανδρον Παπάγον. 'Η μεγάλη μας φυλετική 'Οργάνωσις τόν προσκαλεί να τιμήση με την παρουσίαν του τόν μέγα εθνικόν της Συμπόσιον, που τόν δίδει στην πρωτεύουσα. Καί στο οποίον προσκαλούνται καί παρακάθηται ύπουργοί, γερουσιασταί, βουλευταί, Κυβερνήται Πολιτειών καί τώσοι καί τώσοι άλλοι επίσημοι καί διακεκριμένοι 'Αμερικανοί, από τούς οποίους μάλιστα ούκ όλιγοί είναι 'Αχέπανς καί οι 'Ιδιοι, «FULL-FLEDGED» καί «DUES-PAYING». Να δώση όμως ό Θεός, να δεχθή την πρόσκλησιν ό Στρατάρχης. Να τόν φωτίση ό Θεός καί να τόν ώθηση ή αγάπη του καί να τόν ώδηγηση τόν ενδιαφέρον του για τόν 'Αμερικανικόν 'Ελληνισμόν, να μάς έλθη! Καλώς να μάς έλθη μάλιστα, γιατί μόνον αν του είναι απολύτως αδύνατον, δεν θα μάς έλθη. Γι' αυτό εϋχομεθα καί πάλιν, όλοι έμεις οι 'Αμερικανοέλληνας ώς εις άνθρωπος, εϋχομεθα να «κλέψη» μερικές ήμέρες ό Συναγέρτης από τόν πολυτίμητό του χρόνο, καί να μάς επισκεφθή. Μπορούμε μάλιστα να εΐπούμε, ότι πολύ τόν επεθυμήσαμε, πολύ θα χαρούμε να τόν ιδούμε μεθ' ήμών, γιατί όμοίως γνωρίζουμε ότι καί ό ήρωικός πρωθυπουργός της 'Ελλάδος πολύ μάς επεθυμήσε καί θα χαρή πολύ καί ό ίδιος να μάς ιδή. Καί τόν διακαή ήμών πόθον του καί τά αισθήματα τού 'Αμερικανικού 'Ελληνισμού προς τόν Παπάγον καί τού Παπάγου προς ήμάς, διεκμηνεύουσα ή μεγίστη μας 'Οργάνωσις, είχε την εϋτυχή εμπνευσιν να προσκαλέση τόν 'Εθνικόν 'Ηγέτην της πολυσεβάστας Μάννας μας, στο μέγαλο της Συμπόσιον, που είναι τόν κατ' έξοχην φυλετικό μας πανηγύρι. Καί είναι τόν «καλό συναπάντημα», τόν καλό αντίαμμα τών κορυφαίων της 'Αμερικής με τούς κορυφαίους τού 'Αμερικανικού 'Ελληνισμού, καί της παλαιάς, όπως την λέμε, καί της νέας γενεάς. Καί στα Συμπόσια αυτά της φυλετικής μας πίστewς, της φυλετικής μας επιδείξεως παρακάθηται κάπου-κάπου καί τών 'Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών ό Πρόεδρος. Καί λαμβάνει τόν λόγον μάλιστα, ό Εϋγενέστατος, καί απευθυνεται προς παλαιούς καί νέους. Πρό πάντων προς τούς υίους καί τās θυγατέρας μας. Καί τί τούς λέγει; Τούς λέγει πώσον τυχερά είναι τά παιδιά μας που είναι διττός προνομιοϋχα!

Στό προπερασινόν εθνικό Συμπόσιον της 'Αχέπας έπηγε καί έπαρακάθησεν ό Πρόεδρος, τότε, Τρούμαν. Καί πρωτοκαθέδρος ό Τρούμαν στην δαΐδα καί ειπε για τά παιδιά μας που είναι τά τυχερότερα τού κόσμου, γιατί είναι δυό φορές προνομιοϋχοι, άφου κοντά στην 'Ελληνική τών κληρονομία έχουν καί την 'Αμερικανικήν! 'Ετσι τόν είχεν ειπή πρό τού Τρούμαν, ό Ρώζβελτ. 'Εφώ καί όσοι 'Αχέπανς, καί όσοι «Υιοί του Περικλέους», καί όσοι «Κόραι τών 'Αθηνών», καί όσοι «Θυγατέρες της Πηνελόπης», ή φυλή μας αυτοί καί αΐται εδώ στην δοξασμένη μας 'Αμερική. Καί δυό φορές προνομιοϋχοι. «DOUBLY PRIVILEGED, INDEED», αυτοί καί αΐται, καί τέτοιοι θα είναι ό ύμνος καί τέτοιοι θα είναι ό έπαινος για τά 'Αμερικανοελληνικά πάντα, που θα άκούση ό Συναγέρτης στην 'Αχέπα τόν μέγαλο φυλετικό πανηγύρι, αν τόν φωτίση ό Θεός καί μπορέση να μάς έλθη μεθαύριο τόν Γενάρη. 'Οτι μεγαλεία ποιεί, ό δυνατός, στην 'Ελλάδα της δόξας καί της άκμης, καί μέγα τόν όνομα αυτού, τού Συναγέρτου, που συναγερόν θα προκαλέση καί σ' έμάς ή παρουσία του. Καί χαιρετε καί χαιρομεν θα είναι ό χαιρετισμός ήμών προς την 'Ελλάδα καί της 'Ελλάδος προς ήμάς πάντας. Καί της 'Αχέπας ή πρόσκλησις προς τόν Συναγέρτην: 'Η πρόσκλησις καί ή παρακλήσις καί ό θερμός πόθος όλων μας, να ρηθ, να ρηθ, να ρηθ! Α. Φ.

MESOLOGITES HEADS MARYLAND RESTAURATEURS

Brother George Mesologites of Baltimore, Md., was recently elected president of the Restaurant Association of Maryland. George is the son of veteran Ahepan Guss Mesologites and together they operate the well-known Wire and Pipe Mill Restaurant at the Bethlehem Steel Plant at Sparrows Point, Md.

The Baltimore newspapers favorably commented on the election of George to this very important post, especially pointing out that he is the first young man to be thus honored.

In the Ahepa sense, Brother George Mesologites served as president for two years of the Worthington Chapter No. 30 and was very active at the Baltimore National Convention some years back.

In the Canadian Jurisdiction

THUNDER BAY CHAPTER CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

In the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 20, the Thunder Bay Chapter of the Order of Ahepa C-J 17 played host to 80 Greek children of the twin cities of Port Arthur and Fort William.

In their first attempt to stage an event of this type here locally, it was decided to make this event an annual affair because of the response and success derived from it. Everyone was pleased with the outcome and the children were more than delighted with the affair.

The Christmas Tree Party was held in the Hall of the Greek Orthodox Church on St. Paul Street. The Hall was gaily bedecked with red, white and green streamers with two beautifully decorated balsam trees at the head of the hall. The tables were arranged with crackers and favors of all sorts. The children were given refreshments consisting of cake, Japanese oranges, apples, chocolate milk and goodies of all sorts. Roast turkey with cranberry sauce and cooked ham constituted the dinner that was kindly donated by the Greek Women's Auxiliary.

The Christmas spirit was very much in evidence. Santa Claus (played by Brother G. Iddon) made his entrance amid the playing of Holiday hymns and carols, and the joy and enthusiasm shown by the kids upon his entry was something to remember. Santa Claus then took his seat at the head of the table and after refreshments were served he was introduced to every boy and girl, who in turn were presented with a beautiful gift and a bag of candy.

The members of the Committee were: G. Iddon, Chairman; G. Saites, S. Andrews, F. Gerrie, J. Savas, N. J. Pappas and Ted Savas. Mesdames F. Gerrie, J. Pagonis and V. Savas of the Women's Auxiliary assisted the Committee.

ATHLETICS IN CANADA

Ted Gardener, District Athletic Director for District No. 24, reports a varied program in that region. The hefty Greek-Canadians have come up with some potent records that will make American-Hellenes open their eyes. The main sports include soccer-football; trapshooting; hockey, the Canadian national game, football; golf; and track.

Some of the great stars produced by this area have made national names for themselves. George Athans from Vancouver competed on the Olympic team in diving in 1952. In soccer-football, the Saskatoon Ahepa Football Club won the Provincial



At the Installation of Officers of the Sir Edward Codrington Chapter C-J No. 5 of Ottawa, Canada. Sitting, left to right: John Karakassis, Vice-Pres.; George D. Vlassis, Past Pres.; C. Spiropoulos, Governor of District No. 25; Mr. Raul Bibica-Rosetti, Ambassador for Greece in Canada; C. Tsipuras, Supreme Governor of Ahepa in Canada; Const. Alexiades, President of Sir Edward Codrington Chapter; G. Adamakos, President of Mount Royal Chapter, Montreal, Que. Standing, left to right: John Halikas, Sentinel; Philip Sinanis, Montreal; D. Demeroutis, Captain of the Guard; Peter Kehayes, Warden; Rev. Philip Ramphos, Chaplain; D. Milonas, A. Hantzis; John Triantafylou, Treasurer; N. Tsitouras, Sentinel; P. Peters, Secretary.

Football Trophy without a loss and the outstanding player was James Chrones. James Girgulis from Saskatoon, one of the greatest trap-shooters of all time, is equally famous as a golfer. In Western Interprovincial Football, three Greek boys, Rod Pantages of the Edmonton Eskimos, Ernie Choukalos of the Saskatchewan Rough Riders, and Pete Thodos of the Calgary Stampeters, had the distinction of playing in the Grey Cup final



Ernie Afaganis, winner of the First Annual Ahepa 24th District Golf Championship, being presented the trophy by Ted B. Gardener, District No. 24 Athletic Director (right). The presentation took place in the Ahepa Hall at Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.

which is comparable to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

The First Annual 24th District Ahepa Golf Tournament held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, was won by Brother Ernie Afaganis of the Aurora Borealis Chapter No. 10 of Edmonton. The runner-up was President Dean Saks.

In track, Dean Christou of Banff started by breaking six provincial records. This top athlete will also be heard from in the future. Congratulations to the 24th District and Director Ted B. Gardener for a fine program.

ANCHORAGE

Ahepa Adonis, Aurora No. 379 held a regular meeting November 22 after the usual order. A letter from Brother and Sister Pappademetri was read. Their visit in Greece with their relatives and old friends has been an enjoyable one. Bro. Pappademetri, who is from Eipolion, visited and had a family reunion with seven brothers, one sister, and their families. They hadn't seen each other in 47 years. They have a nice apartment and are living in Athens and say prices are reasonable, but are sorry they didn't take their car.

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CHAPTER NEWS

DELIAN LEAGUE No. 18

The Delian League Chapter No. 18, of Akron, added another trophy to the many already won, by taking the Buckeye District Softball Championship in a tournament held at Canton, Ohio. Our congratulations to a grand group of champions.

On Sunday, September 6th, 1953, a banquet was held at the Magic Inn in honor of three Sons soon leaving for military service. They are former District Governor of the Sons Anthony Pachares, Sam Arfaras and George Kefalos. A group of Ahepans also gave Bro. Pachares, who is also a member of the Ahepa, a farewell party on Tuesday, September 22nd, at Nick Yankos. We wish these brothers that they may serve with distinction, and a speedy return.

The Akron Ahepa Family has been honored by having many of its members elected to National and District offices. Heading the list is Brother Ahepan and Son Jeffrey Economou, elected to the office of Supreme Secretary of the Sons of Pericles. Sons of Pericles elevated to office are George Manos, elected to the office of Lt. Governor, and John Pappas to the office of District Secretary of Buckeye District No. 11. Also Bro. Peter Givas has been elected to the office of District Advisor.

Nick Chibis, our local Sons' President, has really taken the initiative in his first year at Akron U. Rallying the 16 members of our local chapter at the University, Nick put on the best campaign of the

ALBANY SONS

The Albany, N. Y., Phocion Chapter No. 44 was honored at the Houston Convention by having our Past President, Jerry Sokaris, elevated to the position of Supreme Governor.

The newly elected Chapter officers for the this year are: Angelo Kontis, President; Leandros Raftogianis, Vice-Pres.; Gus Ermides, Secretary; and George Pappas, Treasurer.

We have begun the year with a good start by initiating five new members into the Order. They were Brothers Peter Rallis, Savas Ermides, George Dennis, John Cholakes, and Nick Perdaris. For the first time we played the musical accompaniment which is specified in the ritual. In addition, we put in our own touch by playing Ray Anthony's version of Drag-net at different times. It was a tremendous success.

We are now in the midst of an Ahepa-Sons ping-pong tournament sponsored by the Sons Chapter. Brother Ted Moissedes is chairman of the affair. A beautiful trophy will be given to each winner and runner-up.

Just recently Brothers Peter Pappas, Elias Tonias, and Peter Rallis were appointed on a committee to begin publication of a chapter newspaper. We are all indeed looking forward to this since it is the first of its kind in Albany.

24 candidates running for the Student Council Elections. Success was with Nick and he won one of the five seats allotted to his freshmen class.

GREEK YOUTH OF AMERICA

By JEFFREY ECONOMOU
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer
Sons of Pericles

Today, we, the Hellenic people of the United States, are confronted with a most important and serious problem. It is one that requires our immediate attention.

For the past thirty years, the purpose of our great organization, Ahepa, has been to uphold the ideals of our mother country and to raise our standards equal to all other nationalities in this country. With the help of the church we have been able to preserve our religion, language, and customs. Our purpose today, is to perpetuate the original purpose, and in doing so we must give full support to the church. Therefore, our problem today is to put all emphasis on the Greek youth of our country, teaching and training them our great ideals.

Our time is short, for many of our fathers are departing.

Thus, I say to all of you, let us act upon this problem immediately, so that our next generation will be able to take over the reins, which our fathers nobly held.

SAN FRANCISCO SONS

Plans are underway for a basketball tournament rivalry series between San Francisco and Oakland, Calif. The battle of the Bay Bridge promises to lure some fresh Hellenic talent, and the series will be strictly for the enjoyment of the two chapters.

A banquet was held for the outgoing officers of the chapter on the night of October 8, 1953. Outgoing: John C. Vlahos, Pres.; James Bates, Veep; George Daskarolis, Sec'y; George Lendaris, Treas. Those now incumbent: Pete Kireopoulos, Pres.; Andy Livadas, Veep; Steve Kireopoulos, Sec'y; and once again, George Lendaris, Treas.

A special presentation was made to Brother John C. Vlahos for his fine work as chapter president last year, and this presentation, of a gavel, began a precedent for following years. It is always good to see service rewarded.



Delian League Chapter No. 18 of the Sons of Pericles of Akron, Ohio—the most outstanding Sons Chapter in the Buckeye District for the year 1952-53. First row, left to right: Jeffrey Economou, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer; George Manos, Nick Topigis, Nick Chibis, Emanuel Lampos, James Mollis and John Lucas. Second row, left to right: Ted Fundoukos, Stanley Lalos, John Pappas, Jerry Roubenes, George Kefalos, Thomas Peterson and Danny Dasilas.

NICK THEODORE
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.

ARTHUR GONOS
Supreme Vice-President



A pre-legal student in political science at the University of California, Arthur has had a very active fraternal career in the Sons. Member of the Fresno Raisin Chapter No. 137, he served the 21st District as Secretary and then as Governor. This is his

third year on the Supreme Lodge, previously having held the posts of Supreme Governor and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer. At the University, he is the Senior track manager for the track team and is in the upper division of the Air Force ROTC.

JEFFREY ECONOMOU
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer



Jeffrey has been in the Sons since 1945 and has served his Chapter as President in Akron, Ohio, and has been Governor of the Buckeye District Sons. At the Washington Convention he was elected Supreme Governor and at the Houston Convention,

in recognition of his outstanding services in establishing new chapters in his area, he was elevated to Secretary-Treasurer. He is the choir director of the Greek Orthodox Church in Akron and a Senior at the University of Akron.

Supreme Lodge



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JERRY G. SOKARIS
Supreme Governor



After serving Phocion Chapter of Albany, N. Y., as President, Jerry served on the Empire State District Lodge as Treasurer, Secretary and Governor. At Houston he was Convention Secretary. He is a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute majoring in Chemical Engineering.

NICK VELONIS
Supreme Governor



Nick is a charter member of the Kandyla Chapter of Indianapolis. He served it as Secretary, Vice-President and President. In 1952 he was elected Governor of Hoosier District No. 12 and at Houston he was elevated to the Supreme Lodge. He

is a freshman at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

JOHN N. BENAKIS
Supreme Governor



Before being elected to the office of Supreme Governor for the second time, John had served Plato Chapter No. 162 of Chicago as Secretary and the Blue Ribbon District No. 13 as Secretary and Lieutenant Governor. He is majoring in Hotel

and Restaurant Management at Denver University.

NICK C. DEMERIS
Supreme Governor



Served Sam Houston Chapter N. 89 of Houston, Texas, as President in 1949-50. Two terms as District Secretary and was elected Governor in 1952 and reelected in 1953. Was Convention Chairman of the Sons of Pericles at Houston and was elevated to the Supreme Governorship at that conclave. Graduate of the University of Houston with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration and now doing graduate work at the University for his Masters Degree.

ROBERT J. HARRIS
District Governor No. 6



Brother Harris was the first Secretary of the Syracuse, N. Y., Chapter after it was re-activated in 1948. He was elected to the office of District Secretary the following year and was elevated to the office of District Governor in 1953. Robert is a

sophomore at Syracuse University, majoring in Political Science and is enrolled in the Air Force ROTC. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

GUS BENAKIS
District Governor No. 13



Member of the Sons of Pericles Chapter No. 162 of Chicago for the past three years, Gus served as Vice-President and at the Peoria District Convention was elected District Governor. He has attended the Minneapolis, Washington and Houston

National Conventions. He is Past President of the Junior Orthodox Youth of the Assumption Church. He is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin and plans to enter Law School after graduation from college.

MIKE T. KARALIS
District Governor No. 16



A veteran member of the Sons of Pericles in the Sam Houston Chapt. No. 89 of Houston, Tex., which he served as Treasurer and Vice-President. Prior to his elevation to the District Governorship, Mike held the posts of District Marshal and Lt. Governor. Brother Karalis has been captain of the District Champion Houston Basketball Team for the past three years in which Houston won the championship. He is an Executive for Foley Brothers Department Store holding the position of Delivery Superintendent.

HOUSTON SONS AGAIN BASKETBALL CHAMPS

The Houston Sons of Pericles won their 6th District No. 16 Basketball Championship by nosing out a strong determined Shreveport team in the finals by the score of 51-50.

The tournament was held in Houston Saturday, December 26, 1953. The Shreveport team jumped to an early 10 point lead and were leading the defending champs 28-25 at the half. During the second half Houston came back to take the lead and had the score at 51 to 44 with about a minute and half to go in the game. However, Shreveport hit two buckets and two free shots in the last 50 seconds of the game and almost pulled the upset of the year. Outstanding was the playing of the Shreveport team as they played the best game they have ever played against Houston. Leading scorer of the tournament was Sammy Booras of Shreveport who hit the bucket for 22 points and earned for himself the most outstanding player of the tournament award. Leading the attack for Houston was Mike Karalis who hit the basket for 18 points, followed by Coach Gavrel and Steve Demetre scoring 14 points.

That night a Victory Dance was held honoring the District Champs and the Shreveport team who won the Sportsmanship trophy. The new 3-year Jim Theo Championship Trophy was presented to the Houston team by Supreme Governor Nick C. Demeris, who also presented the 1953 membership plaque to the President of the Houston Sons, Jim Vamvakias. The Houston Sons have already won permanent possession of two 3-year trophies and have now started on their third one. Houston has not been beaten in District play since 1948 when they won their first crown.

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Distinguished personalities at the recent initiation of the Governor of Indiana into the ranks of the Order of Ahepa. Left to right, Past Hoosier District Governor Emmanuel S. Zaphiriou; George N. Graig, Governor; and Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos.

BUCKEYE SONS LEAD

At the Houston Convention last summer recognition was given to the Buckeye District No. 11 of the Sons as the strongest district in the Junior organization.

Leading the nation in membership in the five chapters of Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Warren and Steubenville, this district is the most active in all the fields of activity in the Sons of Pericles.

The District Lodge Officers, lead by Governor Louis Fitros of Cleveland, have put in hard work and plenty of time in setting up district tournament in the field of sports such as baseball, basketball, ping-pong and bowling to keep the district's sons in a closely knitted body and pushing it to the top of the Sons of Pericles Domain.

District Lodge Officers, Lt. Governor George Manos, District Secretary John Pappas and District Treasurer Ron Curtis, with the cooperation of District Advisor Peter Giovas and Nick Bitista of Warren, are working hard to establish new Sons Chapters in Youngstown, Columbus and Toledo.

SEATTLE SONS

On December 8 we held our Christmas Party and meeting with a door prize which was won by Tom Tolia, our Adviser, and a colorful initiation of four new members. They are: Dean Lentgis, Andrew Grillos, George Plumis, Jr. and Gus Demetry. We had a nice turnout and all the members enjoyed everything including the refreshments.

Sons of Pericles Basketball

Flab! Word has been received that the Sons of Pericles National Basketball Tournament will be again sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter. Write to Dean Vezos at 5271 Rocky River Drive for particulars.

OXFORD DOCTORATE FOR LEON AGOURIDES

Leon J. Agourides has just returned to Lancaster, Pa., after 3 and a half years in Europe. He spent most of this time studying at the University of Oxford, England, and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, specializing in English History. His doctoral dissertation was: "British Policy in Greece, 1832-43." He plans to teach college history. Brother Agourides had received his M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1948, and his B.A. from Franklin-Marshall College in 1947. Always an honor student in history, Agourides went to Oxford in 1950 under the auspices of the Institute of International Education and was so impressed that he remained after the summer of 1950.

Brother Agourides has been a member of the Ahepa family since the inception of the Sons of Pericles in Lancaster in the mid-1930's and has held many key offices in the Sons and Ahepa.

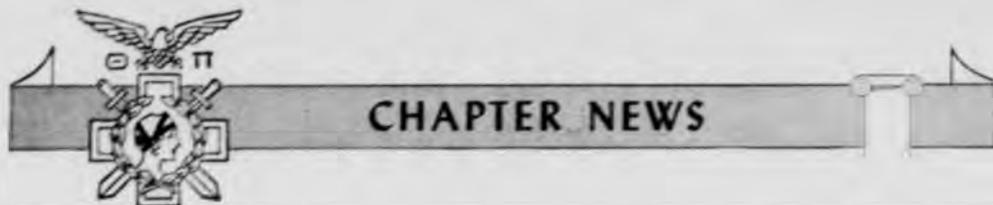
POUGHKEEPSIE AHEPA BOWLERS ACTIVE

Bowling activities for Poughkeepsie Chapter No. 158 are on the upswing for the 1953-1954 season. In addition to occasional matches with other Ahepa chapters, an Ahepa team has been entered in the Bridge City League of Poughkeepsie.

The team is competing with seventeen other local teams for first place honors in the League. Among their accomplishments up to the present time are high team triple of 2761 pins and the leading team average of 832.

In competition with other Ahepa chapters, the team has yet to be defeated.

Members of team are Jim Kalliche, Art Kalliche, Bill Kustas, George Antonakos and Ted Mentavlos.



CHAPTER NEWS

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AHEPANS AND DAUGHTERS JOIN IN BENEFIT PROJECT FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Oakland, California, Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope wish to express deepest appreciation to all who participated in their recent project to benefit the Children's Hospital of the East Bay. The grand finale of the project was a dinner-dance held November 28, 1953, at the Castlewood Country Club which was a lavish background for the many beautifully gowned lovely ladies present accompanied by their less radiantly attired but quite proper escorts. Although located farther away from the usual Oakland facilities, the Castlewood was easily reached via Highways 50 and 21, and judging by the liveliness and spirit, all found the event well worth attending, both for an evening of fun and to help a good cause.

Ahepa President N. Dokos welcomed and thanked all present the night of the dinner-dance. He spoke with commendable conciseness making it possible to mention the hospital project inception, recognize several committees, chairmen and honored guests and still retain a semblance of brevity. Mr. and Mrs. John Raghianti were introduced as donors of the \$500.00 prize won that night by Edgar Kratzer of San Francisco; Mrs. Catherine Nitson was recognized as introducing to her chapter the idea of adopting the East Bay Children's Hospital as a project, arranging an Echo Chapter

officers' tour after which the officers presented their facts about the hospital to chapter members who then voted to give one major function for that cause; Mrs. Tina Vlahandreas was introduced as the member most enthusiastic about the Children's Hospital and named as the efficient Daughters of Penelope general chairman for the project; John Kakates was introduced as having been named chairman for Ahepans when the Auxiliary invited the Ahepa Chapter to make the project a joint Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope event; Mrs. Catherine Salomites as chairman of tickets; Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Johnson as reservation chairmen; Miss Leah Vlahandreas as publicity chairman; Mrs. Nica Papagiannes and Mrs. Lois Tripp were mentioned as untiring in their efforts to help the highly capable and successful general chairman.

The minimum goal decided upon by Echo Chapter was \$750.00, based upon the cost of an incubator (isolette) seen in the Children's Hospital premature baby ward. Oakland Ahepa Chapter No. 171 and Daughters of Penelope Chapter No. 4 wish to announce that a profit of nearly \$2,000.00 will be realized.

We also wish to recognize as a contributing factor in our project's success the cooperation and publicity offered by the Oakland Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner, San

LAERTES No. 212 HOLDS ANNUAL AUTUMN BALL

The Daughters of Penelope, Laertes Chapter No. 212, held their 2nd Annual Autumn Ball on October 4, 1953. During the refreshment hour a variety of Greek pastries and punch were served and a Queen was chosen, her name being Miss Jeanne Kritselis from Muncie, Indiana. We had the honor to have the following judges: Mrs. Virginia Caylor, Reporter for the Supreme Appellate Court; Miss Joan Mings, Model from H. P. Wassons; Mr. H. Dale Brown, Clerk of Marion County; Mr. William Clarkson, Executive Secretary of the State, standing in for Governor George N. Craig who was absent due to illness; also Mr. Sid Collins, well known commentator from WFBM Radio Station, acting as Master of Ceremonies. Music was furnished by Billy Moore and his Californians. The Ballroom was gaily decorated in autumn fashion and lit by candlelight. The dance was the most outstanding affair of the year with over 300 in attendance. Mrs. Pauline Zaphiriou was General Chairman and with the assistance of all the Daughters fulfilling their duties, the dance was a huge success.

Francisco "New California" Hellenic Press, Hellenic-American Radio Hour, and our Order's local Northern California publication, the Ahepa Traveler.

LEAH VLAHANDREAS
Publicity Chairman



Active in the philanthropic project for the benefit of the Children's Hospital of Oakland, California. Photo at left shows President N. Dokos of Oakland Chapter No. 171 and District Secretary George Y. Johnson of the Golden Gate District No. 21. In center, Mrs. S. Vlahandreas, General Chairman, stands next to young patient of Children's Hospital, with Committee members Mesdames Peter Tripp and John Koplos, of the Echo Chapter No. 4 of the Daughters of Penelope. Miss Leah Vlahandreas, Publicity Chairman, is shown in the photo at right.

Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis Honored by Home Chapter at Banquet

From near and far, prominent Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope, friends, and relatives sped to Waukegan, Ill., on Saturday, October 3, 1953, to honor the Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, Miss Adeline Geo-Karis of Zion, Ill. They came by air, by rail and car from Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and Missouri.

This highly-successful Testimonial Banquet was sponsored by Oedipus Chapter No. 203 of the Daughters of Penelope in the spacious St. Demetrius Hall, where over 400 guests thoroughly enjoyed a diversified program of prominent speakers, excellent food, and lovely music. The beautifully-decorated banquet tables with flowers and candles everywhere were only surpassed by the outstanding centerpiece of a tier blue-and-white Baker's decorated cake honoring the Grand President.

The speakers' program was very ably handled by Sister Katherine Jordan, President of the Oedipus Chapter, who as Toastmistress kept the program running smoothly.

The principal speaker of the evening Mrs. Marguerite Stitt Church, U.S. Congresswoman from Illinois, praised the Grand President for her outstanding civic contributions to city, state, and country. It is said that — Actions speak louder than words. How very true, for in this writer's opinion, the greatest compliment Congresswoman Church paid Grand President Geo-Karis was the fact that although a Testimonial was being held that very evening in her own honor, she graciously informed her own friends that she would be tardy for her own Testimonial in order that she might honor our Grand President.

Throughout this gala evening, numerous congratulatory wires and letters kept pouring in from chapters, districts, and friends, all the way from Texas, Wyoming, New York, Canada and other states, as well as from the Bahamas.

In paying tribute to the Guest-of-Honor, Commissioner William J. Bickett on behalf of the Mayor of the City of Zion and the City Council, presented Sister Geo-Karis with a civic scroll, which was literally a proclamation of appreciation from the City of Zion for the many outstanding services rendered by Miss Geo-Karis.

Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson of South Bend, Ind., honored our Grand President by his presence and his splendid commendatory remarks, as did Ahepa's 13th District Governor William D. Belroy of Chicago.



At Grand Lodge meeting of the Daughters of Penelope on October 4, 1953 at Zion, Ill., the hometown of the Grand President. Standing, left to right, Grand Secretary Christine Johnson of Lexington, Ky.; Grand Vice-President Tula Zotaley of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Grand Governor Helen Lambrou of Massillon, Ohio. Seated is Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis of Zion, Illinois.

Grand Vice-President Tula Zotaley paid tribute to the Grand President on behalf of the entire Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope. She stated that the Grand Lodge officers were proud and happy to be associated with so able and forward-looking an administrator, a Daughter of Penelope of so sterling a character, excellent ability, and high integrity. In conclusion, with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge officers present, Sister Zotaley presented to Grand President Geo-Karis on behalf of the entire Grand Lodge, a beautiful sterling-silver tri-candle candelabra set.

President Jordan then presented the Grand President with a Wallace sterling silver sugar and creamer set on behalf of her chapter, Oedipus No. 203.

The last speaker of the evening was none other than the Grand President herself, who was so very overwhelmed with all the laudatory remarks made in her behalf during the course of the evening. With great dignity and a deep sense of humility, she arose and sincerely thanked everyone present for honoring her thusly. She pledged to serve the Daughters of Penelope with all her strength, knowledge, and ability during her tenure of office. She outlined briefly the program of the Daughters as set forth for the coming year, and stressed emphatically that the ideals of unity, fellowship, and progress would be the goal for this year's administration.

TULA ZOTALEY

WINNING ESSAY

The following essay written by Dr. Zina Symeonides, a member of the Melita Chapter, Hollywood, Daughters of Penelope, took second prize in the "What it Means to Me to Become an American Citizen" contest conducted by the Los Angeles "Examiner." Sister Symeonides is on the staff of the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital at El Monte, California.—THE EDITOR

My dedicated work and three major catastrophes brought me to America.

During the Russian Revolution everything was lost — family, property and my loved ones. Then again in 1931, when I escaped from Russia with my husband and son to a new life in Athens, Greece.

During World War II, I lost my husband and my son was critically wounded. Late in 1944 civil war raged in the streets of Athens. My son was wounded again, we were separated. My home was in the midst of battle. After four heartbreaking days in shelter, I came out to find my home completely demolished — everything gone.

Lonely, heartbroken, discouraged, could I gain enough strength for another try at a new life? I am a doctor and a few months later I was offered a chance to take my polio patient to America. We arrived in Minneapolis at the Elizabeth Kenny Institute. Sister Kenny offered me a scholarship to learn her treatment.

The American people welcomed me in such a warm, friendly way that I soon felt at home and didn't care to return to Europe where I left a painful memory. I was here on a Visitor's Visa and was in constant danger of being forced to return to Sister Kenny. Medical Staff and others succeeded in introducing a Special Bill in Congress to make me a citizen. Now fear of deportation no longer shadows me.

I found a new home, work I love, dear friends, peace and security as the citizen of a great country with its principles of freedom, respect for human rights and the world's greatest opportunities in every field — science, research, culture, even life itself.

I am proud to be an American and feel safe and happy under the protection of the American Flag. It's like finding life again!

ITHAKI No. 194

The Ithaki Chapter No. 194 of Ithaca, N. Y., gave a dance on October 28 last in commemoration of "Ohi Day." It was well attended and a success, judging from the favorable comments. We had visitors from Elmira and Binghamton.

On December 29, the Daughters sponsored a Tureen Supper and Dance for the enjoyment of their members and the townspeople and their families. It was a huge success as practically every Greek family in town participated.

HECABE No. 185 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

A spaghetti supper was given by our chapter the latter part of October and it proved both successful and profitable for our treasury.

Recently a dinner party was given at Wolf's Inn in honor of our past Presidents at which time we also presented each with a Daughters of Penelope pin. The cake and decorations on the tables carried the theme and color of the Daughters of Penelope.

A group of eight Daughters get together once a week at the American Cancer Society and help make dressings for the patients.

SAVANNAH NEWS

The Savannah Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, Amalthea No. 262, held its regular December ritualistic meeting at the Hellenic Center. The meeting was conducted by Sister Lily Montis, President. The following eight new members were initiated: Mrs. Mary Andris, Mrs. Irene Masterpoulos, Mrs. Dorothy Gavalos, Mrs. Sonya Carellas, Mrs. Pauline Georges, Mrs. Betty Britt, Mrs. Olga Gikas, Mrs. Mildred Donkar. The number of members is continually increasing and now our chapter has 42 members.

Sister Lily Montis, Chairman of a Committee for the Chatham County 1954 March of Dimes (Infantile Paralysis) Drive, prepared coin cards for mailing. Sister Mary Tjomas headed a Committee of Daughters in preparing envelopes for mailing at the Tuberculosis Center, also Sister Katherine Pappas served on a committee to collect used pajamas for patients at the Tuberculosis Center.

NEW YORK DAUGHTERS

The Daughters of Penelope have had a very busy month. Perseus Chapter had a Barn Dance and the most popular man was Brother Paul Gorgas, husband of our hard working District Secretary Mary Gorgas. We were so glad Mr. and Mrs. Diamandis came to join in the fun. Come again soon and bring some other Staten Island visitors with you.

Both Niobe and Iliou Chapters have had Initiations and the ritual work was beautifully done. These two chapters were chartered in the same month and have always been very close both in their excellent record for fruitful work and in their sisterly feeling for each other.

Aeon Chapter which in the past was in delicate health is now growing strong, thanks to their officers and some of the hard-working Brothers of Brooklyn Chapter. They had an excellent installation, with many visitors and the District Officers in spite of the blizzard.



At the tea given in honor of the King and Queen of the Hellenes by the General Federation of Women's Clubs during the stay of Their Majesties in the nation's capital. At the left, shaking hands with Queen Frederika, is Sister Madia Comings, President of the Daughters of Penelope, Hermione Chapter No. 11 of Washington; and in the center is Zoe Gratsias, President of the Maids of Athens, Muses Chapter No. 22, Washington.

LEMNOS CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLED

The new officers of the Daughters of Penelope, Lemnos Chapter No. 214, of Steubenville, Ohio, were installed September 24, 1953, with Mrs. Mike Callas as the new Chapter President; Mrs. Paul Varnick, Vice-President; Mrs. Jack Colafaros, Recording Secretary; Miss Annette Kirilan, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Helen Kirilangitis, Treasurer; Mrs. John G. Berris, Priestess; Mrs. Wm. Aposos, Warden; Miss Catherine Eugene, Marshal; Miss Amelia Kirilangitis, Inside Sentinel; Mrs. George Markakis, Outside Sentinel; and Miss Eugenia Vogagis, Guard. On the Board of Governors are Mrs. Pete Lakios, Chairman; Mrs. Wm. Lakios, and Miss Stella Belegris.

A Halloween Masquerade Party was enjoyed by the members of the Lemnos Chapter October 29th at the home of Sister Stella Aposos with Sister Helen Callas as co-hostess. Color movies were taken during the gala event and shown during the social hour of the following meeting.

PERSEUS CHAPTER No. 172

The 1953-1954 officers of the Perseus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope are as follows: Kay Strakidis, President; Katherine George, Vice-President; Julia Costa, Secretary; Anne Panagakis, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Katherine Kourakos, Chairman; Helen Kourakos and Emma Tsakonas. Warden is Emma Tsakonas and Priestess is Tessie Apostolakos.

On Friday, October 30, the Perseus Chapter and their sponsor, the Pindus Chapter of the Ahepa, held a very successful Barn Dance in the Hall of the St. George and Demetrios Church. The proceeds realized were donated to charitable projects.

ALCME NE CELEBRATES FOUNDER'S DAY

On Wednesday, November 11, 1953, the Alcmene Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, Baltimore, Md., celebrated Founder's Day. The whole Ahepa Family joined us in marking the occasion of the formation of the Daughters. The Baltimore Chapter was established on March 14, 1935, with 29 charter members.

Mrs. Pete Poletis was the Toastmistress and did an excellent job in bringing up to date the accomplishments of our chapter for the benefit of both the old members and the new ones.

The Alcmene Chapter No. 27 since its inception has supported such Civic and National Drives as the Community Fund, Red Cross, Cancer Fund, War Bond Drive, Greek War Relief, Baltimore Symphony, donated packages to service men in hospitals, supported the Brookline Seminary Library, sent pencils for children in Greece, helped in the Ionian Earthquake Drive, and adopted a little girl in Greece in 1948. We are proud to say that we set an example for nearby chapters to do the same.

Our guest speakers for Founder's Day were Miss Zoe Cavalaris, Grand Governor, and Miss Mary Cockinos, District Governor. Both guests complimented our chapter on its progress.

An interesting and happy event of the evening was the honoring of Alcmene's past presidents. A beautiful orchid corsage was presented by Grand Governor Cavalaris to the following past presidents: Mrs. C. G. Paris, Mrs. Andrew T. Cavacos, Mrs. Robert Contos, Mrs. Dick Kasolis, Mrs. Mario Psaros, Mrs. Nicholas Brous, Mrs. Peter Calvert, Miss Evelyn Karas, Mrs. Nicholas G. Mentis, Mrs. Ernest Kampos and Miss Chrysanthy N. Pappas.

The officers of the Alcmene Chapter are: Catherine Mentis, President; Mary Kasetos, Vice-President; Mrs. Peter Poletis, Secretary; Pauline Magulas, Treasurer.

SEMALE ANNUAL PARTY

The Semale Chapter No. 256 of the Daughters of Penelope, Wheeling, West Virginia, sponsored their second Annual Thanksgiving Dance on Thursday, Nov. 26, at the Hellenic Center. The affair was semi-formal. The musical portion of the evening was furnished by the well-known Greek-American Orchestra of Pittsburgh, Pa., The Mel Tones. Mezethakia, refreshments and plenty of Greek atmosphere—the necessary ingredients for an enjoyable evening—were to be had.

Last year's proceeds were donated toward the purchasing of two dozen desks and a teacher's desk for the Greek School. We hope to do equally as well this year.

DISTRICT No. 14 FALL CONFERENCE

The Aphrodite Chapter of Sioux City, Iowa, was host to the Fall District Conference of District No. 14 of the Daughters of Penelope. The meeting was called by District Governor Myrtle Phillips who presided over it. Grand Vice-President Tula Zotaley of Minneapolis, Minn., was the principal guest of honor. The Grand Vice-President gave a report of the Houston National Convention and rendered points of information concerning the National and District Projects. Approximately 100 guests attended who represented chapters from Fort Dodge and Des Moines, Iowa; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Minneapolis, Minn. Among the District Lodge Officers who attended were Advisor Evygnia Bovis of Sioux City; District Treasurer Theresa Ralles of Des Moines; and Marshal Ann Sideris of Sioux Falls.

District No. 14 is indeed proud of our Sister Zotaley from Minneapolis who has been elevated to the office of Grand Vice-President of our great Order, and we are confident that the present administration under the very able leadership of Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis will have a very successful year.

MEANDER CHAPTER No. 260 PORTLAND, MAINE

Monthly meetings of the Daughters of Penelope, Meander Chapter No. 260, are being held with large groups in attendance. Extension plans are being formulated for the coming months.

Speaking briefly, at our October meeting Miss K. Tollaras, Lieutenant Governor of the District, gave a detailed report of the Houston National Convention. She stressed the very fine work being done by the various chapters.

At our November meeting we voted to eliminate the exchanging of Christmas cards among members and to donate this money for Christmas baskets and clothing for needy families in our communities.

From a Beano and Donations we raised one hundred dollars for the Iloian Relief.

NAIAS No. 231

On October 4, 1953, the Daughters of Penelope celebrated their Founders Day Dinner at Milanos at 6:30 P.M., which marked three years that the Naias Chapter No. 231 has been in operation.

On that occasion, the two Past Presidents of our chapter, Sister Mary Anthony and Dena Letros, were presented with their Past President's Pins by Sister Florence Stathopoulos, Governor of the Buckeye District No. 11, who was our guest of honor. A talk on the Origin and History of the Daughters of Penelope was given by Sister Ethel Catel, who was also Chairman of the Founders Day Dinner.

REPORT FROM ANTRON, 255 OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

The year 1953 has come to an end, but along with it we'll have a few outstanding memories which your reporter would like to mention before starting out with events of our new calendar.

First of all our list of officers: President, Ann Filandrinos; Vice-President, Helene Cole; Secretary, Grace Savas; Ass't Secretary, Pauline Maragos; and Treasurer, Nancy Zabit. . . . That unforgettable evening of square dancing complete with apple cider, donoughs, and fun by all planned by Sister Athena Voorlas. . . . Our joint Past Presidents' Dinner-Dance honoring retiring presidents: Sister Spay Kappas and Brother George Loumos, also our Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis. District Officers present were Governor Tina Doudalis, District Secretary Helen Sanichas, and District Treasurer Sophie Shane. We were well represented by local and neighboring chapter dignitaries, and so ends another memorable evening to add to our list. . . . Our annual Christmas Dinner beautifully arranged in charge of Sister Helene Cole held at the Rainbow Room of Hotel Racine, brought forth the revealing of Secret Pals much to our enjoyment along with gift exchanges, excellent dinner and entertainment. . . . And what better way could the New Year be brought in than with the Daughters, Ahepans and friends united celebrating together a gala evening of fun, dancing and refreshments. Chairman: Sister Helen Drivas and Brother Jim Miller.

Our 1954 year starts out with a bang by initiating eight new members. Antron Chapter No. 255 held their initiation ceremony on Sunday, January 11, 1954, with the following new members: Catherine Vakos, Christine Conrad, Nola Petropoulos, Bea Loumos, Venice Valasis, Cleo Miller, Mary Nielsen, and Jane Baldukas. We were very happy to have with us as our Guest of Honor Miss Tina Doudalis, 15th District Governor. Hostesses serving refreshments were Sisters Mary Kottis, Chairman; Mary Maragos, Cleo Zabit, Pauline Maragos and Penny Vouvous. Our chapter's colors of blue and white were carried out in the table decorations, the beautiful tier cake, and banners with the names of the neophytes.

VANCOUVER

Sunday, September 6, the Daughters of Penelope of the Poseidon Chapter were invited by Brother Kogos to visit his villa on West Vancouver as his guests, and at the same time Daughters from Bellingham, Seattle, Portland, Everett and Victoria were also invited, making a crowd of about 70. The guests were feasted to roast chicken and other tasty dishes consisting of everything imaginable prepared un-

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS DAUGHTERS ACTIVITIES

A donation of \$100.00 was sent directly to Queen Frederika of Greece for the relief of the earthquake victims. A letter of acknowledgment was received from Mr. P. Loulades, Marshal of the Royal Court, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of her Majesty.

We donated \$12.50 to the Cerebral Palsy Fund during the recent campaign of that humanitarian endeavor.

A party was given on October 25 with all the participants attending in colorful costumes. Everyone had a lovely time at the party and prizes were awarded for the best costumes.

We also gave a Christmas party on December 27 for the boys and girls who were home from school and for the church choir.

SPOKANE MAIDS

On behalf of the Spokane Choir we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Seattle Choirs for the fine convention.

We are very pleased to report that Maid Carrie Panagakis was elected Secretary of the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Our annual Greek-dolmathes dinner and bazaar was made a huge success with the help of the Maids of Athens and choir, who lent Greek atmosphere by the traditional Greek costumes.

The first night of the bazaar Eva Deligans, Pearl Manos, Frieda George and Mary Sellinas appeared on television displaying Greek pastry and needlework that was to be sold.

The second night, Carrie Panagakis was televised while serving head executives of KXLY TV.

SEATTLE MAIDS

Round, round we went, nobody cared to stop. This was the feeling of everybody who attended the Skating Party held Nov. 20, which was jointly sponsored by the Sons and the Maids. Nick Jatos and Gloria Stamolis were crowned King and Queen for the evening.

The Daughters entertained the Maids and their mothers at a Christmas Party held Dec. 10. Maids Babe Carras and Helen Sava demonstrated what their culinary abilities are by making cookies for the party.

der the personal supervision of Nick. The host, whose generosity and hospitality are legendary, saw that everyone had a wonderful time and all Daughters spoke highly of the royal treatment accorded them and on leaving expressed their thanks and gratitude that they had a chance to visit this wonderful spot.

THE AHEPAN

ZANNIS J. MARMARINOS GREEK LINE AID



Brother Zannis J. Marmarinos, Treasurer of the Washington Heights Chapter No. 367 of New York, certainly has had a colorful career in the shipping and maritime world during the past 25 years. At present he is associated with the

Greek Line in a public relations capacity. He is the man who attends to the manifold details of publicity and goodwill for the big shipping company. He travels extensively throughout the country, visiting the agents of the shipping firm and making new contacts and generally promoting the interests of his concern. More business for the Greek Line means more tourists and more dollars for Greece.

Probably Ahepans know Brother Marmarinos more for his services to the fraternity as director in Greece of the Ahepa Displaced Persons and Orphans Program during 1951-52. In that capacity he very ably discharged his duties and won the commendation of all as an able and efficient organizer.



The Churches of the State of Utah united in a common effort during the week of November 22 to 29, 1953, to raise funds and clothing for the relief of the destitute and homeless of disastrous Ionian Islands earthquakes. Brother Chris E. Athas, Chairman of the National Board of Trustees of the Order of Ahepa and prominent in the civic life of Salt Lake City, served as special consultant to the State Committee. Members of the State Committee shown above are, seated: Dr. J. Frank Robinson, Vice-President of Westminster College and Committee Chairman; Brother Athas, indicating quake area on map. Standing, left to right: Arben O. Clarke; the Rev. Frank Brusatto; and Rabbi E. Louis Cardon.

In addition to his Ahepa activities, Zannis is a leader in many patriotic and civic groups in New York. He is married to the former Froso Tsoukalas, a member of the Daughters of Penelope. They are the happy parents of John and Margarita-Thalia, both students at George Washington High School.

Important Notice

Chapter and District editors and all other correspondents are reminded that the deadline for the April-May-June issue is May 1, 1954.

Kindly forward news items and all other material to the Editor:

GEORGE DIMAS
105 Haven Avenue
New York 32, N. Y.

YAKIMA, WASH.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the K.P. Hall on December 20. Mrs. Pete Pakos showed some very interesting films after which Santa Claus (P. J. Taggares) gave all the children their gifts. Following the gift-giving, the large crowd sat

CLEO GIRGULIS District No. 24



Upon the formation of District No. 24 of the Daughters of Penelope in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Canadian Jurisdiction) in 1945, Sister Girgulis was elected the first District Governor and served for two years at that time. In her local chapter at Saskatoon, she held the office of Secretary in 1947-48 and that of President in 1951-52. At the Eighth District Convention held in Saskatoon in 1953 once more she was elected to the Governorship. Has made many visitations throughout her District, conducting imitations and installations. Organized Greek and English classes for immigrants in her home chapter. UNESCO Chairman for her District.

down to a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Much credit is due the committee for the success of the affair. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.



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KAY EKONOMOU
District No. 2



Sister Kay Ekonomou, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, Citrus District No. 2, is a member of Adrastrate Chapter No. 52, Miami, Fla. She served as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of her chapter. Prior to her election as District Governor, she held the post of Lieut. Governor. Kay is a graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School and was a member of the Pan-American and Commercial Clubs and Past President of the Hellenic Youth Club of Miami. Active in community affairs as Treasurer of the Philoptochos Society and member of the Greek and Sunday School Boards.

MARY COCKINOS
District No. 3



A native of Charleston, S. C., Sister M. Cockinos moved to Miami in 1936 where she joined the Daughters of Penelope and upon moving to Charlotte, N. C., in 1944 helped the Ahepa chapter in organizing the Venus Chapter No. 102 of the Daughters. Mary has served as Chairman on various committees of her chapter and has held the post of Vice-President once and the office of President twice. She has been active in the affairs of Capital District No. 3 and prior to her election as District Governor had served her District as Lieutenant Governor.

IRENE KYRIAKAKIS
District No. 5



Charter member and one of the organizers of the Kronos Chapter No. 188 of Passaic, N. J., Sister Kyriakakis was the first Vice-President of her chapter when it was instituted in 1949 and in 1950 was elevated to the Presidency. At the Atlantic City District Convention in 1952 she was elected District Secretary and the following year Lt. Governor. Last year she was elevated to the Governorship. For the past eight years Irene has been a choir member of St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Passaic. Her brothers Gus, Ted and Peter are all Ahepans.



The District Governors

TITINA LIVERAKOS
District No. 6



Titina was born in New York and is a graduate of Wadleigh High School and New York Business College. Member of the Perseus Chapter No. 172 of New York, which chapter she served in various capacities including the Vice-Presidency. Held the post of Lt. Governor of the Empire State District prior to her elevation to the Governorship in 1955. Associated with the New York Graphic Society, Fine Art Publishers.

DEMETRA CHRISTOPULOS
District No. 7



Charter member of the Althea Chapter No. 107, Miss Christopoulos served her lodge as Marshal, Treasurer and President and for several years as a member of the Board of Governors. After serving the Yankee District as Lt. Governor, she was elected Governor. Educated in the Providence, R. I., public schools and a special course at Brown University. Employed as Office Manager of Transportation Company.

CATHERINE YOYOS
District No. 8



Miss Yoyos was born in Webster, Mass., and is a member and Past President of Peleus Chapter No. 209. Serving her second term as Governor of the Bay State District. Earned Bachelor and Masters Degree in Education from State Teachers College and currently a teacher of English in the High School of Pembroke. Member of several educational and civic societies.

GEORGIA SEKLES
District No. 10



Sister Sekles served her chapter, the Doris No. 157 of Pontiac, Mich., as President for two years. On the Automotive District Lodge she held the posts of Secretary-Treasurer and Lieut. Governor prior to her elevation to the leadership. She is the wife of Past Supreme Governor Socrates V. Sekles and they have four children, two girls and two boys. Active in many civic groups.

FLORENCE STATHOPOULOS
District No. 11



Member of the Ithaca Chapter No. 22 of Springfield, Ohio, since 1946. Served three terms on the Board of Governors. On the Buckeye District Lodge she has held the posts of Secretary-Treasurer, Lieut. Governor and now for the second term, Governor. She is the wife of Bro. George Stathopoulos and the mother of three future Ahepans, aged 10, 5 1/2 and 3 1/2. Active in the Boy Scout movement.

RITA DANIKOLAS
District No. 12



Rita is an active member of the Achilles Chapter No. 73 of East Chicago, Indiana, and has served her chapter in every office, including the presidency. In the Hoosier District she has served as District Marshal and at present is serving her second term as Governor. She is a graduate of the Gregg Business College and has taken several courses at the Indiana University Extension.

Daughters of Penelope



TINA DOUDALIS
District No. 13



Charter member and Past President of the Elysium Chapter, Maids of Athens, and Past President of the Laodamas Chapt. No. 114, Daughters of Penelope. Marshal of the Blue Ribbon District Lodge and now for the second time Governor. Active participant in all Greek charitable causes in Chicago. Charter member of the Orthodox Youth of St. Nicholas and Past President of that body. Has sung on choir for past twelve years.

MYRTLE PHILLIPS
District No. 14



Served as President of Antigone Chapter No. 53 of Minneapolis, Minn., during 1948 and 1949. Secretary and Treasurer of her District and elected to the Governorship in 1952 and unanimously re-elected in 1953. Sister Phillips has attended five National Conventions as delegate, the Detroit, Cleveland, Miami, Washington and Minneapolis Conventions. UNESCO Chairman for her District.

AMANDA ANDREW
District No. 15



Sister Andrew was born in Sioux Falls, S.D. Member of Myrion Chapter No. 190 of Tulsa, Okla. Served her unit as Marshal and Vice-President and her District as Marshal and Lieut. Governor and is now serving her second term as District Governor. Attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls for two years. Is the mother of two children and active in civic and P.T.A. work.

TINA ROUMELOS
District No. 16



Tina is a native Texan and resides with her family in Galveston. Is a charter member of the Acolus No. 116 of Galveston which was organized in 1944. Has held the offices of Secretary, Vice-President and President of her chapter and chapter reporter for the Delta District Publications. Graduate of Ball High School and is a member of the choir of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

MRS. JAMES ECONOMOU
District No. 18



Sister Economou (Amelia Ananiathou, from Strezora, Kalavriton) is a charter member of Kretc No. 75 of Great Falls, Montana. She served in every chapter office, including president for three successive years. Secretary-Treasurer of her District and in 1953 re-elected to the Governorship at the Butte district convention. Active in the Philoptochos Society, the Y.W.C.A. and community affairs.

CONNIE MORRIS
District No. 19



Sister Morris was born and raised in Idaho and is a member of Ixon Chapter No. 156, which chapter she served for two years as President, Treasurer of Blackfoot Toastmistress Club and Attendant to Woodcraft Lodge. Member of Business and Professional Women's Club, Mother of three children, Angie, a Junior in College; Jimmy, a Junior in High School; and little Utania, a third grader.

LENA SIMITZI
District No. 20



A charter member and first President of Hyperia No. 94 of Ventura, Calif. Since the organization of the chapter 1940, Sister Simitzi has served it in many capacities, including the Presidency. Was first elected District Governor in 1940 and reelected in 1942, serving until 1946. Elected again to the Governorship in 1952 and re-elected at the San Diego district convention in 1955. Something of a record, indeed. Active in a multitude of endeavors of a charitable and humanitarian nature. Husband is Brother John Simitzi, President of the Ventura Chapter of the Ahepa. Son Nick is attending college.

CATHERINE CANAKES
District No. 21



Sister Canakes has served her chapter, the Artemis No. 5 of Sacramento, Calif., as Vice President and for two terms as President. At the San Jose District Convention in 1952 she was elected Governor of the Golden Gate District and at Stockton in 1953 she was re-elected to that office. She organized the Olympian No. 258 of Salina, Calif., and has served as a member of the National Ritualistic Committee. She has attended the Cleveland, Minneapolis, Washington and Houston National Conventions and has served as a convention officer. Active in the civic affairs of the city of Sacramento, as well as the Greek Community.

KOULA KARAFOTIAS
District No. 22



A charter member and two term President of Troy Chapter No. 32 of Portland, Oregon. Has served as National Adviser to the Maids of Athens and has been active in the Red Cross, Nurses Aid Corps, Air Force Filter Center, Parents Teachers Association and at present is President of the Holy Trinity Philoptochos Society. Sister Karafotias is married to Brother John Karafotias who hails from Neohori, Tripoli.

The Ahepa National Convention — Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 15-21, 1954

The William Penn Hotel will be the official convention headquarters and will also serve as official headquarters for the Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens and the Sons of Pericles.

All efforts are being made to make this convention one that long will be remembered in Ahepa annals. The City of Pittsburgh is enthusiastic at this opportunity to serve as host to all the members and friends throughout the Ahepa domain. The William Penn Hotel has made 1000 rooms available to us. The spacious and beautiful 17th floor of this hotel, designed specifically for conventions of this type, will be the center of all activities for the week. Express elevators will be utilized for everyone's comfort.

The Syria Mosque, the largest Masonic temple in the world, will be used for the Glend and Grand Ball. It is entirely air-conditioned and can house 5000 people comfortably. The auditorium of the Syria Mosque will be the scene of the church services, and will accommodate 4000 people.

Plans have not been completed for the annual Olympiad. Plans are underway at present for a program on Friday, during the week of the convention. The various chairman have been appointed to all committees. Complete details and final convention program will appear in the next issue of THE AHEPAN.



The Daughters of Penelope Executive Committee. Seated, left to right: Diane Hanna, Vice-Chairman; Lillian Demestichas, General Chairman; and Laia Halepus, President of Alcyone Chapter No. 176. Standing, left to right: Helen Hadgis, Vice-Chairman; Marie Shorall, Secretary; and Past Grand President Pota Saratsis, Advisor. (Mary Georges, not in picture, is Treasurer of the Committee.)



28TH NATIONAL CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Reading from left to right: First Row: William Anastas, Treasurer; Speros Saratsis, Vice-Chairman; George Shorall, General Co-Chairman; Louis G. Manesiotis, General Co-Chairman; Peter Cardiges, Executive Vice-Chairman; Michael Manesiotis, Secretary. Second Row: Deno Pappas, Michael Schooles, Dr. Thomas P. Birris, Alexander A. Avlon, John Nassikas, Sam Hanna, and Paul C. Panagulias, Secretary. The Aristoteles Chapter No. 34 is convention host.

THE DAUGHTERS

The Daughters of Penelope of Pittsburgh, Alcyone Chapter No. 176, have been working energetically with Aristoteles Chapter No. 34, Order of Ahepa, preparing for the 28th National Convention to be held next August 15-21.

The Convention Executive Committee, headed by Lillian Demestichas, Chairman, is planning to make this one of the best conventions in Ahepa history. Miss Demestichas' co-workers on the Executive Committee are: Vice-Chairmen, Diane Hanna and Helen Hadgis; Secretary, Marie Shorall; Treasurer, Mary Georges; Advisor, Pota Saratsis; Laia Halepus, *Ex Officio*. The committee enthusiastically reports that no effort is being spared to assure a successful and memorable week.

The headquarters of the Daughters will be the William Penn Hotel, which is the official headquarters for the entire convention. This arrangement is especially desirable since it houses the Ahepans, Daughters, Sons, and Maids all at the same hotel.

The following Daughters' events have thus far been scheduled: a "Grand Ball" at the spacious main ballroom of the William Penn Hotel; a Fashion Show and Luncheon presented by Pittsburgh's leading department store, The Joseph Horne Company (of national reputation) which will give a fabulous preview of the forthcoming fall fashions; a Formal Initiation; and many other exciting events still in the planning stage.

Sight-seeing tours will be planned for all who wish to view the much-publicized "Renaissance of Pittsburgh." For the past

sixteen years the city has been undergoing a vast redevelopment program. And today, Pittsburgh is the envy of cities throughout the world with its shining, fresh look of clean skies, its glistening new skyscrapers, the palatial airport which is the second largest commercial field in the world, the rising Gateway Center, the ribboning Penn-Lincoln Parkway, and the booming industries.

The committee is planning to make the Souvenir Convention Album especially interesting, including a Directory, which will list every Daughters of Penelope Chapter along with the names of its officers and also its address. This will take the place of the usual page solicitations that have been made in the past. Only \$10.00 will be charged for each Chapter listing. It is hoped that the response will be 100 per cent and that no Chapter will be omitted.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

New officers of the Winston Churchill Chapter No. 541 are Andrew Sakos, President; A. J. Psinaris, Vice-President; Leo Kurmadas, Secretary; Andrew Ballas, Treasurer; Socrates Petrusas, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Otis Zotos, Theodore Chokas, Pete Cassimus and John Govatos, Governors.

The Ionian Earthquake Relief Drive was a successful one conducted by the community with the various organizations pitching in.

A recent visit by our District Governor Brother George Pakis wound up with an open meeting where Bro. Pakis' speech on Ahepa was one of the most inspiring we have heard in quite some time.

SPORTS

SPORTS PARADE

By PETE CLENTZOS
National Director of Athletics

Thomas Magin, District Athletic Director for No. 13, at a recent meeting of the 13th District Athletic Directors announced intensive plans for athletes in hardball, softball, bowling, basketball, golf and tennis. The hardball team, to be known as the Ahepa-All-Stars, is seeking prospects. Steve Sakas, former Chicago Cubman, will be the coach. Any high school, collegiate or other interested ball players are invited to try out. Write to Thomas Magin, 176 S. Broadway, Aurora, Ill. The latter is following in the footsteps of other fine leaders who have made the 13th District the greatest sports area in Ahepa. . . . Steve Johnson, Southern Zone Director, and John Gavrel of Houston promoted a basketball tournament with New Orleans, Shreveport, Oklahoma City and San Antonio competing. . . . Dr. Monthe Kofos, dynamic Northeastern Zone Director, has planned two major events: first, the New England Candlepin Ahepa Bowling Tournament to be held April 11th at Worcester, Mass; and, second, a Golf Tournament. The Doctor states there are 17 active chapters in his District No. 8 and ten of them have promised to participate in the bowling tourney. Great work! Many other events he has planned are: Daughters, Maids, Sons activity program; also inter-district matches in bowling and golf.

From District No. 19, Theodore Bokides, Athletic Director, writes that three basketball teams will be organized for action in that area. . . . James Kulidas, Midwestern and District No. 10 Athletic Director, has things well organized thereabouts. Things started with a Basketball Tournament Feb. 27 and 28 in Battle Creek with teams from Flint, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Pontiac, Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Battle Creek. A dance followed and trophies were presented. A bowling tournament will be held probably March 14 or 24. Golf will be held in Dearborn, Mich., the latter part of June. Fine program! "Doc" Kulidas suggests an Ahepa Bowl game for New Year's day — what do you think of it? Can be held in Florida, Alabama, Texas, or California. Ahepa would sponsor two teams — two top-flight small college elevens. Proceeds for charitable cause — like the Shriners. Governing board can be elected by the National Convention

Attention Basketball Teams!

Plan to attend the National Ahepa-Sons Basketball Tournament in Chicago. The tentative dates are April 9-10-11. Write to Bro. Van A. Nomikos, 6228 So. Halstead St., Chicago, Ill., for particulars. Let's keep this great tournament alive by having full participation by Ahepa and Sons Chapters. Another gala time is planned by Woodlawn Chapter No. 93. On to Chicago for the 11th National Tournament!

along with Athletic Director to operate the Bowl. Would like to hear opinions. . . . More excerpts from "Doc": Dan Lecos of Chicago is co-captain of DePaul University Basketball team — won trophy last year as outstanding player in Ahepa Tournament — member of famed Ypsilanti team. George Fleles of Chicago, captain of University of Detroit quintet — fast, terrific one hand-jump shot, also member of Ypsilanti team. Voted best of Sons of Pericles players in National meet. Nick Grevan of Chicago . . . triple threat — named on All-State team . . . left half . . . also member of Sons Ypsilanti basketball team. Sim Sinadinios of Lansing, Mich., sophomore on Michigan State Col-



THE PRIZE CATCH

Past District Governor George L. Bourney of New York with the striped bass he caught off Montauk, Long Island, on a recent fishing expedition with a group of New York lawyers. The 45 pounder was the prize catch.

lege wrestling team — weight 135 . . . reached Olympic trials. Milton Theros of Ann Arbor, trackman, ran 880 in 2:04. Dean Danigelis of Muskegon Heights, Mich. . . . great football star and basketball player. These are some of the great stars in the Midwest. Whom do you have from your section?

One of the tragedies of the gridiron season became known to many thousands of Hellenes throughout the country when John Pappas of Worcester died of a gridiron injury. . . . a news article revealed the courageous message from a grief-stricken father, Thomas Pappas of Worcester, John, a brilliant 20 year old Boston University scholar, was one of Boston's finest players. Newspapermen awarded John's father and mother the George C. Carens Award for carrying on in such a courageous manner after their son's death. Mr. Pappas gave them this message: "I want to leave a thought with the captains who are present (there were eleven college team captains there). *Play as hard as you can. But play a clean game win or lose. It's only a sport.*" Johnny's father gave those present something they'll never forget as long as they live. He gave them the true philosophy of sports: play it hard, clean, and remember it's only a sport. Too many times participants and fans forget this advice and regret it later. This Department and the Order of Ahepa offer their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pappas.

Ted Gardner, District Athletic Director for No. 24 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, writes of many interesting activities in Canada. His enthusiasm and leadership has made his District athletic-conscious and we'll hear some great things from that area in the future. Nice work!

The Sons of Pericles will again hold their National Basketball Tournament in Cleveland. Dean Vezos writes. . . . The tremendous program in Ahepa-Athletics the past two or three years speaks well for the fine job Chapter Athletic Directors, District Directors, and Zone Directors are doing. Their work has made our youngsters and oldsters aware of what Ahepa is doing for not only our own members but for others, too. . . . Jim Skutakios, former Supreme Presy for the Sons, recently won honors at the University of Illinois for the "fourth check" on the constitution. . . . also announced the Daughters of Pericles Bowling Tournament held at Gary, Indiana, January 16th, a success.

THIRD NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - 1954

St. Louis Chapter No. 53, the host chapter for the Third National Ahepa Golf Tournament, again welcomes all Ahepa golfers to participate in the National Ahepa Golf Tournament to be held on May 27th and 28th, 1954, in St. Louis, Missouri.

The tremendous success of the National Golf Tournament held in St. Louis in 1953 prompted the many golfers from Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas and Indiana who participated to unanimously select St. Louis again as the site for the 1954 Tournament.

Anthony Kollias, National Golf Director, is working with Lloyd Regas and Michael W. Hodges, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Golf Tournament, and are making plans that will outdo last year's success.

Thirty-six holes of golf will be played on Thursday and Friday. The golfers will be divided into the following classes:

Championship to 85
Class A. 85-95
Class B. 95 and over

Trophies donated by the Supreme Lodge will be awarded to the winners of each class. The St. Louis Chapter will award over one hundred additional prizes for the second, third and fourth place winners in each class and the winners of the "longest drive," "shortest drive," "hole in one," etc.

The entry fee to be charged each golfer will be \$12.00. This will include green fees, cocktail party, steak dinner, prizes and a ticket to the May Festival Ball.

The following program has been planned for the golfers:

Thursday, May 27th, A.M.

First 18 holes

Thursday, May 27th, P.M.

Cocktail Party and Buffet

Friday, May 28th

Final 18 holes of Tournament followed by Steak Dinner and Snoker and awarding of prizes

Saturday, May 29th

Annual May Festival Ball to be held in the Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel

Saturday Midnight until (?)

Queen's Dinner Dance, Boulevard Room, Jefferson Hotel

Wives and families of golfers are welcome to attend the Tournament. A complete weekend program has also been planned for them by the Daughters of Penelope.

All those interested in participating in the Tournament please write to M. W. Hodges, 721 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Hotel accommodations on request.

Attention Wrestlers!

The Order of Ahepa is anxious to sponsor a National Ahepa Wrestling Tournament. This meet will be held in Chicago probably during the month of April or May. Sam Karakostas, National Wrestling Director, asks that any Ahepan, Son, or anyone of Greek descent who is interested in such a Tournament, write him at 30 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A.A.U. rules will be used. Scheduling of the Tourney will depend on the number of entries received.

SECOND NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNEY

The Second National Ahepa Bowling Tourney will be held in Chicago, May 1 to 2, 1954, with host the Garfield Chapter No. 203 of Chicago, Ill. Secretary Louis Asimakopoulos, who is also National Bowling Director, announced that Brothers John Kachians and Peter Stryker were elected as Co-Chairmen for this huge event.

The experts of the alleys, that is bowling alleys, are looking forward to this important tournament which will bring together once more the top bowling teams, North Shore and Garfield Chapters. Numerous awards will be given to team and individual winners in addition to prize money.

National Champions of North Shore Chapter No. 94 of Chicago which practically swept everything in sight are polishing up their bowling equipment in preparation for this titanic struggle. Ted Vlahandreas and Greg Papadourakis of North Shore won the Doubles event; Pete Stryker of Garfield won the Singles, and Ted Vlahandreas of North Shore won the All-Events titles. The team that traveled the farthest was Paterson, N. J., last year.

In charge of the Second Annual National Ahepa Bowling Tourney to be held in Chicago, May 1 to 2, 1954, with host the Garfield Chapter No. 203 of that city. Seated, l. to r.: J. Maxouris, Sec'y; E. Karras, Chair.; E. Karabelas, V-Chair.; F. Asimakopoulos, Treas. Standing, l. to r.: W. Karras, Prize Committee Chair.; P. Stryker, Co-Chair.; P. Pappas, Housing Chair.; J. Steimas, V-Chair.; L. Asimakopoulos, National Bowling Director and Secretary; St. Choporis, Social Chair.; and J. Kachians, Co-Chair. of the Tourney



PLATO HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

The past presidents of the Plato Chapter No. 4 of Charleston, S. C., were honored at a banquet-dance on December 13, 1953, at the Hellenic Center of that city.

The principal speaker was the Rev. Nicholas Trivelas of the local Greek Orthodox Church. Guests included Representative E. F. Hollings; District Governor Pahn of Savannah; Lieut. Governor C. P. Trapalis, Jr.; District Marshal Angelo Anastopoulos; and William Logothetis, Chairman of the District Convention Committee for 1953. The convention will be held in Charleston on June 20, 21, 22 with the Francis Marion Hotel as headquarters.

Officers of the Plato are: W. G. Logothetis, President; Anthony Gianoukas, Vice-President; Andrew Leventis, Secretary; John Liatos, Treasurer; Nick Tsiropoulos, Athletic Director, Board of Governors: Peter Demos, Marion Latto, Ted Tsiropoulos, John Rousso and George Stamatiades.

DELTA CONCLAVE AT LITTLE ROCK, JUNE 26-29

The 23rd Annual Convention of the Delta District No. 16 will be held at Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1954. The City of Roses Chapter No. 355 of Little Rock will be the host chapter.

A pretentious program is being arranged for the enjoyment of the delegates and visitors by the ambitious convention committee headed by Brother Nicholas P. Panos and his able assistants, Brothers Steve Canellos and Angelo Chantilas.

The two-day affair will wind up with a dance at one of the leading hotels. Plan now to attend. Contact Louis Asimakopoulos, Secretary of the Tournament, at 4849 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., for information.

DISTRICT No. 21 REPORTING

Under the leadership of past Supreme Vice-President Nicholas A. Loumos, District Governor of District No. 21, a very ambitious program has been formulated for the District for the fiscal year.

First and foremost, the District is initiating a membership drive commencing January 1st and ending June 15, 1954. The first three Brothers who procure the greatest number of new members or reinstatements within the period, will receive a trophy to be presented to each of them at the District Banquet to be held in Salinas, Calif. For each new member, the contestant will receive two points credit and one point for each reinstated Brother. Scores of Ahepans throughout the District have rolled up their sleeves and are aiming for one of these trophies. Brother Loumos' slogan is "Each Member Get a New Member."

The District is sponsoring an educational program, with District Governor Loumos ready to tour the District lecturing on "Parliamentary Procedure." A panel of distinguished Ahepans of the District is available to the Chapters for lectures.

The athletic aspect has become intensified this year for our District, with Brother Harry Spanos' appointment as Athletic Director and Brother John Topolos as Assistant Athletic Director. The District

Golf Tournament is on the agenda and bowling teams are ready to function and accept the challenge of the Salinas Chapter bowling team.

The Salinas District Convention promises to be one of the best yet given from the standpoint of attendance and social activities. Brother John Lafkas, General Chairman, and his committee give every indication that every detail is being considered and a diversified program will be on the agenda. With the fever and excitement of the forthcoming National Convention for 1955 in San Francisco, the Bay Area Chapters are humming with activity. Golden Gate Chapter was host to the Second District Conference held in San Francisco on February 21st, followed by the Second Annual District Conference Dance, which was a huge success.

Forty-two stalwart Ahepans, headed by District Governor Nicholas A. Loumos and Kay Canakis, District Governor of the Daughters, braved the frigid climate of Reno, Nevada, and they were agreeably surprised with the warmth extended to them by the good Brothers of Reno. A delegation with automobiles met the pilgrims from Northern California at the station, headed by the energetic President Nick Pappas. All were whisked to the Mapes Hotel where Brothers Loumos and Pappas had arranged the reservations for the entire delegation. A very enjoyable

dinner-dance was on the agenda followed by joint meeting on the following day, and separate meeting of the Ahepans and Daughters. Past Supreme Vice-President George Johnson and past District Governor and present Trustee of Ahepa Chris Athas attended and spoke at the meeting. The presentation of a beautiful trophy was made by past District Governor Andrew Sardell on behalf of past Supreme Treasurer Stephen Berdalis, to Reno Chapter for being chosen as the most active Chapter during the 1952-1953 fiscal year.

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Crusade for Sponsors

The Refugee Relief Act of 1953, which permits the admission of 214,000 special non-quota immigrants in addition to the regular quota immigrants, became law with the signature of President Eisenhower on August 7, 1953.

The Order of Ahepa, along with other organizations, was in the forefront in advocating the enactment of this humanitarian legislation. The law regarding Greece provides for a quota of 17,000 visas to be issued by American Consulates in Greece to persons of Greek ethnic origin residing in Greece as of August 7, 1953. In addition to this quota, approximately 2,000 more visas could be issued to orphans and escapees residing in Greece.

At Houston last August, the Ahepa, in national convention assembled, authorized the creation of the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee for the purpose of guiding, acting, advising, obtaining sponsors, and carrying out a full program of immigration of all allowable visas under the Act and further authorized the Order of Ahepa to become a voluntary agency for such purposes.

The Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee was recognized on January 27, 1954, as an Accredited Voluntary Agency of the United States Government to handle and underwrite individual assurances and determine the authenticity of employment and housing offers of the sponsors. The Committee has opened offices in New York and Athens to facilitate the transaction of business.

The primary objective of the Committee is to secure sponsors for unnamed cases, that is, for persons who are qualified under the Act to immigrate to the United States but have no relatives or friends to sponsor them. The Committee is now embarking on a vigorous campaign to arouse the humanitarian and philanthropic instincts of our people not only in the Ahepa but in every Hellenic community in the United States concerning these deserving unnamed cases. It is the duty and obligation of everyone of Hellenic origin to help in this sacred crusade for sponsors of Greek refugees. Particularly, it is the responsibility of Ahepa leadership throughout the Ahepa Domain to assist the Committee in every way possible to achieve its noble objective.

In this issue of THE AHEPAN, there are several brief articles, prepared by the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee, outlining its program and appealing to all of us for cooperation and support in the prosecution of its all-out effort to obtain sponsors for our brothers in the Motherland. We urge everyone to read them carefully, think conscientiously and act accordingly.

The Emergency Fund

Headquarters recently circularized the membership, as directed by the Houston Convention, on the question of certain revisions in the basic rates and benefits of our Death Benefit Plan. Every member was asked to vote his choice of the three plans offered so that a comprehensive report may be presented to the Pittsburgh National Convention in order to enable it to enact proper measures to strengthen the economic structure of the plan.

On page eight of this issue, Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, our Executive Secretary, further enlightens the membership on this vital problem. This article is accompanied by a ballot form for the convenience of those who up to now have neglected to vote on this very important matter.

Antonia Chebithes

It is with profound sorrow that we record the untimely death of Antonia Chebithes, the lovely and gracious wife of our esteemed Past Supreme President and Executive Secretary V. I. Chebithes. Her passing away on May 22, 1954, came as a shock to her multitude of friends in the great rank and file of Ahepa-dom who shall always affectionately remember her as the picture of charm, kindness and grace. To Brother Chebithes and the three little Chebitheses we extend our Fraternity's deepest sympathy.

Pittsburgh Awaits 28th

FROM all advance indications, the 28th Ahepa National Convention, to be held in Pittsburgh August the fifteenth to the twenty-first, promises to be one of the largest, if not the very largest of all Ahepa conventions. Significant reasoning for this is the geographical location of the city of Pittsburgh, which is a focal point and area of the concentrated Greek population in the United States.

Pittsburgh is four hundred miles distant from Chicago, two hundred and fifty miles from Buffalo, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia. Three hundred miles from the great metropolitan center of New York. One hundred thirty miles from Cleveland and six hundred odd miles from the New England sector.

Pittsburgh truly represents the pivotal center of our Greek-American population. Express highways serve as automotive arteries to the steel capital of the world. The fabulous Pennsylvania Turnpike, three hundred miles of continuous four lane highway, uninterrupted by the usual obstacles of ordinary highways can be traveled in five hours. The Greater Pittsburgh Airport, the largest of its kind in the world, is but 15 minutes ride from the William Penn Hotel.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

Pittsburgh offers much to the sightseer. It will afford an opportunity to many to see the vast, sprawling steel industry in operation. The Hotel William Penn, completely air-conditioned, and the third largest in the United States, will be official convention headquarters utilizing its entire 17th floor as the mecca of activity. On this floor will be held the meetings of the Order of Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Sons and Maids. The banquet and grand-ball will be held in the main ball-room, situated on the same floor. The hospitality rooms will also be housed on this floor, therefore everyone is assured a feeling of being part and parcel of this tremendous event.

The Greek Night, Church Services and Grand Ball will be held at the Syria Mosque, only ten minutes drive from downtown Pittsburgh. The Syria Mosque is entirely air conditioned for everyone's comfort. Two blocks from the Syria Mosque is Forbes Field, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Pitt Stadium, site of the Olympiad, and the Cathedral of Learning (University of Pittsburgh) which features the Greek Room, resplendent with Hellenic design, architecture and art work.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

An added innovation of the convention will be an Ahepa Day at the beautiful Wheeling Downs Race Track, owned and operated by William Lias, the philanthropic and generous member of the Wheeling Chapter. Brother Lias is featuring an Ahepa purse for this gala event. It is conceivable that Pittsburgh will offer much to the delegates, visitors and friends of our Order. The week has been ideally planned and scheduled for the convenience of everyone. It will truly be a challenge for the most discriminating person.

The entire convention committee of the Aristoteles Chapter No. 34 extends a cordial invitation to all Ahepans, their friends and families throughout the United States and Canada to attend this year's gala Ahepa National Convention in Pittsburgh.

The committee promises that you will enjoy a delightful week, full of warm hospitality and entertainment. So pass the word around and let's all meet in Pittsburgh this year, August 15-21, to renew old acquaintances and at the same time make new friends and acquaintances.

It is the intent and desire of the housing committee to accommodate each and everyone of you; therefore, the committee urges everyone to make his reservations in ample time. For your convenience, we are printing a reservation form and hotel rate schedules which can be used to make your reservations. See page 5 for reservation form.

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SUNDAY — AUGUST 15

9:00 A.M. Registration WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 10:00 A.M. Church Services SYRIA MOSQUE
 1:00 P.M. Golf Tournament Site to be selected
 8:00 P.M. Initiations of Ahepa and Auxiliaries WM. PENN HOTEL
 9:30 P.M. Get Acquainted Party WILLIAM PENN HOTEL

MONDAY — AUGUST 16

10:00 A.M. Official Opening of Convention WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 1:00 P.M. Business Sessions:
 Order of Ahepa
 Daughters of Penelope
 Sons and Maids WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 6:00 P.M. Greek Night SYRIA MOSQUE

TUESDAY — AUGUST 17

9:00 A.M. Business Sessions WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 6:30 P.M. Convention Banquet WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 9:30 P.M. Maids and Sons Dance WILLIAM PENN HOTEL

WEDNESDAY — AUGUST 18

9:00 A.M. Business Sessions WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 1:00 P.M. Daughters Luncheon and Fashion Show WM. PENN HOTEL
 3:00 P.M. Olympiad PITT STADIUM
 9:00 P.M. Ahepa Grand Ball SYRIA MOSQUE

THURSDAY — AUGUST 19

9:00 A.M. Business Sessions WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 2:00 P.M. Ahepa Day at Wheeling Downs Race Track
 WHEELING, W. VA.
 9:00 P.M. Daughters Grand Ball WILLIAM PENN HOTEL

FRIDAY — AUGUST 20

9:00 A.M. Business Sessions WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 9:00 P.M. Informal Dance WILLIAM PENN HOTEL

SATURDAY — AUGUST 21

9:00 A.M. Business Sessions WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 6:00 P.M. Installations WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 9:00 P.M. Farewell Dance and Party WILLIAM PENN HOTEL

SIGHTSEEING TOURS SCHEDULED DAILY

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 WHEELING DOWNS: JAMES PETROLIAS, *Chairman*

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Personalities supervising the activities of the Pittsburgh National Convention Committee. Top photo: Gen. Co-Chairmen Louis G. Manesiotis and George Shorall with Miss Lillian Demestichas, Daughters Gen. Chairman. Second photo, l. to r.: Lia Halepus, President of host chapter, Aelyone No. 176; Anne Paschales, Publicity Chair, and Diana Hanna, Gen. Vice-Chair. Third photo, l. to r.: Rec. Secretary Michael G. Manesiotis; Treasurer Wm. Anastos and Fin. Secretary Paul C. Panagulias. Lower photo, left: Executive Vice-Chairman and President of Aristoteles Chapter No. 34, Peter Cardiges. Right: Alexander A. Avlon, Publicity Chairman.

REQUEST FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Fill out and send to:

MR. PETER H. CARDIGES,
Chairman, Housing Committee,
28th Ahepa National Convention Committee,
P.O. Box 6125,
Pittsburgh 12, Penna.

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(City, Zone and State)

2. Order and Chapter of which you are a member (Please check and fill out):

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

Chapter _____ No. _____

3. Attending the Convention as (please check)

Member of the Supreme Lodge Delegate
 Member of the Mother Lodge Alternate Delegate
 District Governor Visitor

4. State number and kind of rooms or suites for which you desire reservation:

Double-Bedded Rooms _____ Twin-Bedded Rooms _____
Single Rooms _____ Parlor and Bedroom _____
Other (specify) _____

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Second Choice: _____
Third Choice: _____
Fourth Choice: _____

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Date of departure from Pittsburgh _____ Specify A.M. or P.M.

7. Number of persons that would share accommodations requested: _____

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(Date)

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HOTEL WEBSTER HALL — 4415 5th Avenue	\$6.25-\$10.50	\$9.50-\$14.00		\$16.00
HOTEL SCHENLEY — Bigelow and 9th Avenue	\$7.00-\$11.00		\$9.50-\$14.00	\$17.00-\$25.00
THE PITTSBURGHER — Diamond St. and Cherry Way	\$5.50-\$8.50	\$7.25-\$10.50	\$11.00-\$12.50	\$22.50
THE SHERATON HOTEL — 212 Wood Street	\$6.35	\$9.50	\$10.50	
HOTEL ROOSEVELT — 6th at Penn Avenue	\$7.00	\$9.50-\$10.00	\$12.00	
FORT PITT HOTEL — Penn at 10th	\$4.75	\$8.50	\$9.00	

NOTE: Hotel Webster Hall and Hotel Schenley are located in the Civic Center of Pittsburgh, ten minutes drive from Convention Headquarters. All others are in Downtown Pittsburgh.

Daughters of Penelope Luncheon-Fashion Show

By LAIA HALEPUS, *Chairman*

The Daughters of Penelope Luncheon-Fashion Show during the Convention Week annually heralds the coming of fall. Once again the fashion pendulum swings in a new direction for Autumn of 1954. The Alcyon Chapter of Pittsburgh is proud to announce that Pittsburgh's oldest and finest department store, the nationally known Joseph Home Company, will present a truly outstanding show for Daughters and their guests on Wednesday afternoon, August 18, at the William Penn Hotel. The Joseph Home Company, famous for over 100 years, has selected a showing, bright with famous names, bringing you the newest designs for fall from The Galleries. Mrs. Edith Stewart, Fashion Director of Home's, has announced that names such as Hattie Carnegie, Christian Dior, Adele Simpson, Davidow, Monte Sano, Harvey Berin, Irene and many others will be generously represented. This is the kind of show women will talk about for years hence; the kind of show that will be remembered in the same hushed excitement that greets the first mannequin as the curtain rises.

The Luncheon-Fashion Show Committee, headed by Sisters Laia Halepus, Chairman, and Helen Copetas, Vice-Chair, have announced that special guests will grace the honor table. Also, a well-known celebrity will be the mystery guest. Other special features have been added, plus a fabulous array of door prizes and gifts which promise to make this a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and the highlight of your stay in Pittsburgh. The Committee includes Sisters Niki Borris, Iro Caloyer, Marie Chronis, Poni

Conomos, Marian Copetas, Virginia Diaconis, Maria Hart, Elaine Karabetos, Jane Katsafanas, Katherine Kokalis, Georgia Krelis, Bess Lambrou, Georgia Manesiotes, Angie Manolios, Eva Nassis, Mary Pantages, Betty Velis and Eve Walters.

We urge you to make your reservation now by mail, using the blank prepared below for your convenience. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and each reservation must be accompanied by check or money order. Send your reservation to Miss Helen Copetas, 3138 Terrace Street, Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

Luncheon-Fashion Show
Daughters of Penelope — Alcyon Chapter No. 176
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
MISS HELEN COPETAS
3138 Terrace Street
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

I plan to attend the Daughters of Penelope Luncheon-Fashion Show on Wednesday afternoon, August 18, at the William Penn Hotel.

Enclosed is my check for _____ reservations.

Name _____

Address _____

Gala Convention Plans in the Making by Ahepa Pittsburgh Auxiliaries

By ANNE PASCHALEDES

The time is fast approaching for the 28th National Convention of the Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athens to be held in Pittsburgh August 15-21. All indications are that this promises to be the largest National Convention to date.

Our headquarters for the entire Convention will be located at the spacious, air conditioned William Penn Hotel. This arrangement will serve to unify the Convention and assure that the utmost cooperation exists between the Ahepans and the Auxiliaries. Reservations for rooms are being handled through the Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope Combined Housing Committee. For housing information, please refer to the schedule of rates and accommodations included in this issue.

In making preparations for the Convention, the Committee has followed through with the traditional activities so well known to avid Convention goers, and also added to them something different and appealing that will assure a memorable week for all.

One of the highlights of the week will be the Daughters "Luncheon-Fashion Show." No detail has been forgotten in planning this fabulous event. Famous names in fashion will be featured and an outstanding celebrity will be the mystery guest. The Daughters "Ball" promises a thrilling evening of dancing to the strains of a popular dance band in the spacious, air-cooled grand ballroom of the hotel.

A "first" in the annals of National Convention activities will be the Daugh-



Luncheon-Fashion Show plans in the making. Left to right: Mrs. Edith Stewart, Fashion Director of Horne's; Laia Halepus, Chairman of Luncheon-Fashion Show Committee; and one of Pittsburgh's leading models.



THE MAIN BALLROOM OF THE WILLIAM PENN HOTEL

ters Memorial Services for the deceased members. These services will be conducted by members of the Grand Lodge and are planned as a tribute for our departed sisters.

A fun-packed "Swimming Party" is being sponsored by the Maids of Athens. Elaborate plans are being made to accommodate the Ahepans and Daughters in addition to the Sons and Maids at the Swimming Party. The Sons and Maids are also sponsoring a gay "Dance" for Tuesday, especially designed to attract those more interested in dancing than in the Banquet.

The Pittsburgh Degree Team of the Daughters is working diligently to present a Formal Initiation that will be especially impressive. The Daughters are urged to bring all of their candidates for initiation to the Convention, as the Initiation ceremony promises to be a rewarding and long remembered experience for all.

Our Convention will be particularly honored to have as its guest the founder of the Daughters of Penelope, Mrs. Alexandra Apostolides of San Francisco.

Pittsburgh is especially proud of its new, clean look and of its many points of interest to the visitor. Sightseeing tours will include the fabulous new developments that have won acclaim throughout the world, plus the many historical landmarks in which Pittsburgh abounds.

The Convention Committee cordially invites everyone to come, enjoy our Pittsburgh hospitality, and help make this Convention one of the most memorable in Ahepa history.

SPECIAL NOTICE

TO

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

The newly-elected District Governors are requested to send brief biographical sketches of themselves and their photographs to the Editor of THE AHEPAN for insertion in the July-August-September issue, the deadline of which is August 1, 1954.

Forward material promptly to:

GEORGE DIMAS, Editor

THE AHEPAN

105 Haven Avenue

New York 32, N. Y.



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Convention Headquarters

THE AHEPA EMERGENCY FUND

RULED EXCLUSIVELY BY DEATH AND MATHEMATICS

By V. I. CHEBITHES, Past Supreme President and Executive Secretary

Dreadful death and cold, calculating arithmetic have invaded the Ahepa Emergency Fund and wrecked the time-honored system of its operations. Death and Mathematics are two intruders into every family with which no one can joke, play politics or compromise. They are stern factors of life and living which must be met soberly and treated on their own hard and rigid terms.

The operation of the Ahepa Emergency Fund is based upon and is ruled by the number of goodstanding members and the number of deaths among them. The relation between the amount of money put into the Emergency Fund from per capita tax receipts and the amount paid out on account of deaths is the result of arithmetical calculations. It is beyond the influence of wishful thinking, magic and politics.

Historical Background of the AEF

After many years of talking about it, the idea of creating a fund from which the family of every Ahepan would receive some financial benefit at the time of his death, was adopted by the 1935 Chicago Convention. The plan adopted at that time was on a voluntary basis.

By the time of the St. Paul Convention in 1936, about 75% of the membership had joined the plan with their contributions to the fund. The plan was then adopted and made applicable to all goodstanding Ahepans. The plain and simple system was — and still is — to lay aside into the Emergency Fund \$2.00 out of every annual percapita tax payment, and to pay from the fund \$200.00 to the beneficiary of every member who dies while in good standing with his Chapter. Except for the rise in the cost of living — and dying — this plan has operated successfully for 19 years.

From September 1935 to April 30, 1954, the Ahepa Emergency Fund has paid \$695,500.00 in benefits to the beneficiaries of 3,823 Ahepans who died while in good standing with their respective Chapters. The average number of deaths during the past 19 years is about 201 per year.

During the last 5 years the number of deaths has been steadily increasing. It has reached the all-time high of 360 — thus far reported — in 1953. The number of deaths for 1953 may reach 465, because some of them are reported as late as 6 months and a year after they occur.

Nobody Has a Sure Lease on Life

For the information of those Ahepans who argue that the maintenance of the Emergency Fund is a help to the old and a hardship to the young, the records of the reports show that Oldman Death has absolutely no consideration for the young, no compassion for the old, no respect for the rich, and no pity for the poor. He swings his scythe and cuts his swaths indiscriminately. In the grim harvest which marks his path are found the bearded and the beardless grain, the bud and the flower, the ripe wheat and the unripened corn.

While the annual rate of death has been steadily increasing, the goodstanding membership in our ranks has been steadily decreasing. From an all-time high of 26,335 goodstanding membership during the Thevos administration in 1949, it has shrunk to 23,204 paid up members for 1953. A loss of over 3,000 members within 5 years despite the large number of new members initiated within the same period of time.

The most immediate and pressing problem is how to stabilize the Ahepa Emergency Fund and set it to serve its purpose for another 20 years at least. We have studied, thought, talked and wrote a lot about this subject. The answer is always the same — as the death rate increases, the rate of annual payments must also increase. The more we pay out of the Fund, the more we must put into the Fund.

A Suggested Solution

Taking all known factors of the situation into account, it is figured that with a goodstanding membership of 23,000 having a death rate of 300 per year, a comparatively safe rate of annual payments would be \$2.00 for every \$100.00 of benefit payable at each death.

The suggestions submitted to the members for their choice are:

1. To deposit \$4.00 per year into the Fund with the right of the beneficiary to receive \$200.00 at death.
2. To deposit \$10.00 per year into the Fund with the right of the beneficiary to receive \$500.00 at death.
3. To deposit \$20.00 per year into the Fund with the right of the beneficiary to receive \$1,000.00 at death.

The suggested rates are slightly higher than the ones adopted by the Houston Convention. These higher rates are substituted because the Convention's rates are entirely too low and insufficient to meet the requirements of the present situation.

Every Ahepan Should State His Desire

The revision and stabilization of the Ahepa Emergency Fund on the basis of higher rates and larger benefits is as important as the Order itself. It will affect, very materially, every Ahepan and his family. The National Convention at Houston considered the step too vital to be taken without first giving the membership an opportunity to express itself on the subject. This problem is too important to be solved at chapter meetings attended by a comparatively small percentage of the members. The National Convention voted that every individual member be asked to state what he wants.

Accordingly, a Special Bulletin explaining the situation, showing the urgent need for action, and setting forth the plans based on the principle suggested by the Convention, was mailed to every member with the request that he indicate his choice on the self-addressed ballot-card provided for his convenience, stamp and mail it.

All Have Been Asked But Few Responded

The responses to the request of every member to express his choice of the plans submitted to him have been comparatively few and entirely disproportionate to the importance of the measure in question.

Knowing something of the habits which characterize our membership, Headquarters does not attribute the scanty returns on this plebiscite to a lack of interest in the subject matter. It is rather believed to be due to habitual neglect or procrastination and, perhaps, to the natural reluctance to any change from the accustomed forms.

Every Ahepan must understand and realize that natural happenings, conditions and circumstances beyond control have brought about the absolute necessity for a revision of the Ahepa Emergency Fund. Every Ahepan should take sufficient interest to express his preference as to the form that such a revision shall take.

Referendum — Purest Essence of Democracy

The act of referring a proposal of the National Convention to the entire membership for decision by a direct vote is a referendum which brings into action the very heart and soul of democracy as practiced by the Athenians in the days of Aristides.

A firm belief that every Ahepan really and truly wants to be heard and his vote to be counted on the question of revising the system of operating the Ahepa Emergency Fund has prompted Headquarters to mail every member a second ballot-card with the fervent plea that he mark and mail it.

An Ahepa Emergency Fund established on solid foundations with the direct approval of the membership will create new interests of more tangible values in the Order. It will add material to the moral and spiritual benefits. It will prompt every member to keep himself in good standing with his Chapter. It will attract the prudent, the thrifty and the wiser element. It will, in a large measure, help the growth and expansion of the Order.

Every Ahepan Has the Right and Duty to Vote

Since the National Convention has referred the problem of the Emergency Fund to the membership at large for an expression of opinion, and agreed to be guided in its final disposition of the matter by the desire of the plurality, it becomes the right and duty of every Ahepan to express his opinion. If none of the suggested plans are acceptable, let him offer his own solution to the problem. If he is in favor of abolishing the Emergency Fund, let him so state. This is the 4th plea for every Ahepan to say what he desires to be done about the Emergency Fund, regardless of what that desire might be.

Those who have not voted, and have lost the ballots that were mailed to them, are urgently requested to fill out and mail the accompanying coupon with whatever suggestions each of them cares to offer.

MEMBER'S INDIVIDUAL BALLOT

(Please fill out and mail to Ahepa Headquarters
1420 K Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.)

NAME _____ CHAPT. No. _____
ADDRESS _____
CHOICE _____



The Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa during its regular March meeting in Washington, D. C., visited the White House to pay its respects to President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Left to right: Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos; Supreme Governors James Mazarakos and Chris D. Tsipuras; Supreme Counsellor John T. Laskaris; National Ahepa Banquet Chairman James G. Dikeou; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; President Eisenhower; Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson; Supreme Secretary George N. George; Supreme Governors Andrew C. Angelson and James A. Millas; and Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes, Executive Secretary of the Order of Ahepa.

The Supreme Lodge Meeting in March

By ANDREW C. ANGELSON, *Supreme Governor*

The Supreme Lodge meeting recently held in Washington will go down in history, the lengthiest in duration compared to some other Supreme Lodge meetings held in the past, or five and one-half days to be exact, and that some of its night sessions lasted until four or five o'clock in the morning. This particular Supreme Lodge meeting was replete of problems, action and momentous decisions. Another feature of this meeting worth mentioning, is the fact that 95% of its decisions were unanimously adopted. Every Supreme Lodge member answered the roll call. Due to an influx of visitors from all parts of the Ahepa Domain in order to attend the National Banquet, the Supreme Lodge meeting was graced with an audience, which gave it an atmosphere of a miniature convention. You see, they came to watch the members of the Supreme Lodge in action. The interest displayed was very welcome and stimulating indeed to say the least. It was necessary to hold the Supreme Lodge meetings in a special meeting room provided for this purpose at the Mayflower Hotel. Briefly stated, here are some of the problems dealt with; to wit:

AHEPA EXCURSION TO GREECE: Arrangements completed—Excursion leaving April 1, 1954. Past Supreme President Van Nomikos, Commander of the Excursion, with Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson and his family as the Honor Guests of the Excursion. Also, the Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, Miss Adeline Geo-Karis will accompany the Excursion as its honor guest.

THE MANUAL OF INSTRUCTION: The Manual for the use of the Officers, Chapters and District Lodges was finally completed and ordered mimeographed or printed and distributed to the Chapters and District Lodges. This is the initial publication. Suggestions from Chapters and District Conventions will be accepted in order that a permanent Manual may be drawn and be adopted at our National Convention.

THE AHEPA REFUGEE COMMITTEE: Its work, activities and complete plans covering this most important and noteworthy project were fully explained and presented to the Supreme Lodge by Vice-Chairman Polos and Secretary Dukas of this Committee.

This Committee was elected at our National Convention last year to carry on this work to a successful conclusion. May their efforts be crowned with success. Let all of us cooperate.

CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS APPEALS: Were duly considered, discussed and final action taken.

PITTSBURGH NATIONAL CONVENTION: The program for the forthcoming National Convention in August this year was duly presented to the Supreme Lodge by members of Convention Committee of our host city, and was approved by the Supreme Lodge, after due discussion and upon various suggestions offered and exchanged by those present.

VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE: The climax of the meeting was the official visit to the White House by the Supreme Lodge members and our Executive Secretary, on Saturday morning, March 20th, 1954. Paid a courtesy call on President Eisenhower and invited the Chief Executive of our Country to become an Honorary Member of our Order. The President was also invited to speak at our National Convention in Pittsburgh or to send a representative. An assurance was given that due notice was taken by the President's secretary and proper consideration will be extended to our request and invitation. The audience in the White House lasted more than fifteen minutes. It was really an experience and an honor never to be forgotten.

OUR NATIONAL BANQUET: It was held on Monday evening, March 22nd, 1954, at the Mayflower Hotel, in Washington, D. C. It was a gala affair. More than 800 people attended including many Senators, Congressmen and high officials of our Government and Archbishop Michael as our Honor Guests. U.S. Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen was the principal Speaker with our own John G. Thevos, past Supreme President, acting as Toastmaster. It was a high success except for an unhappy incident. The Chairman of the Banquet Committee, Brother Dikeou, was taken ill on the eve of the Banquet and had to spend the time in the hospital during the Banquet.

Thus ended a most memorable Supreme Lodge meeting.



Part of the dais with Supreme President Lamberson speaking. At right, Speaker Joseph Martin with Paul Demos, Peter Haste and Peter Bell.



Upper photo, Peter N. Mantzoros with Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin and Mrs. Wiley. Lower, Mrs. Stephen S. Scopas and Mrs. Leo J. Lamberson with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. G. Fimucane.

The Eleventh Biennial

Apotheosis of the American and Greek Governments and their closely knitted political relations took place during Ahepa's eleventh biennial national banquet held at the Mayflower Hotel in the nation's capital on March 22nd. Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, the distinguished junior senator of Illinois, was principal speaker of the evening. Senator Dirksen said he had confidence that the Greek nation would, in continuing its democratic government, remain a fortress of freedom. Dirksen was preceded by Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Dwight P. Griswold of Nebraska, (Senator Griswold recently passed away.) Senator Wiley expressed thanks that the Greek armed forces stand ready to oppose any Communist invasion. "The Greek people," he said, "have fought the Communists. They know them, but they do not fear them, for they know they can conquer them." Senator Griswold told of seeing Greece at a low ebb after World War II, and since that time, rising to become a bulwark of the free world.

Other speakers included John Zighdis, a member of the Greek Parliament from Rhodes who replied that, "The people of Greece through me, wish to express their gratitude for material and moral aid given to them in their most difficult time." Mr. Zighdis also spoke of the touchy subject of Cyprus and expressed the hope that England will soon relinquish her dominance over the predominantly Greek island. His Grace, Archbishop Michael, of the Greek Orthodox Church also spoke and praised Ahepa for its great work in the field of patriotism and for its material and moral support to the Greek Orthodox Church. The diplomatic corps was represented by Fehmi Nuzda, Counsellor of the Turkish Embassy. John G. Thevos, past-supreme president of the Ahepa, and now deputy attorney general of New Jersey, was the toastmaster.

Senator Dirksen was followed by supreme president Leo J. Lamberson



Senator Dirksen with Leo Lamberson, Adeline Geo-Karis and others. At right, Past Sup. President V. I. Chebithes and Mrs. Chebithes with friends.



Archbishop Michael with Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kotsilimbias, Betty Mazarakos and James Mazarakos. At right, Senator Griswold with Ahepans.

Ahepa National Banquet

who said that "... The spirit of freedom and democracy is a most sacred possession, and mankind's most powerful and progressive instrumentality is the ballot box, a part of our American way of life. Ahepans everywhere do manifest a sense of great responsibility and the recognition of our fundamental civic and community obligations, and are genuinely interested in good government and the actual practice of the true principles of a democracy, by taking part and lending a voice to our governmental affairs."

Among governmental officials and Ahepa dignitaries sitting on the dais who were introduced to the more than 900 Congressmen, Senators and Ahepans the country over were: Thomas G. Finucane, chairman of the Immigration Appeals Board, and Mrs. Finucane; New Jersey Attorney General Grover C. Richman, Jr.; Mrs. Leo J. Lamberson; supreme treasurer John A. Kiamos; supreme counsellor John T. Laskaris; Miss Betty Mazarakos; Mother Lodge members Spiros Stamos and George A. Polos and Mrs. Polos; National Director of Public Relations Peter N. Mantzoros and Mrs. Mantzoros; supreme governor Andrew C. Angelson; supreme governor and Mrs. James A. Millas; past supreme president Harris J. Booras; supreme governor for Canada C. D. Tspiras; supreme secretary George N. George; Mrs. James G. Dikeou; Mrs. John Thevos; Miss Adeline Geokaris, grand president of the Daughters of Penelope; supreme vice president and Mrs. Stephen S. Scopas; past supreme president Peter L. Bell; executive secretary and Mrs. V. I. Chebithes; Mrs. Felimi Nuzda; supreme governor James Mazarakos, and others. The most unfortunate incident of the banquet was the absence of its general chairman, James George Dikeou of Denver, who suddenly was taken seriously ill the night before and was rushed to Doctors Hospital where several blood transfusions were required. To the untiring efforts of Brother Dikeou can be attributed the outstanding success of the banquet.

PETER N. MANTZOROS



Distinguished Personalities—Toastmaster John G. Thevos; Principal Speaker Everett McK. Dirksen; New Jersey Attorney General Grover C. Richman, Jr.; and Past Sup. Pres. Harris J. Booras.



Editor George Dimas interviews Speaker Martin. At right, Sup. Vice-Pres. Stephen S. Scopas congratulates E. O. Burgham on joining the Ahepa.

THE AHEPA — A Radio Address by John G. Thevos

This address was delivered by Past Supreme President John G. Thevos on the occasion of the inauguration of the Ahepa Radio Program over Station WWRL of New York City. The radio program is an educational project of the Empire State District Lodge No. Six. — THE EDITOR

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

This Ahepa-sponsored radio program is a splendid idea and will render a valuable public service. It will be especially educational and interesting to Americans of Greek descent residing in the metropolitan area of New York City. George Kastrinos, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and George Dimas, Chairman of the Radio subcommittee, both Past District Governors for the State of New York, and the other members of this special committee are to be congratulated for conceiving and promoting this program.

I have been assigned the pleasant task of opening this series with a brief talk on the background and history of the Order of Ahepa which spans a period of thirty-two years since its establishment in Atlanta, Georgia. To Greek-Americans in every state of the Union, Canada, Alaska and the Bahamas Islands where 390 chapters of the Order of Ahepa are functioning, its ideals, aims and purposes are well known. The same can be said for the work and accomplishments of its auxiliary organizations, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens, which aggregate an additional 450 chapters. All of these units rest upon the broad patriotic creed of Americanism here in the United States and upon loyalty and allegiance to the Canadian and British ideology in Canada and the Bahamas. Second only to this theme of patriotism is the teaching of an abiding love and respect for the history, culture and best traditions of Hellenism from which springs all of Western civilization and our own Americanism as a way of life.

The Order of Ahepa has justified its existence and has been an instrument of inestimable value to America and to Americans of Greek descent if only for these objectives actively translated into deeds. However, there is a little known story of the Order of Ahepa. It is a startling success story of monumental service to the Greek-American population. The financial records of the Fraternity from 1922 to 1948, a period of twenty-six years, disclose that the Order of Ahepa has collected and expended \$2,400,000.00 for philanthropic and charitable purposes up to 1948. This amount swells to more than three million dollars by the addition of the Hospitals in Greece and Displaced Persons Program expenditures for the last five years.

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These are some of the actual expenditures: 260 scholarships have been awarded at a cost of \$37,000.00; the Ahepa Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Albuquerque, New Mexico, was operated at a cost of \$252,000.00; for Greek War Relief, the Supreme Lodge of the Ahepa raised \$145,000.00, and the Chapters of the Order an additional one million dollars; the Ahepa Hospitals for Greece Fund aggregated \$775,000.00; the Drive for Justice for Greece cost \$92,000.00; the Corinth Agricultural School at Corinth, Greece, founded by the Order cost \$48,000.00; the bust of Franklin D. Roosevelt, now at Hyde Park, N. Y., cost \$29,000.00; the Dilboy Monument, the Samuel Gridley Howe Monument, both in New England, the General Ypsilanti Statue at Ypsilanti, Michigan, the Pomfret and Brookline Theological Seminaries, the various earthquake relief funds here and abroad, total \$112,000.00 expended by the national treasury of the Order.

These statistics prove conclusively that the Order of Ahepa has been the champion and spokesman for Americans of Greek descent and has rendered service of a high order. The intellectual, civic, political and social growth of the American of Greek descent in an individual as well as an organized sense is inextricably bound to the magic contained in the name Ahepa.

The growth and stability of the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States from very meagre and humble beginnings are largely due to the leadership provided by Ahepa Chapters and Ahepans the country over who have become the leaders in the 300-odd communities where churches have been founded.

From an internal standpoint the national treasury has collected \$3,500,000.00 to June 30, 1953 and out of these funds \$800,000.00 has been paid to the families of 5,642 deceased Ahepans as death benefits out of the Emergency Fund of the Order. Another \$425,000.00 repre-

sents the cost of printing, publishing and mailing the Ahepa Magazine down through the years.

The national physical assets of the Order include the National Home Fund of \$185,000.00; the Albuquerque, New Mexico, property with a market value of \$250,000.00; and the Florida Old Man's Home Property valued at \$35,000.00 or a total of \$468,000.00.

All of these investments and expenditures mentioned do not take into account the vast sums of money contributed directly by the 390 local chapters and the twenty-four district lodges to both local and national drives and to their own operating expenses. It has been conservatively estimated that the sum expended in this way is approximately \$9,700,000.00 based upon the very modest estimate of \$1,000.00 per year for thirty years for each of the 390 chapters.

These statistics illuminate the tremendous power and benevolent influence exercised by this Fraternity over the lives of Greek-Americans in every section of our country.

The National Conventions of the Order held annually have been a revelation to those who have attended them. Just as in ancient Athens the outstanding characteristic of these Conventions is democracy in action, Ahepans have put into actual practice the art of self-government and have served notice that dictatorship or the concentration of power in the hands of any one man can never rise to poison Greek-American affairs.

Six hundred Ahepa delegates, 250 Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athens delegates and approximately 16,000 visitors attended the 1946 Baltimore Convention. Each year twenty-two district conventions are held in the United States and two in Canada, with thousands of delegates and visitors in attendance under the Ahepa banner.

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The Ahepa National Banquet held every two years in commemoration of Greek Independence Day since 1929 has never had a guest list of less than forty per cent of the total membership of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. President Harry S. Truman was the principal speaker at our 1948 Banquet. The late Chief Justice of the United States Fred M. Vinson has been a speaker and these two great Americans are but two of the many public officials who have graced the speaking program of this, the most brilliant social affair of our nation's capital. If we add the annual Excursions to Greece sponsored by this Order, it can be readily seen that the activity of Ahepa surpasses that of any other Greek-American organization and represents the Greek-American at his best, and the Ahepa in its truly resplendent colors as the primary hope for the future, guaranteeing and preserving a militant, dynamic and democratically governed American institution founded for and in the interests of Americans of Greek descent.

This is the background which has placed the Order of Ahepa on a justly deserved pinnacle as an outstanding fraternal order in the United States. These historic achievements have made possible the recognition given by the United States Government and by the forty-eight State Governments to the Order of Ahepa. This recognition has been tangibly expressed by the passage of the amendment to the Displaced Persons Act in 1950 by the Congress of the United States and its subsequent approval by President Truman thereby making it possible for some 12,000 new migrants to reach our shores from Greece, and the passage of the Refugee Relief Act by this Congress and the approval by President Eisenhower which will permit the entry into the United States of approximately 22,500 orphans and refugees during the next three years.

In closing may I add that many favorite sons of New York State have been in the forefront of this superb drama. They are: Former Supreme Presidents V. I. Chebithes, Dean Alfange, George E. Phillips and Achilles Catsonis, and founder and Mother Lodge Member George A. Polos. These men have added lustre to the name Ahepa on the national level, and I am certain that New York's 150,000 Americans of Greek descent are the grateful recipients of the many benefits bestowed by our great, fraternal association, the Order of Ahepa.

Thank you.

In the Political Limelight

JOHN G. THEVOS, Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey

In the recent past in every section of the United States, political recognition has been extended either through election or appointment to citizens of Hellenic descent. It is a gratifying development that fills the Grecian heart with joy and serves as an inspiration to our youth to strive for greater goals in the civic and political life of our country.

As Ahepans we are justifiably proud that in most instances those elevated to high public office are prominent members of our fraternity. We feel that the Order of Ahepa somehow contributed towards their success and we are delighted to know that through the medium of our association the opportunity was presented to them to project themselves before the public eye.

This pleasant development has also created interest anew in the personalities of these outstanding Ahepans and with this view in mind we shall present a series of articles on Ahepans in public office. This is the first and it deals with John G. Thevos.

We have selected John Thevos to start the series of articles "In the Political Limelight" not only because he is a Past Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa but primarily because brother Thevos is distinctly a product of the Ahepa. As a youngster he joined the Sons of Pericles and through exemplary devotion and dynamic leadership he rose to high office in our junior order. He graduated into the ranks of Ahepa well prepared and well qualified to pursue a fraternal career that stands out as a beacon of inspiration to Hellenic youth. And throughout the various stages of his Ahepa service, he thoroughly absorbed the concepts, tenets and traditions of our noble order and gradually developed into one of its most ardent exponents.

John Thevos was born in the Yorkville section of New York City in 1912 of immigrant parents who hailed from proud Sparta. He attended the elementary schools in New York and graduated from the Central High School of Paterson after the family had moved to that New Jersey city. He attended Washington Square College of New York University where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1935 and in 1937 received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from New York University Law School. He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of New Jersey in 1939.

It is praiseworthy that John worked his way through college and law school as an auditor and accountant in the New-



JOHN G. THEVOS

ark firm of certified public accountants Angelson, Sinner & Co. from 1931 to 1937. Subsequently, he was appointed Field Auditor in the Unemployment Compensation Commission of New Jersey. In August 1951, he was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey upon recommendation of United States Attorney Grover C. Richman, Jr. He served in that post until September 1953, when he resigned.

During his term as an Assistant United States Attorney, brother Thevos was in charge of the Federal Grand Jury sitting at Newark which conducted extensive investigation and exhaustive hearings into the crime and corruption which existed in the Port of New York and particularly on the New Jersey waterfront. This Grand Jury has done the most noteworthy work of any law enforcement agency in the New York area. Attorney Thevos prepared the briefs and argued the appeal for the Government in the federal income tax evasion case of United States vs. Leo Link in the Circuit Court of Appeals of the Third Circuit at Philadelphia. From February 1953 to September 1955, he was in charge of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's office at Newark. In February of this year, John Thevos received the most important appointment of his political career, that of Deputy Attorney General of the great State of New Jersey.

Since his formal admission to the Bar in 1939, brother Thevos has been engaged in the general practice of law, except for the periods in government service. John is married to the charming and gracious

MR. THEVOS A GOOD APPOINTMENT

The people of Paterson can justifiably take pride in the fact that Governor Meyner, himself a former Patersonian, and the State's attorney general, Grover C. Richman, have made as their first choice for a deputy attorney general a resident of this city, John G. Thevos. We confidently believe that the people of New Jersey will feel equal satisfaction with the appointment, too, because Mr. John Thevos is not only a citizen of splendid reputation, but likewise an attorney of considerable competence, with a most reputable background of public service. He and Mr. Richman were a team in the United States district attorney's office for New Jersey, the latter as chief and Mr. Thevos as a deputy. If they were an effective combination for the United States, as much may be expected from them in the State's employment.

Although a busy attorney, Mr. Thevos never turned away from the other duties of citizenship. He has served Paterson as a health commissioner and as a member of the Board of Education. He is a former national president of the Ahepa, a Greek-American society.

Governor Meyner is to be complimented on the appointment. And if Mr. Thevos typifies the calibre of appointments to be sponsored by the Passaic County Democratic organization, Edward J. O'Byrne, its chairman, and his associates are to be commended as well.

—The Paterson Call

Catherine Thevos and they are blessed with two lovely daughters, Aphrodite and Angelica.

We salute the Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey, John Thevos, and his rising star in the political horizon. His elevation to high office reflects credit not only upon himself but upon his Hellenic background and on the Order of Ahepa which takes immeasurable pride in the fact that it had something to do with the molding of the sterling character of John Thevos.



Members of the Order of Ahepa Excursion to Greece are shown preparing for the laying of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Athens on April 18. Second from left is Past Supreme Governor George Papaaleas, Reception Chairman; next to him are Mrs. Leo J. Lamberson and Supreme President Lamberson; then, Ahepa Trustee Sam Nakos; (unidentified person); Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Adeline Geo-Karis and Excursion Commander Van A. Nomikos. Delivering the oration in foreground is Past District Governor of the Garden State District Jean Kossarides. Hundreds witnessed the solemn event.

EXCURSION NEWS

Over 400 Ahepans and their families joined the Ahepa Excursion to Greece this year. New Chapters of the Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope were formed during the voyage on the S.S. Nea Hellas. Also, plans were formulated for the establishment of Ahepa and Daughters Chapters in Athens.

It is gratifying to report that more than \$4,000.00 were raised aboard the Ahepa Excursion for the Queen's Fund, the Patriarch's Campaign and for the Agricultural School for the Blind.

Ahepa excursionists attended reception in their honor given by the Mayor of Athens. They toured the Marathon Dam and were guests at reception held by the American Hellenic Societies and the banking institutions. The laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was a solemn event in which many excursionists participated under the leadership of Excursion Commander Van A. Nomikos and Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson.

The Excursion leaders had conferences with King Paul and with Prime Minister

NEW YORK CONVENTION COMMITTEE AIDS IN EXCURSION RECEPTION

The St. Moritz Hotel, New York City, was the scene of a festive and pleasant reception March 31st, held in honor of all Ahepa excursionists leaving on the Ahepa Excursion for Greece, on the S.S. Nea Hellas, April 1st.

The 1956 Ahepa National Convention Committee for New York City acted as a sponsor of the reception and publicly voiced the hope that all Ahepa would gather in New York for the 1956 Ahepa National Convention.

Among those present were: Ahepa Excursion Commander Van A. Nomikos; Ahepa Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson; Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos; 1956 Convention Committee for New York City Chairman Gus Nicholas; Supreme Governor James Millas; Moher Lodge members George Polos and Spiros Stamos; Past Supreme President V. I. Chebithes; George Papanicolas; Sam Nakos; Past Supreme Counsellors George Loucas and Daniel Panels; and many other dignitaries.

Backing this important committee which seeks to bring Ahepa's famous National Conclave to New York in 1956, are fourteen of Ahepa's Chapters in New York. The officers are: Gus Nicholas, Gen-Chairman; George Dimas and James Poll, Vice-Chairmen; Basil Williams, Jr., Secretary; Charles Sarantos, Treasurer.

Alexander Papagos on matters of mutual interest between Ahepa and Greece.



At the farewell party in honor of the excursionists at the St. Moritz Hotel in New York. Left to right: Sam Nakos of Birmingham, Ala., of the Ahepa Board of Trustees; Professor Oscar Broneer of the Department of Archeology of the University of Chicago; Mrs. Van A. Nomikos and Past Supreme President Nomikos, Excursion Commander; George Papanicolas of Washington, D. C., and Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos who organized the farewell party.



The Excursion Leaders and their families aboard the S.S. Nea Hellas which sailed from New York on April 1, 1954, for motherland Greece. In the group may be seen Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, Sister Lamberson and the two Lamberson youngsters; Commander Van A. Nomikos and Mrs. Nomikos; also, Barba Spiros Stamos, Mother Lodge member from Atlanta, Georgia, and Sam Nakos. Captain Polemis of the S.S. Nea Hellas is in the center.



Distinguished personalities at the Independence Day Banquet. Left photo, left to right: Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas; Greek Minister of Defense Panagiotis Kanellopoulos; Spyros P. Skouras; General James Van Fleet and Lieut. Governor Kimon A. Doukas. Right photo, left to right: Mrs. Spyros P. Skouras and Mr. Skouras; Past Supreme Vice-President George E. Johnson; Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos and Chris E. Athas, Ahepa Board of Trustees Chairman. Over six hundred persons attended this commemorative event at the Waldorf.

New York Ahepa Independence Day Banquet

The Banquet to celebrate the 133rd anniversary of Greece's Independence at New York's Waldorf-Astoria on the night of March 25th was a great success. Lieutenant Governor Kimon A. Doukas and his committee did a grand job to organize this fine dinner in the brief period of two weeks; it is the first time this idea was put into effect by our Empire District and we do hope it becomes an annual patriotic event.

After our Archbishop Michael's blessing the feast went off to a good start with excellent roast beef and superb wines. The good chairman and organizer, after a brief introduction of the 75-voice choir, handed the gavel to the M.C. Spyros P. Skouras. Brilliant speakers came to the fore. Dr. Grayson Kirk, President of Columbia University and a worthy successor of Dr. Butler, spoke with admiration for the culture of the Greeks and their recent heroic feats. Congressman Franklin Roosevelt showed his revered father's talents in extolling modern Greek history and paying homage to the fine citizenship of the American-Greek. Our own Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas in good oratorical form praised the America of 1821 when Monroe and Webster aroused the early United States to aid Greek liberation; he also spoke of Ahepa's grand accomplishments.

The personality that warmed the hearts of the audience especially was General James Van Fleet; when this heroic figure rose to display his affection for Greece and her people—we all rose in homage to the fighter, the diplomat, the grand general of the Army of the United States.

The last speaker was the honor guest, Greece's visiting Minister of Defense, Mr. Panagiotis Kanellopoulos. He chose to speak in English; he outlined his several visits to military and industrial installations here; he spoke of Greece's new friendship with Turkey in contrast to the struggle of the Hellenic heroes of 1821 against the then Ottoman empire.

Among the guests of honor were the statesman Averell Harriman; James A. Lundy, Borough President of Queens; Eric Johnson, head of the Motion Picture industry, to whom Skouras referred as "my boss"; the Consul General of Greece in New York Hon. Christopher Axelos; former Greek Minister Michalopoulos; Past Supreme President Dean Alfange; the international attorney Dr. Stephen P. Ladas, and many other men of distinction.

As delightful as this first affair was, we look forward to its annual repetition in the years to come.

PAUL PRODRONDIS



At the reception prior to the Banquet. Left photo, left to right: George Dimas, Editor of THE AHEPAN; Supreme Governor James A. Millas, Ambassador Phelps Phelps; Mrs. George Dimas; Mrs. James A. Millas; Andy Danza, Editor of the *Chelsea-Clinton News*; Nicholas Papadakos of the Gyrodine Corporation and Capt. Dimitrios Dritsas, Delphi Chapter President. Right photo, left to right: Empire State Governor Peter G. Gifto; Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., one of the principal speakers, and District Secretary Gus Cherevas of District Six.



Panoramic view from a commanding hill west of Corfu.

ATHENS. — A trip to the blossoming island of Corfu, set like a boutonniere on the Ionian Sea, holds some of the thrill of a voyage of discovery. The reasons are three-fold: the loveliness of the island, the moderation of its prices and the fact that to travelers from the Western Hemisphere it is comparatively unknown. The English, the Italians and other Europeans have been visiting it for centuries; like every other beauty spot in this quarter of the globe, it also drew that inveterate traveler Ulysses.

While it does not echo continuously to the sound of trippers' footsteps and the stereotyped patter of professional guides, it still manages to offer the visitor a certain amount of civilized comfort. The best hotel on the island, erected since the war, is relatively small with only fifty beds, but compares favorably with resort hotels in the Western Hemisphere.

SPACIOUS ROOMS

Its rooms are spacious, charmingly furnished and airy, with tiled floors, flowery chintzes and inviting terraces. Its greatest handicap is the lack of private baths, but it features a sparkling cleanliness which one learns to look upon as luxury in the Middle East. Rates run from 69,000 drachmas, equivalent to about \$4.50, to a little under \$6 for a double room. To this is added a 15 per cent service charge. The hotel has no dining room. Two smaller hostels offer cleanliness and a somewhat simpler brand of comfort at slightly lower prices.

At once promising and saddening to the tourists eye is the magnificent, unfinished shell of the Hotel Corfu, begun with E.C.A. funds and abandoned within three months of completion because of a number of administrative snafus. Designed by Pericles Sakellarios, a Corfiote with a distinguished European reputation, it is an imposing modern structure, utilizing locally quarried marble, its sixty-five bedrooms each with private bath and terrace. The décor and equipment are completely contemporary. The Hotel Corfu is set in a ten-acre park and offers an all-embracing view which takes in Garitsa Bay, an ancient Venetian fortress, a crumbling Byzantine tower and a windmill jetty.

When, as and if the corporation in control raises the additional \$100,000 needed to salvage imported equipment being held by the Greek customs and the work is finished, the Corfu will offer a room and three meals a day for the equivalent of \$10. In the interim valuable furnishings lie rusting and moldering in the almost completed corridors.

Side Trip to Corfu

By ADELE RANFT

Corfu town, capital of the island, has one restaurant, short on atmosphere but long on foot. A meal for two consisting of the local hors d'oeuvres — olives, salami, devil fish and tomatoes — followed by roast lamb or *synagride* (a white fish resembling halibut) and a dessert of wild strawberries, the specialty and boast of the island, can be had for about \$5. Greek wine is often good and the Corfu variety of white wines tastes like a chablis. Not for everyone is the *retzina*, wine to which resin has been added.

Largest of the Ionian Islands, Corfu is the only one with a window on the Iron Curtain. Its northernmost coast is only a mile and a quarter from Albania, and on clear days figures can be discerned moving on the opposite shore.

RELICS OF THE PAST

The island clearly reflects its kaleidoscopic history in its way of life and its architecture. The Romans occupied it, then the Venetians, who were in turn succeeded by the Epirote despots, the Kings of Naples and again the Venetians. Graceful many-storied buildings, in the ancient Venetian mode, dot the island and many families cherish heirloom Venetian furniture. Later occupied by the French, Corfu fell to the British in 1815, and the British influence, too, is still manifest. Cheek by jowl with palazzi lean Regency mansions. Cricket is still a favorite game and the Byron Gymnastic Cricket Club flourishes. English ginger beer, plum cake and roast beef are still gustatory favorites.

Swimming, tennis, cricket are all Corfu sports. A comprehensive network of roads in fair condition leads to such spots as the Villa Achilleion, a baroque palace built by Elizabeth of Austria and later occupied by Kaiser Wilhelm; Bon Repos, birthplace of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; Mouse Island, believed by the ancients to have been Ulysses' ship turned to stone by an enraged Poseidon, and dazzling Paleokastrizza (Old Castle), where a convent perches a thousand dizzy feet above the jeweled depths of the bay near the eroded

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Ancient cannons mark the entrance to the old fortress.



CONSTANTINO BRUMIDI

By HARILAOS LAGOUDAKIS
Attached to the U.S. State Department

INTERESTING and hitherto unpublished facts on the Hellenic ancestry of the famous United States Capitol artist. Documents reveal how Constantino Brumidi cherished his Greek ethnic strain and revered the memory of his Greek father.

CONSTANTINO BRUMIDI, often termed the "Michaelangelo" of the United States Capitol and described recently by *Life* as one of the "distinguished Italian names in America," is generally regarded to have been an Italian artist. He was born in Rome in 1806 of a Latin mother; but his father seems to have impressed young Constantino of his Greek origin, and his Greek family name Constantino Brumidis may as well designate him the "El Greco" of America — in the manner Dominikos Theotocopoulos became the El Greco of Spain.

The artist's own testimony of his Greek ethnic strain was revealed only recently by Myrtle Chene Murdock in her unique account on *Constantino Brumidi*. This is contained in his English Bible, which Mrs. Murdock discovered in the possession of Mildred A. Thompson of Washington, D. C. — the great grand-niece of Brumidi's American wife, Lola Germon. It is the copy of the Holy Scriptures which the American Bible Society presented to Brumidi on September 18, 1852 — the day he arrived in New York as a political refugee from Italy. In it he inscribed his name as the son of "Stauro Brumidi of Shiliatra," province of Arcadia, in the Peloponnesus of Greece." This record shows how much Brumidi cherished the memory of his Greek father, whose Greek-Orthodox name Stauros appears as the second name of his American born son, Laurence.

Brumidi's ethnic character appears suggestively in the Christian names of his family. His father Stauros, his own name Constantinos, and his daughter's name Heleni are all typical Greek-Orthodox names of the Byzantine tradition. Probably this Greek element in his family background prompted the artist to inject a Byzantine flavor in the decorations of the "Brumidi corridor" on the ground floor of the Capitol. The artist was not only aware of his Greek family background, but freely talked of his Greek origin. There is evidence of this in the Memoirs of the first Greek envoy to the United States, who met the U.S. Capitol artist in 1867. This Greek record has remained unknown to the biographers of Constantino Brumidi, and it might be of interest to those who will investigate his Greco-Italian origins.

The Greek diplomat who took note of Brumidi and his work in Washington was Alexandros Rizos Rangabis — a man of letters, a historian, novelist, poet and playwright. He mentioned the artist twice in the third volume of his *Journal*: first on page 216 as he described Brumidi as a "Greek artist"; and further, on page 234 he designated him as "the Greek Brumidis." Rangabis arrived in Washington on May 31, 1867, at six o'clock in the morning of Wednesday. In the course of the same day he visited the Capitol, and his description of the interior decoration indicates Brumidi's ethnic reputation at that time: "The Central Hall [of the Capitol] . . . is covered by a very high dome, which holds in its center a beautiful fresco worked out by a Greek artist." Here Rangabis did not

mention Brumidi's name. Apparently he did not meet the "Greek artist" on this occasion, but must have gathered from those who accompanied him at the Capitol that the artist of the "Apotheosis of Washington" was the El Greco of America.



*Inside the United States Capitol,
Brumidi's Masterpieces*

Rangabis' second reference on Brumidi is more specific, since in the meantime the two men were introduced to each other on or before August 4, 1867 — the day when the Greek diplomat visited the Capitol for the second time to attend a Congressional meeting. He noted the "domed corridor" between the House and the Senate rooms, and described its decorator as "the Greek Brumidis, reared in Rome, whose acquaintance I made with the greatest of interest." Brumidis was introduced to Rangabis by an employee of the State Department, whom the Athenian diplomat recorded in his *Journal* as the "Greek Mr. Kimon."² It was apparently an American of Greek origin who arranged the meeting of the "Greek artist" and the Athenian diplomat, but the Greek envoy failed to observe the fresco on the South wall of the House Chamber portraying Washington at Yorktown and Cornwallis suing for peace, which was signed in 1857 by "C. Brumidi, artist, citizen of the U.S."

Brumidi was banned from Rome in 1852 after an imprisonment for more than a year because of his revolutionary activity in the cause of Italian national unity and independence. He emigrated to the U.S. before Italy became a free country, probably under similar circumstances that forced his father to leave Peloponnesus before Greece became an independent nation. This experience of the Brumidi family in the Greek and Italian struggle for liberty gives added meaning to what he has been quoted to have said: ". . . My only ambition and my daily prayer is that I may live long enough to make beautiful the Capitol of the one country on earth in which there is freedom."

¹ Shiliatra is the town known today as Philatra or Filiatra in the Province of Messinia, Peloponnesus, Greece. Brumidi spelled this place-name with an SH as it probably sounded to him from his father's pronunciation. At the time his father left Greece, probably after the Greek uprising of 1770, Arcadia was an undefined area. It included part of present Messinia, where Filiatra is today located in the Eparchy of Trifilis. In 1928 Filiatra had 9,293 population.

² A search in the National Archives revealed no one with the name Kimon, but the payroll of the State Department in 1866 shows a Theodore Dimon, which sounds like an anglicized Greek name. Probably the printers or proofreaders of Rangabis' memoirs mistook Dimon for Kimon.

News from the Australian Ahepa

BRISBANE. — At the invitation of Socrates Chapter No. 3 of Kingaroy, Supreme President Vincent Hellen accompanied by the officers of the Supreme Lodge and members of Hellas Chapter No. 2 of Brisbane with their families, attended the annual conference of the Socrates Chapter which was held at Bundaberg, a distance of 264 miles from Brisbane.

A Greyhound coach was chartered for the occasion and many others traveled by car. We had left Brisbane Saturday noon and reached Bundaberg at 9 P.M. That evening the visiting delegation was entertained at the homes of Brothers Theo Peters and Mark Lathouras.

Sunday morning we held a meeting at the Rotary Club where an initiation was conducted, inducting Mr. Kanellakis of Brisbane. The festivities were held at Brother Lathouras' spacious home. In the afternoon we went by cars to Burgara, a beautiful seaside resort.

The Banquet was held at the Rotary Club with 180 guests participating. Many distinguished guests attended, including Mr. Rattray, Deputy Mayor of Bundaberg; Magistrate Schwarten; Editor Nash and Managing Editor Marks of the News Mail.

Supreme President Hellen in an address expounded the ideals and principles of the Ahepa and how the fraternity had prospered in the United States and Canada and elaborated on the great philanthropic and charitable contributions the Order had made to America and Greece. He concluded his remarks by stating that there is no reason why the Ahepa cannot

grow and prosper in Australia and emulate the parent organization in rendering service to the Australian Commonwealth and to the Motherland. He especially appealed to the younger generation to join the ranks of the Australian Ahepa and assist in creating a great and noble fraternity of Australian Hellenes for the common good.

Deputy Mayor Rattray stated that he was proud Bundaberg had been selected as the site of the conference and extended a cordial welcome to the visiting Ahepans and their families. He lauded the aims and objectives of the Order and encouraged the expansion of the Ahepa movement in Australia, pointing out that it is organizations like Ahepa that cultivate good citizenship in their members and render service to their communities.

Magistrate Schwarten also praised the Ahepa and said that it is an Order worth fostering and promoting, particularly amongst the youth. The Greeks in Australia, he remarked, are highly regarded as law-abiding citizens.

The Banquet terminated at 9 P.M. and dancing followed.

Monday morning at 11, all Ahepans, headed by their colorful banner and the Australian and Greek flags and the Caledonian Pipe Band, marched along Bourbong Street to the Fallen Soldier's Memorial, where more than 100 members of the Greek Community and a large number of Bundaberg residents watched Supreme President Hellen place a wreath of olive branches.

Paying tribute to the deeds of the Australian soldiers in the two World Wars and in Korea, Brother Hellen said: "We, Ahepans, and members of the Greek community of Bundaberg, remember with gratitude the assistance Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen rendered us when our Motherland, Greece, needed all the outside help that could be given when she was threatened by the invading armies of Hitler and Mussolini. On behalf of our organization, Ahepa, and in the name of peace and honor to those who paid the supreme sacrifice, I place this wreath on this memorial." At this point, Pipe Major D. McKenzie played a lament. After a minute's silence, headed by the Scotch Band, we returned through the main street of Bundaberg amidst the cheers of the populace to the Rotary Club where Greeks and Scotchmen mixed together, ate, drank and danced to their hearts content.

And thus ended the pilgrimage. From Brisbane to Bundaberg and back, the hospitality shown to us by our compatriots, and especially those in Bundaberg,



VINCENT HELLEN, *Supreme President*
Supreme Lodge of Queensland

had been outstanding. Another chapter in the pioneering stages of the Australian Ahepa has been written and we are determined to carry on with determination and resolution the hard and persevering work of organization, until an Ahepa unit is established in every Greek Community in the great Australian democracy.

S. GEORGIADIS
Supreme Secretary

HELLAS CHAPTER INSTALLS OFFICERS

The 1953-54 officers of Hellas Chapter No. 2 of Brisbane, Queensland, were installed last June at a public ceremony at the Eton Hotel.

After the installation rite, a banquet was held, with Greek Ambassador Demetrios Lambrou the principal speaker. The guests numbered over 200 and included Consul Frelagues, Rev. Boyazoglu, scholars, scientists, judges and many distinguished Ahepans from North and West.

Many young men who attended the event were so impressed and inspired, that they expressed a desire to join the ranks of the noble Order.

Important Notice

Chapter and District editors and all other correspondents are reminded that the deadline for the July-August-September issue is August 1, 1954.

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BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND
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HUMAN INTEREST STORY

Polly Dines with King . . . Well, Almost

By PAULINE PAFFILAS

CHICAGO.—King Paul of Greece and I lunched at the J. George Smith farm, near Oswego, Ill., Saturday.

His Majesty ate country-fried chicken, acorn squash, green beans and Mrs. Smith's prize-winning apple pie in the dining room.

I had a cheese sandwich, baked beans and a piece of that same apple pie in the basement with the multitude of policemen and newspapermen overseeing the king's visit to a typical Midwest farm.

When Queen Frederika had to skip the trip down on the farm to doctor up a cold, Mrs. Smith was disappointed—as any hostess might be who had spent long hours over a hot stove.

"But," on the other hand, Mrs. Smith said, "it will give me more time to talk with the king who has been sort of in the background."

After a radio broadcast from the Smith's dining room, the family sat down. King Paul was to the right of the host. The tablecloth was white and the centerpiece was of fall flowers. A large arrangement of chrysanthemums and yellow candles brightened up the buffet. All this I saw from the outside looking in—no reporters were permitted inside. I pressed my face against the dining room window and saw King Paul take a drumstick. Next Mr. Smith passed the gravy. Then the relish tray—His Majesty took two olives and one radish. The baked squash, cut in quarters, followed. Then another plate was coming around. I pressed closer. Just then a uniformed figure, one of the 20 deputy sheriffs guarding the king, sat down on the window ledge and His Majesty finished his meal without my prying eyes inspecting each mouthful.

After the meal, Mr. Smith took the king for a tour of the farm—Mrs. Smith stayed behind to clean things up.

Before his trek, the king greeted the hundreds who clustered about the Smith home. Farmers, some in their working jeans, some in their Sunday best, toting children and cameras, came from miles around to look and pouch the ruler of the Hellenes. King Paul said that without the help of American farmers—"spiritual as well as material"—Greece could not have gotten back on her feet. "For this my people and I thank you."

First stop on the tour was to inspect a hay conveyor, then the pig pen. Everything stopped a while later when His Majesty picked up a baby kitten and petted its soft striped coat. Then on to the

fields and back to inspect a calf—recent arrival to the Smith's herd.

Once when he passed by so close that my coat brushed against his tan belted topper I said to him, in Greek, "May the Lord give you a long life." He paused, smiled, stretched out his warm large hand and took my cold one and answered in Greek, "Thank you, my dear, thank you."

He thought the farm was wonderful; the chicken the best he had ever eaten; the Smiths were wonderful. "In fact, everything in this land is wonderful," he said.

The tour over, he bid his hosts a gracious farewell and left to join the Queen at a gala reception and banquet for 1,500 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

As the Smiths, their neighbors, friends and relatives waved and called goodbye to His Majesty someone shouted above the roar "next time bring the Queen!"

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Pauline Paffilas has been a member of the Akron Themis Chapter No. 28 of the Daughters of Penelope for thirteen years, having served as President for two years and is Past Governor of Buckeye District No. 11. For the past eleven years, Sister Paffilas has been on the staff of the Akron Beacon Journal.



"Akron Beacon Journal"

Sister Pauline Paffilas accompanies King Paul on his tour of the J. George Smith Farm near the town of Oswego in Illinois.

GREAT FALLS CHAPTER STAGES FIRST ANNUAL AHEPA DAY BALL

Great Falls Chapter No. 229 of Great Falls, Montana, staged its first annual Ahepa Day Ball recently. The dance was a big success with many Ahepans, their families, friends, and the general public attending. All proceeds from the ball went to the American Cancer Society, to aid the fight against the dreaded disease. The proceeds totaled over \$500. A television set was given away.

Arrangements were handled by a committee headed by Thomas Corontzos, District Governor. Charles Valenas served as vice-chairman, while John Soupos was secretary. Other committee members were George Kordos, Nick Luru, Thomas Bastas, Roy Gianoulas, Sam Gregepes, Bill Ellis, George Chirnos, and Louis Christopoulos. A co-operating ticket sales committee of the Daughters of Penelope local chapter, Crete No. 75, was headed by Mrs. Roy Gianoulas. The ladies of the Cancer Society also aided in ticket sales. They were headed by Mrs. Flynn L. W. Callum, local Cancer Society chairman, also aided in arrangements. Original decorations were arranged by Mr. Charles Grill, local commercial artist.

Prior to the ball, Bro. Corontzos conferred with Mrs. H. W. Peterson, state chairman of the American Cancer Society, of Billings, Montana, who praised the Great Falls Chapter for its support of the Society.

The Ahepa Day plan was originated at the last district convention in Butte, Montana, last June. It was resolved that all observe one day annually as Ahepa Day.

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Montreal Boomed for 1958 Conclave At Testimonial in Honor of C. D. Tsipuras

Addressing a banquet of Mount Royal Chapter of the Order of Ahepa in the Queen's Hotel on Sunday, February 7, 1954, John T. Laskaris of Peabody, Mass., supreme counsellor of the Greek organization in the U.S., said that moves to bring Montreal its first international Ahepa convention in 1956 came to naught when the executive of the order was advised that Montreal lacked sufficient hotel capacity to meet the requirements.

Mr. Laskaris added that he hoped accommodations would have expanded sufficiently to permit of holding the convention in this city in 1958.

Enlarging on this remark, local Ahepa leaders explained that by 1958 the projected Canadian National Hotel on Dorchester would be in full operation to make up the deficiency.

Mr. Laskaris also said that it was hoped to hold the great biennial banquet of the order in the near future in Montreal or Ottawa.

Explaining the purpose of Ahepa, Mr. Laskaris declared that while there were some Greeks from England among the early settlers in the Virginian colony in 1640, the great influx of Greeks to North America had come only within the past half-century.

Ahepa taught loyalty and service to their new homelands to the Greeks settled here and made their new neighbors acquainted with their ideals and achievements. The modern Greek, he said, could no longer rest on his laurels as the heir of Plato and Socrates. These men belonged now to the world rather than to their homeland. The order of Ahepa aided the Greek to make his own peculiar contribution to his day and age and his new environment.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a testimonial to the supreme governor of the order in Canada, Montrealer C. D. Tsipuras, who has held every office in the chapter since he was initiated in 1934.

The day began with the holding of a requiem mass for deceased members in the Greek Holy Trinity Church. Mass was sung by the priest of the church, Rev. Nicholas Salamis. In the afternoon nine new members were initiated in a solemn ceremony.

Dignitaries present at the banquet were Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas of New York; Supreme Governor James Mazarakos of Springfield, Mass.; District Governor George Spiropoulos of District No. 23; District Secretary Percy Papadiamandis and District Treasurer Peter Kehayes, both of Ottawa; George Adamakos, President of the Mount Royal Chapter; President of Quebec Chapter C. Lentgis



Presenting Supreme Governor Chris D. Tsipuras with a desk set on the occasion of the testimonial dinner in his honor. Left to right, Supreme Governor James Mazarakos, Brother Tsipuras, Supreme Counsellor John T. Laskaris, Secretary John E. Hadzipetros of the Mount Royal Chapter and District Governor George Spiropoulos of District Twenty-three.

with Gus Lentgis; President of Ottawa Chapter C. Alexiadis with Mrs. Alexiadis; D. Coulourides, Consul General for Greece at Montreal; and John E. Hadzipetros, Secretary of Mount Royal, who presented the honored guest with a desk set on behalf of the chapter.

—The Montreal Herald

GEORGE BOOSALIS CLOSES "ONE MAN CAMPAIGN"

The following is the inspiring story of the "one man campaign" conducted for four years by Brother George Boosalis of the St. Paul, Minn., Chapter to raise funds to aid his native town of Niata.—THE EDITOR

For nearly four years, Boosalis had perpetuated the drive for funds to aid the school and church of his native city, Niata. The school and church were badly damaged in World War II. The school was destroyed in a tornado just about the time Boosalis opened his first plea to residents of the area to aid him to help his own people.

Boosalis told his story to clubs, through the newspapers, radio, and visited with his friends about the needs of the school and church. He told of his hopes to help so that this might be another "voice of America" heard overseas, but one that really counted because its words were backed by deeds.

First evidence of that support was the check of \$150 that went to Niata to repair the school, later named "Owatonna" in acknowledgment of the friendship that existed through friends of George for his people in need.

No ordinary cornerstone would do for this school re-built. Boosalis wanted the marker to serve a purpose and the usual "cornerstone" idea became a clock.

For the first time Greek children in the school learned to tell the time, George said.

The first minutes of the group George asked to serve as a committee, to ascertain the accounting of funds received and disbursements, showed the cost of the clock at \$35 and \$3.33 postage paid by Boosalis.

Concerned with how much the people of his land wanted to attend church and were denied worship because of the sad state of building and its need for repairs, Boosalis asked those who had "come through before to help him finish the job."

In January this year \$300 was sent to Niata for materials and beginning work on the church repair.

Response of gratitude from his people renewed Boosalis' effort to see that a part-done job became a finished one. This week he called his committee together to close out the account and dispatch \$1900 to the Commercial Credit Bank of Sparta, Greece, as a drawing account for the completion of the church project.

That made a round figure of \$2,200 given by persons and business firms in this area and received from nearly every state where word of the campaign spread, or through former residents, who knew the sincerity of George Boosalis for his cause.

As the committee congratulated him on his work, he expressed appreciation again, as he had done on many occasions, as coming "from the bottom of George's heart."

He spoke of the 3,615 names recorded by the Chamber of Commerce as having given to the cause, pointing out that the total of \$3,700 given for the two projects in Niata, came from many people in small amounts.

He was commended by the committee for the accuracy of his accounts of receipts and his conscientious effort to have the disbursed funds handled and witnessed as in order by others.

"George will never forget the kindness of everyone who gave," he said. "No one was asked for a penny directly. The papers and radio told the story, friends told friends, and those who gave did it because they wanted to give to George's one man campaign."

—The Steele County News

GARFIELD DANCE

On March 6th, Garfield Chapter of Chicago, Ill., together with Homer Chapter of the Daughters and Garfield's two junior auxiliaries held their annual dance in the Hall of the Plato School. The guests enjoyed a wonderful evening and one of them won a clock radio.



CHAPTER NEWS

BATTLE CREEK HONORS 25 YEAR MEN AT BANQUET

Almost 200 persons were in attendance at the Battle Creek (Mich.) banquet in honor of the chapter's 25 year members. The beautiful event was held on March 7 in the Hart Hotel.

The banquet was a gay and colorful party, beginning with a cocktail hour, continuing with the banquet by candlelight, an enthusiastic speaking program and concluding with a dancing party.

Dr. Emil Leffler, head of Albion College, in the brief time that he spoke, clearly pictured some of the changes that this last 25 years have brought. "We very much need the stability that the Order of Ahepa can bring," said Dr. Leffler. "I salute you for the contributions you have made and for the continuing service of achievements," he concluded.

Honored at the dinner were 22 charter members who were presented with 25-year pins. Those who joined the Order in Battle Creek when the chapter was organized in 1929 and who have continued active, are John Christ, Sam H. Gootas, Alexander Gregory, Peter Hidakis, Frank K. Hidakis, Nick K. Hidakis, James G. Janetakos, William G. Janetakos, Peter Klemos, John H. Kurmadras, Nick Korbakis, Dan Leventis, Thomas Mantas, Peter Manusas, Gust Metes, Peter S. Pascalenos, John Staffen, Thomas Tassos, Sr., Nick Zaharios and John Zaharios.

POWER DISTRICT CONCLAVE AT EASTON, JUNE 19-22

The 22nd Annual Convention of Power District No. 4 for the Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athens will be held at Easton, Pa., from June 19th (Saturday evening) until June 22nd, Tuesday. The district includes all of Pennsylvania and part of West Virginia.

The Ahepa Committee members are: Anthony Gianopoulos and Michael Voyagis, Chairmen; John Pappas and George Mechalakos, Secretaries; J. Janos, Treasurer; Steve Dimmis and Peter Vlahakis, other committee members.

The Daughters' Committee members are: Kula Gianopoulos, General Chairman, Mary Frangulis, Secretary; Constance Hrisikos, Treasurer; Georgia Balaskas and Catherine Masouras, Luncheon and Millinery Fashion Show; Stella Frangulis and Dorothy Masouras, Dance.

Church services will be held on Sunday morning, June 20th, at the Hellenic Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, with



Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas (right) presenting check of \$15,155.00 on behalf of the Order of Ahepa to E. Roland Harriman, Chairman of the American Red Cross, for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in the Ionian Islands of Greece.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

March 18, 1954

Dear Mr. Scopas:

It is with warm sentiments of appreciation that I write to thank you for the generous gift of \$15,155.00 which you contributed to the service of humanity through the American Red Cross on behalf of the Order of Ahepa.

It is particularly gratifying to know that this contribution represents the good will and generosity not only of your national organization but, also, of many of your chapters, district lodges and individual members; and I sincerely hope that you will convey this expression of gratitude to all.

I want you to know that in sending this word of appreciation I speak for all my associates and fellow-members in the American Red Cross.

Cordially yours,
E. ROLAND HARRIMAN

Mr. Stephen S. Scopas
Vice-President
Order of Ahepa
280 Broadway
New York City, N. Y.

a picnic at Lincoln Park in the afternoon and the Daughters of Penelope Dance at the Eagles' Home in the evening. On Monday evening, June 21st, the Ahepa Banquet will be held at the Hotel Easton. A farewell party will be held June 22nd.

INITIATION, BANQUET HELD BY ST. LOUIS No. 53

A mass initiation was conducted on February 20, 1954, by the St. Louis Chapter No. 53 at the Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel.

Twenty-five candidates were initiated into the Order. Following the initiation ceremony, a banquet was given which was attended by 250 members. Among those present were Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson; William Belroy, Governor of District No. 13; Peter Mantzoros, Director of Public Relations for the Order of Ahepa; and Peter Batsakis and Paul Costulas, Deputy Governors of District No. 13.

Byron Tompras, President of the St. Louis Chapter, made an address outlining the progress of the St. Louis Chapter and revealed plans for the ensuing year. Brothers Lamberson and Belroy also spoke on the Ahepa and its progress.

The initiating class was named the "Harry Stathis Class," honoring Brother Harry Stathis, a charter member of the St. Louis Chapter. Brother Stathis was also honored by Supreme President Lamberson who presented him with a certificate of merit, for his devoted work to the Order for over twenty-five years.

MUSKEGON CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Greater Muskegon Chapter No. 213 of Muskegon, Michigan, celebrated its 25th anniversary on March 14, 1954, with a beautiful banquet in the spacious auditorium of the Masonic Temple of that city.

Preceding the banquet a cocktail party was held attended by many distinguished citizens of Muskegon including a number of outstanding Ahepans. The celebration was under the direction of Peter Jerelos, District Secretary, and Thomas Caris as co-chairman.

Rev. James D. Skinner of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Rev. George Stathis of the Greek Orthodox Church offered the benediction. Circuit Court Judge Noel Fox was toastmaster.

Among the guest speakers were Leo J. Lamberson, Supreme President of the Order; District Governor Stephen Andreadis; Mrs. Socrates Seckles, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope; Past District Governor Thomas Kouchoukos; Past Supreme Governor Socrates Seckles, and National Director of Public Relations Peter N. Mantzoros.

WESTCHESTER No. 51 INITIATES YONKERS MAYOR

In a brilliant initiation ceremony impressively conducted by the Empire State Degree Team in the beautiful Masonic Temple in Yonkers, N. Y., on Saturday, March 6, 1954, the Honorable Kristen Kristensen, Mayor of Yonkers, along with six other candidates, was inducted into the ranks of the Order of Ahepa.

A capacity audience was present in the magnificently equipped Masonic lodge room to witness the solemn rites. Initiating officer for the auspicious occasion was Past District Governor George Dimas who was very ably assisted by the members of the degree team in the following stations: Past Supreme Treasurer Constantine Critzas as Vice-President; Past President of Brooklyn Chapter Nicholas Papadakis as Chaplain; Past President of Upper Manhattan George Cashoty as Warden; Leo Vouletis of the Pindus as Captain of the Guard; District Secretary Gus Cherevas and District Advisor George Kanganis assisted during the second part as did Past Supreme Counselor Louis J. Dukas. District Governor Peter G. Giftos rendered the great oath and obligation and delivered the principal address of the evening.

The event was highlighted by the presence of many distinguished guests including Supreme Governor James Mazarakos from Springfield, Mass.; Supreme Governor James Millas from Trenton, N. J., accompanied by Past District Governor No. 5 Xenophon Microutsicos; Past Supreme Treasurer James Starr from Hartford, Conn.; Past Supreme Secretary Peter Kourides; and Charles Sarantos, President of the Bronx Chapter. Nicholas P. Leventis presided during the opening and closing exercises and Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos was in charge of arrangements for this special meeting.

In addition to Mayor Kristensen, the other initiates are: Michael Brilis, Adam Brilis, John Andronicos, William Lazarakis, Peter Sakkas and James Beriakis.

A sumptuous buffet supper followed in the dining room of the temple.

On January 30, 1954, the Westchester Chapter No. 51 held its annual dance. The feature of the event was the presentation of 25 year pins to the following members: Constantine Critzas, Tom Pappas, Spiros Panos, Demosthenes Critzas, Andrew Ellison, George Milton, Nicholas Kossitos, Alexander Critzas, James Ellenides, John Karanastios, A. Kalendrianos, Theodore Mourgis, Peter Venetis, A. Massas, Spiros Homer, George Kiropes, P. Mougios, John Kiamos, George Veras, George Stefanou, P. Kossitos, E. Karagiannis, A. Rapakoulas, T. Valedes, N. Iosofides, M. Romel, P. Koutos, and M. Aggelatos.



At the gala initiation rite of the Westchester Chapter No. 51 of Yonkers, N. Y., on which occasion Mayor Kristen Kristensen of Yonkers was inducted into the Order of Ahepa. Center, front row: Mayor Kristensen is being congratulated by Chapter President Michael Polychron while District Governor No. 6 Peter G. Giftos, Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos and Supreme Governor James A. Millas of New Jersey approvingly look on.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

Sacramento Chapter No. 153 is indeed a very busy Ahepa platoon at the time of this writing.

The bowling team composed of Wm. Kuchulis, Demo Givas, James Nitsos, S. C. Zampathas, and Tyke Kuchulis have been splitting the pins in anticipation of their home and home match with the celebrated Salinas aggregation.

On the 14th of May the Sons of Pericles were organized in the capital city at an installation conducted by John Kapanis, National Sons Advisor. The *leventis* elected the following officers: James Champas, President; Peter Givas, Vice-President; Harry Demas, Secretary; Richard Nitsos, Treasurer; James Mamalis, Master of Ceremonies; James Vlamis, High Priest; Dino Papadopoulos, High Guardian; and John Kaufman, Inside Sentinel. There are 18 members at present and it is expected to grow.

Sacramento has started a 25 year club amongst its membership. The members that have received and will receive their pins at a special social event to be announced later are as follows: Albert Alex, George Apostolos, James Apostolos, Tom Burans, Christos Ballas, Peter Calyvos, Gust D. Chahalos, Gus M. Christie, Louis Churgranos, John T. Cazanis, Spiros J. Cosmos, George H. Canakes, Peter Demas, Pete Diamantopoulos, Peter Andrews (Druchis), Gust Petros, Constantine J. Gaston, Constantine Gotchis, Demo Givas, George Elton Harris, Wm. D. Kakavas, James Katsos, John A. Kaufman, Demo Kefalinos, Chris Keftos, Th. A. Kellog, Tom Kokotis, Anthony Kouretas, Louis Lampros, Angelo Malos, Peter D. Mamalis, George Maniatopoulos, Sam Mckas, A. S. Nicholson, George

K. Manus, James Nitsos, Wm. Passalis, P. C. Phillips, Gus Provolos, Tom Panos, John M. Shokas, Gus Skarles, Vasilios Sklavounos, Gust Soukas, George J. Triphon, Ted J. Triphon, Harry Vasilikis, Nicholas Yalouris, William Zarteris, and George E. Zamm. They have written an interesting chapter in the Ahepa history of the west.

Able and qualified Demo Givas is the present presiding officer of Sacramento Chapter. He is an old Ahepan, having come into the fold on December 9, 1924.

Sacramento's George E. Johnson is currently campaigning up and down the Golden State for favorable consideration at the polls in June for the post of State Treasurer. The affable and histrionic campaigner has long been an active participant in National and District campaigns and conventions of the Ahepa. Son Eppie Johnson is Dad's right hand man and always Johnny-on-the-spot to help in every situation that arises.

Young John D. Trentos, Jr., is an applicant for the District and National Scholarships. Currently a student at the Sacramento Junior College, the young scholar expects to matriculate at the University of California in the fall of 1954.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR ERNEST DEMATATIS

Washington's Hellenes recently held a testimonial dinner in honor of one of its prominent attorneys, Ernest E. Dematatis, who is currently serving as Secretary of Ahepa District No. 3.

John T. Pappas, D. C. insurance executive was toastmaster at the dinner.

Brother Dematatis has served as President of the Washington Chapter No. 31 and is credited with initiating the Ahepa Blood Bank program in District Three.

JOHN THYMIOS HONORED FOR 30 YEARS SERVICE TO GREEK THEATRE IN U.S.A.

A capacity audience filled the spacious Manhattan Center in New York on January 31, 1954, to honor and to pay tribute to John Thymios for his outstanding contributions to the Greek theatrical profession during the past thirty years.

Ahepa's esteem and profound gratitude on this auspicious occasion was appropriately expressed by James Karabatos, President of the Hermes Chapter No. 186, of which Brother Thymios is the secretary.

Brother Karabatos' tribute to the veteran artist follows: "John Thymios has left indelibly his mark on the Greek Theater in America. He has been in it for thirty long years, a lifetime. Theater in this case does not mean presidents, stocks, secretaries or press agents, nor an enterprise to be measured in terms of profits or glamour. It is the kind of a theater that came into existence because of a need to fill a vacuum in the hearts and souls of a people longing to see on the stage the life they once lived in the land of their birth. As such the Greek Theater, here, took on the aspects of an institution as well, in which our people found an added medium to keep in touch with the life and spirit of Hellas. Its stage was, and still is, to be found anywhere—in a Broadway playhouse, a church, a hall, its audience in any city and town of this vast land. This is the kind of a theater John Thymios worked and struggled for and to which he contributed more than he received. After thirty years, however, remembering the happy moments he brought into the lives of thousands of our people and the vital part he played in keeping alive memories and traditions, he can look back with a justifiable pride on his accomplishments, as his greatest reward. It is this that gives him the right to claim our gratitude and our deepest appreciation and respect."

UPPER MANHATTAN RITE

An initiation ceremony was held by the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York City on April 9, 1954, at its regular meeting place in the Pythian Temple.

The solemn rite was conducted by the degree team with the following participating: President Arthur Voyer, Past District Governor George Dimas, George Cashot, Past District Governor Michael Loris, District Advisor George Kangaris, District Secretary Gus Cherevas, Past District Secretary Jack Zarcadoolas, and President of Brooklyn Chapter No. 41 Nicholas Karalekas. Lieut. Governor Kimon A. Doukas was the speaker of the evening.

The following were initiated: John P. Papadakis, Theodore Dictaban, Andrew E. Makar, and John Bitis.



At the testimonial dinner in honor of Past President Constantine Lambos of the Washington Heights Chapter of New York. At left is President Don Avlon congratulating Brother and Mrs. Lambos, after presentation of chapter gift to the retiring President.

ROCHESTER (MINN.) MARKS GREEK INDEPENDENCE

A banquet in commemoration of Greek Independence was held on Sunday, March 28, 1954, at the North Hall of the Mayo Civic Auditorium in Rochester, Minn. The event was sponsored by the Ahepa Chapter No. 230 of that city in association with other civic groups.

Nearly three hundred persons attended the celebration and heard speeches extolling the glorious history of Hellas and particularly the valiant efforts of the Greek people to regain their independence from the Ottoman yoke.

Speakers included George Pougiales, George Margellos, Pete Chouramanis, George Boosalis, Rev. Paul Apostolakis and Andrew Chatos. Honored guests were Mayor Claude H. McQuillan of Rochester and Olmsted County Sheriff Gerald E. Cunningham.

GRAND ISLAND INITIATES CONGRESSMAN A. L. MILLER

At a solemn induction rite, the Grand Island Chapter No. 167 of Grand Island, Nebraska, initiated into the Ahepa ranks Congressman A. L. Miller and his secretary, Kimon Karabatos. The ceremony was presided over by young attorney John Mitchell. He was assisted by Brothers Ted Jamson, George Kustiopoulos, Harry Lyons and John Peterson.

After the ceremony, Congressman A. L. Miller expressed his gratitude for the privilege extended him to join the Ahepa, the activities of which he has followed with a keen interest over the years.

The chapter honored its 25 year members with a Dinner-Dance at the Straton Hotel. Past Supreme Governor Nick Jamson recounted to the enlightenment of all the early struggles of the Ahepa to establish itself firmly in the United States and how it has championed the aspirations of the Hellenic people since the pioneering days.

Sam Bushong of Wichita, Kansas, a most ardent Ahepan of the mid-west, presented the members with the 25 year pins. Also, present as an honored guest, was District Governor William C. Karnaze of District No. 15.

Twenty-five year members honored are as follows: George Peterson, Alex Poulos, Steve Poulos, Harry Lyons, Jim Poulos, Nick Jamson, Pete Panos, Peter G. Kotsiopoulos, Christ Cosmos, James Camaras and Arist Jamson.

Other 25 year members not present on the occasion are: Dionisios D. Coris, Plato Cosmas, John Kallos, Con. G. Kotsiopoulos, Vangel Lazas, Louis Likurasis, Dick Valonis, William Valonis and James Jamson.



On the occasion of the initiation into the Grand Island Chapter No. 167 of Grand Island, Nebraska, of Congressman A. L. Miller and his secretary, Kimon Karabatos. Standing, left to right: Vice-President John Peterson; President Ted Jamson; Brother Cunningham, Mayor of Grand Island; Past Supreme Governor Nick Jamson; Congressman Miller; Brother Karabatos; Harry Lyons, Captain of the Guard; Chaplain George Kotsiopoulos and District Legal Advisor John Mitchell. Seated, l. to r.: Secretary Bill Peterson and Treasurer Janis Camaras.



The Sir Walter Raleigh Chapter No. 10 was host to the mid-year conference of Capital District No. 3 at Raleigh, N. C. The above photograph shows the members of the Chapter. 1st Row, Left to Right: Tom Ross, General Chairman; Nick J. Russos, 3rd District Treasurer; James Stathacos, Treasurer; Rev. George Stefanis; George Charles, President; Nick G. Russos, Vice-President; George A. Mohas, Secretary. 2nd Row, Left to Right: Spiro Alexiou, Chairman Publicity Comm.; Steve Loomis, Welcome Comm.; Spiro Kutis, Warden; Stelios M. Kanellos, Entertainment Comm.; Harry J. Costa, Ticket Comm.; Jack Marangos, Entertainment Comm.; George Kapareliotis, Entertainment Comm.; Pete Bougadis, President Sons of Pericles. 3rd Row, Left to Right: Louie Triantis, Entertainment Comm.; Thales Kaloyannides, Ticket Comm.; George Kledares, Entertainment Comm.; Steve Stephens, Ticket Comm.; Jimmy Russos, Captain of the Guard; Mike Matinos, Chairman Book Committee; Nick Dombalis, Chaplain; James D. Johns, Book Committee. The Meet was a success.

CAPITAL DISTRICT No. 3 MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

The Sir Walter Raleigh Chapter No. 10 of Raleigh, N. C., was the host to the mid-year conference of Capital District No. 3. The conclave took place on February 7-8, 1953, at the Sir Walter Hotel of that city.

The delegates to the conference attended Sunday morning church services at the local Greek Orthodox Church. In the afternoon an outstanding initiation ceremony was held, inducting into the Ahepa ranks a large class of candidates headed by Governor William B. Umstead and Congressman Harold Cooley of North Carolina.

Sunday evening the banquet took place. Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas was the toastmaster. The speakers were U.S. Senator A. Lennon; State Treasurer Erwin Gill; Secretary of State Thad Eurc; Mayor Miller; District Governor No. 3 John Angelson; Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Adeline Geo-Karis and Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson.

On Monday, the business sessions of the conference took place with District Governor Angelson presiding. Many resolutions were adopted and a program was formulated for presentation to the next district convention in June at Richmond, Va. Also, a joint meeting with the Daughters took place Monday afternoon where common problems were discussed and acted upon.

The grand ball Monday night brought the conference to a close. It proved to be one of the most successful conclaves in

recent years and great credit is given to the committee on arrangements for the smooth deliberations and for the splendid social program.

Other personalities present at the banquet and at the sessions were Grand Secretary of the Daughters Christine Johnson and Grand Governor Zoe Cavalaris. Also, Daughters District Governor Mary Cockinos, President Sophie Ross of the local reactivated chapter of the Daughters together with Vice-President Pota Vallas, Secretary Margaret Colovos and Treasurer Elene Fotiadis. Also, Ahepa District Secretary Ernest Demitatis, District Treasurer N. J. Russos and District Marshal James Assimos.

During the conference, the 25 year pin was presented to veteran Ahepan Spiros Alexiou by District Governor Angelson.

The committee in charge of the conference consisted of the following: Tom Ross, General Chairman; George Mohas, Secretary; John Capitanos, Treasurer; George Charles, Banquet Chairman; Spiros Alexiou, Publicity; Nick Gus Russos, Grand Ball; and Mike Matinos, Conference Book.

PORTLAND, ORE., MAIDS

Queens and their courts of past years took part in the presentation and coronation of Diane Spathas as Queen of the Maids' Christmas Formal, December 26. The Queen was named only minutes before her coronation, and was chosen from candidates Diane Spathas, Elvera Palumbis, Georgia Goritsan and Merle Karafotias.

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The parable tells us of a traveler from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell among thieves, was robbed and wounded. Left there, half dead by the side of the road, he saw a priest and a levite passing him by on the other side. A third man, a Samaritan who saw him, went near him and binding up his wounds and pouring in oil, this good man placed him on his beast, brought him to an inn, took care of him and paid the innkeeper for the treatment he rendered.

When the lawyer, answering the question of Jesus, acknowledged that he who showed mercy was the neighbor to the wounded man, he heard the Master saying unto him:

"Go and do thou likewise."

This is His command to us today. To do likewise, to emulate the example of the Good Samaritan, to bind up the moral wounds and rehabilitate the physically weakened refugee who, by the acts of war murderers and catastrophic effects of earthquakes, lays now by the side of the road in our motherland and awaits a helping hand to minister to him.

"Go and do thou likewise."

Sponsoring one or more refugees, is obeying the command of the Great Master.

AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE

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At the recent Ahepa Refugee Committee Mass Meeting in New York held to stimulate interest in Ahepa's Refugee Program. In the group may be seen Chairman Harris J. Booras, Vice-Chairman George A. Polos and Secretary Louis J. Dukas of the Refugee Committee.

PASADENA, CALIF., HOST TO 20TH DISTRICT MEET

The El Camino Real District No. 20, the District with the history of barefoot Padres building missions throughout lovely and romantic California, Nevada and Arizona, is planning the finest convention in its history to be held at the world-famous Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, California, on June 24, 25, 26, and 27.

The Rose Bowl Chapter No. 373, host chapter for the conclave, is headed by Brother Louis Tripodes, general chairman for the event. Sister Stella Nichols of the Adraesteia Chapter No. 233 of the Daughters of Penelope is chairman for that group. The whole Ahepa family has pitched in and is assisting to make the 23rd Annual Convention a very delightful one for all delegates and conventioners.

Greek Night is scheduled for Thursday night at the Armenian Hall in Los Angeles and some exciting entertainment has been programmed. The combined official opening of the convention will be Friday morning with Mayor Clarence Winder of Pasadena officially greeting the delegates and visitors on behalf of the Crown City, Pasadena. The long and eagerly awaited banquet with outstanding civic and Ahepan personalities is tabbed for Friday evening. On Saturday evening the Grand Ball is expected to lure a tremendous crowd with a big name band to add enjoyment and fun to the young and old alike. On Sunday all will attend church services at the renowned St. Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles.

The Far Western Olympiad under the direction of Brother Peter Cleritzos, National Athletic Director, promises to give the athletes of Southern California and other areas the opportunity to vie with one another in golf, bowling, and track and field events. Ladies will also compete in golf and bowling.

A fashion show on Saturday, June 26, will attract the women's attention while the men are busy with their business sessions.

The committee have put in long hours and hard work to insure success and they deserve immense credit. Here are the components of various committees: General Chairman, Louis Tripodes; Vice-Chairmen, James Sideris, Constantine Economos, and Peter Cleritzos; Secretary, Nick Barboutis; Treasurer, Gus Tripodes; Advisory Board, Emanuel Katsaros, Paris Tripodes, Leon Argyros, and Peter Becronis; Album, Leon Argyros; Banquet and Olympiad, Peter Cleritzos; Grand Ball, Gus Pothos; Greek Night, Jack Tripodes; Olympiad Hop, Nick Andrews; Sunday Farewell Luncheon, Pantele Xanthos; Housing, Charles Spencer, Publicity, Leon Argyros; Reception, Jack Becronis; Registration and Tickets, John Tripodes; Sightseeing, James Yankos; Transportation, George Mavridakis.

For the Daughters, Stella Nichols is Chairman; Olga Argyros, Vice-Chairman; Vivian Tripodes, Secretary; Helen Lafkas, Treasurer; Advisory Board, Athena Becronis, Helen Allas, Bertha Kokores, and Ann Coares; Garden Luncheon, Jo Ann Klikas; Tea, Katherine Kruse and Alicia Louzos; Album, Fran Kosacky; Grand Ball, Vivian Tripodes; Greek Night, Irene Vianis and Leona Katsaros; Publicity, Mary Spencer; Reception, Helen Lafkas; Registration, Roula Harelis; and Sightseeing, Helen Lafkas.

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Honored guests at the banquet in honor of the 25 year members of the Henry W. Longfellow Chapter No. 82 of Portland, Maine. Left to right, Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson; Mrs. Kenneth M. Sills; Governor Burton M. Cross of the State of Maine, and Pres. Harry Gamilis of the Portland Chapter.

PORTLAND (ME.) AHEPA HONORS 25-YEAR MEMBERS

The Ahepa Chapter of Portland, Maine, recently honored 16 twenty-five year members at a banquet and formal held in the beautiful Eastland ballroom, Portland, Maine. This banquet and formal may be called one of the most elaborately and successfully planned affairs ever put on in the City of Portland by the H. W. Longfellow Ahepa Chapter. The occasion also marked the observance of the first anniversary of its auxiliary, the Daughters of Penelope. Highlighting the affair was the initiation of Gov. Burton M. Cross, Governor of the State of Maine. The initiation was conducted by the Supreme President of the Ahepa, Leo J. Lamberson of South Bend, Indiana.

The sixteen quarter-century members honored at this grand affair were: Michael Ballis, Steve Bouche, Louis K. Constantine, Andrew Doukas, J. E. Evangelos, Peter S. Gifto, Thomas D. Kalpers, Constantine Koudovatos, John C. Moustakis, Charles Pappas, John Pappas, Spiros Patrnelis, Albert Rallis, Zahris N. Vamvakias, Harley E. Vetas and Ernest M. Zacharias. Pins were presented and congratulations extended to each twenty-five year member by Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson. More than 500 Ahepans, representing chapters from Bangor, Waterville, Augusta, Lewiston, Biddeford-Saco, Portsmouth and Dover, N. H., and Portland, were present at the dinner.

Seated at the head table were: Governor and Mrs. Burton M. Cross, Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope Mrs. Elaine Pinkham, Prof. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Sills, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Bitzas, President of the Daughters of Penelope Chapter in Portland Mrs. John Pappas, President of the Ahepa Chapter in Portland and Mrs. Harry Gamilis, Chief of Police and Mrs. Clarence F. Hofacker, and Mr. George Fellios.

Governor Cross, who became the tenth governor to join the fraternity, was intro-

MONROE No. 175 ACTIVE IN NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

On January 27, 1954, a combined meeting of the local Ahepa Family was brought to order by President Tom Kouris. Ahepans, Daughters, Maids and Sons were well represented and each had a chance to voice his opinion and work out a tentative schedule of coming events. After a resume of activities by the presidents of each of the auxiliaries, Despy Stevens of the Daughters, Marilyn Ballas of the Maids and Emmanuel Manoudakis of the Sons, President Tom Kouris called upon our own District Governor Milton Marikakis for a few words. At the close of the business meeting, two films were shown, refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

New Brunswick was very fortunate in obtaining the services of the championship Paterson Degree Team for our initiation held on the night of February 24th.

The following new members were initiated: Thomas Comsudes, Henry Michael, John Kousoulides, Peter S. Ballas and Steve Aliferis into Monroe Chapter and Arthur S. Tingus into Washington Rock Chapter.

Among the dignitaries present were: Supreme Governor James A. Millas, District Governor Milton Marikakis, Lieut. Governor Edmund Matsoukas, District Secretary Bob N. Fassoulis, District Marshal James Katramados, District Advisor Joe Allen. Past District Governors present were: X. K. Microusticos, Peter Caravoulas and James Argyros. The following chapters were represented with delegations: Newark, Paterson, Camden, Trenton, Jersey City, Plainfield, Elizabeth, Perth Amboy and Orange.

The initiation was culminated with the presentation of Ahepa pins to the new Bros. by Supreme Governor James Millas, after which refreshments were served.

Conducted by Master of Ceremonies, George A. Fellios, Governor Cross' main topic was to urge the people of the State of Maine to "talk up" their state as a point of pride. Supreme President Lamberson urged Americans to look upon their citizenship as a "priceless thing" which should be jealously guarded. Prof. Kenneth M. Sills, former President of Bowdoin College, read a poem sent to him by Robert Peter Tristram Coffin, Bowdoin professor who is currently on the faculty of Athens College. Dr. Sills said that the poem entitled "Athens in Winter," was being read for the first time in America, at this festive occasion.

Committee members who planned this Ahepa fete included: George Fellios, Chairman, assisted by Albert Rallis, Stratis Doukas, Manuel Rallis, James Lebares, and Daughters of Penelope: Miss Aphro-



AHEPANS MARCHING AHEAD TOGETHER IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

The ever growing Gyrodyne Company of America in military and commercial helicopter procurement program of the United States, as well as the prestige it may bring to the Greek American element in this country, has recently attracted the attention of many Hellenic leaders both here and abroad.

Among those who have recently visited the modern helicopter plant in St. James, Long Island, and have expressed great enthusiasm and pride in the accomplishments of Gyrodyne are His Eminence Archbishop Michael, Consul General of Greece in New York Christian A. Axelos, the Greek Team of the Voice of America, Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas, Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras, Lieut. Governor of New York Kimon A. Doukas, Past District Gov. Gus Nicholas, and many others.

Pictured above at the controls of Gyrodyne's new Coaxial Helicopter is Ahepa's "flying" Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson accompanied by Mr. George Roumanis, visiting Congressman from Laconia, Greece; Mr. Peter J. Papadakos, President of Gyrodyne; Mr. Harilaos Butsikaris of the Pan-Laonian Federation, from Elyria, Ohio; Colonel Lambros Kouzigiannis, World War II hero of the Royal Hellenic Air Force; and Nicholas J. Papadakos, Assistant to the President of Gyrodyne and General Manager of the 20th Century Pioneer Securities Company, the first of its kind to be organized in this country by a Greek American.

Of the approximately 5,000 stockholders of the Gyrodyne Company of America, over 1,000 are Ahepans and Daughters. In their honor and in appreciation of the pioneering work of Gyrodyne and its founders, Peter and Nicholas Papadakos, both Ahepans, the members of the new Ahepa Chapter in Suffolk County, Long Island, where Gyrodyne is located, have named it Gyrodyne Chapter No. 386.

dite Lekousti, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. John Pappas, Mrs. Theodore Rallis, Mrs. Stratis Doukas, Miss Athena Kourakos.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES INTERIM REPORT

The National Board of Trustees, created by the National Convention at Houston, 1953, met during the Eleventh Biennial Banquet in Washington, D. C., March 19 to 22, 1954.

Since assuming their duties, they have rented one of the two vacant buildings in Albuquerque, New Mexico (better known as the Sanatorium). They are tearing down the other one, to level the ground and prepare it for a parking lot. The remainder of the property facing the main street is for rent or will build to suit tenant.

In Washington, D. C., we are negotiating to purchase an income producing building and to permanently house our Headquarters. In Florida, Ahepa owns a 350 acre track of land whose value has substantially increased due to the many new highways, both U.S. and State, surrounding it. We hope to have very good news for all Ahepans very shortly or as soon as we get a complete report from the Florida Committee. On the Scholarships, we are gathering all possible information from various universities and other sources in order to guide us in formulating rules and regulations governing same. We welcome any constructive ideas from members who may be interested in this matter.

From the above you can see the members of the Board of Trustees have taken up their duties and responsibilities very seriously and are doing everything possible within their knowledge and ability to improve and increase the values of our Fraternity's Assets. In this manner, the membership will realize more and better scholarship awards, retirement home and other benefits which in turn will encourage the present members and attract many thousands more, to make *Ahepa "Bigger and Better."*

SPEROS A. VERSIS
Secretary

PINDUS HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

The Pindus Chapter No. 354 of New York gave a testimonial dinner in honor of its past presidents on April 3, 1954, at the Denis Chop House.

Founded on June 12, 1947, the Pindus has made rapid progress and is a credit to the Ahepa in the upper Eastside of New York where it has jurisdiction.

Chapter presidents honored on the occasion were: Richard Sherry, William Cherevas, Constantine Apostolakos, Gus Cherevas and Thomas Lagoumis.

Over one hundred attended the event, including many dignitaries. Principal speaker was District Governor Peter G. Giftos.



At the initiation of Congressman Norris Cotton of the State of New Hampshire into the Order of Ahepa. The event took place on April 4, 1954, at Manchester, N. H., under the auspices of Manchester Chapter No. 44. Shown above, front row, left to right: Past District Governor John S. Caraphil, the initiating officer; Chapter President James Hagis; Congressman Cotton; District Governor No. 9 Christos Costarakis; John E. Malatras and John N. Nassikas. Back row, left to right: George P. Dinell, Nick Gianoulis, Charles J. Koutsos, John A. Barakis, Nicholas G. Gakidis and Arthur G. Mitropolis, Manchester Ahepans.

YPSILANTI NEWS

Unfortunately, business matters in Chicago forced Vice-President Gus Markos to leave our city and establish permanent residence in Chicago. He was a hard worker in our chapter and often his assistance in all matters proved very useful. As chairman of our entertainment committee for a year, he performed a wonderful job which we all will remember for a long time. The Ypsilanti Chapter wishes him the best of luck and we hope that he will have the opportunity to attend every once in a while our meetings.

Because of our Vice-President's departure, a few changes were made in the chapter among the officers. The assembly elected Nicholas August, former Captain of the Guards, Vice-President. Nicholas Perris was appointed Captain of the Guards.



Distinguished members of the Oakland Chapter No. 171 of Oakland, Calif., honored for meritorious services they have rendered to their respective cities as Councilmen. Left to right: Oakland Councilman Peter M. Tripp; Napoleon C. Dokos, Chapter President; and San Leandro Councilman Sam Vlahos. The meeting of December 7, 1953, was dedicated in their honor. Brothers Tripp and Vlahos are Past Presidents of the Oakland Lodge.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

One of the most successful meetings held by the 13th District Lodges was the Mid-Winter Conference, held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago on February 28, 1954. This great meet brought together the representatives of various chapters from all four of our branches: the Ahepa, the Daughters of Penelope, the Sons of Pericles, and the Maids of Athens. In charge of the meeting were Bro. William D. Belroy, Governor of the Ahepa, and Sister Tina Doudalis, Governor of the Daughters of Penelope.

Among those present were many Past Supreme and District Lodge officers. Reports were rendered to the members by the heads of the various District Lodges and some subjects came under discussion. In charge of refreshments after the meeting was the very capable and beautiful District Secretary of the Daughters, Sister Helen M. Sanichas, assisted by many of her charming sisters.

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At the banquet in honor of Governor C. J. Rogers of Wyoming and Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson at Cheyenne after the initiation of the Governor into the Order of Ahepa. Left to right: Mayor S. V. Christensen of Cheyenne; Mrs. Peter N. Tertipes; Governor Rogers; Peter N. Tertipes, the Toastmaster; Mrs. C. J. Rogers and Supreme President Lamberson.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUCKEYE DISTR. DANCE AT TOLEDO

Good weather conditions helped a great number of out-of-town visitors to attend the district dance in Toledo, Ohio, at the Greek Educational Building on February 14, 1954. Under the chairmanship of Thomas Fischer, secretary of the Ypsilanti Chapter and president of the community board, the dance was a great success. All the staffs worked hard and they did a wonderful job.

The program was as follows: 4:00 P.M. initiation of nine candidates; 6:00 P.M. food and beverages; 7:00 P.M. meeting of the officers of the district lodge; 8:30 P.M. Greek dancing and refreshments; 10:00 P.M. American dancing; 11:00 P.M. introduction of out-of-town guests.

Delegations present at the dance were from: Lima, with the most delegates; Michigan, Cleveland, Springfield, Columbus, Dayton, Youngstown, Massillon, Marion, Monroe.

Among our guests were the following: Supreme Secretary George N. George, Past Supreme Governor Socrates Sakles, District Governor John Martin, District Secretary Ted Boudouris, District Treasurer Steve Larros, District Advisor Peter Giovas, Lieutenant Governor Basil Foussianes, District Governor of Michigan Steve Andreades, Past District Governor George Poolitsan, Supreme, District Offi-

cers of Daughters present were: Supreme Governor Helen Lambros, District Governor Florence Stathopoulos, District Governor of Maids Marilyn Stromenos, Lt. Governor of Daughters Josie Chase, Advisor Elaine Patsavos, Secretary-Treasurer Theodora Steffens, District Marshal Dena Letros.

The initiation of nine fine men in the Ypsilanti Chapter was held in the assembly room of the building, with presiding officer our Supreme Secretary George N. George. Our chapter is proud to have among its members now the following: James Dedakis, Gus Allemenos, Peter Nicholas, William Rouppas, Tom Kandis, Jordan Haritou, Angelos Tokles, Nicholas Perris, John Papademos. Congratulations and best wishes to our new brothers.

Our community building was the center of attraction to the many visitors who were here and many questions were answered concerning the building by our community officers who were on hand especially for that purpose.

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The meeting of the 2nd of February opened at 8:00 P.M. The attendance was good and most colorful because everyone wore lezes. The meeting was highlighted by the initiation of George James Nicholas. The Ypsilanti Chapter is proud to add to its roster a fine young man like George. Unfortunately, a week ago busi-

GOV. ROGERS OF WYOMING INITIATED INTO THE AHEPA

March 10th was a very memorable day for the Cowboy Chapter No. 211 of Cheyenne, Wyoming. On that day the Honorable C. J. "Doc" Rogers, Governor of the State of Wyoming, was initiated into the mysteries of our order. Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson administered the oath in the Governor's chambers at the state capitol in a very impressive ceremony in the presence of over 100 Ahepans from the various chapters in Wyoming.

That evening the Governor and our Supreme President were honored at a banquet in the Wyoming Room of the Plains Hotel. Over 300 people attended the banquet, including all Federal, State, County and City officials. Brother Lamberson was the main speaker at the banquet, and he left a lasting impression with all present. Governor Rogers proclaimed the Supreme President an honorary citizen of the State of Wyoming, and presented him with a western hat, symbolic of the West. Chairman of the banquet committee was Sam Galeotos and co-chairman John Lagos. Peter N. Tertipes was the toastmaster of the occasion.

ness reasons forced George to move to California and we won't be able to have him with us for an indefinite period of time. The chapter itself wishes Brother George best of luck.

On the 7th of February after the invitation from the Lima Chapter, an initiation degree team from the Ypsilanti Chapter was sent to Lima in order to perform the initiation ceremonies for four candidates. Members of the degree team were: Basil Foussianes, Lt. Governor and presiding officer; P. Kandis, J. Meloudis, T. Fisher, N. August, G. Denos, and J. Granopoulos. A number of brothers from Toledo also were there to witness the ceremony. The Lima Chapter gave a hearty welcome to their Toledo guests. We congratulate the newly initiated young men in Lima and we wish them a lot of luck as members of Ahepa.

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CAPTAIN KENTROTI CITED FOR DARING AIR RESCUE



Kentroti was born in Pawtucket, R.I., and came to New York in 1930, when his family moved there.

He served in World War II, in the Pacific, as a Bombardier-Navigator, where he completed his missions over Tokyo. He was discharged, after the war, with the rank of Lieutenant. In 1947 he re-enlisted in the Air Force as a pilot-cadet. After the prerequisite training, he was commissioned as a pilot with the rank of Lieutenant. He saw service in every branch of the Air Force, including Military Air Transport Service to Tokyo. He volunteered for helicopter training where he excelled. Thereafter he was sent to Korea as a member of the Air Rescue Squad. He completed successfully a vast number of rescue missions behind the enemy lines. He made news in December 1952, when by a dangerous and daring feat he descended behind the enemy lines into an area raked with communist fire to save and snatch from the Reds Marine Major Victor Ball. His most pleasant recollections of Korea are the good times he had with members of the Greek Air Force.

He is a member of Brooklyn Chapter No. 41 of New York.

ATHAS IN UTAH DRIVE OF \$100,000 WORTH OF IONIAN RELIEF HELP

It was recently announced by the Ionian Islands Relief Committee of New York, that the Greek, Protestant, Catholic, Mormon and Jewish peoples of Utah have already shipped to Greece over \$100,000 worth of food, flour and clothing.

The entire contribution of relief supplies, consisted of eight train carloads and weighed over 180 tons. The drive, sparked by Ahepa Chairman of Board of Trustees Chris E. Athas of Salt Lake City, Utah, who acted as coordinator and consultant to the State Committee of all religious denominations and groups, met with huge success and it is most gratifying to see our Ahepans active in their communities in the welfare needs of our brothers in Greece.

According to relief organization circles, this shipment of 180 tons was one of the largest ever effected for overseas aid from private individuals of one state.

EXPLAINING THE REFUGEE RELIEF ACT

The Law regarding Greece, provides for a quota of 17,000 visas to be issued by the American Consulates in Greece to persons of Greek ethnic origin residing in Greece as of August 7, 1953, which is the date of the enactment of the law. In addition to this quota, approximately 2,000 more visas could be issued to orphans and to escapees residing in Greece.

Under the 17,000 quota, there are two categories:

A) 2,000 preferred immigrants in the following order:

- 1) Parents of American Citizens.
- 2) Wives or Husbands and unmarried children under 21 years of age, of aliens lawfully admitted and permanently residing in the United States.
- 3) Children over 21 and also legally adopted persons by citizens of the United States.
- 4) Brothers and sisters of American Citizens.

B) 15,000 refugees:

Refugee is a person who because of persecution, fear of persecution, natural calamity or military operations is out of his usual place of abode and cannot return thereto, who has not been firmly resettled and who is in urgent need for assistance for the essentials of life.

The Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee was recognized on January 27, 1954, as an Accredited Voluntary Agency of the U.S. Government to handle and underwrite individual assurances and determine the authenticity of employment and housing offers of the sponsors.

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YANKEE DISTRICT-WIDE INITIATION AT NORWALK

A district-wide initiation was held on Sunday, May 2, 1954, at Norwalk, Conn., under the auspices of the Yankee District Lodge No. 7. On this occasion, 17 candidates from all sections of the District



PETER J. ANASTOS

PETER J. ANASTOS OPENS HAVERHILL TRAVEL UNIT

Brother Peter J. Anastos, of the Acropolis Chapter No. 59, Haverhill, Mass., has resigned from his position as Passenger Agent with Trans World Airlines to open the Modernage Travel Agency, at 202 Merrimack Street, in Haverhill.

Brother Anastos was introduced into the Order when he became a member of the Long Island Chapter No. 86, in Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., while working with TWA at the New York International Airport. Last year, he transferred to Boston's Logan International Airport with TWA, and thereupon transferred his chapter membership to the Acropolis Chapter No. 59, where his father, Brother James Anastos, has been a staunch Ahepan since 1924.

Brother Anastos, a World War II veteran, is a native of Haverhill, and attended local public schools there. Graduating from Haverhill High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the U.S. Occupation forces in Europe. Upon his discharge from the Army, he attended Merrimack College in Andover, Mass., and later joined the Passenger Service Department of TWA in New York.

Newly elected to the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Community of Haverhill, Brother Anastos is also a member of the College Point, L. I., N. Y., Lodge No. 729, F. & A. M.; and a member of the AERO Club of New England.

were initiated into the Order of Ahepa.

The Initiating Officer was District Governor A. Don Bullion. He was ably assisted by Lieut. Governor George Mihos of Providence, R. I., who conducted the second part of the rite. District Secretary William Karabots was in the Vice President's chair and District Treasurer Constantinou at the post of the Warden.

Supreme Vice President Stephen S. Scopas was the principal speaker. Other speakers were Supreme Governor James Mazarakos of Springfield, Mass., and Secretary of the Ahepa Refugee Committee Louis Dukas.

MARATHON No. 2 PROUD OF JOHN G. PLUMIDES

The Marathon Chapter No. 2 of Charlotte, N. C., is privileged to include among its membership a most ardent Ahepan in the person of John George Plumides. Brother John is one of the youngest members of that chapter, having joined its ranks in 1950, immediately after his graduation from the Sons of Pericles.

While a member of the junior order, John was extremely active in the affairs of the Sons as Governor. Upon joining the Ahepa, he was elected chapter secretary to which job he brought zeal and devotion. At the 1955 District Convention, in recognition of his outstanding fraternal services, Brother Plumides was elevated to the Lieut. Governorship of the Capital District.

John's entire family is Ahepa minded. His father was a charter member of the Marathon Chapter and his mother and sister are members of the Daughters of Penelope. Young Plumides is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and an attorney by profession. He is a member of the North Carolina and Mecklenburg County Bar Associations. He is also active in the Young Democratic Club and in the Greek Orthodox Church.

At present John is serving Uncle Sam in the Personnel Section, United States Hospital, Fort Jackson, S. C.,. Even though in the Army, John is still Lieut. Governor by decision of the mid-year conference to continue him in that office for the balance of his term as a reward for meritorious services to the fraternity.

SUPREME PRESIDENT VISITS LITTLE ROCK AHEPANS

The Little Rock Chapter No. 355 of Little Rock, Arkansas, was recently honored with a visitation by Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson. A luncheon was rendered in honor of the distinguished visiting Ahepan at the Hotel Marion. Brother Lamberson was accompanied by District Governor No. 16, George Pakis.

Many Ahepans attended the luncheon at which President of Little Rock Chapter William N. Panaras acted as master of ceremonies. Brother Pakis spoke and then introduced the Supreme President who delivered an inspiring speech.

During the Ionian Relief Drive our chapter collected \$499.50 which was sent to the office of the Archdiocese.

We welcome Brother Paul Drake who has transferred from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Also, Brother Gus Morris who was recently initiated.

At the district meeting at Dallas, Tex., we were represented by Brothers Nick Panos, Angelo Chantilas, Pete Chantilas, Tom Anton and Chas. P. Kumpures.



The twenty-five year class of the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter No. 170 of Freeport, New York, being congratulated by President Charles Coffas (fourth from left, front row).

THEO. ROOSEVELT No. 170 HONORS 25 YEAR MEMBERS

The progressive and fast expanding Theodore Roosevelt Chapter No. 170 of Freeport, Long Island, N. Y., recently honored its 25 year members at a Dinner-Dance.

The quarter century members thus honored are as follows: John Andromidas, Alex Bellas, James Boulukos, Nicholas

Boulukos, Gus Boulukos, James Chamoulis, Costas Chingos, Harry Dounelis, Gus Daniels, George J. Drivas, Louis Frenzilas, William Georgas, George P. Gumas, Harry Kandiloros, Gust Kondos, Nicholas Korines, James J. Langis, Peter Langis, N. D. Logan, Argritis Mastin, Anastasios Orphanos, Steve Pappas, James Staros, George Stratigos, Steve Sideris, Kyriacos (Charles) Trumbas, George Frantzelas.



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LITTLE ROCK TO HOST 16TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

The City of Roses Chapter No. 355 of Little Rock, Arkansas, will be the host to the 23rd Annual District Convention of Delta District No. 16 on June 26-29, inclusive.

The Hotel Marion of that city has been designated as the headquarters of the conclave. An ambitious program for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors has been prepared by the hard-working committee, the general chairman of which is Nicholas P. Panos, and his two able assistants, Brothers Steve Canellos and Angelo Chantilas.

Some of the features of the annual meet are special church services at the local Greek Orthodox Church "Evangelismos" with the Rev. Calliopoulos officiating and assisted by visiting clergy and the choir. A softball tournament and a cocktail party on Sunday.

Also, Ladies Tea at the Governor's Mansion of the State of Arkansas; Greek Night at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium; luncheons and fashion show, and, of course, the Banquet and Grand Ball.

EUREKA DANCE A SUCCESS

Saturday evening, March 27th, will be an evening long remembered by the many Eurekaans and their friends who jammed the Continental Ballroom in Newark for the 29th Annual Dance and Entertainment of the Eureka Chapter No. 52 of Newark, N. J.

The affair was a huge social and financial success, which was particularly gratifying to Brother James Kaftramados, his various committee chairmen — George Cuyulis, Tom Manos, Gus Gevas and George Moutis — and the President of the Eureka Chapter, Dr. Charles C. Critides, who realized the effects of their hard work with the wonderful turn-out.

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This Committee, in its capacity of an Accredited Voluntary Agency, endorses the assurance of the sponsor and guarantees his statement that the immigrant will not become a public charge. This relieves him of voluminous documentations which he would otherwise be required to furnish, if the sponsor was filing his application individually.

A further service that this Committee is rendering, is that the immigrant will be met aboard the ship by a representative of the New York Ahepa Office to facilitate him on his arrival here. Our offices in Greece will undertake to guide and advise the applicant as to the necessary steps he will have to take and to present him to the American Consul's office for processing and obtaining his visa, after approval.

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GUS LEONIDA HONORED AS CIVIC LEADER

The Chamber of Commerce of Hutchinson, Kansas, in association with many civic groups and leading citizens tendered a "Citation Luncheon" for Gus Leonida on March 23, 1954. The honor was in recognition of Brother Leonida's civic contributions to the Hutchinson community over the years.

The invitation to the luncheon read as follows: "Gus in his work has exemplified a community interest never excelled by any Hutchinson resident." It was the first time in the recent history of Hutchinson that the members of the community so honored a fellow-citizen.

Brother Gus Leonidas is a member of the Air Capital Chapter No. 187 of Wichita, Kansas. He has been in the forefront of civic endeavor and has distinguished himself in the selling of war bonds, Red Cross campaigns, gifts to servicemen, etc. He is the owner of the Hollywood Grill at Hutchinson.

CANTON DAUGHTERS

On the evening of January 27, 1954, at the American Legion Hall, the Daughters of Penelope, Canton, Ohio, held initiation ceremonies under the direction of Sister Helen Lambrou, Grand Governor, who acted as Initiating Officer. The following were welcomed to the Sisterhood: Mrs. Barbara Delis, Mrs. Angelina Loukas, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Elizabeth Shook, Mrs. Mary Joahno, Mrs. Ann Manos. Also, that same evening, the Canton Daughters welcomed back reinstated sisters.

Miss Popey Antony entertained the group with her lovely singing. She sang, "Make Believe" and "I'll Follow My Secret Heart." Miss Pat Farley accompanied her at the piano. A door prize of a floral center-piece was won by Sister Evangelina Mansen. Refreshments were served later.



Refugees of war, persecution, military operations and natural calamities are in urgent need of our assistance to find refuge in this country.

Letters

Dear Mr. Dimas:

Having received from Mr. Clebithes yesterday copies of the January-February-March AHEPAN, I hasten to comment most favorably on the excellent article and prominence given AHEPAS magazine-sending appeal.

The cooperation of the Order and its publication is highly valued by the U. S. Information Agency. People-to-people projects like magazine-sending can be built to significant proportions when members of a U.S. organization with interests in another country come to realize the important part they can play as individuals in conveying facts about the United States.

It is unfortunate that we could not offer to you earlier the appropriate pictures for dressing up the magazine-sending appeal. However, I left with Mr. Clebithes yesterday a set of glossy prints and supplementary text that may be useful to you in future issues of THE AHEPAN.

Mr. Clebithes agrees that only with reiteration can projects of this kind be made successful, and he indicates a desire to keep the publicity going through both organization correspondence channels and the official organ. In fact, he has come up with the suggestion that we supply rubber stamps that spark the magazine-sending subject for use on all Ahepa mail.

We will appreciate, too, any ideas you have for stirring local lodge and individual action in magazine mailing on a regular, long-range basis.

Thank you very much for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY B. LYFORD
Office of Private Cooperation
Nationality Groups Officer
U.S. Information Agency

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dimas:

You probably don't have an opportunity to hear verbal "orchids" about your publication. May I extend to you my heartfelt congratulations for the excellent job you are doing. The magazine makes fine reading and is good looking, too.

(MIM) PAULINE PAFELAS
Past Governor, Buckeye Dist. No. 11
Staff Member, Akron Beacon Journal

Akron, Ohio

Dear Mr. Dimas:

Congratulations on a fine issue. Please keep up the good work. The members of my chapter are pleased, and want you and your staff to know this fact.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

GEORGE DASKALOIS, Reporter,
Yerba Buena Chapter No. 31
Sons of Pericles

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Dimas:

I want to congratulate you on your wonderful magazine, THE AHEPAN, and I so thoroughly enjoyed reading it. Thank you so much for being able to use all my material. Being that Easter is just around the corner, I'd like to wish you a very Happy Easter.

MARY KOVTS
Aurion Chapter No. 255

Racine, Wis.

Dear Mr. Dimas:

I want to congratulate you on the fine and interesting publication you have made THE AHEPAN since you took up the editorship of the publication. Continue the good work you are doing.

NICK C. DEMERIS
Supreme Governor
Order of Sons of Pericles

Houston, Texas

To our many friends our thanks for their deeply appreciated encouragement in our efforts to produce an outstanding fraternal magazine.

THE EDITOR

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SIDE TRIP TO CORFU

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castle of Saint Angelo. Not far from this spot one may lunch under a primitive grass shelter on superb lobsters, chosen out of a rock pool built at the water's edge. For approximately \$2.50 two people can enjoy a lobster lunch with fried shrimp, salad and the island's white wine.

COSTUMED DANCERS

For entertainment there are the local dances and songs. On this most musical of the Ionian Islands, the visitor may see the Kerkyraikos, dance of Corfu, performed by girls in traditional Byzantine costume to the strains of mandolins and guitars.

Corfu can be reached in one hour and three-quarters by air from Athens. TAE, Greek National Airways, runs daily flights from that city at about \$30 for the round trip.

From Larissa the trip costs \$20 and from Salonica, \$27.50. For those preferring the salt air, ships leave Athens' Port Piraeus regularly several times a week and the trip takes twenty hours. The fare is slightly under the cost of an airplane ticket. From the Italian port of Brindisi boats sail for Corfu weekly and arrive there in twelve hours.

—Courtesy "The New York Times"

Books

THE GREEKS IN CANADA. By George D. Vlassis. 364 pp. P.O. Box 1094, Station B, Ottawa, Can. \$6.00.

I have just finished reading a book entitled "The Greeks in Canada," second edition, 364 pp., by G. D. Vlassis, author, lecturer, professor of classical and modern Greek, Deputy Vice-Consul of Greece at Toronto.

This book is one of the most intimate and informative documents written by a contemporary author.

Mr. Vlassis' inspiring narrative of the glory that is Greece shall without doubt stir in the minds of its readers the incessant admiration for the modern Greek progeny of those deathless heroes of Marathon and Salamis.

The reader of this book shall be apprised of Greece's lofty ideals, her imperishable love for liberty and her struggle for subsistence; of the progressive and law-abiding citizens of Greek origin; of their contributions in the field of science, medicine, education, the arts, civic and commercial enterprise; and the high esteem and admiration they enjoy by their government.

"The Greeks in Canada" is indeed a wealth of information, with topics such as: "The Glory That Is Greece"; "Modern Hellenic Poetry in Canada"; "Greece in the House of Commons"; "Greek Pioneers"; "Greek Orthodox Communities"; "Ahepa in Canada"; Education, music, art, poetry and occupations; Canadian-Greek business places throughout Canada; brief biographies of leading personalities of Canadian Hellenes and many other interesting topics.

It is with extreme pleasure that I recommend "The Greeks in Canada" to the reading public.

GEORGE J. CASIOTY

THE LAND AND PEOPLE OF GREECE. By Theodore Gianakoulis.

117 pp. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. \$2.50.

It is impossible to overestimate the importance and influence of the little land of Greece in the history of civilization. So it is fitting that a Portrait of Greece should take its place in a series designed to introduce American young people to the lands and peoples of the world.

Mr. Gianakoulis' swift view of the lovely archipelago of oak forest and olive groves, surrounded by myriad islands in the wine-dark sea; his lively descriptions of the people at work and play; his masterly summarizing of Greek legend and history produce what he has called truly, during the writing, "a big little book." He has compressed and ordered a great history into small compass and given a picture of Greece today and an understanding of the heritage we have from her. Thus he unfolds a great pageant of history of Greece from the days of Olympus through the Persian wars, the Golden Age, the world of Alexander, of Rome, of the Byzantines, and the Turks, to the new nation that was born in 1821.

Theodore Gianakoulis, formerly "Voice of America" to Greece, journalist and poet, is Greek born and American bred. He was educated in Ohio and now lives in New York City. He was chosen to write this Portrait because of his love and understanding of both the country he writes of and the one he writes for.



7 Μαΐου 1954

Πρός
τὴν Ἐπιτροπὴν Προσφύγων
τῆς Ὄργανώσεως ΑΗΕΡΑ,
Ἐνταῦθα.

Ἀγαπητοί μου,

Μετὰ μεγάλης καὶ ὀλως ἐξαι-
ρητικῆς εὐχαριστήσεως ἐπληρο-
φορήθημεν τὴν σύστασιν τῆς ἡμε-
τέρας Ἐπιτροπῆς ὡς καὶ τὴν ἐν-
αρεξιν τοῦ ἔργου αὐτῆς ὑπὲρ τῆς
ἐξευρέσεως ἀναδόχων δι' ἐκεί-
νους ἐκ τῶν ἀδελφῶν μας ἐξ Ἑλ-
λάδος οἵτινες στεροῦνται συγγε-
νῶν ἐνταῦθα διὰ τὰ καλῆσυν
αὐτοῦς.

Δι' ἐγκυκλίου ἡμῶν ὑπὸ ἡμερο-
μηνίαν 3ης τρέχοντος μηνός, πρὸς
τοὺς εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερατικούς
Προϊσταμένους τῆς καθ' ἡμᾶς
Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς, συνεισήσαμεν ὅ-
πως ἐπιληφθῶν οὗτοι τῆς λερᾶς
ὑποθέσεως τῆς εισόδου ἐξ Ἑλλά-
δος τῶν 19 χιλιάδων ἀδελφῶν
μας βάσει τοῦ Νόμου Γουῶτκινς,
συνεινοούμενοι πρὸς τοῦτο μὲ τὰ
κατὰ τόπους Τμήματα τῆς Ὄργα-
νώσεως ΑΗΕΡΑ, διὰ τὴν ἐξεύρε-
σιν τῶν προσώπων ἐκείνων τὰ ὅ-
ποια θὰ ἐπροθυμοποιούντο ὅπως
ἀναλάβουν τὴν πρόσκλησιν προ-
σώπου τινὸς ἐκ τῶν ὡς ἄνω 19 χι-
λιάδων Ἑλλήνων ἀδελφῶν μας.

Ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ Ὀρθόδοξος Ἐκ-
κλησία ἔχει σοδαροὺς λόγους νὰ
πιστεῦῃ ὅτι ὅσοι δύνανται ἐκ τῶν
φιλάτων ἡμῶν πνευματικῶν τέ-
κνων, θὰ σπεύσουν ἀσμένως νὰ
πράξουν τὸ καθῆκον τους, συμ-
βάλλοντες οὕτω εἰς τὴν πλήρη
καὶ ὀλοκληρωτικὴν ἐπιτυχίαν τοῦ
ἔργου ὑμῶν ὅπερ ἡ Ἀρχιεπισκο-
πὴ ἐκ βαθέων ἐπευλογῇ, εὐχομέ-
νῃ αἰσιωτάτην τὴν ἐκθέασιν αὐτοῦ
ἐπ' ἀγαθῷ τῆς φιλάτης Ὀμογε-
νείας.

Μετὰ πολλῆς ἀγάπης καὶ
διαπύρων εὐχῶν,

Ὁ Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος

The Supreme President's Log of Activities

During January, Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson attended the follow-
ing functions:

Dinner meeting of Miami, Fla., Chapter. Dinner and spoke at open meet-
ing at West Palm Beach, Fla., as guest of Past District Governor Archie Zapetis.
Ahepa Banquet at Tarpon Springs, Fla. Epiphany Day ceremonies at Tarpon
Springs, with Archbishop Michael officiating. Thousands of Ahepans from
throughout the nation attended the rites. The local Chapter purchased its Ahepa
home. Met with St. Petersburg, Fla., Ahepans and visiting brothers. Luncheon
of Jacksonville, Fla., Ahepans and addressed open meeting and signed up Gov-
ernor Johns for admission into Ahepa. Breakfast meeting of Daytona Beach,
Fla., Ahepans and evening community banquet at Miami for the dedication of
new community center. Addressed dinner meeting of Ahepa family at new
home at Savannah, Ga. Made tour of Savannah and visited city and public of-
ficials. Daughters banquet at Gary, Ind. District 12 Mid-Winter Conference at
Hammond, Ind. Addressed banquet at anniversary of Fayetteville, N. C., Chap-
ter. Addressed banquet at Youngstown, Ohio. Attended mass initiation at
Gary, Indiana.

February activities included:

District 3 Conference at Raleigh, N. C., with initiation of Governor Umstead
and Congressman Cooley at banquet in their honor. Ahepa family meeting at
new community center at Dallas, Texas. District Conference and banquet at Dal-
las, Texas. Reception given in honor of Grand President Geo-Karis and the
Supreme President of Ahepa at home of Brother Stratton, and attended luncheon
given by Brother Brockles. Open meeting and reception at Hot Springs, Ark.,
as the guest of DeSoto Hotel (owned by Mr. and Mrs. Assimos). Luncheon
meeting of Ahepans at Little Rock, Ark., and visited offices of the Governor and
Mayor. Dinner and reception given by Kansas City, Kan., and Mo., Chapters.
Addressed open meeting of Kansas City, Kan., community center. Large initia-
tion of Stathis class at St. Louis, Mo., and addressed banquet honoring neo-
phytes. Banquet in honor of the Supreme President by the South Bend, Ind.,
Daughters of Penelope. Banquet at Newport, R. I. Dinner meeting of Boston
Chapter officers. Addressed open meeting of Boston and Brookline Ahepa fam-
ily at the Boston Ahepa Home. Participated in the initiation of Gov. Burton
Cross and addressed banquet given in his honor at Portland, Me.

The March itinerary:

Addressed banquet at Battle Creek, Mich. Participated at large class of
judges (largest in Ahepa history) at Denver, Colo., under Chapter No. 145 at
Ahepa Temple. Inducted Governor Rogers into Ahepa and addressed banquet
in his honor at Cheyenne, Wyo. Conferred with Denver Ahepans on No. 145
dispute, and attended mass funeral services. Participated in initiation of Gov.
Crosby class at new Ahepa Home at Omaha, Neb. Addressed banquet in his
honor, as well as class of neophytes. Addressed banquet given in honor of 25-
year Ahepans at Muskegon, Mich. Attended Supreme Lodge meeting at Wash-
ington, D. C. Addressed Ahepa national biennial banquet at Washington, D. C.
(Verbatim copy of Supreme President's address was inserted in the Congres-
sional Record on March 24 by Senator Upton (N. H.) on the occasion of the
133rd celebration of Greek Independence Day. (Senator Upton will be initiated
into Ahepa on May 16 in New Hampshire.) Visited with the Supreme Lodge
President Eisenhower at the White House. Addressed meeting of Chapter No.
31 at Washington, D. C. Attended chapter meeting of South Bend Chapter No.
100 at South Bend. Reception at St. Moritz Hotel, New York City, in honor of
Ahepans and their families departing on the Ahepa Excursion to Greece. Nearly
1,100 passengers and over 400 Ahepa family members prepared to leave for
Greece. Departed on S.S. Nea Hellas excursion to Greece on April 1.

At this writing numerous Senators, Congressmen and Governors have signed
up to join Ahepa. They will be included in spring and district convention initia-
tion classes. Projects announced or contemplated are Happy Birthday greetings
to Chapters celebrating birthdays; Citations of Merit to be given to Chapters
which exceed membership records at the close of June, 1954; the George Loucas
(Past Supreme Counsellor) College Fund to recruit Ahepans from college and
university campuses of West Virginia; Chapter program suggestions; special in-
ventory of Chapter assets, holdings, etc.; distribution of Congressman Cooley's
address at Raleigh, N. C., which appeared in the Congressional Record.



CHAPTER NEWS

DAUGHTERS UNIT FORMED AT EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Sister Tula Zotaley, Grand Vice-President of the Daughters of Penelope, from Minneapolis came by plane to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to be present for the installation of the Daughters of Penelope Chapter in that city, sponsored by the Order of Ahepa, Aurora Borealis Chapter No. 10 C. J. Twenty-four members were initiated at the afternoon ceremonies held at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church Hall. In the evening, the newly elected officers were installed at an open installation. A buffet luncheon and reception followed for a hundred guests. Among the guests present were the following Past District Governors of the Order of Ahepa: George Spillios and James Anton of Edmonton, Alberta, and Bill Girgulis of Regina, Sask.

Out of town guests included: District Governor Cleo Girgulis, District Secretary and Marshal Nota Shourounis, Mrs. S. Lealos, Mr. Jack Chronos, all of Saskatoon, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Lallas, Mrs. K. Girgulis, and Mr. Bill Girgulis, all of Regina, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. C. Gladiotis and Miss K. Poulos of Camrose, Alberta.

Officers elected were: Mrs. E. Gardener, President; Mrs. J. Podas, Vice-President; Mrs. J. Christopher, Secretary; Miss Mary Collins, Treasurer; Mrs. T. Gardener, Priestess; Mrs. A. Boyce, Marshal; Mrs. S. Pappas, Warden; Miss Eppy Afaganis, Chairman, Board of Governors; Miss Anne Afaganis, Mrs. G. Poulos, Mrs. T. Pappas and Mrs. D. Karvellas, Governors.



Miss Adeline J. Geo-Karis, Grand President, Daughters of Penelope, presents a check for \$2,849.44 to Ellsworth Bunker, President of the American Red Cross, at his national headquarters in Washington, D. C. The contribution is for Red Cross relief to victims of last year's earthquakes in Greece and brings to a total of \$524,363.03 the amount collected by the Red Cross for this purpose.

PORTLAND (ME.) DAUGHTERS

On February 26, 1954, the Meander Chapter No. 260 of the Daughters of Penelope celebrated their First Birthday. We are now one year old and it was indeed an eventful affair.

A Dinner-Dance was held at the Eastland Hotel with Miss Aphrodite Lekousi as General Chairman.

PENELOPE DAY OBSERVED BY MINNEAPOLIS CHAPTER

Antigone Chapter No. 35, Minneapolis, Minn., declared Sunday, February 28, as Minneapolis Daughters of Penelope Day. They began the day's celebration by all sisters attending church service and receiving Holy Communion. An afternoon District Conference for Grainfield District No. 14 was called by District Governor Myrtle Phillips of Minneapolis. She was assisted by the following District Officers: Lt. Governor Jenny Kirk, Sioux Falls, So. Dakota; Secretary Patti Andrews, Duluth, Minn.; Advisor Evgynia Bovis, Sioux City, Iowa; Marshal Ann Sideris, Sioux Falls; and Advisor to the Maids of Athens, Aspasia Neofotist, Des Moines, Iowa.

The highlight of the event was the attendance of Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Adeline Geo-Karis of Zion, Ill., and Grand Vice-President Tula Zotaley of Minneapolis.

President Pat Muzetras acted as official hostess for the Chapter at a buffet supper honoring the Grand President. The Grand President was presented gifts by the officers of District No. 14 and Antigone Chapter No. 35 of Minneapolis. Grand Vice-President Tula Zotaley was also presented with a gift from the Hostess Chapter. Due to the great success of the affair Antigone Chapter has adopted the original declaration of Daughters of Penelope Day as their annual community celebration.



At the installation rites of the new chapter of the Daughters of Penelope at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Left to right, Miss Mary Collins, Treasurer; Mrs. J. Christopher, Secretary; Mrs. J. Podas, Vice-President; Mrs. Elizabeth Gardener, President; Grand Vice-President Tula Zotaley of Minneapolis, Minn.; District Governor No. 24 Cleo Girgulis of Saskatoon; District Sec'y Nota Shourounis.



Participating in the celebration of Minneapolis Daughters of Penelope Day. Seated, left to right, Rev. Anthony Coniaris; Grand Vice-Pres. Tula Zotaley; Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis and District Governor Myrtle Phillips. Standing, left to right, Lieut. Governor Jenny Kirk; Marshal Ann Sideris; Advisor Evgynia Bovis and Maids of Athens Advisor Aspasia Neofotist of the Grainfield District.



Daughters of Krete No. 75 of Great Falls, Montana, at their 15th Anniversary Party.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. DAUGHTERS

Venus Chapter No. 102, Daughters of Penelope, initiated nine new members on February 7, 1954, with three officials of the organization heading the ceremonies.

The national officers who performed the initiation were Mrs. Gus Johnson, grand secretary, from Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Tom Cavalaris, grand governor, from Charlotte; and Miss Mary Cockinos, district governor, from Charlotte.

Those initiated were Mrs. Sam Papatambrou, Mrs. Pete Chargaris, Mrs. Chris Malis, Mrs. Ted Thevaos, Mrs. Doc Psomakis, Mrs. Theo Psomakis, Miss Helen Carres, Mrs. George Kakaris and Mrs. Spero Lazarades.

The evening began with a dinner at Kuester's and the initiation followed at the club house, 600 East Boulevard. A reception closed the ceremonies.

Mrs. Bob Anestes, president of the local organization, presided. Miss Vicki Maydanis and Mrs. Nick Garden were in charge of the program, while the reception and serving of refreshments were handled by Mrs. James Melcos, Mrs. John Cappas and Mrs. George Lekas.

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ANNIVERSARY PARTY HELD BY KRETE No. 75

Krete Chapter No. 75, of Great Falls, Montana, recently celebrated its 15th anniversary with a party held in the recreation hall of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Mrs. Bill Kordos, President, welcomed the guests and gave a short talk explaining the purpose of the dance before she introduced the speakers of the evening. Mrs. James Economou, District Governor of District 18, spoke on the history and functions of the Daughters. Mr. Thomas Corontzos, Ahepa District Governor, praised the wonderful work our Order is doing, not only in Great Falls but everywhere in the nation. Mr. Thomas Bastas, President of the local Ahepa Chapter, congratulated the Daughters and wished them much future success.

A buffet luncheon was served from a table set at one end of the hall. A large cake decorated with the chapter's colors of lavender and white with matching candles at either end, served as a centerpiece, and the President, Mrs. Kordos, efficiently wielded the knife at the ceremony of cutting the cake.

Mrs. Roy Gianoulis was chairman of the committee in charge of entertainment, which was highlighted by Greek folk dancing at which everyone participated.

The officers of the local chapter are as follows: Mrs. Bill Kordos, President; Mrs. Angelo Ledakis, Vice-President; Mrs. Gus Malouhos, Secretary; Mrs. Roy Gianoulis, Treasurer; Governors: Mrs. Thomas Corontzos, Chairman, Mrs. Louis Margaritis, Mrs. James Economou, Mrs. Tom George, and Mrs. Sam Gregapis. Mrs. Louis Margaritis, Priestess; Mrs. Peter Pandis, Warden; Mrs. Nick Luru, Messenger; Mrs. Charles Valenias, Pianist; Mrs. Peter Lazanas and Mrs. Sam Gregapis, Flag Guards; and Mrs. Nick Doulos, Sentinel.

EOS CELEBRATES ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Eos Chapter of San Francisco, Calif., celebrated their Twenty-Fourth Annual Founder's Day Luncheon at the beautiful Peacock Court of the Mark Hopkins Hotel, Saturday, December 12th, 1953. President Frossene Polyzois extended her greetings and turned the program over to Chairman, Sister Julie Petterson. Dignitaries present were: Sisters Alexandra Apostolides, Founder; Cleo Tsapralis, Grand Treasurer; Kay Canakes, District Governor; Georgia Poulos, Lt. Governor; Leah Vlahandreas, District Treasurer; and Anne Psaltis, District Marshal. The following Life Members of our Organization were also present and introduced: Sisters Sophie Canellos, Arete Choppelas, Effie Choppelas, Marie Petros, and Barbara Solon, Past Presidents of the Mother Lodge also present: Sisters Alexandra Apostolides, Melpo Manos Frangos, Ethel Pantoleon Janakes, Emily Tamaras, Connie Panagiotacos, Helen Sutsos, Julie Petterson and Effie Choppelas.

Our thanks to Sister Julie Petterson and her committees for a successful and delightful luncheon. Sister Stamo Thomas served as Ticket Chairman; Irene Dedes took charge of the lovely bazaar; Nacia Polyzois prepared the table decorations; Emily Tamaras undertook the Publicity; and hostesses for the day were Fofo Burdusis, Kay Siacotis, Elly Psaltis, Bessie Loumos, Stamo Thomas and Irene Dedes.

BOISE, IDAHO, DAUGHTERS

On March 16, the Mentas Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope of Boise, Idaho, held a Mardi Gras costume party which proved to be a huge success. Following a buffet dinner, members of the local Ahepa Chapter staged a fashion show, which was a riot. Most of those attending the party came dressed in colorful and humorous costumes. Prizes were given to the best dressed. Dancing both Greek and American followed the program.



At the Mardi Gras Party of Mentas Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope. Left to right: Nick Dargres, Frank Dargres, John Kassis, Jake Molenaar, Nick Kinnas, Max Sanchis and Th. Kassis. Kneeling is Connie Phillips.



A highlight of the banquet in honor of former President Harry S. Truman at the Hotel Muehlebach in Kansas City, Mo., on May 23, 1954, was the re-enactment of the signing of the Truman Doctrine which had been signed in the same hotel on May 22, 1947. Witnessing Mr. Truman re-enacting the historic scene are Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scapas, John Manta, Elias S. Sutter, Nick Jamson, Lou Panagopoulos, C. G. Garrison and others.

An Appeal in Behalf of the Truman Library

The drive for the benefit of the Truman Library, approved by the Supreme Lodge at its March 19, 1954 meeting, pursuant to mandate of the Washington and Houston Conventions, has been extended to June 30, 1954. Sufficient time should be given to properly publicize the drive in the chapters, newspapers, radio, district publications and district conventions. The cooperation of all in this objective is earnestly solicited.

We are appealing to the leaders of our Fraternity who have always rallied behind every undertaking sponsored by our Order for their wholehearted support as contributors and in getting their friends to contribute. Similarly, the District Lodge Officers are also asked to get behind this drive individually as contributors, and

through visitations and communications to the chapters in their respective districts.

Brother Truman and his staff know that the entire Fraternity has been circulated in an appeal for a modest contribution. Our contribution as an Organization must be consistent with our prestige and standing as a National Fraternal Organization. Chapters are requested to discuss and promote this Drive through meetings, and to see to it that sizeable contributions are sent by their members, and if possible, from the chapter treasuries. With the extension of the Drive, it is requested that contributions in the future be mailed to: Ahepa Truman Library Committee, Ahepa National Headquarters, 1420 K Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.



At the grand installation rite of the Cilla Chapter No. 257 of the Daughters of Penelope of Kansas City, Kansas. Reading from left to right, front row: Mrs. Nadine Apostle; Mrs. Amanda Andrew, District Governor; Adeline J. Geo-Karis, Grand President; Mrs. Esther Gakis; Mrs. Katherine Palaskas. Back row, left to right: Miss Ethel Karnaze; Mrs. Tesia Sioulas; Miss Eva Mermigis; Miss Frances Kallas; Miss Helen Karnaze; Miss Lucille Antos; Mrs. Roberta Karnaze; Mrs. Zoe Theoharis, and Mrs. Eva Karnaze, Cilla Daughters.

THE CRUSADE FOR SPONSORS

An Appeal to the Ahepa Family and the Greek Communities

With confidence in the racial and philanthropic sentiments of our people, and a full appreciation of the importance of the Program that has been undertaken, the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee appeals to the members of the Great Ahepa family and the Greek Orthodox Communities throughout the country for support of the movement and the effort to procure sponsors.

By special letters to the District Governors, the Chapter Presidents, and to the Priests and the Presidents of the Greek Communities, instructions have been given to organize for immediate and intensive action.

Pamphlets outlining the entire Program with details and explanations of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 have been mailed. The responsibilities and requirements of the sponsors and the benefits that they enjoy if they decide to apply through our Committee are fully explained.

Our appeal to the Ahepa Family calls also for financial aid to this Committee to enable it to carry on. To Priests and the Presidents of the Greek Communities our appeal is to organize a crusade and procure sponsors for those refugees who have nobody to help them. There are 10,000 such cases, the so-called un-named cases. We must find the sponsors for them if we want to earn the title of the Good Samaritan.

Let us all gear our efforts and as a great machine produce the results—the 10,000 sponsors for the refugees who look forward to us and depend solely on our assistance to enable them to join us here in the land of opportunity.

AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE

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JASON CHAPTER No. 161

Our chapter was very ably represented at the district meeting at Dallas, Texas, on February 13-14, 1954, by Sisters Virginia Kumpures, Rose Chantilas and Connie Anton.

We extend a hearty welcome into our ranks to our newly-initiated Sisters Chrysapho Broomas and Dura Drake.

SPORTS

SPORTS PARADE

By PETE CLENTZOS
National Director of Athletics

One of the finest sprinters of Greek descent to be seen on the west coast is currently running for the University of California at Berkeley. John Plessas ran the 100 yards in 9.8, the 220 yards in 21.8 and the 220 yard low hurdles in 23.8. . . . John Katsenes of Phoenix, Arizona, writes that the Phoenix basketball team had a lot of hard luck with injuries this past season . . . their softball team, in the city championship class for many years, is preparing for another season . . . and the bowling team is winding up for their inter-district competition. . . . Dr. Monthe Kofos and Peter Cassanos made their report from the Sixth Annual Bowling Tournament held at Clinton, Mass., April 4th, 1954. . . . It was a huge success with eight teams competing . . . Clinton, Marlboro, Peabody, Salem, Woburn, Boston, Gloucester, Webster, and Lawrence. . . . The Champions—Clinton—led by Lambros 340, Georgeson 314, Chiavaris 314, and Pappas 312, pulled it out of the fire with some hot bowling. Congratulations, Clinton! . . . Webster won the consolation cup. . . . It was a job well done by the two Directors.

Pittsburgh is preparing for their big convention. Latest reports on the Olympiad indicate a golf tournament is in the making for Sunday, August 15th, preceding the convention . . . and the Olympiad scheduled for one of the week days probably at the University of Pittsburgh. . . . Another great feature of Ahepa athletics is in the making with the Far Western Olympiad planned for Pasadena, Calif., in conjunction with the 20th District 23rd Annual Ahepa Convention at the Hotel Huntington in Pasadena, home of the famous Rose Parades and Football Contests. . . . The Rose Bowl is not built for holding track meets . . . otherwise attempts would have been made to procure it. . . . The Golf Tournament is to be held at Brookside Golf Course in the shadows of the famous Rose Bowl itself . . . as you play golf you think of the great battles that have thundered on that gridiron in years past. . . . I particularly remember Johnny Karras of Illinois . . . I vividly recall Johnny's performance in Cleveland at the Olympiad running with tennis shoes in the 220 yard dash around a curve in the outside lane and winning it easily in 23.2 seconds . . . a great athlete.

ASBURY PARK SONS BASKETBALL CHAMPS

On March 19, 1954, in the Jefferson Gym, in the City of Trenton, the Sons of Pericles of Trenton, Asbury Park, Camden and New Brunswick, met in a double header with Asbury Park and New Brunswick the winners.

On March 26, 1954, in the same gym and city, Asbury Park met the Atlantic City Sons and defeated them. Later in the evening, Asbury Park met and defeated the New Brunswick aggregation and thereby were acclaimed the Fifth District Champions.



THE ASBURY TEAM IN ACTION

We Ahepans are lucky to have such a large-hearted, benevolent body of sports-lovers who have contributed to the numerous athletic contests throughout our Ahepa territory with merchandise, trophies, money and time. Athletic directors and chairmen spend a lot of time preparing for their events, and any glory that comes with it is richly deserved. . . . It happened at one of the Olympiads . . . a starter with an eccentric method of starting put his gun up in the air while the runners were on their marks, and said, "Get set!" While this was going on, one of the shells in the gun worked loose and fell in his mouth . . . you should have seen the blank expression on his face. . . . Well, they took this guy to the hospital. . . . The runners are still on their marks waiting for a report.

We hope many of you bowlers, golfers, trackmen will look forward to Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT No. 8 HOLDS BOWLING TOURNEY

On April 4, 1954, over 200 Ahepans, Daughters, Maids and Sons gathered in Clinton, Mass., for the District No. 8 Bowling championship. Eight teams entered the Ahepa Tourney while Daughters, Maids and Sons participated on an individual basis.

MEN'S DIVISION

First Round

Marlboro 1490 — Webster 1414
Gloucester 1464 — Boston 1313
Salem Peabody 1449 — Lawrence 1345
Clinton 1449 — Woburn 1350

Semi-Final

Clinton 1555 — Peabody 1437
Gloucester 1506 — Marlboro 1441

Final

Clinton 1449 — Woburn 1350
Webster defeated Boston for consolation.

High triple was won by A. Gounaris of Gloucester with 361.

High single was won by C. Georgeson of Clinton with 144.

High scores in the tourney included P. Nickas 340, B. Nickas 315, Gavostas 320, Krethiotis 325, Chiavaris 344, Caragian 310, Gounaris 361, Lambros 340, Despotopoulos 350, Vantzalides 324, Georgeson 322, Pappas 312, Mitaskos 315, Daopoulos 321, Kofos 322.

Dr. Monthe Kofos and Peter Cassanos were in charge of the tourney, while Clinton did a noble job as host chapter.

The Peabody team were the defending champs.

SAN FRANCISCO SONS

The Yerba Buena Chapter No. 13 of the Sons now has a winning basketball team, holding its own in spirited competition. Pete Zamboukos has been the key man in morale and point-making. Jim Vallas, Bill Catechi, Gus Asimos, Tyk Stamates, Steve Kircopoulos and Pete Gomis have done more than their share.

Fellow members Andy Banis and Manny Delis have returned from service overseas, and everybody was certainly glad to see them. Brother Harry Misthos is due in about three months.

See you there. . . . Jim Pappas is trying to stir up tennis interest. As National Tennis Director he is willing to sponsor a tournament if he can get enough entries for Pittsburgh. Write him at 1600 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas.



Presentation of George Christopher Trophy by District Governor Nicholas Loumos to Lieut. Governor Arthur Faipas who is accepting it on behalf of the Stockton Chapter, winners of the 21st District Golf Tournament. Others, left to right, are Speros Vrettos, Tourney Chairman; Golden Gate Chapter President Ted Tryfon; District Marshal Speros Tentis; District Treasurer Frank Vellis and Peter Kerhulas. Last person unidentified. Sitting, left to right, are Chris Topolos and John Topolos, Tournament Director. Golden Gate Chapter was sponsor.

YPSILANTI ONCE MORE CAPTURES CAGE CROWN

Sixteen gallant hard-fighting basketball teams representing the finest of Ahepa-Sons Chapters scrambled for top honors, but Ypsilanti Seniors of Chicago again retained their crown by defeating Oak Park 60-50 in a tough battle, in the 11th Annual National Ahepa-Sons Basketball Tournament held in Chicago. The consolation title was won by Moline which defeated Ypsilanti Juniors of Chicago 66-55. Third place was won by the tricky Hellenic Center quintet triumphing over Milwaukee 53-47.

The Queen, beautiful Dianne Dammegelis of Chicago, inspired the athletes to compete in the most successful tournament to date. The athletes enjoyed themselves even more when they adjourned from the basketball floor to the dance



At the recent meeting of Greek Youth at Mason City, Iowa, Sister Rea Kallis of the Daughters of Penelope of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was crowned Queen of the District Meet. Shown above, left to right: Bill Pantagos, Miss Rallis and Nick Parhoulas.

floor at the Southmoor Hotel. There they glided around the surroundings listening and dancing to the magic strains of George Poulos and his orchestra.

Ted Contes who filled in for Brother Van Nomikos who was enroute to Greece with the Ahepa Excursion organized and administered the tournament along with his staff in a very efficient manner, typical of past tourneys. The All-Star team selected by the judges was: Perry Phellos (Hellenic Center); Nick Kladis (Ypsilanti Seniors); Alex Marus (Moline); Chris Romanos (Oak Park); George Fifles (Ypsilanti Seniors); Tom Yeotis (Flint, Mich.); Bill Kapsalis (Ypsilanti Juniors); Jim Rallis (Sioux Falls, South

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Dakota); Steve Stavros (Hammond, Indiana); Pete Kamouchy (Milwaukee).

The championship team trophy donated by the Ahepa National Department of Athletics, was presented by Tom Magin, District Athletic Director.

ATHLETES! WE'LL SEE YOU IN PITTSBURGH!

The first Ahepa National Olympiad was held at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1939. Peter D. Clentzos, present Ahepa National Athletic Director and a competitor in the 1932 Olympics, originated the Ahepa Olympics. They have been highly successful, bringing together Hellenic youth on a competitive and social basis. The name of Ahepa has been indelibly impressed in the eyes and minds of citizens who have seen Ahepa athletes perform. The Ahepa Olympics have been held in Providence, Seattle, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Detroit, Miami, Cleveland, Minneapolis and Washington, D. C. In the 1952 Olympics at Washington, D. C., twenty cities were represented. Rice Stadium in Houston in 1953 saw another great array of athletes. Plan to enter in Pittsburgh!

Events	Holder	City	Year	Record
100 yards	S. Sourapas	Los Angeles, Calif.	1947	10.0
220 yards	M. Maragos	Gary, Ind.	1947	25.2
440 yards	Ted Theodore	Cleveland, Ohio	1949	55.4
880 yards	James Martinos	Mason City, Iowa	1951	2:11.0
Mile Run	E. Serfas	Los Angeles, Calif.	1947	5:10.0
70 yd. H. H.	George Thabit	Huntington, W. Va.	1950	9.9
120 yd. L. H.	P. Paras	Spokane, Wash.	1940	13.7
High Jump	G. Skoubes	Kalamazoo, Mich.	1941	5'10-1/8"
12 lb. Shot-put	Charles George	Miami, Fla.	1949	55'5"
Pole Vault	Pete Clentzos	Los Angeles, Calif.	1939	12'6"
Broad Jump	Tom Manuel	Lancaster, Pa.	1949	20'2"
Discus	Charles George	Miami, Fla.	1949	123'4"
Javelin	Tom Balikas	Miami, Fla.	1949	205 ft.
4 man 440 yard Relay	George Nickolatos, Pete Speliopoulos, Bill Pappas, and Spero Sigamos			47.8

THE GREAT OBJECTIVE

To Help the Ten Thousand Deserving Refugees

to come here and rehabilitate themselves; this is the great objective that the AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE is striving wholeheartedly to achieve.

All the moral and material resources that we are able to mobilize shall be used toward this objective. All the appeals we have made since this Committee again took charge of this humanitarian Program of our Order have as their ultimate purpose the procuring of

Sponsors to sign the assurances.

Sponsor a worthy refugee is our slogan. There are 10,000 of them.

With a sense of pride and gratitude we announce that one of our prominent members in New York, Brother Charles G. Taylor, President of the St. Moritz Hotel, became the sponsor of 10 refugees (un-named cases). On May 10, 1954, at a meeting in the Greek Archdiocese Building, Brother Taylor signed ten assurances and thus the CRUSADE FOR SPONSORS started with the blessings of His Grace Archbishop Michael. His Eminence pledged the cooperation of the Church in all the Greek Communities throughout the land and sent a circular letter to all the Priests admonishing them to support this great program.

To carry on this effort vigorously with all the means at our command, with rallies, lectures and personal interviews is our aim and determination. With reliance and faith in Divine Guidance we cannot fail.

AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF
16 Beaver St., New York, N. Y.



Charles G. Taylor preparing to sign assurances in the presence of Sup. Treas. John A. Kiamos and C. J. Critzas, Manager of the Ahepa Refugee Office in New York City.



At the Easter Party for the children of St. Basil's Academy, sponsored by Sup. Treas. John A. Kiamos and his friends. Luncheon at Hellas Cafe and afternoon at the circus was enjoyed by all.

ARTEMIS CHAPTER No. 5

The past year found Artemis Chapter members busy presenting many delightful social affairs, yet let it not be said that they were amiss in their civic duties. A number of sisters helped in the United Crusade and the Christmas Seal Drive, and a goodly number served on the Greek Orthodox Sunday School Committee. As a matter of fact, Sister Lucille Vlahos is director of the Sunday School, while our vivacious and beloved president, Perso Givas, works several hours a week for the Red Cross as a Grey Lady, visiting and comforting the sick.

New members of Artemis Chapter are Sisters Irene Kokizes, Haricleia Preovolos, and Georgia Fantages. Georgia is the fifth member of the Fantages family to have been initiated into the ranks of the Daughters of Penelope. Helen Fantages, a charter member, was the first in line, and following her in order were her daughters, Mrs. John Chopoulos, Mrs. James Compoginis, and Mrs. Constantine Kaytoras.

CHLORIS No. 40 REPORTS

On February 21, 1954, the Canton Daughters of Penelope were invited by the Youngstown Chapter to receive the "traveling gavel". Many thanks to Youngstown for a delightful time. After the meeting refreshments were served, and movies were shown to the group.

The Chloris Chapter No. 40 of the Daughters of Penelope, Canton, Ohio, was honored on March 10, 1954, by the visitation of the Buckeye District Governor, Sister Florence Stathopoulos of Springfield, Ohio; District Secretary, Sister Josie Chase of Elyria, Ohio; and Grand Governor, Sister Helen Lambrou of Massillon, Ohio. Sister Mary Elite, president of the local chapter, presided.

OKLAHOMA AHEPANS PRESENT "STYLE SHOW"

Rags to Riches, a popular song of recent weeks, was the theme of a program given by the Oklahoma City Chapter No. 240 on February 14. This party had the largest crowd to attend a function in this community.

Highlight of the evening was a style show. What made this style show a little unusual was that the models were Ahepans, wearing women's fashions. Director and narrator Connie Carpou's interpretations both in Greek and English were nothing short of sensational. Miss Teddy Anthony provided the musical refrains. Since the stole has gained great prominence in the fashion world, Brother James Kirinoupolous had as one of his selections an exquisite "stole."



At the "Style Show" staged by the Oklahoma City Chapter No. 240, Brother Pete Anthony (left) is modeling a bathing suit of mauve decade vintage while Brother John Pagonis in denim shorts is entertaining with the guitar.

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Justice for Cyprus Committee

All Hellenism in America Unites Under Leadership of Ahepa

By STEPHEN S. SCOPAS, *Supreme President*

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Once again, the Order of Ahepa, a thoroughly American organization, is called upon in the spirit of American justice and fair play to champion the cause of world freedom and to uphold the principle of self-determination. These are principles for which America fought throughout its long history.

When President Monroe lent his voice to the struggle for Greek Independence, he set a pattern for all freedom loving people and forged the traditional bonds of friendship between Greece and our nation.

Today, all Americans are called upon to take a stand on the current debate that has been slowly unfolding before the highest tribunal of public opinion—the United Nations. There the struggle of the people of Cyprus for self-determination is about to be given a hearing.

What are the facts that must decide this issue?

HISTORY AND POPULATION

Cyprus has been Greek in sentiment and population since 1400 B.C., when settlers from Arcadia established themselves in the island. Population today is estimated at almost half-a-million. According to official British Colonial statistics 80.2% of the inhabitants are Greek.

When Greece attained her independence after the war of 1821, neither Cyprus nor the Dodecanese Islands, also Greek, were incorporated in the new Greek state. They remained under the domination of the Ottoman Empire. The Dodecanese Islands were annexed by Italy during her war with Turkey in 1912-13 and were ceded by Italy to Greece in 1940 thus following the wishes of their Greek population to be reunited with their mother country. Britain took over the administration of Cyprus in 1878 as a guarantee of Turkey's fulfillment of her treaty obligations. In 1914, by Order-in-Council, Britain annexed Cyprus as a Crown Colony. It remains a British Colony today.

The Cypriots have passionately striven for Union with Greece for the past 75 years, and their fruitless petitions, peticiones and manifestos culminated in a rising in 1931 when the British Governor's palace was burned to the ground. The last plebiscite was held in 1949 when 95.7% of the Greek adult population voted for Union; the remainder, teachers and public servants, dependent upon the British for their jobs, abstained. The British Government refused to accept a copy of the volume containing the signatures.

ACTION BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT

The Cypriots have referred the matter to the Greek Government and in 1951 the latter declared that the question could no longer remain one of indifference to the Greek people.

Since then, the Government of Greece, under constant pressure brought to bear upon it not only by representatives of the people of Cyprus but also by the whole Greek nation, has endeavored, without success, to induce the British Government to enter into direct negotiations with a view to reaching an amicable settlement. In the hope that such negotiations might still be forthcoming it resisted pressures aimed at bringing it to place the matter officially before the VIIIth General Assembly of the United Nations last year. On September 21, 1953, Ambassador Alexis Kyriou, Chairman of the Greek Delegation, in a speech to the Assembly referred to the close ties of friendship which have always existed between Britain and Greece, and again expressed the hope that Britain would agree to discuss directly with the Greek Government the question of the self-determination of the people of Cyprus. The British Government has continued to ignore these overtures. In March, 1954, the government of Premier Alexander Papagos, with the unanimous support of the opposition, reiterated the request to the British Government that it agree to enter into direct negotiations. The British persist in the attitude that there is no Cyprus question. Under the circumstances, the Greek Government, obedient to the urgent and unanimous mandate of the nation, has no

choice other than to present the claims of the people of Cyprus to the IXth General Assembly of the United Nations, and it will do so on September 20, 1954.

THE ROLE OF AMERICA AS THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD

One of the cardinal principles of the United Nations has been the right to self-determination. This is what the people of Cyprus are seeking today. America cannot turn a deaf ear to this plea and still be true to her tradition and her leadership.

The Order of Ahepa, which has been conceived in the spirit of equality for all peoples everywhere, cannot but assume the leadership role thrust upon us by destiny. Our cause is just; our responsibility inescapable.

Ahepa has been designated by unanimous consent of all Hellenic American organizations throughout this great land as the leader of the newly formed Justice for Cyprus Committee. Senators, Congressmen, educators and religious leaders have volunteered their services and unqualified support in this great cause as members of this Committee under the leadership of the Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa.

You are hereby summoned to join this great crusade—*Justice for Cyprus!*

All Ahepa chapters are requested to:

1. Hold *special meetings* immediately and by appropriate resolution enlist the active support of your mayors, governors, senators, congressmen and other public officials and leading citizens in this crusade.

2. Despatch additional resolutions to the following: (a)

The President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower; (b) Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles; (c) Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate, Alexander Wiley; (d) Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, Robert B. Chipfield; (e) Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld; and (f) All delegates of all countries to the United Nations, calling for the application of the principle of self-determination to Cyprus.

3. Arrange a Mass Meeting preferably on Sunday, September 19th, or as near to that date as possible. Hundreds of mass meetings throughout the country on the same day will have a most salutary effect in helping to mold public opinion in favor of the Union of Cyprus with Greece. The highest public officials and most prominent citizens should be invited to participate. Ahepa should take the lead in enlisting the cooperation of all other organizations for the success of these mass meetings.

4. Appropriate from the treasury of your chapter a token contribution and request individual contributions from the membership. All sums appropriated and collected should be remitted immediately to Justice for Cyprus Committee, Ahepa National Headquarters, 1420 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

A strict accounting will be rendered our chapters for all funds so collected by your Supreme Lodge.

Time is of the essence. An aroused public opinion is our best weapon. Ahepa's leadership is at stake! Your Supreme Lodge is confident every Ahepan will do his part!

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Our Supreme President

The Pittsburgh National Convention elected to the Supreme Presidency of the Order of Ahepa Stephen S. Scopas of New York. Brother Scopas needs no formal introduction to the great rank and file of Ahepdom, for since his days on the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles he has rendered services of a high order to our fraternity in posts of responsibility. Having served as President of his chapter, as Governor of his district and for several years on the Supreme Lodge, he is fully aware of the problems that await his undivided attention.

Since boyhood steeped in the traditions and lore of Ahepanism and by nature endowed with a tremendous capacity and a fertile mind, he brings to the fore outstanding qualities to place at the service of Ahepa. In the prime of life, a successful lawyer, an acknowledged civic leader, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Mayor of New York, he is admirably equipped by training and experience to provide the dynamic and inspiring leadership that will pave the way to a stronger organization and to greater fraternal accomplishments.

He has accepted the supreme task with a dedicated fervor and has issued forth the clarion call to action. He has mapped out a challenging program to cope with the immediate and long-range problems confronting our Order as the custodian and defender of Hellenism in America.

Thrust upon the scene of action and demanding emergency attention is the Cyprus question. By general consent of all Hellenic elements in the United States, Ahepa has been asked to assume the leadership in a coordinated drive to bring about justice to the claims of our Cypriot brothers for union with their Motherland. As a result of many conferences and with the approval of the Supreme Lodge, the Justice for Cyprus Committee has been organized under the direction of Supreme President Scopas. Its aims and objectives are fully explained in a special message by the Supreme President on the opposite page. Read the appeal carefully and enlist your support in this patriotic cause.

As the progress and prestige of our fraternity depends primarily on its constant growth and expansion, the Supreme President has rightly recognized this fundamental principle and has formulated aggressive plans for a vigorous Membership Drive directed at new members and the reinstatement of the delinquents. The details of this important drive are explained in the special four page section of this issue, where you will also find Membership and Reinstatement applications. We strongly urge the support of every Ahepan in the Membership Drive. Cooperate by making the proper use of the two application forms available with this issue.

A National Conference of Ahepa leaders has been called by the Supreme President to convene at Washington on October 1-2-3-4 to discuss all the major problems and projects of our organization and to personally acquaint them with his program. Rare initiative and extraordinary leadership are exemplified in this unprecedented step as it cannot help but evolve a coordinated program the proper execution of which will benefit immeasurably the entire Ahepa Family.



The Sup. Pres. with Mrs. Stephen S. Scopas, the First Lady of Ahepa, with their three lovely children, Stephanie, Pamela and Stephen, Jr.



The 1954-1955 Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa elected by the Pittsburgh National Convention at its initial meeting. Seated, left to right, are: Constantine Gatsos, Supreme Secretary; Constantine P. Verinis, Supreme Vice-President; Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme President; and Socrates V. Sekles, Supreme Treasurer. Standing, left to right, are: Nick Kogos, Supreme Governor of Canada; George J. Pappas, Jr., and Louis G. Manesiotis, Supreme Governors; George Papanicolas, Supreme Counsellor; and Gust Rakus, Supreme Governor.

National Conference of all Departments to Meet with Supreme Lodge in Washington on October 1, 2, 3, 4

By **STEPHEN S. SCOPAS**
Supreme President

Your Supreme Lodge fully realizes that the success of our campaign of "50,000 by San Francisco" depends upon the program that will be offered to the membership this year. The challenge to formulate such a program is wholeheartedly accepted by your Supreme Lodge. Accordingly, an invitation has been extended to all Departments of the Ahepa Family to meet with your Supreme Lodge at the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C., on October 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. At this Conference, we shall exchange views and evolve a program that will insure the growth and expansion; the welfare and prosperity of our Order; and augment its contributions to philanthropy and humanity.

The following Departments have been invited:

- (1) Mother Lodge Members;
- (2) All Past Supreme Presidents;
- (3) Grand Lodge, Daughters of Penelope and Maids of Athens;
- (4) Supreme Lodge, Sons of Pericles;
- (5) All District Governors of Ahepa;
- (6) Board of Trustees of Ahepa;
- (7) Ahepa Refugee Committee;
- (8) St. Basil's Home for Boys Committee;
- (9) Fraternal Insurance Committee;

(10) National Athletic Board.

Each Department will meet separately with the Supreme Lodge in accordance with an agenda that is being prepared for the four day National Conference, but all Departments may attend the various meetings of the Conference.

SUPREME LODGE AGENDA

The following is the agenda for the meeting of the Supreme Lodge:

1. Formulation of specific plans for the national membership campaign "50,000 in Ahepa Family by San Francisco";
2. Promotion of the purchase of Ahepa homes locally throughout the Ahepa domain;
3. Report of the Fraternal Insurance Committee;
4. Scholarship Program of Ahepa and Auxiliaries;
5. Establishment of Ahepa Chapters in Universities;
6. Promotion of National Athletic Program;
7. Report on all Auxiliaries and appointment of National Advisory Boards thereto;
8. Role of Ahepa on Cyprus;
9. Thessaly Relief Drive;
10. Any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

The Pittsburgh National Convention

By GEORGE DIMAS, *Editor*

The 28th National Convention of the Order of Ahepa, held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, during the week of August 15 to 21, marked another milestone in the progress of Hellenism in the United States. It was significant, this convocation of Hellenes in the City of Steel, one of the oldest Greek communities in America, where at the turn of the century the pioneers of the immigrant generation sweated and toiled in the coal mines and in the steel mills to lay the groundwork through sacrifices, deprivation and thrift for the benefit and well-being of the first and second generations that were to follow. It was a solemn testimonial to their pioneering spirit, their industry and enterprise! It was a dream come true for the progressive Pittsburgh community that for twenty years labored ardently and tirelessly to bring the great Ahepa national conclave to the industrial metropolis of Pennsylvania.

The venerable Aristoteles Chapter No.

34 of Pittsburgh, one of the pillars of Ahepanism in the midlands, can take justifiable pride in a job well done as the host chapter to the 1954 national assembly. Under the co-chairmanship of Brothers Louis G. Manesiotis and George Shorall, the Convention Committee performed admirably in the discharge of its duties and obligations in presenting an outstanding and memorable convention replete in innovations and the extraordinary.

Over four hundred delegates representing the Supreme Lodge, the Mother Lodge, the Districts and the sovereign chapters of the Ahepa Domain in the United States and Canada participated in the week's deliberations. The voting strength of the convention was 304 votes.

THE CONVENTION OPENING

The opening of the convention took place Sunday morning, August 15, with divine services in the huge Syria Mosque

with Archbishop Michael presiding in religious ceremonies commemorating the great Feast of the Assumption. Priests from the surrounding area assisted His Grace and a choral group rendered Byzantine selections during the rites. A tremendous congregation headed by the Supreme Lodge was in attendance at the religious services. It was an awe-inspiring spectacle, filled with the dignity, color and pageantry symbolic of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Monday morning promptly at 11 o'clock in the air-conditioned grand ballroom of the William Penn Hotel with a capacity audience in attendance, Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson called the convention to order. He then introduced the Most Reverend Archbishop Michael who invoked the blessings of Almighty God on the gathering and prayed that the deliberations of the assembly may be constructive and fruitful for the general good.

Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh



Part of the crowd at opening session of Order of Ahepa 28th National Convention at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



CONVENTION SCENES—From top, Convention Chairman Peter T. Kourides with Past Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos, Governor John S. Fine of Pennsylvania congratulating Dean Lewis of Rhode Island while George F. Johnson and George J. Margoies look on. Rika Deallina, Miss Greece of 1954, with Ahepa Queen Electra Petrolias, Supreme Lodge Members, Mrs. Stephen S. Scopas with Mrs. Leo J. Lamberson at the gala Fashion Show, His Eminence, Archbishop Michael with Convention Committee, Checking the badge of Dr. Peter V. Paulus, Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh with Miss Greece and Supr. President Stephen S. Scopas.

warmly greeted the convention in behalf of his city and eloquently lauded the Hellenic people for their stand against communism, although they are "at the door of the Iron Curtain." He pointed out the strong bonds of friendship between the United States and Greece and concluded by praising the excellent character of Americans of Greek descent in his community and throughout the United States.

The balance of the Monday session was taken up with the introduction of other official dignitaries, members of the Mother Lodge, the Supreme Lodge of the Ahepa, the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope headed by Grand President Adeline J. Geo-Karis, the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles, and the top officers of the Maids of Athens.

Monday evening, the famous "Greek Night" took place at the Syria Mosque with about 5,000 persons attending. This colorful and distinctly Grecian festival has become an Ahepa convention institution and every conventioneer looks forward to this event with zest and delight. The immense arena was filled to the brim with the festive-minded throng partaking in delicious helpings of leg-of-lamb, turkey, feta cheese, Calamata olives and a plentiful supply of beer. Dancing to the tunes of George Pontikos' Greek throbbing music was the order of the evening.

ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION

The Tuesday business session was taken up with the organization of the convention. Past Supreme Secretary Peter T. Kourides of New York, N. Y., was elected Convention Chairman, George J. Margoies of New Haven, Conn., Past District Governor of Yankee District No. 7, was chosen Vice-Chairman. Sam Nakis of St. Louis, Mo., Lieutenant Governor of the 13th District, was elected Convention Secretary. Rendition of the reports of the members of the Supreme Lodge and the various District Governors then commenced. The Convention Chairman appointed the several committees and a recess was taken.

THE BANQUET

Tuesday evening in the William Penn Grand Ballroom and the adjoining Urban Room, the great Convention Banquet was staged with 1,125 persons participating. Past Supreme Governor Peter V. Paulus was the toastmaster. The speakers were as follows: Louis G. Manesots and George Shorall, Convention Committee Co-Chairmen; Peter H. Cardiges, President of the host chapter, Aristoteles No. 54; Miss Lillian Demistichas, Convention Committee Chairman of the Daughters of Penelope; William Zeuger, President of the Zeuger Milk Company and Honorary Co-Chairman; Miss Adeline Geo-Karis, Grand President of the Daughters; Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh; the Most Reverend Archbishop Michael;

Greek Ambassador Athanase G. Politis; U.S. Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee, and Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson. (Governor John S. Fine of Pennsylvania who was unable to attend the banquet due to illness made a special appearance before the convention on Friday afternoon of the convention week and delivered an inspiring oration.)

Wednesday was devoted to committee work and Thursday and Friday to the preparation and rendition of committee reports.

1956 CONVENTION CITY

A lively contest developed for the selection of the 1956 convention city. New York, Atlantic City, Chicago and Boston bid for the honor of playing host to the 1956 conclave. On the first ballot, none of the four cities received a majority of the vote cast. On the second ballot, New York won the coveted prize and the 1956 National Convention will be held in New York for the first time in Ahepa history. The New Yorkers promised a great convention with the world-famed Waldorf-Astoria Hotel as the Headquarters.

THE AHEPAN

The Committee on our national publication, through its chairman, Brother James Karabatos of New York, presented an elaborate and comprehensive report and made several recommendations which were adopted unanimously by the convention.

It approved the present format and style of the magazine.

It recommended, and the convention so mandated, that beginning with January 1955, the magazine be issued on a bi-monthly basis, not to exceed 32 pages.

It recommended that the Daughters of Penelope be given a definite number of pages in every issue for their exclusive use and that the Daughters become regular subscribers to the magazine in the same manner as the Ahepans.

It commended the present editorial staff for its meritorious work.

THE EMERGENCY FUND

Considerable discussion took place on various recommendations proposed by the Emergency Fund Committee for the improvement of our Death Benefit Plan and for the strengthening of its economic structure. However, the convention decided not to effect any changes during the current fiscal year. It referred the matter back to the Supreme Lodge for further study until the San Francisco Convention next year.

ST. BASIL'S BOYS DORMITORY

The 1953 Houston Convention unanimously approved the authorization of a drive to be conducted by the Ahepa to raise funds to build a boys dormitory at St. Basil's Academy at Garrison, N. Y.

A committee of distinguished Ahepans under the chairmanship of Past Supreme



The Registration Committee was exceptionally busy as evidenced by the line-up of Ahepans in top photo. As usual, entertaining Ahepans was genial George Papanicolas of Washington. In the center photo, in Mr. Papanicolas' suite, seated left to right, Past Supreme Secretary George N. George, Past Supreme President Van A. Nomikos, Supreme Counsellor George Papanicolas, and Past Supreme Vice-Presidents Charles D. Kotsilibas and Constantine G. Economus. Lower photo, District Governors of Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope who attended the convention.



MAIDS OF ATHENS: These pretty Maids of Athens are members of their Supreme Lodge. Left to right: Becky Angelos, Houston, Tex., Grand Worthy Maid; Dolores Xakellis, Lancaster, Pa., Grand Treasurer; Merle Karafotas, Portland, Ore., Grand Loyal Maid, and Bella Castrinos, New Orleans, La., Grand Secretary. **SONS OF PERICLES:** Here is the Grand Lodge of the Sons of Pericles. Left to right (front): Jeff Economou, Secretary-Treasurer; Nick Velonis, Governor; Nick Theodore, President; Nick Demeris, Governor. Standing are convention officers: Mike Kepmizes, Secretary; Dean Vezos, Chairman; Terry Honhoulas, Vice-Chair., George Cokinos, Executive Secretary.

Treasurer John A. Kiamos has undertaken to conduct this drive. The committee presented architectural plans and other pertinent data to the Pittsburgh convention. The goal of the drive is \$300,000.

The convention formally adopted "The Ahepa Hall for Boys" as an Ahepa project and recommended that this humanitarian endeavor be given the moral and material support of the entire Ahepa Family.

NATIONAL PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees which administers the national projects of our fraternity rendered its report and it was adopted by the convention. Substantially, the report dealt with the administration of the Albuquerque Sanatorium property, the Florida Orphanage project and the National Home Fund. The Trustees reported a continued increase in the valuation of the Ahepa properties. A detailed account of the activities and plans of the Board of Trustees will appear in the next issue of THE AHEPAN.

The Board of Trustees for the current fiscal year are as follows. C. E. Athas, Chairman; Charles D. Kotsilibas, Vice-Chairman; Speros A. Versis, Secretary; Sam S. Nakos and Anthony Aroney, members.

THE AHEPA REFUGEE COMMITTEE

This Committee, through its Chairman, Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras, reported on its operations during the past fiscal year. The highlights of this very important report are as follows:

Immediately after the convention, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee proceeded to have consultations with the governmental authorities in Washington and with the Administrator and his deputies on all phases of the program and particularly with matters connected with procedure, regulations and forms that were to be adopted under the Law. From September 1953 up to the middle of January 1954 we have had at least 20 such conferences. * * *

"After succeeding to obtain simplification of the Assurance Forms from the State Department, as well as a more liberal interpretation of the Act, all of which took us up to about the middle of January, 1954, we turned our attention to our overseas operations. In the meantime, we set up offices at 16 Beaver Street, New York 4, N. Y., and by constant letters and circulars, we endeavored to explain to the Ahepa family, as well as to the entire Greek-American public, the magnitude of the program and the great responsibilities involved thereunder. * * *

Your Chairman spent approximately two months in Greece, devoting himself exclusively to all matters there. In order that the Greek Public understand the program, he held many press conferences and also gave a number of Radio talks. Literally thousands of people came to see him, seeking aid and guidance. Many consultations were held with the American Ambassador, as well as all the American Consuls and Vice Consuls, Greek Government officials and various social and Voluntary Agencies that had been functioning in Greece; chiefly with The World Council of Churches, which had set up elaborate facilities and has a personnel of about sixty people, and the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, which also has elaborate facilities and a staff of over seventy-five persons. Because of the immensity of the program and the indigency of at least 10,000 refugees, with the full approval of the Greek Church, as well as the Greek Government, your Chairman entered into mutual operative arrangements between Ahepa on one hand, and the World Council of Churches, Church World Service and Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration on the other. Thus, with these Agencies participating and coordinating all their efforts with Ahepa, our operations in Greece have been fully set up both in Athens, Salonica and other parts. Our offices in Athens are in the same building as the aforementioned Agencies, and are located at No. 1 Sophocleous Street, Athens. We have an adequate, competent staff of five people, attending to this great Program there. In addition to screening and registering of refugees at our offices in Athens, registration teams composed of representatives of Ahepa and the other Agencies travel to the different provinces in order to accommodate this very needy and worthy humanity. For instance, our field team registered about 500 indigent refugees from the historic but ill fated town of Kalavryta only about a month ago. From our

own investigations, as well as from the reports of the other Agencies and the American Consulates of Athens and Salonica, it was found that there were about 100,000 people that had applied and registered with the American Consulates; that out of the 15,000 refugees that would be qualifiable under the law, only about 5,000 would have relatives and friends who are American citizens and who would give an assurance, as well as finance their passage; and that the balance of 10,000 qualifiable refugees, plus 2,000 escapees, had no one to sponsor them or to pay for their passage. The great humanitarian, Christian and American job of your Committee, in cooperation with the other Agencies, was thereupon devoted towards helping this indigent and worthy refugee humanity amounting to about 12,000 souls. Thus, we have pledged to the American and Greek Governments, to our Church as well as to these thousands of unfortunate people, our assistance and help, so that they may obtain new life and happiness in this great land of promise and abundance."

The convention approved the continuance of the Ahepa Refugee Relief Committee and elected the following to constitute the committee: Past Supreme Presidents Leo J. Lamberson and Van A. Nomikos and Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas. Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas and Supreme Treasurer Socrates V. Sekles are also members by virtue of their office.

THE NEW SUPREME LODGE

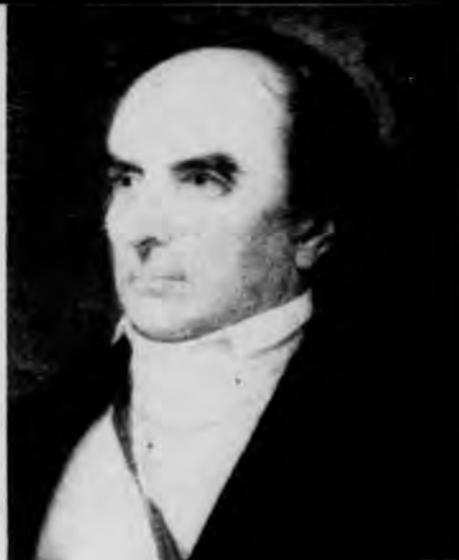
The Pittsburgh National Convention elected the following Brothers to comprise the 1954-1955 Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa:

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Supr. Governor, LOUIS G. MANESIOTIS
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Supr. Governor, GUST RAKUS
Supr. Gov. of Canada, NICK KOGOS.

Human Progress

(From a lecture by Daniel Webster)

DANIEL WEBSTER (1782-1852), statesman and lawyer, was one of America's most gifted orators. Educated at Dartmouth College, he soon entered politics and quickly made his mark, serving as Senator for twenty years and as our Secretary of State for five years. His renown as a lawyer was great and he pleaded many notable cases. He was a staunch advocate of a strong federal government.—Ed.



DANIEL WEBSTER

HUMAN SAGACITY, stimulated by human wants, seizes first on the nearest natural assistant. The power of his own arm is an early lesson among the studies of primitive man. This is animal strength; and from this he rises to the conception of employing, for his own use, the strength of other animals.

A stone, impelled by the power of his arm, he finds will produce a greater effect than the arm itself; this is a species of mechanical power. The effect results from a combination of the moving force with the gravity of a heavy body. The limb of a tree is a rude but powerful instrument; it is a lever. And the mechanical powers being all discovered, like other natural qualities, by induction or experience, and not by any reasoning *a priori*, their progress has kept pace with the general civilization and education of nations.

The history of mechanical philosophy, while it strongly illustrates, in its general results, the force of the human mind, exhibits in its details most interesting pictures of ingenuity struggling with the conception of new combinations, and of deep, intense and powerful thought stretched to its utmost to find out, or deduce, the general principle from the indications of particular facts.

We are now so far advanced beyond the age when the principal, important mathematical discoveries were made, and they have become so much matter of common knowledge, that it is no easy to feel their importance, or be justly sensible as to what an epoch in the history of science each constituted. The half-frantic exultation of Archimedes, when he had solved the problem respecting the crown of Hiero, was on an occasion and for a cause certainly well allowing very high joy.

The ancients discovered many things, but they left many things also to be discovered. This, as a general truth, is what our posterity a thousand years hence will be able to say, doubtless, when we and our generation shall be recorded among the ancients. For, indeed, God seems to have proposed His material universe as a standing perpetual study to His intelligent creatures. Ever learning, they can yet never learn all.

In the useful and practical arts, many inventions and contrivances, to the production

of which the degree of ancient knowledge would appear to us to have been adequate, and which seem quite obvious, are yet of late origin. The application of water, for example, to turn a mill, is a thing not known to have been accomplished at all in Greece, and is not supposed to have been attempted at Rome till in or near the age of Augustus. The production of the same effect by wind is a still later invention.

It must always have been a very considerable object for men to possess or obtain the power of raising water otherwise than by mere manual labor. Yet nothing like the common suction-pump has been found among rude nations. It has arrived at its present state only by slow and doubtful steps of improvement.

These few and scattered historical notices of important inventions have been introduced only for the purpose of suggesting that there is much which is both curious and instructive in the history of mechanics. Many things which to us, in our state of knowledge, seem so obvious that we should think they would at once force themselves on men's adoption have nevertheless been accomplished slowly and by painful efforts.

But if the history of the progress of the mechanical arts be interesting, still more so, doubtless, would be the exhibition of their present state and a full display of the extent to which they are now carried. The slightest glance must convince us that mechanical power and mechanical skill, as they are now exhibited in Europe and America, mark an epoch in human history worthy of all admiration. Machinery is made to perform what has formerly been the toil of human hands, to an extent that astonishes the most sanguine, with a degree of power to which no number of human arms is equal, and with such precision and exactness as almost to suggest the notion of reason and intelligence in the machines themselves.

—THINK Magazine



At the Palace, received by King Paul.

THE 1954 AHEPA OVERSEAS EXCURSIONS will probably be recorded in Ahepa's annals as the most successful ones yet undertaken. I say Excursions because really there were two: the customary and long established Easter Excursion to Greece, and the secondary which was attempted for the first time on a large scale to Constantinople, the seat of Orthodoxy, and to some of the Aegean Islands.

The Excursionists sailed on the S.S. "Nea Hellas" of the Greek Line on April 1, 1954. A total of 1,136 Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope, relatives and friends participated in the Excursion, one of the largest in recent times.

On the second day out, despite the rough seas, we organized the Excursion Committee with the following brothers as officers: Jean M. Kossarides of Florida, Vice-Commander; James Pantazis of Georgia, Secretary; Sam Nakos of Alabama, Treasurer. The Executive Committee consisted of Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, Fred Spanos, Tassos Moundanos, Charles T. Tsapuras, Joseph Vouros, F. Nicholson, Christ Valoroy, Christ Catsoulas, N. Kotsifas; also, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Adeline J. Geo-Karis, Miss Sylvia Mustis as Recording Secretary, and myself as Commander-in-Chief of the Excursion as designated by the Supreme Lodge.

Immediately after organizing, we dispatched cables of greetings to King Paul and Queen Frederika, Premier Alexander Papagos, U. S. Ambassador Cavendish Cannon, and other governmental officers as well as to the Chairman of our Excursion Committee in Athens, Past Supreme Governor George Papaeleas.

The next order of business aboard was to conduct a drive to raise funds for charitable and philanthropic purposes in Greece and the Patriarchate in Constantinople. This drive went over big, surpassing our fondest expectations. Spearheaded by Sam Nakos' contribution of \$1,000.00 and my own of \$500.00, we collected over \$5,000.00 to distribute to the various worthy and deserving projects. It is important to note that the bulk of this amount went to the Patriarchate, to Queen

The Ahepa Excursion

By VAN A. NOMIKOS,

Frederika's charities and to the School for the Blind. Plans were then formulated for the Grand Banquet in Athens and the sale of tickets for this outstanding event was successful.

ARRIVAL AT PIRAEUS

The rough seas stayed with us during the entire trip, making it necessary to forego landings at ports of call, such as the Azores, Lisbon and Naples. Notwithstanding foregoing the above, the heavy seas delayed landing at Piraeus by a whole day, and accordingly our official program commenced on the 16th of April instead of the 15th. Upon arrival we were greeted by the mayors of Piraeus and Athens, as well as the representatives of the National Tourist Organization of Greece, and the famous military band of the National Guard.

Too much cannot be said of the cooperation of the customs officials at Piraeus. They extended us every courtesy and cut red tape to the barest minimum. The Excursionists loved it, and what a difference from my last trip to Greece! Following a very slight delay, we proceeded to Athens where the streets were decorated with the famous Grecian colors, white and blue, and with the Acropolis in the distance, we could not help but shed a tear out of sentiment and memories of long past.

The next day the highlight of the Excursion took place, the Grand Banquet in honor of the Greek Government and the American officials stationed in Athens. The event was well attended. Minister of Defense Panagiotis Kanellopoulos represented the Greek Government while U. S. Ambassador Cavendish Cannon was the official American representative. Mr. Papandreou of the Opposition Party was also present. Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson



With His Holiness, Patriarch Athenagoras.

At reception given by the Athens Municipality.



n of 1954 to Greece

Commander-in-Chief

was the principal Ahepa speaker and Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Adeline Geo-Karis spoke on behalf of the ladies. Other Ahepa speakers were Tassos Moundanos and Sam Nakos. I acted as Toastmaster.

Palm Sunday we attended services at the Metropolis where Brother Moundanos spoke in response to the Metropolitan of Athens. Following the church services, we paraded to the credit of all of us to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where thousands stood at attention while Vice-Commander Kossarides laid the wreath amidst band playing and colorful military units standing at attention.

The wreath at the Monument of the Philhellenes was laid most impressively by Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope Adeline J. Geo-Karis. Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson responded at the Greek Post of the American Legion reception.

ON TO CONSTANTINOPLE

The excursion to Constantinople was headed by Sam Nakos as Vice-Commander and Treasurer, N. Kotsifas as Secretary, and myself as Commander.

We chartered the S.S. "Semiramis" of the Potamianos Line for \$1,000 a day or a total of \$7,000 for a tour of the Aegean Islands, and climaxing it at Constantinople where His Holiness was awaiting for us. There were 72 paid passengers and a representative of each of the Athenian newspapers and some members of the Potamianos family or 100 in all.

His Holiness, Patriarch Athenagoras, had arranged a two-day program for us, including a boat trip to Chalke. The trip to Constantinople was a very pleasant one with every passenger delighted with all that took place. Some of the islands visited

The excursionists enjoying an outing at the Marathon.



Paying their respects to Premier Alexander Papagos.

were Rhodes, Mytilene, Samos, Skyros, Tinos and Amorgos.

The press and radio were very kind to us, giving us very favorable notices and plenty of them. Front pages of the leading Athenian dailies favored us with stories and photographs during our entire stay. Their editorial comments were also very favorable.

The reception by the Athens Municipality was a very dignified and cordial affair with plenty of refreshments for the entire excursion. Our many thanks to the Mayor of Athens, the Honorable Nicolopoulos. The other receptions and the excursion to the Marathon arranged by the National Bank of Greece will remain in our memory for a long time. Each was well arranged and well attended. The Acropolis was illuminated the entire week in our honor, further evidence of the hospitality extended us.

King Paul received us with all of his charm and captivating smile, and made several inquiries concerning the welfare of America's Hellenism. Premier Papagos also showed keen interest in our welfare in America.

His Holiness charmed us with his exceptional personality and was overcome with emotion at our presence, some of his friends of long standing. His hospitality will ever linger in our memory, as well as his staff's willingness to do the utmost to make our stay in Constantinople a pleasant one. Every Orthodox owes it to himself to visit the seat of his Church.

During our stay in Athens, several other events were arranged in our honor. The reception extended us by the National Institute was a highlight during the week of activities. Also, the performance of Greek National Dances by Mrs. Dora Stratou's group "Panigyris" at the National Lyric Theatre, arranged by the National Tourist Organization, was a cultural delight. The program of songs by the Young Girls Choir of Mrs. Vysantion at the Athens Municipality reception will always be remembered with a nostalgic yearning to revisit Greece. The reception given us by the American Legion, Athens Post, served as a reminder of the strong bonds of friendship between our beloved America and our motherland, Hellas.



Visit with Spyros Markezinis.

Memorable 1954 Ahepa Excursion Scenes



Historic event was the pilgrimage to Constantinople by the excursionists to pay reverent homage and respect to our spiritual leader, His Holiness Patriarch Athenagoras. The scene above is in the office of the Patriarch and grouped around His Holiness are members of his staff, Commander Van A. Nomikos and Mrs. Nomikos, and Excursion Treasurer S. Nakos.



Over 500 attended the Grand Banquet in honor of the Greek Government and American officials stationed at Athens. In the photo above, Mayor Constantine S. Nicolopoulos of Athens is speaking, while seated on the dais are Mrs. Van A. Nomikos, American Ambassador Cavendish Cannon and Commander-in-Chief of the Excursion Van A. Nomikos.

Books

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM: Greece in World Affairs, 1939-1953. By Dimitrios G. Kousoulas. 210 pp. Syracuse, N. Y.: Syracuse University Press. \$4.

In 1941 at the age of 18 Dimitrios Kousoulas joined the underground fight against the Germans in Crete; he later fought against the Communists in the Greek civil war. His story of the last fifteen years in his native Greece, therefore, is one to which he brings a certain degree of personal experience and observation.

During those fifteen years Greece underwent the internal plague of domestic totalitarianism, fascist and communist. It was perhaps the only country to suffer aggression from all three totalitarian powers — Italian fascism, German national socialism and Russian communism. The valiant Greeks could fight off the Italian Army, but they succumbed to the German onslaught and were saved from communist domination only by British farsighted statesmanship.

Greece was not only a victim of external pressures, but also of her own great poverty and incessant domestic unrest. Since World War I, when King Constantine I and Eleutherios Venizelos followed bitterly opposite policies, Greece had lived at the brink of civil war. After Germany's invasion of Russia the Communists formed the National Liberation Front, which monopolized the resistance movement, and prepared to move into the vacuum created by the sudden collapse of the Axis powers.

Churchill foresaw the need for prompt action, but Washington refused to be entangled in "the Balkans." At the time some Americans believed that Britain was playing power politics in this region — and using us to further her post-war advantage. Only in March, 1947, thanks to President Truman's initiative, did Americans begin to understand the true nature of the situation.

This well-written book — which is more a popular than a scholarly work — unfolds before us a story of twofold interest for the present day. It shows how one of the strategic trouble spots of the world can become the focus of international tensions. At the same time the communist intrigues and maneuvers in Greece between 1940 and 1948 offer a lesson to all those who wish to defend non-totalitarian countries against similar attempts at subversion.

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The Legend of the Blessed Virgin of the Myrtles

By THEODORE J. GEORGE

THE LEGEND concerns the Panagia Myrtiliotissa, Patroness of the Island of Cythera, one of the seven Ionian Isles. The Feast of The Blessed Virgin of the Myrtles is celebrated in the Greek Orthodox Church on September 24. Although the scene of the story as written is Karava (at the northern end of the island), actually the Monastery of the Panagia Myrtiliotissa is located in another section of the Island of Cythera.

DIMITRI was just an ordinary Greek — a peasant, a man of simplicity, a home-loving and peace-loving man. He was also devout. His entire wealth consisted of his little white-washed hut, his small vegetable patch, a few olive and fig trees, and a sizable flock of sheep.

His wife was called Anastasia, and both parents were extremely fond of their two children, Joanna Maria, and Charalampos. Joanna Maria was the older child and she went to the village school in Karava, where Father Emmanuel, the priest, taught the village children. He loved to take the sheep to their grazing place, on the side of the mountain just beyond his vegetable patch.

One day, while he lay on the green slope of his mountain, lazily playing a melody on his flute, the wind began to blow wildly. Clouds gathered fast around him and soon, the rain began to pour from the heavens. Lightning cracked and thunderous roars bellowed from the irate skies. The sheep became frightened and scampered away in all directions. Dimitri tried to recall them with his flute—to no avail. His sheep were scattered over the mountainside and throughout the valley below. The wind was so strong and the rain came in such torrents that he was forced to take shelter in a hollow between two huge rocks. It seemed hours before the storm ceased.

When the wind had finally subsided and the angry skies had cleared once more, Dimitri emerged from his refuge. He looked all around him for signs of his widely scattered flock. There was one of the sheep. It was Eleni. (Dimitri had affectionately named his sheep.) He ran towards her. A little beyond, three more sheep were nibbling at the green shoots between the rocks. Slowly, but eventually, Dimitri had gathered all his sheep but one. And he could not locate her anywhere on the mountainside nor on his end of the wide valley below. His face saddened and he spoke softly to what sheep he had recovered as he started to move his flock towards home.

Suddenly, a loud "Baa-aa" sounded. It came from the thick foliage of myrtle in the middle of the wide valley. Dimitri

hurried in the general direction of the sheep's bleat. Just in time, he saw Chrysie, one of his oldest sheep, disappear into the thickness of the myrtle. He called affectionately. Chrysie did not reappear. He played a soft melody on his flute. Still, no Chrysie. And so, Dimitri ran into the thicket to search out the matriarch of his flock.

What he found astounded him. He had been forced into the very depth of the foliage by his pursuit of Chrysie — much further than he had ever been before. And the scene that met his eyes when he suddenly came to a clearing in the brush caused him to kneel and to cross himself time and time again.

"Do my eyes play tricks on me," he asked himself, "or is this truly a miracle that I see?"

There was Chrysie, nibbling at the edge of a pool of crystal-clear spring water. And reflected on the surface of that water, Dimitri saw the likeness of the Blessed Mary, holding the Baby, Jesus, on his hands and knees, and stopping every few feet to repeat the Sign of the Cross, Dimitri approached what he thought to be a mirage.

"Kyrie eleison," he muttered, and he prostrated himself before a large ikon of Mary and Child. When he dared to look up again, he saw that the features of the face of both the Virgin and her Child were indistinct and that the color of the flesh of both figures was a dark color — almost black.

"I can see Her face," he thought. "Her eyes are large and dark. Her expression is a holy one." He crossed himself three times as again he prostrated himself before the ikon, and he kissed the Hand of the Virgin and the Feet of the Holy Child.

Slowly, Dimitri backed away from the ikon. And suddenly, he turned and ran. He did not stop running until he had reached his hut. Nor did he once think about his flock of sheep.

"Anastasia! Anastasia! Come quickly!" he shouted as he approached his hut.

His wife and children came running from inside.

"What has happened?" excitedly called Anastasia as she appeared in the doorway.

"A miracle! A miracle!" shouted the frenzied Dimitri.

Anastasia made the Sign of the Cross. Joanna Maria and Charalampos imitated their mother. In a few sentences, Dimitri told them what he had seen. And the four of them went running towards the village chapel, in search of Father Emmanuel. When they had told the priest of Dimitri's discovery, the bells of the chapel pealed, and all the villagers hurried to the square to hear the news. Father Emmanuel stood on the steps of the church and told his devout parishioners about the ikon Dimitri had found.

When the priest had finished his story, he turned and went into the church. The villagers filed in and knelt in prayer as Father Emmanuel conducted sacred rites, preparatory to the pilgrimage that was to take everyone into the forest of myrtle.

(Continued on page 24)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brother Theodore J. George was born in Towson, Maryland (a suburb of Baltimore); he received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Johns Hopkins University and his Master of Education from the University of Maryland and is currently working on his Doctor of Education at Temple University. He is Vice Principal of the North Point High School at Dundalk, Maryland, under the jurisdiction of the Baltimore County Board of Education. He is a past president of both the Plato Chapter No. 80 of the Sons of Pericles and the Washington Chapter No. 30 of the Ahepa. Some years ago he visited the island of Cythera, birthplace of his parents, and heard about the legend of the Blessed Virgin of the Myrtles. This story is a fictionalized account of the legend.

Greek Cement Production

THE GREEK CEMENT INDUSTRY — which has doubled production in three years — is producing all the cement needed in Greece and is developing new foreign markets to earn more foreign exchange for Greece.

THE CEMENT INDUSTRY in Greece exported 101,000 tons of its total production of 596,000 tons last year. Further installation of new equipment this year will raise production capacity to 820,000 tons, of which 250,000 would be available for export.

Greece exported only small quantities of cement until 1951 — after its two biggest cement producers had received Marshall Plan loans totalling \$6,392,000 in drachmae and in foreign currencies needed to buy and install new equipment made abroad.

Today Greek cement production is about 100% greater than in 1939, when 334,000 tons were produced, although total industrial production in Greece is only 11 per cent above the prewar figure.

Marshall Plan loans were made in 1949 and 1950 to the General Cement Co. — which operates the Heracles plant at Piraeus and the Olympus plant at Volos — and to the Titan Cement Co., whose single cement plant at Eleusis is the largest in Greece. Additions were built at all three plants to accommodate the equipment bought in the United States and Europe with the aid of the American loans.

These three plants accounted for 486,000 tons of the 596,000 tons produced in Greece last year. The rest was supplied by the Chalyps Cement Co. at Eleusis; the Atlas Cement Co. at Athens; and the Chalkis Cement Co. at Chalkis.

Production capacity will be raised to 820,000 tons this summer, when a new kiln is due to be completed at the Olympus plant. If old equipment is scrapped or not used, capacity will be reduced to 640,000 tons. Demand for Greek cement will determine whether the companies continue to operate their old equipment. Greece has an almost unlimited supply of limestone, the principal ingredient of cement.

The Marshall Plan made loans totalling \$3,943,000 to the General Cement Co. and loans totalling \$2,449,000 to the Titan Cement Co. for the construction of new kilns and other equipment. Kilns used in making cement resemble long

revolving pipes, at least ten feet in diameter, which burn ground-up limestone and clay into clinker. This is then ground into powder that is cement.

The two American-made kilns at the Heracles plant are the longest dry-process kilns in the world. They are 120 meters (400 feet) long and 3.3 meters (11 feet) in diameter, and are the same type as the one being installed at the Olympus plant.

The new equipment is providing jobs for 25 to 30 more workers at each of these plants. About 80 more workers were needed to operate the new equipment at the Titan plant.

The two kilns at Heracles were put into operation with a typical demonstration of Greek self-help sparked by initial American aid. When the American-built oil-burner which fires the kilns was late in arriving, plant engineers designed their own burner and had it built in the plant's workshop so that the first kiln, already set up, could begin production. Their oil-burner has proved so efficient that no repairs have been necessary in more than 18 months of operations, and the tardy American burner has been kept in reserve.

The first kiln in the new plant at Heracles went into operation in October, 1951, and the second was ready last August. Each kiln has a production capacity of 100,000 tons per year.

Other features of the new Heracles plant are two grinding mills, each with a capacity of 40 tons per hour and each driven by a 1000-horsepower motor. Crushed material is stored in eight 150-ton bins and is moved to the kilns by conveyor belts and feeders with automatic weighing scales.

The new Danish-built kilns at the Titan plant at Eleusis are each 106 meter (350 feet) long, with diameters of about three meters (11 feet). All movement of raw material and cement is done by compressed-air installations in the new plant, which is larger than the original installation.

Equipment bought by Titan with the help of the Marshall Plan loans has boosted production from about 250 tons per day to 1000 tons per day. The first kiln began operating in August, 1951, and the second in January, 1952.

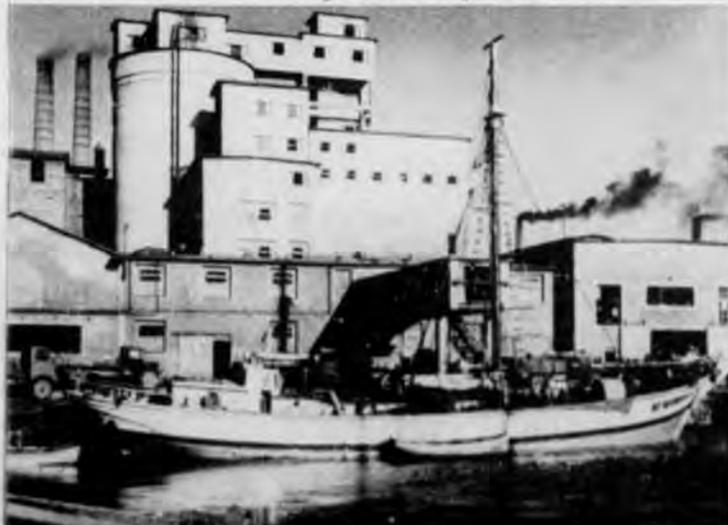
Under the operating platform of the new kilns stands an old coal-fired kiln, kept in reserve against the possibility of an electricity or oil shortage. Its squat, old-fashioned lines present a strong contrast to the long new equipment above.

Another contrast between the old and new is presented by the small Turkish ships, known as caiques, which carry cement from the plant's dock to small ports in Turkey, one of Greece's major cement customers. They follow the same route that was used by seamen of Greek Asia Minor.



Kilns used in making cement resemble long revolving pipes, at least ten feet in diameter.

At the Titan cement plant at Eleusis, cement moves to ships through automatic feeders.





CHAPTER NEWS

Governor Frank J. Lausche Joins Cleveland Ahepa

Governor Frank J. Lausche of the State of Ohio became an Ahepan as Cleveland Chapter No. 36 of the Order of Ahepa staged one of the most outstanding affairs in the history of the chapter on Sunday, May 16, 1954, at Hotel Cleveland.

Over 200 Ahepans and their guests paid their respects to the newly initiated Governor Lausche at a banquet held in his honor and termed "The Governor's Banquet." The Honorable Frank J. Lausche was one of 15 newly initiated members who were initiated by the Cleveland Chapter at that time.

Other distinguished guests and speakers were the Honorable Thomas E. Burke, United States Senator from Ohio; Mayor Anthony Celebrezze, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Mr. Louis B. Seltzer, editor of the *Cleveland Press*.

Toastmaster for the evening was John M. Manos, Cleveland attorney and a candidate for the Ohio Senate. President of the Cleveland Chapter is George Kalamaras. Principal speaker was Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas. Also present were Supreme Secretary George N. George and Supreme Governors James Millas and C. D. Tspiras.

Governor Lausche spoke on the international situation and the gravity of the Indo-China situation. He paid tribute to the Greek nation for its glorious achievements of the past and its equally outstanding achievements in modern times.



Lee Gliarmis (left) is shown accepting the Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service citation from Senator Alton A. Lennon of North Carolina, shortly after Mr. Gliarmis' selection as "Man of the Year."

"Man of the Year"

WILSON, N. C.—A young local business man, active in civic and community affairs of the City of Wilson and a member of the Order of Ahepa, Wilson Chapter No. 11, received a distinctive honor on January 8th, when he was selected as "Man of the Year," by the Wilson Junior Chamber of Commerce. The honor went to Lee Gliarmis, 28, and presenting the award at the Annual Ladies Night Banquet of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, held at the Moose Hall, was Senator Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington, N. C. In presenting the medal to young Gliarmis for his work in civic and charitable organizations, Senator Lennon said, "It was indeed a high honor to receive

Dikeou Reelected For Eighth Time

Panayes G. Dikeou, Denver, Colorado, wholesale tobacco merchant, was recently re-elected President of Mile-Hi City No. 360 for the eighth time. Other officers named were: William Selimos, Vice-President; George Jackson, Secretary; and Sam Roumanis, Treasurer, all of Denver.

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this award, but it was one that was well deserved." He read a record of the civic work the honoree has done, and is participating in, which entitled him to the distinguished service citation. This is the first time the award has been given to a person not a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Wilson, November 19, 1927, son of Mrs. Charicla Socrates Gliarmis and the late Mr. Socrates Gliarmis, and named Lycurgus Gliarmis, the young man is known to his many friends as Lee. He attended the Wilson schools and was graduated from the University of North Carolina with the class of '49. After completing his college course, Lee returned to Wilson and is now carrying on the business which was started by his father some thirty-three years ago. The business is "Dick's Hot Dog Stand," located on West Nash Street, and is widely known for their famous sandwiches.



At the Initiation Ceremonies of Governor Frank J. Lausche of Ohio into the Cleveland Chapter No. 36 of the Order of Ahepa. Left photo, the Ohio Chief Executive being congratulated by President George J. Kalamaras of the Cleveland Chapter. Right photo, Governor Lausche is greeted by Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas as Past District Governor Constantine G. Gatsos, Mayor Anthony Celebrezze of Cleveland and United States Senator from Ohio Thomas E. Burke approvingly look on. Over 200 attended the solemn rites.

An Open Letter To All Ahepans

A CALL TO ARMS!

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

OUR GOAL: "50,000 by San Francisco"

By **STEPHEN S. SCOPAS**
Supreme President

"50,000 in the Ahepa Family by San Francisco" is the ultimate goal of Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens and Sons of Pericles throughout the Ahepa domain. "Every Hellene of good moral character in the Ahepa Family" is the keynote of this Administration.

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Since July 26, 1922, when Ahepa first appeared upon the horizon in America, our Order has maintained sanatoriums, sold millions of dollars worth of bonds, built hospitals and health centers in Greece, and sponsored the admission of thousands of Displaced Persons and Refugees into America. Through such monumental achievements it has earned the undisputed right to act as the spokesman, champion, protector and defender of Hellenism in America.

The time has come when emphasis should be placed upon strengthening the internal structure — the very backbone of our organization — *our chapters*.

Chapters must be revitalized and galvanized into action. The interest of our members must be sustained. The youth must be attracted unto the banner of the Ahepa Family. Of greater moment than even initiating new members into our Fraternity is the reinstatement of those who have become delinquent. A two pronged attack upon the all important question of membership from the point of view of: (a) reinstating delinquent members, and

(b) initiating new members is hereby launched by Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens and Sons of Pericles. We must all march in unison as one family, proud of our glorious achievements in the past and confident that our efforts to attain our goal of "50,000 by San Francisco" shall be crowned with success.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

1. Period of Drive:

From October 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955.

2. National Membership Committee:

All officers of Supreme Lodge and all District Governors throughout the Ahepa Domain.

3. Chapter Membership Committees:

All Chapter Presidents shall call a special meeting of their officers and appoint the following:

a) A Committee of from three to seven members, preferably of veteran Chapter leaders, to be called the "Committee on Reinstatements." It shall be the duty of this committee to survey the membership roll of their chapter; to obtain a list of those who are delinquent in payment of dues; and through personal contact to communicate with those delinquent members and effectuate their reinstatement.

b) Each Chapter President shall appoint a committee of from three to seven members to be called the "Membership Committee," whose duty shall be to make a survey of all eligible Hellenes in their community of good moral character, who have not as yet become members of the Ahepa. Our keynote, "Every Hellene of Good Moral Character in the Ahepa Family," shall guide the Membership Committee in its approach to prospective candidates who admire the Ahepa from afar, take pride in its achievements, yet continue to remain on the side lines, basking in the reflected glory of our Order, unaware that their participation will enable Ahepa to attain even greater heights.

4. Award of District Governor Placques:

Every District Governor shall award two bronze placques, suitably inscribed, during the period of the drive, one to that chapter in his district which reinstates the greatest number of delinquent members, and another to that chapter which initiates the most new members.

5. Awards by Supreme President:

The Supreme President will issue Certificates of Merit to five members in each district who, in the judgment of their District Governor, are entitled to special commendation.

The Supreme President shall also issue Certificates of Merit to all chapters, upon the recommendation of the District Governor, which are deserving of special recognition for their efforts in this drive.

6. Supreme Lodge Awards to District Governors:

The Supreme Lodge shall award a total of ten placques to the District Governors in the Ahepa domain on the following basis:

a) Five bronze placques to those District Governors whose districts reinstate the greatest number of delinquent members during the drive, and

b) Five additional bronze placques to the District Governors whose districts initiate the most new members.

7. Supreme Lodge Awards to Chapters:

The Supreme Lodge will award three large trophies, suitably engraved, to the three chapters in the entire Order which reinstate the most members, and three trophies to the three chapters which initiate the most new members.

8. Basis of Making Awards:

Increase in both reinstatement of delinquent members and initiation of new members shall be on a percentage basis, to wit, increase over present membership. This method will insure equal opportunity to all chapters and all districts.

9. Expense for Awards:

The expense for all awards of the National Membership Drive are to be made by voluntary contributions of the Supreme Lodge.

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This is an open letter — and a personal appeal from the Supreme President — to every member of the Order of Ahepa. In lieu of writing individual letters to all members, at a cost for printing and postage approximating \$2,000.00, your Supreme President has availed himself of our "Ahepan" publication as the most economical and equally effective means to communicate directly with each and every one of you.

Read this message carefully. It is addressed to **YOU!** Use the reinstatement and application blanks appearing in this issue of the magazine... Do your part. Reinstate at least one delinquent member and propose at least one new member in your chapter.

With the assistance of all, with **YOUR** help, we shall succeed in attaining our goal of "50,000 by San Francisco."

(Tear off on dotted line)

50,000 By San Francisco



ORDER OF AHEPA SUPREME LODGE

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1420 K ST., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(No application will be considered unless completely filled in, signed and accompanied with the full initiation fee.)

In Chapter No.
Name of Chapter

.....
City *State*

By
Name of Applicant

Address

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

Being assured that the Order of Ahepa inculcates devotion to the United States of America; inspires respect for the language and traditions of the Hellenic people; exemplifies faith in God and belief in the Divinity of Jesus Christ; promotes education, good will and mutual benevolence; I HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP and promise, if accepted, to perform my duties in accordance with the laws and traditions of this Order. I further understand and agree that if I have not been in good standing continuously for 12 months immediately preceding my death, my beneficiary will not be entitled to share in the Ahepa Emergency Fund. I also understand and agree that the amount of the benefit shall depend upon my age when initiated, and that if I am 60 years old or over when initiated, my beneficiary will not be entitled to any share in the Ahepa Emergency Fund.

PERSONAL HISTORY

I was born at

On day month year

My Occupation is

Mailing address

Served in the Armed Forces of
Name of Country

.....
Name of Branch of Service

I am a citizen of

I intend to become a citizen of

I am married single widower

I have boys, girls

I have have not applied for membership before.

I belong to Church

.....
Signature of Applicant

(Tear off on dotted line)

50,000 By San Francisco



ORDER OF AHEPA

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION

I wish to rejoin Chapter No.
Name of Chapter

located at where I was
(City) *(State)*

(initiated) (transferred) and hereby apply for reinstatement.

It is my desire to become an active member of the Order of Ahepa and I promise that I shall carry out all duties and responsibilities devolving upon my membership and that I will uphold the Constitution of the Order and promote its objects and principles.

In making this application I understand that the amount of the death benefit accruing to my beneficiary from the Emergency Fund shall depend upon my exact age at the time of my reinstatement, and that one full year has to elapse from the date on which I am reinstated (during which time I shall have been in good standing) before I shall be eligible to the benefits of the Fund. I, also, understand that if I have reached my 60th birthday I will not be entitled to the benefits of the Emergency Fund.

My name is

I was born on the day of
Month *Year*

and I am now years of age.

My address is
(Number) *(Street)*

.....
(City) *(State)*

Date

Signed
Applicant

CHAPTER SECRETARY, PLEASE NOTE.—Before forwarding this reinstatement application to the Headquarters, please fill in the "CERTIFICATION to the SUPREME LODGE" on the back of the application. Unless you do so, the reinstatement application will not be acceptable to the Headquarters.

HOW A MEMBER SHALL BE REINSTATED
ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION, AS AMENDED,
PROVIDES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Constitutional Right to be Reinstated. Any member who has been suspended solely for the non-payment of dues shall be reinstated upon the payment of the current year's dues, plus One Dollar (\$1.00) reinstatement fee, plus the Emergency Fund fee of a maximum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The Emergency Fund Fee is computed at Two Dollars (\$2.00) per delinquent year. Thus, the Emergency Fund Fee may be less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), depending on the number of delinquent years, but said fee shall not be more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), irrespective of the number of delinquent years for non-payment of dues. The sum to be collected, exclusive of the current year's dues and the One Dollar (\$1.00) reinstatement fee, shall be applied exclusively to the Emergency Fund (Death Benefit Fund). However, such members must first file appropriate applications with the Secretary of their Chapter and such applications shall severally be acted upon at a meeting of the Chapter by majority vote. All applications for reinstatement shall be circularized to the entire membership of the chapter in good standing similar to the methods used in circularizing new candidates for admission.

PROCEDURE:—

A suspended member for non-payment of dues shall file a reinstatement application with his chapter and pay the prescribed fees. After the Chapter has acted upon the application favorably, the Chapter Secretary will forward the reinstatement application to the National Headquarters, completely filled out and signed by the applicant and Chapter Secretary. The application must be accompanied by the current year's per capita tax plus the Emergency Fund Fee.

The One Dollar (\$1.00) reinstatement fee is kept by the Chapter.

Note:—

- 1) One year must have elapsed from the date of reinstatement before a member is eligible to participate in the Emergency Fund.
- 2) A member who at the time of reinstatement is sixty (60) or more years of age is not eligible for any Death Benefit. Such members, upon reinstatement, need only pay the current year's dues plus the One Dollar (\$1.00) reinstatement fee.

CERTIFICATION TO THE SUPREME LODGE

I hereby certify that Brother
 was reinstated on the day of, 195.....
 and that he has paid his Emergency Fund Obligations for his delinquent years
 in the total sum of \$..... He has also paid his reinstatement
 fee in the amount of \$1.00 and his dues for the current year, 195....., in the
 amount of \$.....

Signed
Secretary

..... Chapter No.
Name of Chapter

NOTE TO CHAPTER SECRETARY:

Please fill in the above "Certification to the Supreme Lodge" and give the exact day of the month and the year in which the member was reinstated. In forwarding reinstatement application to the headquarters, please remit also the required fees.

ENDORSEMENT

Mindful of our sacred obligations to the Order of Ahepa, we hereby vouch for the good character and recommend the admission into membership the applicant,

Mr.

Endorser

Endorser

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

We have examined the foregoing application, investigated the applicant and recommend that he be

accepted *rejected*

Committee

CERTIFICATION TO THE SUPREME LODGE

The Chapter Secretary will furnish the complete information requested, and will forward this application, together with the required fee, to Headquarters.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the Applicant,

was duly initiated by Chapter No.

on the day of 195.....

and the Chapter's Serial Number of this Application is

Signed
Secretary

Chapter No.

This Space Reserved For Supreme Lodge Records

Received and approved

Chapter Serial Number

Certificate Issued

National Serial Number

Index Card Made

Recorded By



Former President Harry S. Truman with Heart of America Chapter No. 75 Banquet Committee at Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Mo. Left to right: Past District Governor Elias S. Sutter, Vice-Chairman; E. J. Stevens, Nick Giokaris, Gus Lagas, Paul Kastle, V. C. Beskas, Jim Vleisides, Mr. Truman, Thomas Kapsimalis, C. G. Garrison, Chairman; Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Vice-President; Louis Panagopoulos, President, Heart of America Chapter; D. S. Catechies, Nick Jamson, Past Supreme Governor; George Beskas, and Louis Kapnistos.

Ahepa Tribute for Truman

Sunday, May 23, 1954, the big event in the Heart of America was the Harry S. Truman Testimonial Banquet. The spot-light was focused on the Hotel Muehlebach grand ballroom where one of the most gigantic affairs in Kansas City history took place.

May 22, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the Greek-Turkish aid bill in a suite at the Hotel Muehlebach and a policy was born, later to be called the Truman Doctrine.

May 23, 1954, at the same hotel and one day after the seventh anniversary of the signing of the bill, Brother Truman was guest of honor by his Chapter, Heart of America No. 75.

Mr. Truman said he considered it an honor to have played a part in establishing a policy which helped Greece. "But I can't take credit for it," he said. "It was a policy of the Government of the United States."

The former President further stated: "When you think of Greece and the other lands in the eastern part of the Mediterranean, it is amazing to realize what contributions they have made to our Western Society. To me Plato's Republic is the best reading in the world outside the Bible, and actually these two books form the moral foundation of our country. It is a wonderful thing to have had a part in the preservation of freedom in that part of the world."

Stephen S. Scopas of New York, Supreme Vice-President of the Ahepa, had

mentioned earlier that the organization has a committee working toward a group contribution to the Truman Library. "I appreciate this effort more than I can tell you," Mr. Truman said.

Over 400 attended the banquet, Ahepans and non-Ahepans. The banquet was followed by the Annual Ahepa May Ball. Louis Panagopoulos, President of the Heart of America Chapter, presided. William Kamaze, District Governor, was the toastmaster. Other guests were Mayor William E. Kemp of Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. Wallace H. Graham, personal physician to the President while Mr. Truman was in the White House. C. G. Garrison was Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

Delphi Initiates Maritime Class

A class of candidates prominent in the American and Greek Maritime Industry was inducted into the Order of Ahepa by Delphi Chapter No. 25 of New York on June 3, 1954.

The colorful and well attended ceremonies were held in the Burgundy Room of the St. Moritz Hotel with District Governor Peter G. Giftos of Albany, N. Y., as the Initiating Officer and Lieut. Governor Kimon A. Doukas assisting. Many dignitaries were present to witness the auspicious event, including Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson, Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas and Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos.

Des Moines No. 192 Has Eye On 1957 National Conclave

The Des Moines Chapter, in special meeting with three-fourths of its members present, voted to bid for the National Convention in the near future.

The Des Moines Chapter is of the opinion that Des Moines has ample facilities to take care of a National Convention, especially since the new Veterans Memorial will be completed soon with facilities for a convention of any size.

Des Moines is a live chapter having 100 active members with an organization that puts things across—and feels that a bang up job with the National Convention will be accomplished.

The National Convention Committee was appointed as follows: George J. Kaloides, Past President and Past District Marshal; P. L. George, Past District Governor; Tom Ralles, Past Supreme Governor; Gust Martin, Vice-President of Chapter No. 192. This team of men can do wonders even with a National Convention—or any kind of large promotion—so let's say it will be Des Moines in 1957. Keep it in mind, Brothers.

The elected officers for the ensuing year are Dan Droukas, President; Gust Martin, Vice-President; James Kuskulis, Secretary; Theodore Kappos, Treasurer. Retiring President, Nick Deneson, has done an excellent job heading Des Moines Chapter No. 192.

The Chapter has within its midst District No. 14 Lieutenant Governor George Karaides. George, "The Chili King," as he is called, has been a stalwart worker for the Order for many years.



Congratulating Supreme Secretary George N. George at the Dinner given in his honor, left to right: Gust Herouvis, Banquet Chairman; Supreme Governor James A. Millas; John L. Manta; Buckeye District Governor John G. Mantzoros; and Bob Konstand, Toastmaster.

George N. George Honored at Banquet

Hundreds of Akronites and other Ahepa friends of George N. George, Supreme Secretary of the Order of Ahepa, gathered on May 15 at Iacomini's Restaurant in Akron, Ohio, to honor him at a testimonial dinner given under the auspices of Goodfriendship Chapter No. 63.

Gust Herouvis, prominent in national Ahepa affairs, was chairman of the two day event, with Frank Pangas and Fred Konstand in charge of the banquet arrangements. Young and energetic attorney Andrew Michaels was the secretary of the testimonial dinner committee. Another young and promising attorney, Bob Konstand, was the toastmaster. George Kleins is President of Goodfriendship Chapter.

Many prominent Ahepans throughout the country gathered at Akron to honor Brother George and partake of a two day meeting on the good of the Order. Among the visiting Ahepa dignitaries were Supreme Governors Chris D. Tsipuras of Montreal, Canada, and James A. Millas of Trenton, N. J.; Demetrios Pappageorge, Past President of Chicago Chapter No. 46; John L. Manta, Peter N. Mantzoros, National Director of the Department of Public Relations; and Gus Johnson of Lexington, Ky.

Practically every city of any consequence in the Buckeye Ahepa District was represented at the dinner for Akron's favorite Ahepa son. From Cleveland came attorney James C. Mylonas and Nick

Copanos, from Youngstown a large delegation was headed by William G. Glaros, President of Lincoln Chapter, and Peter Betchunis and George Harris; Peter V. Paulus, former Supreme Governor, came from Port Clinton; the Canton delegation was headed by James Manos; Middletown was represented by former District Governor George Poolitsan and Michael Lambesis; and Huntington, W. Va., was represented by John G. Martin, District Governor of District No. 11. Other towns represented included Wheeling, W. Va.; Steubenville, Warren, Lakewood, where a new Ahepa chapter has been formed; Loraine, Cincinnati and other cities.

Chapter Established At Evergreen Park, Ill.

The newest link in the ever-growing Ahepa chain of chapters was forged on April 1, 1954, at Evergreen Park, Illinois, with the establishment of the Evergreen Park Chapter No. 390.

The initiation rites were conducted by District Governor William D. Belroy of the 13th District with the initiation of seventeen charter members into the newly formed unit. He was assisted by Past District Governor William C. Bouramas, Past Supreme Secretary Nicholas C. Giovan, and Past District Treasurer George J. Pappas.

The officers of the new chapter are: James Chakins, President; Arist Chelemengos, Vice-President; George Sinadinou, Secretary; and Peter J. Vay, Treasurer.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Seattle, Wash.

At the June 9 regular meeting the following officers were elected:

President, Steve Marenakos; Vice-President, Tom Tollias; Secretary, Peter Chelemenos; Treasurer, Mitchell Angel; Governors: George Carras, Chairman; Harry Holevas, Jerry Costacos, John Costas, Alex Malesis.

Port Angeles, Wash.

Chapter No. 273 of Ahepa held its meeting and installation at Moose Hall on June 6, with the following new officers installed:

President, Pete Capos; Vice-President, Robert Genis; Secretary, Peter Gregos; Treasurer, Danny Sulis; Chaplain, George Johns; Warden, John Nason; Inside Sentinel, Harry Tsimouris; Governors: Andrew Caris, Chairman; John Booras, John Goneis, Kelly Stamateou, Gust Goneis; Associate Editor, Robert Genis.

Bellingham, Wash.

At the last meeting of the Mt. Baker Chapter, the following were elected:

Spedo Southas, President; John Franks, Vice-President; Tom Trames, Secretary; George Carlos, Treasurer; Gust Tallahan, Louie Franks, Pete Damascus and John Gimurtu, Governors.

Easter Sunday two lambs were barbecued at Nick Christ's farm. Since the weather did not permit outdoor eating, each family gathered their baskets of food and all ate at the hall.

Chehalis, Wash.

The newly elected officers for 1954-55 are the following:

President, John Lee; Vice-President, John Maritsa; Secretary, Nick Anast; Treasurer, John Kneztis; Governors: Alex Chelas, Chairman; Ernie Kneztis, Gus Zaharis, Constantine Halkias, Gus Andriotis; Chaplain, Constantine Gerodemas; Warden, Angelo Manaritsas; Captain of Guard, George Pappadis; Sentinels, Tom Massalas and Nick Meliotis.

Grays Harbor, Wash.

The Grays Harbor Chapter No. 179 elected the following officers at its regular meeting at J Street Temple in Hoquiam on May 20th:

President, Nick Rillakis; Vice-President, Louis Kochopoulos; Secretary, Chester Lapinski; Treasurer Tom Prassis; Governors: Louis George, Chairman; John D. Mintzias, Gus Kochopoulos, Andrew Kotros, Ted Ballou; Captain of Guards, Mike Kannelos; Warden, Wm. Benmos; Chaplain, A. Rotous; Sent., G. Kloukinas.

Senator Upton Initiated By Portsmouth Ahepa

The Portsmouth and Dover, New Hampshire, Ahepa chapters celebrated their silver anniversaries by initiating Senator Robert W. Upton and five other candidates into the order followed by a banquet and dance.

Preceding the banquet the Southeastern New Hampshire Ahepa degree team initiated Senator Robert W. Upton, Harry Lillios and Paul Costas as members of the John G. Winant Chapter of Concord; Costas Phofolas, George Tsimekles and Milton Anthony as members of the Thesem Chapter of Dover.

The degree team, composed of William Genimatos of Portsmouth, Nicholas Colovos, Paul Caros, James Kageleiry and George Bandouveres, all of Dover, Mark Manus and John Fanaras of Concord, performed a very impressive initiation.

Following the initiation about 550 members and guests retired to the River-view Terrace Hall in Portsmouth, where a banquet was served.

District Governor Chris Costarakis, of District 9, and a member of Dover Chapter, was toastmaster. The guests at the head table were Senator and Mrs. Upton, Mayor and Mrs. Thomas H. Keenan of Dover, Mayor and Mrs. Theodore Butler of Portsmouth, Supreme Counsellor of the Ahepa John Laskaris of Salem, Mass., Rev. and Mrs. Spyros Diavatis of Dover, Rev. D. Michels of Portsmouth, Mrs. Elaine Pinkham, District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope; Mr. and Mrs. Hector Consoule and Mr. and Mrs. James Lazarus, Presidents of the Portsmouth and Dover Chapters, respectively; Bessie Perry, Somersworth, District Secretary, and Katherine Raizes of Rochester.

Senator Upton praised the Order of Ahepa and all citizens of Greek descent for their loyalty and good citizenship and briefly explained some of the issues that came up during this session of the 83rd Congress.

The charter members were given their 25 year pins by the Supreme Counsellor John Laskaris, who congratulated them for their devotion to the Ahepa, community and nation. Nicholas Colovos, one of the charter members, responded for the recipients.

Wins All Expense Trip To South America

Mrs. John Pappas, wife of Brother John Pappas of the Rose Bowl Chapter No. 373 of Pasadena, Calif., was recently awarded an all expense paid trip for two by air to Rio de Janeiro via Miami, Fla., Panama, Lima, Peru, and Sao Paulo, Brazil, as one of the three national winners in General Electric television contest.



The Degree Team stands with Senator Robert W. Upton following his initiation into the order. Front row, left to right, are: William Genimatos, Portsmouth; Nicholas Colovos, Durham; John Fanaras, Concord; Senator R. W. Upton, Concord; John Laskaris, Supreme Counsellor, Salem, Mass.; Chris Costarakis, District Governor. Back row, same order: Mark Manus, Concord; Paul Caros, Dover; George Bandouveres, Dover; and J. Kageleiry.

Allentown Ahepa Family Install New Officers

On June 15, the Daughters of Penelope and the Ahepans held a combined installation of officers at the Keystone Trail Inn.

In an atmosphere of friendliness the impressive installation ceremonies were held with Past Supreme Governor James Veras from Scranton as the installing officer of the Ahepa and Sister Florence Liadrakis of Mahanoy City, Pa., Past District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, as the installing officer of the Daughters.

Epikaste Chapter of Allentown is the first chapter to be organized in Power District No. 4. Officers installed are as follows: President, Mary Harris; Vice-President, Kikki Chisanthos; Secretary, Helen Psaros; Treasurer, Louise Chiaparas; Governors: Cleo Phass, Chairman; Mary Pelekanos, Stella Chiaparas, Constance Kalfas, Christine Spanos; Priestess, Zoe Gatsos; Marshal, Betty Jane Lakis.

Sister Liadrakis, the installing officer; Sister Harris, the newly elected President, and Sister Phass, the Past President, were presented with orchid corsages. Sister Phass was also presented with the Past President's pin.

A delicious luncheon was served to all the guests present. Among the guests was Miss Veras, Past President of the Daughters of Penelope of Scranton, Pa.

Chicago Sons

Lord Byron Chapter of the Sons of Pericles, sponsored by North Shore Chapter, elected Nick Menegas as its President; Gus Demuggelis, Vice-President; Gus Alexakos, Secretary; and Nick Dovekas, Treasurer.

Garden State Conclave Held at Jersey City

The 23rd annual district convention of Garden State District No. 5 was held at the Plaza Hotel in Jersey City, N. J., during the weekend of May 29-31, 1954. Past District Secretary John Trilly was chairman of the convention committee.

The highlight of the meet was the grand banquet in the ballroom of the Plaza Hotel on Sunday, May 30. Past District Governor Peter Caravoulas was the toastmaster. Principal speaker was State Senator James F. Murray, Jr., who delivered an inspired oration, praising the everlasting contributions of the Hellenic race to modern civilization.

Many dignitaries were present, including Past Supreme President John G. Thevos, Supreme Secretary George N. George, Supreme Governor James Millas, Grand Secretary of the Daughters Christine Johnson, and Mother Lodge member George A. Polos.

Edmund Matsoukas of Jersey City is the new District Governor.

Newburgh Reactivated

After several years of inactivity, the Newburgh Chapter No. 114 of Newburgh, N. Y., was reactivated on May 21, 1954, through the diligent efforts of District Governor Peter G. Giffos and District Marshal George G. Antonakos. A reinstatement drive was conducted with ten being reinstated and nine new members were initiated so that the chapter once again is functioning as an Ahepa unit. Past President Peter Bekaris, prominent businessman of Highland Falls, N. Y., was elected President.

Middletown Ahepa May Festival

Eight pretty Greek girls displayed their charms before four judges on May 2, 1954, at Ahepa's May Festival at the Manchester Hotel, but it was a petite Columbus girl who walked away with the title of Ahepa's May Queen.

She was Miss Helen Pappas, with dark, dancing eyes and a flashing smile. Gowned in a pale pink ballerina length evening frock, Miss Pappas was chosen on points that included grace, beauty, personality and other personal traits.

Other contestants were Miss Lula Revelos of Middletown, who became princess of the festival; Miss Patricia Socrates of Cincinnati, Miss Helen Levas of Lexington, Ky., Miss Christine Turlukes of Lima, Miss Jean Kritsidis of Muncie, Ind., and Miss Celia Lezos of Akron.

The selection of crowning of the May Queen was carried out in full ceremony. The eight girls paraded before Miss Dolly Good of WKRC, Joseph LeMoine of WFPB, Dan Asoti, Cincinnati muralist, and Rex Dale, WCKY disc jockey.

After the judges had rated the girls on points, four others, selected from the more than 500 persons in attendance, checked the ratings and announced Miss Pappas as the winner.

The contestants returned to the ballroom for the coronation, forming a semi-circle for the appearance of the queen and her escort, George Vasos of Columbus.

K. A. Politz, robed and wigged, acted as master of ceremonies, while George Poolitsian, in full costume, was court chancellor. Priest during the crowning was



Crowned queen of the eighth annual May Festival was Miss Helen Pappas of Columbus, whose escort, George Vasos, automatically became king. The queen was awarded a vacation trip to Nassau, The Bahamas.

George N. George of Akron, Supreme Secretary of Ahepa.

It was the eighth annual May Festival sponsored by Middletown, Ohio, Chapter of Ahepa, of which George Cavalaris of Hamilton is President.

The chapter awarded the queen and a chaperon of her choice an all-expense trip to Nassau, The Bahamas.

Guests attending the festival came from all surrounding cities and from as far away as New York and Florida.

—The Middletown Journal

Kimon A. Doukas Heads Empire State Lodge

The Empire State District No. 6 held its 18th annual convention at Buffalo, N. Y., June 27-30, 1954. The Statler Hotel served as headquarters of the convales. The William McKinley Chapter No. 91 was the host and the chairman of the convention committee was capable and energetic Charles Stathacos.

A very successful banquet attended by about 500 persons was the feature of the four day gathering. Young attorney Dean Stathacos was the toastmaster and the speakers included Robert K. Christenberry, Chairman of the New York Athletic Commission, who represented Governor Thomas E. Dewey; Queensboro President James A. Lundy and Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas.

The new District Lodge consists of the following: Kimon A. Doukas of New York, Governor; Dennis Livadas of Rochester, Lieutenant Governor; George Antonakos of Poughkeepsie, Secretary;

New Castle No. 87

The New Castle Chapter No. 87 of New Castle, Pa., has held several initiations during the past six months with twenty new members inducted into its ranks.

An outstanding initiation ceremony was conducted on May 2 with Past Supreme Counsellor George Lucas and District Governor William Seras of the Power District participating in the solemn rites. The chapter degree team consisted of the following: Chapter President Peter Petrides, Harry Karidis, William Thomas, Jr., George Roussos and Nick Lucas. After the initiation, a banquet took place with approximately two hundred in attendance.

Veteran and able Ahepan Speer Marousis is the Secretary of the Chapter.

George Rodis of Astoria, Treasurer; John Linakis of Jamaica, Marshal; and James Sotis of Elmira, District Advisor.

Upper Manhattan Honors 25-Year Men

Fifty-seven members of the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York, N. Y., were honored for 25 years of membership in the Order of Ahepa on June 11, 1954. The beautiful Damon Room of the Pythian Temple was filled to capacity with Ahepans to witness the presentation ceremonies of the 25-year pins to this large class of veterans.

Many distinguished guests graced the rostrum on this memorable occasion, including Upper Manhattanite Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Vice-President, who delivered the principal address; and Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos and Lt. Governor Kimon A. Doukas.

The following received the 25-year pin: Peter L. Achilson, Dr. N. M. Angel, George C. Apostolopoulos, Michael J. Bakopoulos, Anthony Balabos, Blaise Carantinos, George Carbulon, James Carros, Alexander Carvains, George Cashoty, Constantine N. Cassimatis, Ralph Cavaris, Jason D. Chios, James P. Chiricos, Eugene Christy, Peter Clingos, Mike Comas, George C. Contemanolis, Mimis Costadoulos, George Cutsuvelos, James Dereckles, Andrew J. Dritsas, Gust Gavales, William Georgopoulos, George C. Gotis, Costas Kanganis, Harris N. Karaplis, George Karydes, Emmanuel Kassimatis, Gregory Kassimatis, Vassilios Kassimatis, George Lantjounis, John Left, Harry Lois, George J. Marinakis, Achilles Mazarakis, George Mellonas, John Milonas, Vasilios T. Pagonis, Christ Papalexis, Gregory Pappas, John A. Pappas, Kostas E. Pappas, George Paraskevacos, John Peterson, G. E. Sakelarios, Alexander N. Sakelos, Costas Sakelos, Stefanos Skarkas, James Trakis, James N. Trilivas, Demetrios Tsamourtzis, Demetrios Tsoucalas (Callas), Nicholas Tsugranis, Evangelos Vasilatos, Anthony Yanelis, and Charles Zaimis.

Skufakiss Top Graduate In Journalism Class

James Skufakiss, Past Supreme President of the Order of Sons of Pericles, has been graduated with honors as No. 1 man in his class at the largest journalism school in the world, the School of Journalism and Communications of the University of Illinois.

Skufakiss was named to Kappa Tau Alpha scholastic honorary, known as the Phi Beta Kappa of journalism, and was awarded the University Scholarship Key.

While at Illinois, he won national first place honors in the National Newspaper Week essay contest. He has returned to his position as Assistant Sports Editor of The Hammond, Ind., Times from which he had been given a leave of absence.

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF YANKEE DISTRICT

Mibos Heads District

Yankee District No. 7 held its District Convention on June 6th and 7th. George L. Mibos, an attorney from Providence, R. I., with an excellent Ahepa record, was unanimously elected District Governor, along with a splendid District Lodge. Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson and Supreme Governor James Mazarakos were in attendance. Dean J. Lewis of Newport, R. I., and candidate for Governor of Rhode Island, was the Toastmaster.

Newport Hosts Greek Destroyer Personnel

The Newport Ahepa and Daughters Chapters joined with other Greek Societies of Newport to fete and entertain the officers and enlisted men of the Greek Destroyers—H.H.M.S. Doxa and H.H.M.S. Niki—during their period of training and refresher courses with elements of the U.S. Navy on April 9 to May 4.

The organizations sponsored a cocktail party for the officers at the Boulevard Hotel, attended by 200 people. The Daughters and Ladies' Aid Society served Sunday brunches following church services. The church trustees, comprising all Brother Ahepans, planned the diversified program of entertainment for the visitors.

Brother James M. Daglis, community president, presented two framed picture scenes of Newport to the respective skipper of the Greek destroyers, who promised that these pictures will hold an honored place on each ship.

On the eve of their departure for home, the Spiratos Brothers—Nicholas, Speros and Anthony—sponsored a farewell party for the men of both ships.

Newport will never forget the Greek ships and their 330 good-will ambassadors—and the latter will spread the good name of Newport to every corner of Greece.

Springfield News

A merrymaking crowd of Ahepans and Daughters turned out for the Easter Glendi held by the Springfield Chapter at the Ahepa Home on Tuesday evening, April 27. A splendid buffet supper was served including Greek pastry and mountains of Easter eggs. All the live wires were among the crowd to add to the festivities, including Bill Pappas, John Gamilis, George Bregianes, Nick and Pete Hassiotis, and many others throughout the District.

Needless to say, the fairest of the fair in the District crowned the event. The supper, decorations, music, dancing, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.



Ahepa notables present at Norwalk, Conn., District Initiations. From left to right: George Mibos, Lt. District Governor; Wm. Karabots, District Secretary; Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Vice-President; Theo. Constantinou, Dist. Treasurer; James Mazarakos, Supreme Governor; A. Angel, Exec. Dist. Sec'y; A. Don Ballion, Dist. Governor; C. P. Pappas, Dist. Marshal.

Stamford Wins Membership Trophy

For the second time in succession, the hard working Stamford Ahepa Chapter won the District Membership Trophy for initiating the largest number of candidates at the District Initiations held at Norwalk, Conn.

The Chapter initiated five candidates out of a total of seventeen initiated in impressive initiatory rites conducted by the District Lodge.

New London Activities

The Annual Ball held at the Mohican Hotel was very successful, financially and socially. The Chapter wishes to thank the many friends who attended. The proceeds are to be donated to the St. Sophia Building Fund.

All the members took part in Tag Day for the Ionian Relief. The cooperation of each member helped make Tag Day quite successful.

ELECTION RETURNS FROM CHICAGO AREA

Mavrikis Again Heads Northwestern No. 388

Constantine Mavrikis of Skokie, Ill., was reelected President of Northwestern Chapter No. 388, at the recent annual officers' election of Ahepa's latest addition to its official family of chapters. Most all of the other officers were also reelected for a second term with the exception of the Secretary's position, which went to Public Accountant Gus G. Gianaras, also of Skokie. Also reelected to their respective positions were Louis Anaston Manolis of Elgin as Vice-President and George J. Manolas of Glenview as Treasurer.

New Officers for North Shore

George Vourvoulis was elevated to the presidency of North Shore Chapter No. 94 during its recent officers' election. Nicholas G. Rekas was chosen vice-president; George Panagopoulos remains as the secretary and Kay George Kelly was reelected to the office of treasurer. The Board of Governors includes Dick Costulas, chairman, and the following members: George Makris, Ted Karafotas, Nick Pappas and George Pyre.

Siavelis Heads Garfield

Garfield Chapter No. 203, during the coming year will be headed by Peter D. Siavelis, a newcomer in the official class of Garfield. During 1954-55, Brother Siavelis will be assisted by Steve Chporis, Vice-President; Louis Asimakopoulos, Secretary and G. Kotsios, Treasurer.

Koplos, Rockford Prexy

Rockford Chapter No. 525, Rockford, Ill., elected the following officers for 1954-55:

George Koplos, co-owner of the Phoenix Cleaners, operating their own plant with a number of retail outlets, and well known in the civic affairs of the community, was elected President; David E. Lenzini, Vice President; Sam A. Chakeris (reelected) Secretary and Gust Maccoulis, Treasurer.

Vancouver, B.C.

The election of officers took place at our regular meeting on June 9. The following are the newly elected officers:

President, Peter Pashiotis; Vice-President, Gus Leonidas; Secretary, A. Gregory; Treasurer, N. Poularas; Governors: T. Pashos, Chairman; G. Mattis, Gus Bonnis, G. Mellas, T. Drossos.



At the presentation ceremonies of the "Citation of Merit" to Brother Spyros P. Skouras, President of Twentieth Century Fox Corp., on March 31, 1954, at the Emerson Hotel of Baltimore, Maryland. The award was presented by President George Kortesis on behalf of the Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364. In the foreground is Past Sup. Treas. C. G. Paris.

Baltimore Honors Skouras

Ahepa, in Baltimore, joined the Variety Club in honoring one of America's most outstanding "Successful Men in Business" - Brother Spyros Skouras.

Under the sponsorship of the Variety Club, a most successful banquet overflowing the spacious banquet-room of the Emerson Hotel, was the occasion of the presentation of a plaque to Bro. Spyros Skouras for his spectacular success in business.

Prior to the banquet, President George Kortesis presented Brother Skouras with a "Citation of Merit" of the Lord Baltimore Chapter. Joining Brother Kortesis in the presentation ceremony were Vice-President Herbert Bent, President Jack Pillas of the Worthington Chapter, Past Supreme Treasurer C. G. Paris, Past District Secretaries Robert G. Contos and George Mesologites, Reverends Ahlaslas and Sakelaresles, and Brothers B. Thomas, A. Lygoumenos, Ernest Kampas, Sam Malas, Louis Peters, George H. Papas and Vasil Eliades.

Metes New President Of Battle Creek Ahepa

Battle Creek (Mich.) Ahepa Chapter recently held its annual officers elections.

Theodore Tsangaris Hoosier Governor

The 23rd annual convention of the Hoosier District came to a close on June 28 with the election of the entire Lodge of District No. 12 by acclamation.

Theodore Tsangaris, Gary public accountant, is the new District Governor. The other District Lodge officers are: Nick Smyrnis of Indianapolis, Lt. Governor; George S. Stratigos of South Bend, District Secretary; Platon Spenos of Hammond, District Treasurer; Mike Tzounakis of Gary, District Marshal; and James Skufakiss of Hammond, District Advisor.

The Hoosiers had a very successful convention with more than 300 persons attending the banquet held in the Gary Hotel where the principal speaker of the evening was the Lt. Governor of the State of Indiana, Harold W. Handley, who became an Ahepan that same afternoon at a colorful initiation ceremony. Mr. Handley is also the Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Indiana. He is a very forceful speaker and his speech on Americanism was an oratorical gem to behold.

Gust T. Metes, prominent Battle Creek businessman, was elected President.

Others elected with him are: George Bizzis, Vice-President; James J. Kalidas, Secretary; and John Zaharew, Treasurer.

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Theo E. Phillis Cited As Buffalo Civic Leader



During the recent Empire State District Convention at Buffalo, N. Y., it was our pleasure once again to meet and talk with Theo Phillis, ardent Ahepan, Past President of the William McKinley Chapter No. 91, civic leader and humanitarian.

Brother Phillis symbolizes the spirit of the successful businessman who is devoting much of his time and effort for the common good. A human dynamo, he has set a high standard of civic accomplishment and humanitarian achievement that is worthy of emulation by other successful men in other sections of the United States.

Theophane E. Phillis was born in Stimanga, Corinth, Greece, in 1898 and at the age of sixteen he immigrated to the United States, settling in Buffalo, where his older brother, Past Supreme President George E. Phillis, was just starting as a young practicing attorney. Over the years, through hard work and perseverance, he succeeded in his various business enterprises, so that today he is able to devote a large portion of his time to his pet projects, philanthropy and service to his community.

In his humanitarian activities, most of his efforts have been in the direction of his country of birth. He was division chairman of the Greek War Relief Drive and, individually and at his own expense, collected, prepared and shipped 20,000 pounds of clothing and 400 pounds of medicine to Corinth, Greece. Through UNRRA and GWR, he shipped six horses to Greece. Together with his famous brother, George, they planned and supervised the rehabilitation of their birthplace, the village of Stimanga, spending over \$20,000.00 of their own money towards this end. Included in the program of rehabilitation was the setting up of a cooperative to engage the villagers in productive activities.

During the war, Theo sold over \$2,000,000 in War Bonds through the Ahepa. For this outstanding service he was cited by the Treasury Department and received the first prize of \$500.00 for the highest amount of bonds sold by any person in Buffalo. He donated the \$500.00 to the Buffalo Eye Bank and Research Society, Inc., an organization of which Brother Phillis was co-organizer and is a life member. Other activities include, treasurer and director of the International Institute; East European Fund;

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published in the interest of fraternalism by Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson is available to chapters for distribution at cost price.

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past treasurer, Greater Buffalo Advertising Club; Senior Master and Keyman of the Lions Club; Chamber of Commerce; Cancer Society and Red Cross; Harmony Lodge No. 699 F. & A. M. and Shriner, Buffalo Consistory; and Greek Orthodox Church.

Brother Phillis is married to the former Olympia Katsura of Omaha, Nebraska. They are blessed with two lovely daughters, Katherine and Constance.



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Charity and Education Aided Here and in Greece By Angelos Cotsidas



The George Jarvis Chapter No. 80 of Worcester, Mass., has in its ranks some Ahepans who have attained high office and received many honors from the Ahepa in our District and nationally. It also has in its ranks a brother who is well

on the way of becoming a great benefactor among our people here in America. He is Angelos Cotsidas, long-time member of the Worcester Chapter.

Brother Cotsidas has given over \$15,000.00 to the Holy Cross Seminary in Brookline, Mass. He has donated over \$35,000.00 to the new and beautiful St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church of Worcester and has been one of the great benefactors of the Filiales Hospital in Epirus, Greece, to which he has pledged and contributed \$1,000.00 yearly through the Ahepa Educational and Welfare Fund. Moreover, he has also pledged and has been giving \$1,000.00 a year to his native town of Plesion in Epirus for charitable and educational purposes, also through the Ahepa Educational and Welfare Fund.

Last year, Brother Cotsidas was given the signal honor of being chosen as an Honorary President of the Pan-Epirotic Federation of America in recognition for his work and contributions to the cause of freedom of Northern Epirus.

Brother Cotsidas, together with his partner, Brother Theodore Tonna, are among the most generous contributors to the various hospitals and other charitable institutions of Worcester.

They are the owners of the Table Talk Pastry Co. which produces over 100,000 pies a day and which has almost an exclusive monopoly in that held in all of New England outside of Connecticut.

Brothers Cotsidas and Tonna are presently establishing a Charitable Foundation so that they may further continue and expand their charitable, patriotic and educational contributions in a more systematic and effective way.

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THE LEGEND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN OF THE MYRTLES

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The procession was a long one. Dimitri and Father Emmanuel led, and little Charalampos was given the honor of carrying the thurible. Other boys followed with the holy banners. Behind them came the total population of the village. Everyone carried a lighted candle. In the enveloping twilight, the procession was awe-inspiring, mystical, inspirational, suppliant. Tears flowed freely from the eyes of the devout, hungry for the sight of The Blessed Virgin of the Myrtles. Far in the rear of the procession was old Kyra Martha and her small nephew, Andreas — an orphan since birth. And since birth, afflicted. Andreas was a cripple.

When the procession neared the clearing in the myrtle, Dimitri stopped the priest.

"Father," he whispered, "She is there." He pointed in the direction of the pool of spring water. Immediately, Father Emmanuel began to chant.

"Chaire, Maria, Kaicharitomeni,"* echoed the villagers in response, as they made the Sign of the Cross.

The priest knelt before the ikon. His eyes were soft and moist, his voice wavered. As Dimitri had done, he, too, kissed the Hand of Mary and Christ's Feet. He knelt at the pool and scooped up some of the water in a holy receptacle. He blessed the water with the large, jeweled cross, which always hung about his neck. He turned and cut a few twigs of myrtle. Then he turned to his people and told them to come, one by one, and to worship before the ikon. As the villagers approached, he sprinkled them with the holy water, using the myrtle twigs, which he dipped into the holy receptacle. The women wept freely; many men wept, too. Children followed the example set by their elders. The beauty of the ikon alone awed all who had gathered there to worship that evening. The psalters never stopped chanting, while the villagers praised Her.

And then, a most amazing thing happened. Old Kyra Martha, when she knelt before the ikon, requested that her nephew, Andreas, be cured of his affliction. She begged our Lady for a miracle, and while she prayed, the old woman took the child by the hand and led him before the image. The boy obeyed his aunt. He hobbled before the ikon, knelt pitifully, crossed himself, and kissed the Hand of the Virgin. Then Andreas rose to his feet. He walked away. There was no dragging of his crippled limb.

"She is miraculous!" exclaimed the vil-

lagers. One and all, they fell on their faces upon the ground. Many ducked their heads into the pool before the ikon of The Blessed Virgin of the Myrtles.

Today, there stands a monastery to The Blessed Virgin of the Myrtles. The wall and buildings of the monastery surround the holy pool. And when last I viewed the spot, the famous ikon itself stood, just as it did when Dimitri, the shepherd, found it, in a cloister of myrtle at the far side of the water, so that as one enters the holy courtyard, he sees first the reflection of Her and Her Child upon the water, and then he sees the ikon itself — the ikon of The Blessed Virgin of the Myrtles.

New York Daughters Elect Mary Gorgas

The Daughters of Penelope of the Empire State District No. 6 at their annual conclave at Buffalo, N. Y., elected the following to comprise their District Lodge: Mary Gorgas, Governor; Mary Alex, Lieut. Governor; Beatrice Anagnos, Secretary; Poppy Dellas, Treasurer; Katherine Stekas, Marshal; and Titina Livarakos, Advisor.

Chloris President Wins Merit Trophy

At the Buckeye District Convention held at Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Emmanuel Elite, President of the Chloris Chapter No. 40 of the Daughters of Penelope, won the trophy as the "Most Outstanding President of the Buckeye District."

Miss Betty Georgiadis, Past President, won the same trophy in 1952. The Chloris Chapter honored these two sisters at a dinner on June 21, 1954, at the Elite Restaurant. They were presented with Parker Pens.

Mrs. Peter Kourmoules was in charge of the affair. The door prize was won by Miss Persephone Biris.

Hartford, Conn.

A pre-Lenten card party was given at the Church Home by the Thaos Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope for the benefit of the Church Building Fund. The affair was enjoyed by all who attended and lasted till an A.M. hour. Refreshments were served and door prizes ranging from lobster dinners to Jergen's lotion were drawn.



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New York Reception Honors New Greek Envoys

The Order of Ahepa, through Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos and Empire State District Governor Kimon A. Doukas, tendered a reception on August 4, 1954, in the Sky Gardens of the Hotel St. Moritz of New York in honor of the recently arrived Christian X. Palamas, permanent representative of Greece to the United Nations, and Nicholas G. Lely, special ambassador in charge of the Office of Information at New York.

Over two hundred invited guests were present to greet the new envoys. After a round of introductions to the guests present, Mr. Palamas thanked the officers of the Order of Ahepa for holding this friendly reception and gave a brief outline of his mission as representative of Greece to the United Nations. Mr. Lely also spoke and stated that he was overwhelmed once again to be in the United States amongst old and dear friends. Supreme Vice-President Stephen S. Scopas appropriately replied to the remarks of the distinguished envoys.

Trenton Ahepa Family Installs Officers

On Tuesday, June 22, 1954, the Order of Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens and Sons of Pericles of Trenton, N. J., installed their officers for the year 1954-55. There were more than 125 members of the Auxiliaries and friends who witnessed the impressive ceremonies. Joe Allen, President of Trenton Chapter No. 72, opened the meeting and welcomed all those attending, after which he turned over the gavel to X. K. Microutsicos, Past District Governor, to conduct the balance of the meeting. Supreme Governor James A. Millas, who installed the Ahepa officers, George Nestor, District Marshal, and George Gianakopoulos were the dignitaries of the Ahepa.

District Governor Lillian Manetas, who installed the officers of the Altes Chapter No. 163, Mary E. Blazakis, District Treasurer, and Gilda Houlis, District Marshal, comprised the District Lodge Officers of the Daughters of Penelope. Helen Gianakopoulos, Past District Governor of the Maids, installed the officers of the Erechtheion Chapter No. 23, assisted by Mary Snyder, Lt. Governor, and Francis Vulgaris, District Secretary-Treasurer. Lee Millas, District Governor of the Sons, installed the officers of the Pendaris Chapter No. 167.

The newly installed officers are as follows:

AHEPA: Joe Allen, President; Stephen Niatas, Vice-President; George Gianakopoulos, Secretary; Peter Manetas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Peter Manetas,



Members of the Buckeye District Lodge No. 11 who attended the Pittsburgh National Convention. Left to right: John Jelson, Middletown, Ohio, District Advisor; Peter G. Giovas, Akron, Ohio, Lieutenant Governor; Ted Boudouris, Dayton, Ohio, Governor; L. P. Lambrou, Massillon, Ohio, Treasurer.

Chairman; Sam Fortosis, James A. Millas, Sidney P. Skokos, X. K. Microutsicos, Charles Timotheou, Alex Stillano, Warden; Charles Timotheou, Chaplain; John Calogrides, Inside Sentinel; Alex Sackides, Outside Sentinel; Herbert Allen, Captain of the Guard; George DeGree, Athletic director.

DAUGHTERS: Mrs. Steven Troullos, President; Miss Evelyn Apostoleres, Vice-President; Miss Fifi Prassas, Secretary; Ceal Planas, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Alice Ditchos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Mrs. Frank Mentis, Chairman; Mrs. John Charambanis, Mrs. X. K. Microutsicos, Mrs. Irene Vlavdas, Mrs. Alex Rossos, Mrs. Thomas Vlachos, Warden; Mrs. George Stamoulis, Priestess; Miss Mary E. Blazakis, Marshal; Miss Elaine Apostolou, Sentinel.

Hudson Installs Officers

Thursday evening, June 24th, marked the combined installations of Hudson Chapter No. 108 of Jersey City, N. J., and its auxiliary Daughters of Penelope, Icarus Chapter No. 48.

The installing officer for the Ahepa was none other than its very own Edmund Matsonkas, District Governor. Edmund's casual manner and warm smile generated a very happy atmosphere for the occasion. We are indeed grateful to him for honoring us with his presence and conducting the activities most capably in true Ahepa fashion.

The new officers for Hudson Chapter are: John C. Gacos, President; John Trilly, Vice-President; Theodore Vlahopoulos, Secretary; Gabriel Gregoriades, Treasurer; Robert Reagan, Athletic Director. Board of Governors: Dino Callas, Chairman; James Nonas, Peter Caravoulas, Harry Kars and Peter Gonis. Nick Margopoulos, Captain of the Guard; George Cosmogios, Chaplain; Bill Dellis, Warden; Gus Stafiris, Inside Sentinel; George Kumaris, Outside Sentinel.

The installing officer for the Daughters was Past District Governor Jay Caravoulas.

Immigration Problems Within Ahepa Families

By LEO J. LAMBERSON
Past Supreme President

This message is as a warning for Ahepans and their families, and more especially every American citizen (man or woman) who intends to go to Greece and marry a Greek subject.

In order to avoid much trouble, expense, embarrassment and headaches (or heartaches) our official advices are, and we do hereby recommend:

1. Report to nearest U.S. Consulate (Athens or Salonika).

2. Signify your intent that you desire to marry an alien spouse.

3. Don't make final arrangements, commitments to marry till the U.S. Consul is given all details on the alien spouse, and has checked the alien, as to:

a. Health, to pass medical tests.
b. Checked for criminal or penal record.

c. Procured "satisfactory security clearance" (subversive or communist).

Even though alien husbands are now quota exempt, under the McCarran Act (Dec. 1952) they still need to comply with the above; plus that you yourself make sure the prospective husband (if of near military age) can secure "Military Permission" to depart for permanent residence.

So many pitiful and "check-mated" cases are pending, and some are forced to resort to divorces, if the spouse is unable to come to the U.S.A. Families separated and even children involved must suffer.

News from Raleigh, N. C.

The 1954-1955 administration of our chapter is as follows:

Nick Gus Russos, President; Mike Martinos, Vice-President; James Jeans, Secretary; George Mohas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: George Chalikis, Chairman; Louis Fotiadis, George Thomas, Jack Marangos, Spiros Alexiou. Louis Fotiadis, Captain of Guard; John Capetanios, Chaplain; John H. Costas, Warden; George Vallas, Inside Sentinel; Steve Kannelas, Outside Sentinel.

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Vezos, Apotsos Win Sons District Offices

Two of the Cleveland Sons of Pericles former officers, Dean Vezos, president '52 and '53, and Jim Apotsos, vice-president '53 and '54, were elected to the District Lodge at the Columbus District Convention last June.

With his past record as the work horse of the Cleveland Chapter behind him, Dean Vezos was the unanimous choice of the delegation as Lt. Governor. Dean was the force behind the two past National Basketball Tournaments held here in '53 and '54.

Jim Apotsos, the Cleveland Sons answer to "Harry Agganis," won the election of District Marshal. Jim not only did an outstanding job as "veep" but also was chairman of the Ad Book Committee, which was the financial backing for the National Basketball Tournament.

Akron Sons Win Pittsburgh Honors

At the National Ahepa Convention in Pittsburgh, the Akron Sons of Pericles were acknowledged the outstanding Chapter in the Nation for their well planned and extensive activities over the past year.

Mark Figetakis, an Akron Son and the Chapter's Past President, won the National Ahepa Tennis Championship, while the Akron Sons track team scored 3rd place in the Ahepa-Sons track meet, with George Manos, Jerry Roubenes and Mike Kermizes placing in three events, while Nick Topongis and John Pappas placed in two events, respectively.

Durham, N. C., Officers

The Durham Chapter No. 277 of Durham, N. C., elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

George Vasiliades, President; John Dinos, Vice-President; James Kermakis, Secretary; Jerry Spallós, Treasurer, Board of Governors: Nick Zampolis, Chairman; Mike Effthimou, George Livas, E. D. Catilas, Emanuel Galitanakis, Harry Dakis, Captain of the Guard, Charles Dakis, Chaplain; Harry Metasakis, Warden; Pete Liggett, Inside Sentinel; Stratos Kavalantis, Outside Sentinel.

Little Rock, Arkansas

The newly elected officers of the City of Roses Chapter No. 355 of Little Rock, Arkansas, are:

Chas. P. Kumpuris, President; Theodore T. Kazakis, Vice-President; George N. Plaster, Secretary; Steve G. Canelos, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Bill Panaras, Chairman; Nick Plaster, George Vorsanis, Pete Kumpuris and Paul A. Drake. Tom Anton is Director of Athletics.

Ron Curtis Chosen to Lead Cleveland Sons



Ron Curtis, who has served the Cleveland Chapter well as treasurer in 1952 and held the district office of treasurer last year, won the presidency of the Cleveland Sons of Pericles unanimously. Ron, who is one of the chapter's hardest workers, is also one

of their outstanding athletes. He has played basketball and baseball for the chapter for the last five years.

The vice-presidency went to a younger member of the Sons, Leo Vardas. Leo was elected to this office after he worked so diligently at the National Basketball Tournament.

Jim Castanaras, a quiet yet tireless worker, was elected to the work-horse office of secretary. Jim has a promising future in big time baseball and is also one of the few Sons to enter the Golden Gloves boxing matches.

The "golden" baritone of the Cleveland Hellenic Community, Pete Kousselas, was elected to the office of chapter treasurer. Another sports addict, Pete last year made the All-Star baseball team for this district and in basketball is the play-maker of the Cleveland team.

We would like to congratulate Ron and his crew and wish them good luck for a successful term.

N. H. Sons Reorganized

Elm City Chapter No. 5, one of the pioneering units in the development of the Order of Sons of Pericles, was reorganized on July 26, 1954, after many years of inaction.

The chapter is the first and only active chapter reorganized in the District, which some years ago included 15 active chapters. Bro. Emanuel Savakis, Advisor of the chapter and leader in the organization efforts of the local Ahepa chapters, is to be congratulated for a job well done.

Bro. George Margoles, Past District Governor of the Sons, presided at the initiation ceremonies and was assisted by Christos Bungeely, Ahepa Chapter President, Nik Giatrelis, C. J. Margoles, G. Anastasion, P. Anastasion, Jordan Belides and M. Jeretopoulos. A total of 13 answered the call of service and were initiated.

Bro. Stephen S. Scopas, National Chairman of the Sons of Pericles, participated in the meeting and highlighted the importance and purposes of the Sons.

Gus Balacos was elected Chapter President; Neil Blanos, Secretary; and Harry Pappas, Treasurer.

Mrs. Helen D. Karagianis Past Grand President Daughters of Penelope

The untimely death of Mrs. Helen D. Karagianis on June 24, 1954, at her home in Laconia, New Hampshire, shocked her many friends throughout the Ahepa Domain and particularly the realm of the Daughters of Penelope over which she presided for two years as Grand President.

Sister Karagianis was born on March 1, 1922, in Lynn, Mass., the daughter of George and Pavo Lymberopoulos. She was a graduate of Lynn Classical High School and attended Boston University from which she received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1943. In 1946, she married Brother Peter S. Karagianis of Laconia.

At the Detroit National Convention in 1948, Sister Karagianis was elected Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope and was re-elected to the high office in 1949 at the Miami conclave. She had previously served as Grand Secretary and Grand Vice-President. In 1953 she visited Greece as Commander of the Daughters division of the 1953 Ahepa Excursion to Greece. She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta international Women's Club and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Karagianis is survived by her husband, an adopted daughter, Anthi, and a number of other relatives. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

George Campbell Mother Lodge Member

It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of Mother Lodge member George Campbell who passed away on Sunday, July 18, 1954, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Brother Campbell was born in Kalavryta, Greece, and many years ago immigrated to the United States, settling in Atlanta. From the very beginning he became active in civic and community affairs and never lost interest in the progress of his fellowmen.

At the time of the organization of the Order of Ahepa, he was president of the Atlanta Greek Community and as leader of the community he exerted his influence in behalf of the pioneering men who were struggling to firmly establish the foundations of our great fraternity.

During his business career, Brother Campbell was engaged in restaurant and theatrical enterprises. He was married and the father of three children, two married daughters and a son.

He will always be remembered and revered in the annals of Ahepanism as one of the original architects of that lofty and noble conception which is Ahepa.



CHAPTER NEWS

Daughters 13th National Convention

By VIVIAN COKORINOS

The 13th National Convention of the Daughters of Penelope at Pittsburgh, Pa., will be recorded as the "Friendly Convention." Harmony and Good Fellowship thrived from August 15th through the 21st. This feeling was first manifested in the Alycone Chapter and, with Sister Lillian Demestichas as Chairman of the Convention Committee of the Daughters, it couldn't help but spread like wildfire to all the Daughters attending the convention. The important business issues of the convention were taken up and executed after logical discussion by all delegates; the social affairs were many and varied and enjoyed tremendously by all who attended them.

Sunday morning the delegates were inspired by the majestic "Panagia Services" so ably conducted by our Archbishop and the three local pastors at the Syria Mosque. A luncheon for the delegates followed and then we met again in the evening for the formal initiations at the William Penn. Well over forty neophytes were initiated and the precision and dignity of the Degree Team will long be remembered most favorably. We then joined a capacity crowd and witnessed the crowning of the Ahepa and Olympiad Queen, Miss Electra Petrolias, at the Welcome Dance.

Monday morning the convention was officially opened by both local and Ahepa dignitaries. After lunch the Daughters retired to the Urban Room where Sister Lillian Demestichas greeted us and fervently urged us to enact our deliberations with true sisterhood in our hearts. Elections for convention officers were held and Mrs. Madia Commings of Washington, D. C., was elected Chairman; Miss Vivian Cokorinos of Corona, N. Y., was elected Vice-Chairman; and Miss Rita Danikolas of East Chicago, Ind., was elected Secretary. Convention business continued and at 5:30 we recessed to prepare for Greek Night.

Tuesday morning we were inspired thrice. Our Grand President Adeline J. Geo-Karis gave her report listing her year of "Firsts"; our Founder, Sister Alexandra Apostolides, arrived safely in spite of an automobile accident, and our newest

chapter, the Memory Chapter, was officially dedicated at our First National Memorial Service. It was a solemn occasion and many Sisters couldn't help but shed a tear at the touching words when the symbol of the cross listing the charter members was unveiled. In the afternoon session we heard the reports of the other Grand Officers.

Wednesday morning we heard the Governors' reports and then attended the Daughters' Luncheon and Fashion Show. It was difficult to distinguish the models from the guests, so lovely were the 750 ladies present. The committee is to be congratulated for seating so many women in so orderly a fashion, for the delicious repast, and, of course, for entertaining us by showing us such exciting creations. The fifty door prizes ranging from mink collars to electric coffee-makers certainly were enthusiastically received. Our business was resumed after the luncheon and we were honored to hear a few words from our dear Founder. That evening we witnessed 6,000 Ahepans and friends swaying to the music of Charlie Spivak at the Grand Ball in the Syria Mosque.

Thursday morning found us again at the meeting listening to the various committee reports. The afternoon boasted a smaller attendance because of the races at

Wheeling Downs. We were happy to hear that some of our Sisters were lucky for it seems the majority of Ahepans were not so fortunate. In the evening the Daughters were at the Daughters of Penelope Ball enjoying the "Mel-tones."

On Friday morning we heard the final committee reports. In the afternoon many excellent points were brought up for the Good of the Order and we then proceeded with elections. Adeline Geo-Karis was unanimously reelected Grand President. Tula Zoraley was reelected Grand Vice-President. Eleanor Stamoules was elected Grand Secretary, and Cleo Tsapralis was reelected Grand Treasurer. Grand Governors elected were: Zoe Cavalaris, Kay Canakes, Helen Lambrour, Tina Roumelos, and Grand Maids of Athens Advisor Sophie Angelos. All convention business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned and the delegates attended the cocktail party sponsored by the outgoing Lodge. Songs and laughter were the theme of the party and all will long remember it.

Gaia Holds Dance

The Daughters of Penelope, Gaia Chapter No. 60 of South Bend, Indiana, held their 17th Anniversary Dance, Sunday, May 30th, at Carpenters Hall. The orchestra furnished Greek and American music for dancing from 7 to 12.

Chairman of the dance was Miss Peggy Argetakis, Co-Chairmen were Miss Helen Samacovis and Mrs. James Thanos. In charge of the tickets were Mrs. James Petrou and Mrs. George Makris. Mrs. Sam Batalis was in charge of the refreshments.

The honored guests were Mrs. Harry Panos of South Bend, Indiana, 12th District Lt. Governor, and Miss Thespena Dallas of Richmond, Indiana, 12th District Secretary.

New London, Conn.

Newly elected officers of the Daughters chapter are:

Mary Caroges, President; Katherine Verrens, Vice-President; Irene Traggis, Secretary; Avgerini Doncis, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Fusconi, Treasurer; and Irene Thanos, Chairman of the Board of Governors, along with Sisters Kiki Halikas, Irene Constantine, Lee Negriss and Anna Nestor.

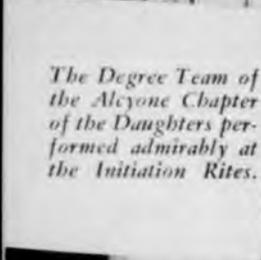


Convention officers who guided the Daughters of Penelope sessions. Left to right: Vivian Cokorinos, Vice-Chairman; Madia Commings, Chairman; Rita Danikolas, Sec'y.

Highlights From The Daughters Convention



This charming group of Daughters of Penelope acted as hostesses to guests from all parts of the United States and Canada.



The Degree Team of the Alcyone Chapter of the Daughters performed admirably at the Initiation Rites.



Headed by Grand President Adeline J. Geo-Karis, the Grand Lodge took an active part at the conclave.



Lovely members of the host chapter with Miss Lillian Demistichas (extreme right), Daughters Convention Com. Chairman.



Lillian Manetas Heads 5th District Daughters

The Daughters of Penelope of the Fifth District held a very successful District Convention in Jersey City on May 29, 30 and 31, with delegates present from eleven of their thirteen chapters. Business sessions were conducted under the leadership of the Convention Chairman, Sister Anastasia Gramas of Trenton. Sister Elizabeth Saridakis of Atlantic City was elected Vice-Chairman, and Sister Helen Vorrius of Jersey City was elected Convention Secretary. Distinguished guests present were Grand Secretary Christine Johnson of Kentucky, Grand Governor Zoe Cavalaris of South Carolina, and Past District Governors Julia Caravoulas, Helen Millas, Marie Tsucalas and Mary Diamond, all of the Fifth District.

The hostess chapter, Icarus No. 48, under the chairmanship of Sister Cleo Marose, presented a wonderful program for the visiting ladies, especially the Fashion Show-Luncheon, which is still being talked about.

One of the highlights of the convention was the awarding of the Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award for civic, charitable and fraternal endeavors. The Aulis Chapter No. 195 of Asbury Park was the fortunate recipient of this award for the third consecutive year. We congratulate this active chapter, which requests competition from the other chapters next year.

On Monday, May 31, the following were elected to serve on the District Lodge for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Lillian Manetas of Trenton, District Governor; Mrs. Kiki Sareotes of Asbury Park, Dist. Lt. Governor; Miss Helen Heleotis of Loch Arbour, Dist. Secretary; Miss Mary E. Blasakis of Trenton, Dist. Treasurer; Miss Gilda Houllis of East Orange, Dist. Marshal; Miss Irene Kyriakakis of Passaic (immediately retiring Dist. Governor); Dist. Advisor; Miss Anastasia Gramas of Trenton (non-voting), Dist. Advisor to Maids of Athens.

Under the capable guidance of Sister Lillian Manetas and her staff, this should be a record-breaking year for the Fifth District Daughters. Sister Manetas is, without question, a born leader and, as all who know her will attest, she is a tireless worker and an ardent and devoted Daughter. She won national acclaim as an outstanding chairman when she served in that capacity at the 1952 National Convention held in Washington, D. C. This was not only an honor to herself and to the organization on a national scale, but also to our District. We are indeed fortunate and proud to have Sister Manetas as our leader!

District 12 Completes Its UNESCO Project

April, 1954.—This month District No. 12 Daughters of Penelope, governed by Rita Danikolas of East Chicago, completed its part in the Daughters National UNESCO Project.

The chapters of Indiana, under the chairmanship of Sister Mary Prokos, District Marshal of Anderson, Indiana, are proud to have presented the school of Yannitsa, Greece, with an electric phonograph and microphone, art supplies and pre-school furniture for several students. While other national organizations, such as CARE, UNICEF, SAVE THE CHILDREN FEDERATION, are concerned with clothing, food and shelter for the underprivileged and war-torn peoples of the world, the problem of aiding in the education of the youth of these lands must be the concern of organizations like ours.

It is the task of Education, Science, and Culture which the United Nations deems indispensable to any rehabilitation program. Therefore UNESCO deals only in learning, and selected the town and school of Yannitsa, for the Daughters National Project.

Yannitsa is just outside of Salonika, Greece. It was Sister Helen Millas of Trenton, N. J., who supervised each District's choosing of learning material to be donated. The school is under the sponsorship of Professor Tsoutsouloupoulos of Salonika University and has worked hard to match the generosity of its distant friends.

Jason No. 161 Reports

The newly elected officers of the Daughters of Penelope in Little Rock, Arkansas, are:

Virginia Kumpuris, President; May G. Peters, Vice-President; Mildred Kanakis, Secretary; Sophia Broomas, Treasurer. Board of Governors: Sophia Bridoux, Chairman; Helen J. Nichols, Eugenia Peters, Dora Binioreas, Maybelle Geron. Connie Panaras, Marshal; Dora Seaser, Warden; Christine Artos, Priestess; Connie Anton, Inside Sentinel; Anna Plaster, Outside Sentinel. May G. Peters was designated reporter and Connie Panaras in charge of publicity.

Sister Dora Binioreas, Past President, installed the new officers.

On May 29, 1954, our chapter was visited by District Governor Tina Roumelos of Galveston, Texas. A luncheon was tendered in her honor at the Hotel Marion. After the luncheon a general meeting was held in our church hall. Many Daughters attended the luncheon and meeting.



An official visitation to the Buckeye District No. 11 was made on March 14, 1954, by Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis of the Daughters of Penelope. The above photo was taken at the Springfield meeting. Seated, left to right, Grand Governor Helen Lambrou, Sister Geo-Karis, Grand Secretary Christine Johnson, and District Governor No. 11 Florence Stathopoulos. Standing, left to right, Marshal Dena Letros, Lieut. Governor Josie Chase, Secretary-Treasurer Theodora Steffens, and Advisor E. Patsiavos.

Newport, R. I., Daughters

The chapter recently held its election of officers and the following will lead the chapter during the coming fraternal year:

Mable Alexander, President; Olga Lewis, Vice-President; Athena Damaskos, Secretary; and Mary Demessianos, Treasurer.

Following the elections the Daughters enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner at the Surf Club where Sister Mary Champion, Past President, was presented with a gift.

Orpheus Chapter No. 184

On May 2, 1954, the Orpheus Chapter No. 184 of the Daughters of Penelope of New Castle, Pa., held an outstanding initiation ceremony inducting into its ranks eleven new members. The occasion was highlighted by the presence of Grand Secretary Christine Johnson, Past Grand President Pota Saratsis and Power District Governor Janet Chacona.

The newly initiated are as follows. From New Castle, Pa.: Christine Talaganas, Katherine Talaganas, Ann Louise Stevas, Bella Vassilion, Mary Ellen Sotus, Hariclia Stamos. From Ellwood City, Pa.: Dorothy Ventriglia, Alice Angeline Santas, Fannie Ruth Santas, Mary Penelope Atanas, Mary Santas.

After the initiation a Spring Lamb and Pilaff Dinner with all the trimmings was served to the Daughters and their guests. Places were set for 100 and everyone was used.

Perth Amboy, N. J.

Presided over by District Governor Lillian Manetas, election of officers was held by Ogygia Chapter No. 207, Daughters of Penelope. The officers elected were as follows:

Popi Kizides, President; Miss Joan Nicas, Vice-President; Miss Constance Nicholas, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Helen Sigalas, Recording Secretary; Miss Bertha Angelakos, Treasurer; Miss Agnes Balsamides, Priestess; Mrs. Basiliki Nicholas, Marshal; Mrs. Madge Smith, Warden. Also, Mrs. Constance Andreadis, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Mrs. Stella Tom Taros, Mrs. Irene Lionikis, Miss Tana Kizides and Mrs. Rose Sakel, Governors.

A donation of \$250.00 was made by the chapter for the building fund of the new St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church of Perth Amboy.

Important Notice

The Editor will be formally appointed by the Supreme Lodge and will assume the Editorship of THE AHEPAN commencing with the October-November-December issue.

In the interim period, please send all news articles, photos, etc. to THE AHEPAN, in care of

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THE OLYMPIAD AT PITTSBURGH

In the 11th National Ahepa Olympiad held at Oliver Field on August 18, 1954, in Pittsburgh, the District 10 track and field team ran off with top honors scoring 30 points. Chicago was second with 25 points.

The outstanding athlete trophy and the high point trophy both went to handsome Louis Chrisos of Chicago's Ypsilanti aggregation. He broke a long existing high jump record when he leaped 6 feet even to erase the mark of 5'10 1/8" held by G. Skoubes of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and made in 1941 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Another outstanding mark was made by John Batsakos of Ann Arbor who ran the 100 yards in 16.5. He won the race last year at Houston, Texas.

Queen Electra Petrolas greeted the victors with a welcome kiss and the athletes vied keenly to seek the coveted first spot. Results follow.

RESULTS OF 11TH OLYMPIAD

100 Yds. Time 10.5	Won by	1. John Batsakos (Ann Arbor) 2. Nick Passadelis (Pittsburgh) 3. George Manos (Akron)
220 Yds. Time 23.7	Won by	1. G. Daskaroles (San Francisco) 2. G. Manos (Akron) 3. S. Tsodis (Verona, Pa.)
440 Yds. Time 57.6	Won by	1. G. Stathopoulos (Benton Harbor) 2. J. Roubenes (Akron) 3. B. Macedonia (Pittsburgh)
880 Yds. Time 2:16.0	Won by	1. Tony Diamond (Buffalo) 2. Bill Allas (Chicago) 3. Kyriakos Gians (Charleston)
1 Mile Run Time 7:23.0	Won by	1. Tony Diamond (Buffalo) 2. P. Stamos (Ypsilanti) 3. A. Tronios (Pittsburgh)
70 Yd. H. Hurdles Time 10.5	Won by	1. L. Chrisos (Chicago) 2. Mike Kernizis (Akron) 3. Pete Stamos (Ypsilanti)
120 Yd. L. Hurdles Time 14.7	Won by	1. G. Daskaroles (San Francisco) 2. John Batsakos (Ann Arbor) 3. J. Lexas (Chicago)
High Jump New Record 6 feet even	Won by	1. Louis Chrisos (Chicago) 2. G. Stathopoulos (Benton Harbor) 3. N. Tronios (Chicago)
12 Lb. Shot Put Distance 82' 11 1/2"	Won by	1. Louis Chrisos (Chicago) 2. N. Passadelis (Pittsburgh) 3. M. Morastis (Verona, Pa.)
Pole Vault Height 10 feet	Won by	1. J. Lexas (Chicago) 2. P. Stamos (Ypsilanti) 3. No. third
Broad Jump Distance 19' 11"	Won by	1. G. Stathopoulos (Benton Harbor) 2. G. Daskaroles (San Francisco) 3. M. Kernizis (Akron)
Discus Distance 120 feet	Won by	1. N. Passadelis (Pittsburgh) 2. N. Topouzis (Akron) 3. J. Vlahos (San Francisco)
Javelin Distance 108 feet	Won by	1. N. Poulos (Greenville) 2. N. Topouzis (Akron) 3. J. Roubenes (Akron)
Relay Time 59.2	Won by	1. Chicago Ypsilanti Team 2. Chicago Team 3. Akron Team

Winning Relay Team was composed of all-star team of: John Batsakos (Ann Arbor), Pete Stamos (Ypsilanti), Anthony Versis (Washington, D. C.), George Daskaroles (San Francisco).



The Clinton Chapter No. 362 Team of Clinton, Mass., which won the District No. 8 Bowling Championship. Left to right: Daniel C. Chiavaras, Charles M. Georgeson, Arthur J. Pappas, Andrew H. Lambros and Dr. Nicholas Despotopoulos.

New England Holds Bowling Tourney

The First Annual New England Ahepa Candlepin Tournament was a huge success. Eight teams competed and over 100 Ahepas, Daughters and spectators were present. Here are the results:

First Round—	Marlboro defeated Webster	1437-1352
	Clinton defeated Boston	1420-1197
	Peabody defeated Gloucester	1400-1359
	Biddeford defeated Portland	1376-1356

All of the teams had "chopitis" but Marlboro led by Caragian's 300 and Kotos 297 topped all qualifiers by defeating Webster by 85 pins. The District No. 8 champs from Clinton scored an easy 225 pin win over a bewildered Boston team, putting Clinton 2nd high to qualify for the finals. Peabody led by Harritos 116 high for the day, in a slump all season, squeezed by a Gloucester team weakened by the loss of one of their men. Biddeford led by Pouravelis 310 won by twenty pins. In the finals Marlboro defeated Clinton 1405 to 1368 to gain sweet victory. In the consolation matches Biddeford rolled over Peabody to win by 10 pins.

Next year's tourney promises to be bigger and better yet.

Famous Olympic Games Torch of '48 Present to Ahepa by James Starr

Bro. James Starr of Weathersfield, Conn., former Supreme Treasurer, thrilled the tremendous audience at the 28th National Convention when he presented formally to the Order of Ahepa the famous and renewed original Olympic Games Torch used in the 1948 Olympiad at London, England. Just before the tense and excited Ahepas and friends were to open the important nomination speeches, Convention Chairman Peter Kourides of New York City presented James Starr who told the group present how he received the torch from high officials in Greece. He presented the torch to Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson who in turn presented the great trophy to Peter Clentzos, the National Athletic Director of the Order of Ahepa. Peter Clentzos, a former competitor in the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, expressed his appreciation when he stated, "We will carry the torch for Ahepa and dedicate ourselves as our forefathers did to instill in our youth a clean mind in a clean body, to play hard but with the spirit of good sportsmanship."

The torch has been used in the National Olympiads in Miami, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Washington, Houston, Pittsburgh, and will next be used in the City of the Golden Gate—San Francisco.



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Miscellany

Your Editor is happy to resume this post in charge of THE AHEPAN which will afford him the opportunity to augment his service to the Fraternity, and is grateful to his colleagues on the Supreme Lodge for their unanimous expression of confidence in this appointment.

With George Dimas assisting in the preparation of feature articles and the make-up of the magazine . . . William A. Vasilio and Catherine Nicketakakis preparing the chapter news . . . Eli D. Miller handling the Public Relations Department . . . and Harry Papps securing the advertisers to make it financially feasible . . . the Convention mandate to have a bi-monthly magazine will become a reality commencing with the next issue. It is our fervent desire to make THE AHEPAN a truly representative publication of the entire Fraternity vividly portraying our past deeds and mirroring the future.

PUBLICATION DATES — The January-February issue that will commence the bi-monthly schedule will have January 15 as its deadline. For all subsequent issues the deadline will be the first day of March, May, July, September and November. Please do not hold up your material waiting for deadlines as all news is processed in the order received. It would be appreciated if all articles are typed and double spaced whenever possible.

"THE PENELOPIAN" — We extend a sincere welcome to the official Daughters of Penelope publication that has been combined with THE AHEPAN. A minimum of four pages will be set aside for their use in all issues. Please send all Daughters news and photos to our Editor in charge of that department — Catherine Nicketakakis, 52 South Elmwood, Waukegan, Illinois.

SUBSCRIPTIONS — All members of the Daughters of Penelope are being sent a complimentary copy of this issue. Only those members of the Daughters of Penelope who subscribe to THE AHEPAN at the nominal yearly rate of \$1.00 will receive future issues. We solicit your subscriptions for subsequent issues at the nominal yearly rate of \$1.00. A subscription form for your use will be found attached to this issue. Ahepans are also reminded that they may place the names of their friends on the mailing list at the same rate with a "Gift subscription."

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP TRUST AND LOAN FUND — The Board of Trustees has prepared the rules and regulations that will govern this fund. The complete plans, as approved at the Pittsburgh Convention, will be announced in the next issue. In the meantime, the Trustees respectfully solicit your generous contributions to this all important and worthy cause, thus making it possible for the Ahepa to help those that may require assistance in completing their education.

ON THE COVER — This issue of THE AHEPAN is dedicated to the auxiliaries of the Order of Ahepa. We honor and pay tribute to those three able leaders on the cover of this issue. In the center is Sister Adeline Geo-Karis, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope. . . to the left, Arthur Gonos, Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles. . . and to the right, Becky Angelos, Grand Worthy Maid of the Maids of Athens. They, together with our Supreme President, Stephen S. Scopas, whose picture appeared on the cover of the previous issue, constitute the leaders of the entire Ahepa Family striving for the goal of "50,000 by San Francisco."

C. P. VERINIS, Editor

THE 1955 AHEPA EXCURSION

The Order of Ahepa, the leader and pioneer in the field of promoting annual excursions and tourism to Greece, confident that more people than ever will travel to Greece for its Easter Excursion, has designated both the S.S. "Atlantic," which will be renamed "Queen Frederika," of the National Hellenic American Line, S.A. (Home Lines), and the T.S.S. "Olympia" of the Greek Line, to carry the Ahepa Excursionists to Greece.

The Ahepa Excursion on the Greek Flagship "Queen Frederika" section will be headed by:

Stephen S. Scopas, Supreme President and Commander of the Ahepa Excursion; Miss Adeline Geo-Karis, Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope; Socrates V. Seklis, Supreme Treasurer of the Order of Ahepa; and Spiros J. Stamos, Mother Lodge Member and V. Commander of the Excursion.

We feel that two large Trans-Atlantic Liners are needed for the annual Easter Excursion of the Order of Ahepa. Both Liners are scheduled to leave from New York on March 26, 1955, and to arrive in Piraeus on April 4, 1955.

Programming for Ahepa Chapters

By STEPHEN S. SCOPAS
Supreme President

The response to the National Membership Campaign of the Order of Ahepa and its auxiliaries — the Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens, and Sons of Pericles — has been overwhelming. All Chapters of Ahepa and auxiliaries report an upsurge in spirit and activity.

We are confident that our goal of "50,000 in the Ahepa Family by San Francisco" will be attained.

The Year Books of the Ahepa and its auxiliaries, at the close of the last fiscal year, to wit, June 30, 1954, report the following membership in good standing as of Dec. 31, 1953:

Order of Ahepa	24,028
Daughters of Penelope	8,057
Sons of Pericles	846
Maids of Athens	591
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Total	33,522

A minimum increase in membership of 50 per cent is required in order to attain our goal. Your Supreme Lodge, however, will impose a goal, calling for an overall increase in membership of 75 per cent in order that our objective may be achieved. Your Supreme President visited the George Washington Chapter No. 16 at Tarpon Springs, Fla., on October 3rd. The Mayor, Michael Gianekis, who is of Hellenic origin, headed a named class of 32 candidates, representing an increase in membership of 50 per cent. Ten other applications were reported by its President, Brother Nick Maillis, to be on hand. An increase in membership of more than 100% may be anticipated with confidence. Their example may serve as an inspiration to all Ahepans.

NOVEMBER, 1954 PROCLAIMED NATIONAL AHEPA MONTH:

The time has come when our efforts should be concentrated on strengthening the sinews of our own organization. Great as our Order has been during the past thirty-two years, the need to build an even greater Ahepa is present. 70,481 members have been initiated into our Order since its inception. Less than 10,000 deaths have been reported. A number equal to and possibly in excess of our current good standing membership is, therefore, at large — delinquent. With the hit and miss system that our chapters have followed, it is remarkable that approximately 25,000 have practically sought us out to pay their dues. Our members have not systematically received notices to pay their dues. Our reinstatement committees have seldom notified a member that he is about to become delinquent for non-payment of dues. Reinstatement and membership committees have not enjoyed the status of permanent or standing committees of our chapters. They have functioned as special committees whenever membership drives have been conducted. We have not suffered at any time from lack of programs. Our leadership has been consistently brilliant and supplied programs that would have astounded and confounded even larger organizations.

Your Supreme Lodge has proclaimed November, 1954 as National Ahepa Month. During November we should dedicate all our time and talents towards increasing our membership. Why the emphasis on membership? It is our membership that makes possible for us to serve humanity; to support charitable and philanthropic institutions; to sponsor unnamed

refugees. It is the families of our members who join our auxiliaries. And it is our members who support our rising generation and who make it possible for Ahepa to achieve greatness and spread its fame throughout the world.

KNOCK ON EVERY HELLENIC DOOR IN '54:

At the first meeting in November, all chapters shall be guided by our theme, "Knock on Every Hellenic Door in '54"!

The following is our suggested program:

1—The Reinstatement and Membership Committees should meet with the President and Secretary who shall furnish them with a list of all delinquent members. This list should also be supplied to the entire chapter membership who should be asked by the chapter president to serve as a committee of one on reinstatements.

2—Talkathons should be arranged by the reinstatement committee. Telephone calls should be made to delinquent members for the purpose of inviting them to effectuate their reinstatement. These telephone calls should be followed with personal visitations to the homes or places of business of the delinquent members.

3—The Membership Committee should canvass the field of good Hellenes eligible for membership in our Order. These people know and admire the Ahepa, and they should be invited to participate in its programs.

4—Chapter secretaries should send out notices immediately to insure payment of 1954 dues.

5—The Reinstatement Committee or the Secretary should send out special letters to those who have not paid their dues for 1953, advising them that they face suspension for non-payment of dues unless they make their remittances immediately. This is most important as it will serve to prevent the lapsing of dues. The reinstatement of a member who is but one or two years delinquent is much easier than that of one who is delinquent for a longer period. By constitutional amendment adopted at the Pittsburgh Convention, a member who pays all his back dues is entitled to immediate automatic reinstatement. Reinstatements effectuated in the usual manner, however, require approval by the chapter; and such members are not entitled to the Death Benefit until one year following their reinstatement. It should be remembered, however, that the maximum reinstatement fee amounts to Ten Dollars or \$2.00 to the Death Benefit Fund for each delinquent year not exceeding five years.

6—Discuss the sponsorship by your chapter of all auxiliaries of the Order of Ahepa. Each chapter should have a complete Ahepa family unit. Appoint separate committees for the establishment of each branch of the Ahepa family. Our Headquarters can supply you with all necessary information and material.

The Pittsburgh Convention of the Sons of Pericles set the age limit of the Juniors from 14 to 25 years. Where no Sons of Pericles chapter exists, candidates for Ahepa may be inducted at the age of 18 and over. In the event of a subsequent organization of a Sons Chapter, membership in both Orders may be concurrent.

7—Join Past Supreme Counsellor, George E. Loucas, of Weirton, W. Va., who has undertaken to pay the minimum

ten dollar initiation fee due our Headquarters of all students of Hellenic origin attending colleges or universities in the State of West Virginia. Appoint a committee to seek out such students and to speak to them on the objects of the Ahepa. Solicit contributions from stalwart Ahepans to pay their minimum initiation fees. Their membership will be in the chapters of their permanent homes. University students cannot maintain Ahepa chapters. It is recommended that the home Ahepa chapters waive the payment of their dues while attending school and remit their per capita tax from their treasuries as we did with our G.I. members. Students in nearby universities should be invited to attend socials, lectures, and other public functions of the Ahepa. Remember that many of our leaders, past and present, are those who came into the orbit and influence of the Ahepa while still completing their education.

Chapter Presidents, District Governors — the opportunity to advance Ahepa is present. It depends on your initiative — your leadership!

8—Study the prospects of establishing new or reactivating every inactive chapter in your territory. Your District and Supreme Lodge are ready to take the field to assist wherever needed.

9—Organize District degree teams under the leadership of the District Lodges who will perform impressive initiations.

10—Plan named classes in honor of a well-known public figure as an incentive to attract new members, to wit, a United States Senator, Governor, Mayor, etc.

SUGGESTED SPECIAL AWARDS:

Members who reinstate or propose 5 members:

Award of Certificate of Merit by Supreme President.

Members who reinstate or propose 10 members:

Award of Special Ahepa Lapel Button by subordinate Chapter and Certificate of Merit by Supreme President.

Members who reinstate or propose 15 members:

Waiver of dues by Chapter for two years and Certificate of Merit by Supreme President.

Members who reinstate or propose 25 members:

Waiver of dues by Chapter for three years and Special Scroll of Honor by Supreme President.

Members who reinstate or propose 50 members:

Waiver of dues by Chapter for five years and Award of Bronze Plaque by Supreme President.

Members who reinstate or propose 100 members:

Waiver of dues by Chapter for ten years and Award of Bronze Plaque by Supreme President.

NOTE:

(a) The above awards are for the period of the drive, to wit, from October 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955.

(b) The offer of awards by the Supreme President is firm and irrevocable. The companion awards by the Chapters are suggested for the consideration and approval of the Chapters. Each Chapter must decide for itself if these suggested awards constitute a worthwhile investment. Approval by a majority vote of the members present at your next meeting, after due notice, is required. The waiver by a Chapter of dues for those members who perform outstanding services does not relieve it from the obligation to remit the per capita tax for such members to our National Headquarters.

(c) Credit shall be given equally for reinstatements as well as new members.

(d) Credit may be given only to the first endorser on each new membership application blank.

(e) Certification by National Headquarters of all reinstatements and initiations shall be final.

PROGRAMMING — SECOND MEETING IN NOVEMBER:

In keeping with our policy to concentrate our activities on strengthening our Order, it is strongly urged and wholeheartedly recommended that the second meeting in November be devoted exclusively by all chapters to the task of acquiring or building their own Ahepa Homes. Those chapters that already have their Homes should discuss ways and means of discharging their mortgage indebtedness, if any. Those that have standing Ahepa Home Committees should plan special events, raffles, bond sales, etc., to the membership and entire Hellenic community. Wherever Ahepa chapters have established their own Homes, we have found a happy, progressive and fraternal spirit which gives the entire Ahepa family — and particularly our youth — a feeling of belonging to a truly great and permanent organization which compares most favorably with the other fraternal and civic organizations in their respective communities that vie for their interest and attention.

REPORTS RE: AHEPA HOMES:

A survey is hereby instituted to determine the number of Ahepa Homes already acquired and functioning among the chapters of our Order. The presidents and secretaries of each chapter presently maintaining an Ahepa Home are requested to send to your Supreme President at our National Headquarters a photograph of their Home, preferably with your members included, and a brief write-up of its history, financing and present management. It is important that we have at our Headquarters a complete file and record of Ahepa Homes throughout the country. It is also our intention to feature the subject of Ahepa Homes in *THE AHEPAN*.

Chapter presidents and secretaries maintaining Ahepa Homes or Hellenic Centers, — may we have your prompt cooperation in this survey so that the rest of us may be encouraged and inspired by your example!

RE: PUBLIC OFFICIALS INITIATED:

Many inquiries have been received at our National Headquarters asking for a list of public officials initiated in the various subordinate chapters of the Order of Ahepa. Unfortunately, no such list has ever been compiled. Your chapter has, of course, a record of all public officials — Mayors, Governors, Senators, etc., and other prominent citizens of non-Hellenic origin who have been initiated into our Fraternity. The prompt cooperation of each chapter president and secretary is hereby solicited to supply your Supreme President, in care of our National Headquarters, with such a complete list, giving name, title of office, date of initiation, etc. This is important. Your chapter should receive the proper credit in this phase of Ahepa activity. Our magazine will also feature the names of all prominent public officials who have joined our Order.

CONCLUSION:

The Chapter, District and Supreme Lodge Officers shall march as one team, building a real brotherhood upon a structure of permanency, solidarity and virility, imbued with the loftiest principles of fraternalism — infinite and eternal — yielding to none in the purity of our purpose or the nobility of our objectives.

*The Supreme President's message on "Programming for Ahepa Chapters" was sent to all Ahepa officers in October with instructions to put it into effect commencing with November. We take pleasure in reprinting it in *THE AHEPAN* for the benefit and enlightenment of all the members. It is, of course, applicable to any month during the fraternal year.—THE EDITORS.*

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AHEPA RALLIES

U. S. Senators, Members of Congress, Governors and Mayors to Justice for Cyprus Committee

By STEPHEN S. SCOPAS
 Supreme President

The force of Hellenism in America as reflected by the Order of Ahepa through its leadership in the Justice for Cyprus Committee has been responsible for the acceptance by over 150 members of the United States Congress and the Governors of various states to serve on the National Advisory Board of the Justice for Cyprus Committee.

This record is unsurpassed in the annals of our Fraternity. It has once again reaffirmed the pre-eminence of Ahepa leadership in all projects affecting Hellenism in America. The unswerving policy of your Supreme Lodge is to strengthen the sinews of our organization here in America. However, only the prestige, power and influence of the Order of Ahepa could have successfully aroused public opinion and caused its many friends in public life to rally in this

emergency to the cause of *Justice for Cyprus*.

We are acting as Americans within the framework of our constitution and our obligations as the leading force in the United Nations—the tribunal which will decide the issue of self-determination for the people of Cyprus.

Our Declaration of Independence holds that governments are created by men with the consent of the governed. Our own Ahepa constitution, paragraphs E and F of Article II, entitled, "Objects," holds that we shall always keep America as the champion of liberty everywhere.

Typical of the overwhelming and enthusiastic response to the invitation of the Order of Ahepa to join the Justice for Cyprus Committee are the following excerpts from letters of prominent public officials, many of whom are members of the Order of Ahepa:

"I am honored to be invited to become a member of the Justice for Cyprus Committee. Our Order of Ahepa is to be congratulated for championing the cause of freedom."

THEODORE MCKELBIN, *Governor of Maryland*

"Just last evening I attended and participated in a mass meeting sponsored by the Philadelphia chapter of the Ahepa for the purpose of promoting the Greek proposal to the United Nations for union with Cyprus, and I have also communicated with Mr. Lodge, our delegate to the United Nations, urging his cooperation with this proposal."

JAMES A. BYRNE, *Member of Congress*

"I have received your letter of recent date inviting me to serve on a National Honorary Committee, entitled 'Justice for Cyprus Committee' and assure you that I shall be very glad to serve in this capacity."

IRVING M. IVES, *U.S.S., New York*

"The Cyprus people long have been denied the right to self-determination. It should be a primary objective of American foreign policies to help them achieve this right."

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, *Member of Congress*

"I am very happy to permit the use of my name in this connection and shall do anything I can to help in this very worthy activity."

DAVID L. LAWRENCE, *Mayor of Pittsburgh*

"I shall be glad to accept and shall look forward to hearing further from you as the Chairman of the Committee."

MRS. TH. CHAPMAN, *President G.F.W.C.*

"It gives me pleasure to accept your kind invitation to join the National Advisory Board of the Justice for Cyprus Committee."

WM. C. MARLAND, *Governor of West Virginia*

"I am honored to join with you and other Americans in a common cause for freedom."

ALTON A. LENNON, *U.S.S., North Carolina*

"I will be pleased and honored to serve in helping the people of Cyprus obtain the right of self-determination and freedom in keeping with the ideals and principles of our great democracy."

AVERELL HARRIMAN, *Governor of New York*

"As I stated at your mass meeting on Sunday, I am honored to accept on the Justice for Cyprus Committee. The right of self-determination is in the great American tradition and the United Nations' action the appropriate course for us to pursue. I am very pleased to be able to join with so many members of your great Order of Ahepa in this historic cause."

JACOB K. JAVITS, *Member of Congress*

"Any red blooded American would sympathize with the good people of Cyprus. I will feel honored to be a member of the advisory board of the Justice for Cyprus Committee."

FRANK A. BARRETT, *U.S.S., Wyoming*

"The cause of freedom everywhere will be championed by granting the people of Cyprus the right to determine their own destiny which they have sought honorably for many years."

ROBERT F. WAGNER, *Mayor of New York*

"I express my hope and good will for the achievement of government by the consent of the governed for the people of Cyprus."

FRANCIS CASE, *U.S.S., South Dakota*

"Am honored to join and lend my name to Order of Ahepa and to help promote and champion democratic causes of freedom."

L. W. WETHERBY, *Governor of Kentucky*

"The Order of Ahepa is to be commended for its efforts to advance the cause of freedom for the Cypriots."

ROYAL THOMPSON, *Member of Congress*

"I am happy to accept your invitation to further this cause."

JOHN S. FINE, *Governor of Pennsylvania*

Greeks Back Cyprus Resolution

Representatives of the Greek-American community of Minneapolis and of members of or-

thon Cacharelis, Jim Karican, George Xanthis, John De Moss and C. H. Kavalaris.

THE TIMES-HERALD Cypriots Seek Self-Determination

Authorization by Newport News Council on Monday of a resolution members may sign, call Nations for favor-

DESERET NEWS Salt Lake Telegram Britain Ought to Give In On the Cyprus Question

SPORT NEWS - HAMPTON

Ahepa, Three Greek Groups Petition UN

The Woodrow Wilson 241 of the order joined three other and social groups in

MONROE, (L.A.) MORNING WORLD

Mass Meeting Called American He'll

The local chapter can help-

Once Peaceful Cyprus Now Boiling Patch of Local Greeks Are Cyprus' Independence To Seek Aid For

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greece Has Firm Views on Cyprus

Cyprus-A Greek Island

British government attempt or at least, the "P"

Greeks Seek Unions to

At a special called officers and member

Mayor Praises The Rift Over Cyprus

A public rally to urge t nion of the island of Cypr the "ce" will be held at at St. Mary search ha

Vote to Petition U. N. Assembly

At a special called meeting, the officers and mem of Chapter 347, Order of AHEPA of Monroe voted to pe tion the General Assembly of the United Nations. principles of the

Cypriots Strongly Desire Affiliation With Greece

Ahepa's leadership in the Justice for Cyprus arouses the enthusiasm of the Press.

Hit 'Nail on the Head'

Editor, The Tribune. Sir: I wish to congratulate "D. O." and to thank him at the same time in

BUFFALO EVENING NEWS

Fate of An Island

outraged protests of the B of Cyprus—which y Britain and u ed on the agei bate this year "

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Personality Glimpse

DOUGLSTON MANOR is a quiet suburban community on the outer fringes of Queens in New York City overlooking picturesque Long Island Sound. Its tree lined streets and landscaped gardens are a treat to the commuter's eye after a busy day in the canyons of down-town Manhattan. Charming and lovely homes predominate in its quaint lanes.

It is to this pleasant and serene atmosphere that Steve Scopas, Ahepa's Supreme President, comes home every evening. The children, Stephanie, Pamela and Stephen, Jr., greet their distinguished father with "here comes the Supreme President" as Mrs. Scopas benignly looks on. Steve is a devoted family man, blessed with three lovely children and a gracious and understanding wife. The children think their father works for the Ahepa, for Steve has been so long and so prominently identified with the fraternity that it is difficult to associate him with anything else in the children's minds. He has a hard time explaining to them that he is a practicing attorney, and a very busy one at that.

Around the dinner table the family discussion is about school problems and the progress of the children in their respective grades. And then about the current project of the Girl Scouts in which Stephanie and Pamela are interested. The conversation turns to the Sunday School class at St. Paul's in nearby Hempstead. And now it is time for the children to go to bed and for Mrs. Scopas to enjoy a good book or the television. However, for Steve Scopas, Ahepa Supreme President, this is the time to repair to his study and in the quiet of the night consider the grave problems confronting the organization and crying for solution. This is the time to contemplate and evaluate and plan.

Over the years, since his days on the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles, Steve has shouldered grave responsibilities for the Ahepa Family. As a member of the Renaissance Chapter of the Sons, he was immensely impressed with the Ahepa leaders of that day and is a great admirer of the works and achievements of Alfange, Booras, Chebithes, Phillis and Voumas. He prayerfully hopes that he, along with the younger leaders of today, will have an impression on the future. As Supreme President of the Order, he has taken the job as a challenge and is giving everything to the Ahepa, excluding all other organizations, including his cherished community activities in Douglaston.

The underlying philosophy of the Supreme President is that the Ahepa should concentrate on activities and projects in America. He sincerely believes that we should be strong first. In recent years, he has been disturbed by the downward spiral of membership and in order to arrest this trend he initiated the current National Membership Drive with the definite goal of "50,000 for the Ahepa Family by San Francisco." He recognizes that herculean efforts have to be made in order to bring about an upsurge in membership, but he exudes confidence that the goal will be attained.

The Supreme President feels that the vigorous manner in which he has attacked the membership problem will bring results. He has been systematically circularizing the chapters with special circulars. In these well-prepared, understandable communications he touches on the important problems of the Chapters—how to go about reinstating the delinquents and sponsoring new members . . . purchasing Ahepa Homes . . . better programming of chapter business and events . . . secretarial follow-up of the membership. He emphasizes in his circulars to the chapters that the life blood of the Order is membership, ever-increasing membership to enable Ahepa to go ahead with its program of expansion and greater service to its members and to the community.

How does Steve find time to be Supreme President of Ahepa and at the same time conduct a very busy law practice? He has added to his staff a secretary and a law clerk in order to allow himself more time for his Ahepa activities, and his tremendous capacity for work, his prolific writing, versatility and adaptability make him a natural for coping with problems as they come up and for accomplishing voluminous things.

Everyday there is something about Ahepa. Large volume of correspondence with Headquarters, the Districts and the Chapters. Luncheons and dinners and entertaining visiting Ahepans. And most important of all, chapter visitations and attending Ahepa functions. It makes no difference where the event is taking place, the Supreme President is expected to go. It may be Florida, Nebraska, California or Montreal, Canada. Steve Scopas must attend for the Ahepans in those sections will not take "no" for an answer.



Stephen S. Scopas at his desk in his law office in New York.

They want to see and hear their Supreme President and the Supreme President wants to see them and deliver his message to inspire them to greater accomplishments. No week goes by without Steve being away from home for two or three days. Does Mrs. Scopas complain? No, for she fully understands and wants him to serve because he has been trained for his office and it will please her for Steve to make a fine record of achievement during his tenure. "Clonike, is my greatest asset," Steve says.

And speaking of training, Steve has had a thorough one. After high school he matriculated at St. John's University School of Arts and Sciences, and School of Law, and followed his Bachelor of Laws degree with post-graduate work in the School of Law where he earned his Master of Laws degree. In the Ahepa fraternity he has been thoroughly trained since his days in the Sons of Pericles, then through the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 and the Empire State District Lodge and thence onto the national scene, holding various Supreme Lodge offices and Chairman of the Washington National Convention.

In civic affairs he has served as Chairman of the Greek Division, Democratic National Committee, for the past eight years; National Mediation Board; National War Fund Campaign; Vice-President, Greek War Relief Association; Supreme Counsellor, Pan Messinian Federation, is a member (non-salaried) of Mayor Robert F. Wagner's Advisory Council which meets every Tuesday at the New York City Hall; Mason, Elk and member of the American Bar Association and county, city and state legal societies; Knight of Thermopylae, and decorated by King Paul with the Royal Order of Phoenix for services rendered to Greece.

Stephen S. Scopas, Ahepa Supreme President, well trained by education and experience, is tackling the leadership of the Ahepa with all he's got and setting the pace for the entire fraternity. Day in and day out, his thoughts are about the Ahepa and how to do a better job for the good of the Order. He wants to see a National Ahepa Home in Washington; he is concerned deeply with recurrent deficits in our Death Benefit Fund and soon will be ready to announce plans to place this Fund on a sound economic basis; he is pushing the idea of a Retirement Home near Tarpon Springs, Florida; St. Basil's Hall for Boys is near his heart and is placing the entire Ahepa Family behind this humanitarian project; he looks to the day when THE AHEPAN will become a monthly publication with a large volume of advertising to sustain it, and, presently, he looks forward to leading the 1955 Ahepa Excursion to Greece, accompanied by his wife, to pay a visit of reverent homage and respect to the land of his parents, Messinia and Roumeli.

And so, in the quiet of the night in his study in Douglaston Manor, when not busy with Ahepa visitations, his desk stacked high with official documents, Stephen Scopas, Ahepa's supreme leader, is reflecting on the problems of the day and planning for a greater and more useful Order of Ahepa.



Ahepans!

Have You Joined The "CRUSADE FOR SPONSORS"?

Under The Ahepa — U.S. Refugee Program

OUR GOAL: 3,000 good Citizens from throughout the Ahepa Domain to sponsor this worthy refugee humanity.

You CAN HELP A WORTHY REFUGEE FROM GREECE, AND THUS EXTEND A BENEVOLENT CHRISTIAN HELPING HAND TO ONE OR MORE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF WAR AND DISASTER.

- From the Greek Quota of 15,000 refugees under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, victims of war or earthquake disaster, 10,000 at least are indigent and destitute. They have no money to come and no relatives or friends to sponsor them and give an "Assurance".
- The Ahepa Refugee Committee found the means to provide for their ocean passage, and no money is needed for that.
- What we need is 3,000 good American Citizens—AHEPANS and NON-AHEPANS—from throughout the Ahepa domain to sponsor this worthy refugee humanity.
- The Assurance YOU give for one or more of these unfortunate brothers of ours is simply:
 1. PROVIDE A JOB AND HOUSING (without displacing any one).
 2. IF YOU HAVE NO HOUSING AT PRESENT, YOU CAN SPECIFY TEMPORARY QUARTERS IN A ROOMING HOUSE, HOTEL, OR PRIVATE HOME.
 3. IF YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN, SOMEONE ELSE MAY PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT.
- The Ahepa Refugee Committee is an accredited Voluntary Agency of the United States Government; it will stand behind you and the refugee.
- THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR ANOTHER HUMAN TO LIVE. SPONSOR A WORTHY REFUGEE. WE URGE YOU TO JOIN THE GREAT CHRISTIAN AMERICAN CRUSADE. THIS IS A CALL FOR GOOD SAMARITANS TO DO THEIR DUTY.

To sponsor one or more worthy Refugees from Greece — WRITE TODAY FOR FORMS AND DETAILS TO BE FORWARDED TO YOU — to the AHEPA REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE, 16 Beaver Street, New York 4, N. Y.

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Constantine P. Verinis, Ahepa's new "Veep" . . . was born in White Plains, N. Y. . . . moved to New Haven, Conn., at an early age where he now resides as a Connecticut Yankee.

He is one of the many Sons of Pericles that graduated to the ranks of the Order of Ahepa. Initiated in the Junior Order in 1927 . . . he served as Chapter Secretary and President. The 1930 Detroit Convention of the Sons elected him Supreme Treasurer . . . later he assumed the additional duties of the Supreme Secretary. In 1932, at the Akron, Ohio, Convention, he was elevated to the Supreme Presidency. While serving in that capacity he toured the length and breadth of the United States and Canada organizing some 50 new chapters. Under his leadership the Sons of Pericles showed its largest growth and expansion.

He was initiated into the mysteries of the Ahepa upon reaching his 21st birthday and served his chapter as Secretary . . . Vice-President . . . President . . . and then at a later date, as President again. After serving in the U. S. Army during World War II . . . returned to the service of the Fraternity . . . was elected as Lt. Governor of Yankee District No. 7 in 1945. The following year he was elevated to the post of District Governor where he served two terms.

He attained national recognition in the Ahepa at the 1949 Miami Convention where he was elected as Supreme Governor. The 1951 Minneapolis Convention elevated him to the position of Supreme Secretary . . . to which post he was re-elected at the 1952 Washington Convention. While serving as Supreme Secretary

he also undertook the Editorship of THE AHEPAN where he is now serving again.

The Pittsburgh Convention rewarded Brother Verinis for his 27 years of continuous service by elevating him to the Supreme Vice-Presidency.

In addition to these many years of service to the Fraternity, the Supreme Vice-President served the Greek Orthodox Community of New Haven as Treasurer . . . member of the Board of Directors for five successive years. In the business world he is Secretary-Treasurer and one of the larger stockholders of The Coclin Tobacco Corp., southern New England's largest wholesale tobacco distributors, with branches in Bridgeport and New Haven, Conn., as well as Providence, R. I.

He is married to the former Athanasia Dometios of New York . . . a patient and understanding "Ahepa Wife."

CONSTANTINE G. GATSOS Supreme Secretary

Our Supreme Secretary, who hails from the Buckeye District, graduated from Lincoln High School and attended Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio.

He was initiated into the Order in June, 1927, just before the Sons of Pericles were organized, and has the distinction of being one of the youngest members ever initiated into the Fraternity at the age of seventeen.

This Buckeye Ahepa served as Vice-President of Cleveland Chapter No. 36 in 1938 . . . President in 1939 . . . Secretary in 1941 . . . Lt. Governor of District

No. 11 in 1944 . . . District Governor in 1945 and 1946.

Brother Gatsos was Chairman of the Hospital Committee at the 1946 National Convention at Baltimore . . . Chairman of General Papagos' Banquet in Cleveland in 1946 . . . Co-Chairman of the 24th National Convention in 1950.

While District Governor, he initiated 275 new members into the Order . . . sold over \$100,000.00 in War Bonds . . . instrumental in collecting \$165,000.00 during the Hospital Drive . . . and over \$17,000.00 in the Justice for Greece campaign.

He was President of the Hellenic Community of the City of Cleveland from 1949 to 1952 inclusive. Brother Gatsos has been in business for himself for some twenty years operating a restaurant, specializing in sea food, and a cocktail lounge.

The 28th National Convention recognizing his services through the years and his leadership, elevated him to the post of Supreme Secretary.

SOCRATES V. SEKLES Supreme Treasurer

Brother Sekles was born in Katafion Agrafon Karditsa, Thessaly, Greece . . . immigrated to the United States in 1912 and settled in Pontiac, Michigan. There he secured employment with General Motors working his way up to foreman. Later he operated the cafeterias at the Pontiac Plant.

In the early twenties he organized the Hellenic Community of that city . . . joined the Alpha Chapter . . . also helped

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in the formation of the Flint, Saginaw and Ann Arbor Chapters.

He was Chairman of the Greek War Relief for his area . . . President of the Hellenic Community of Pontiac and the Ahepa Chapter. He served his District, Automotive No. 10, as Lt. Governor and then for two years as Governor. During his administration he organized several chapters of the Daughters of Penelope . . . was primarily responsible for the creation of the two new Ahepa chapters in Detroit . . . Vice-Commander of the Ahepa Excursion in 1951.

Elected Supreme Governor at the Cleveland Convention and again at the Minneapolis Convention, in which office he served well, he was elevated to the post of Supreme Treasurer at the Pittsburgh Convention.

Socrates has actively participated in Bond . . . Community Chest . . . and Red Cross drives . . . is a Mason . . . a member of the Board of Commerce . . . and Y.M.C.A. He is married to the former Georgia Gianakos of Boston and they are the proud parents of four children, two boys, Alex and Nicholas, and two girls, Frances and Kiki.

GEORGE PAPANICOLAS Supreme Counsellor

Supreme Counsellor Papanicolas was born in Siatista, Macedonia, Greece, and immigrated to America in 1921.

He was educated in the academic schools of Buffalo, New York, University of Buffalo . . . George Washington University . . . Georgetown University . . . in Washington, D.C.

George has been engaged in the practice of Law in Washington since 1937 . . . in the field of Real Estate Investments . . . and for the past year or so, Publisher of three Maryland weekly newspapers.

Brother Papanicolas has served as President of Capital Chapter No. 236, Washington, D. C.; District Governor of District No. 3; Counsellor of the Displaced Persons Committee 1950-51-52; Chairman of the 1952 Ahepa National Convention Committee; Past Supreme President of the Pan-Macedonian Association; Chairman of the National Greek American Republican Committee and Chairman of the Ethnic Inaugural Committee of 1953.

He is married to the former Aphrodite C. Chrysson of Winston Salem, North Carolina . . . they have five children . . . three boys and two girls.

LOUIS G. MANESIOTIS Supreme Governor

Brother Manesiotis was born in the City of Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 7, 1918. He received his early education in the Steel City and graduated from Niagara University with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

He was selected on the New York State Collegiate All Star Team . . . to the Western New York All Stars . . . and the "Atlantis" National Greek All American Team. He was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers Football Team in the National League.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as an Ensign during the Pacific Campaign. Upon his discharge, he

formed the firm of Manesiotis, Inc., and is engaged in the contracting business.

Louis was initiated into the ranks of the Ahepa in 1941, and is a member of the Aristoteles Chapter No. 34. He served his chapter as Secretary and as President for two terms. He then went on to serve Power District No. 4 in the capacity of Lt. Governor. When Pittsburgh was awarded the National Convention for this year, he was elected General Co-Chairman of the National Convention Committee.

He is active on the Board of Directors of the newly founded Greek Community of South Hills, the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church. He is a 32nd Degree Mason . . . belongs to the Consistory . . . and the Mystic Shrine . . . he is also a member of the Hellenic Political Alliance.

Brother Manesiotis is married to the former Nickie Miller of Elizabeth, Pa., and they are the proud parents of two sons, Gregory and Louis Jr., ages 9 and 7 years.

GEORGE J. PAPPAS, Sr. Supreme Governor

Supreme Governor George J. Pappas was born in Louka Aradia, Greece, in 1903, and immigrated to the United States in 1912, settling in Chicago, Ill. He received his education in that city and then became associated with his uncle in the grocery business.

He became an Ahepan in 1936 when he was initiated into the ranks of Pullman Chapter No. 205 in Chicago. Brother Pappas has served every office in that chapter and was President for five years. During his tenure as President of this chapter he worked faithfully in many programs — the Hospitals for Greece . . .

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Chairman Lamberson Reports on Ahepa Refugee Program

The State Department's concerted "cold war" effort with Communism in the United States through the National Refugee Relief program has been given new impetus by the launching of the Order of Ahepa's "unnamed" cases refugee relief program throughout the Ahepa domain.

Leo J. Lamberson, of South Bend, Ind., Past Supreme President of Ahepa and Chairman of the Order's Refugee Relief Committee, has announced that already over 60 Ahepa Chapters throughout the domain have begun the organization of refugee relief committees designed to promote the important Ahepa projects program. Many "unnamed cases" already have been processed.

In addition to the organization of Chapter, area or District Refugee Relief Committees, publicity and program promotion already has begun under the Order's Department of Public Relations headed by Eli D. Miller, of South Bend.

Lamberson announced that the promotion program will include attention being called to the refugee relief drive through the utilization of Greek radio hours and programs throughout the nation. Radio spot announcements and other radio promotion has been prepared by the Public Relations Department and soon will be disseminated to Greek radio stations and Greek hour program directors.

The Ahepa refugee program on "unnamed cases" involves the migration of 3,000 refugees from Greece and Greek ethnic groups into this country for settlement. New importance and significance have been attached to the "unnamed cases" phase of the Ahepa refugee program in line with the U. S. State Department's current emphasis program, Brother Leo J. Lamberson said.

Hundreds of certified, qualified, and approved refugees, expelled, earthquake victims, orphans, and escapees, are registered with the United States consulates, awaiting a good Samaritan to sponsor them, if they can provide a home and a job without displacing someone, Bro. Lamberson said. He emphasized that the refugee program of Ahepa is an integral

part of the current national refugee program, and that Ahepa has been declared by the United States government as an approved voluntary agency.

Through joint cooperation of the World Council of Churches and the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration, and through a recent visit to Greece by Brother Lamberson, the then Supreme President, who implemented the work of Harris J. Booras, retiring Chairman of the Refugee Relief Committee, arrangements are complete for the operation of refugee offices in Athens to coordinate the processing of refugee cases with Ahepa offices and chapters throughout the 48 states.

Ahepa's role in this vital program is justified by the fact that Ahepa is the American vehicle for the preservation of the American way of life among Hellenes. He noted that Hellenes have done their part through educational programs, contacts, and other means in accordance with the program of the United States Information Agency, to indoctrinate friends and relatives in Greece and Europe on "the menace of Communism and the fruits of the American way of life." The current Ahepa refugee program is designed to assist the United States in another concrete way through cooperation in the U. S. refugee relief program enacted in 1945, Brother Lamberson said.

Chairman Leo J. Lamberson called upon the Ahepa Family to "re-appraise" its responsibilities to American citizenship, to fully discharge their obligations to the government, and to accelerate their efforts to preserve and strengthen the American way of life for every American of Hellenic extraction in America, exceeding one million.

"The refugee program undertaken by Ahepa is one way Hellenes can exert and consummate their patriotic obligations. The tempo of our times must turn more and more to the light of liberty-loving peoples of the world, to the beacon rays of this vast land of ours, and to the spirit of tolerance, brotherhood and religion," said Ahepa's former "Suprex."

The Supreme Lodge

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War Bond Drives . . . and many other Ahepa projects. In 1947 he organized the Beverly Hills Chapter No. 350 in Chicago, where he served as President for two years. He was elevated to the District Lodge of the Blue Ribbon District No. 13 as District Treasurer where he served for two years.

With hard work and determination he opened his own business, The Ideal Food & Liquor Mart, which he still operates in the same location for 31 years.

George served his church faithfully, and has become a life member . . . has helped organize community improvement associations . . . and business associations . . . has held various offices in them including the presidency. He is a member of the Elks, Society of Louka, and a Knight of Thermopylae.

Brother Pappas is married to the former Constance Sotiris and they are the parents of George Jr., 17, and James, 15, both attending the Morgan Park Military Academy of Chicago.

GUST RAKUS Supreme Governor

Supreme Governor Rakus, the pride of the Northwest, was born in Greece and came to this country in 1930. After completing his preliminary education, he attended the University of Washington in Seattle and graduated from there in 1940. He is now a teacher of Spanish in that city.

He served 52 months during War II, with 40 of these months overseas . . . in Alaska . . . Africa . . . Sicily . . . and Italy . . . with the Navy and Army intelligence.

Gust entered the ranks of the Order of Ahepa in 1939 and served his chapter in many capacities including Chapter President. Brother Rakus served Firwood District No. 22 as Secretary . . . Lt. Governor . . . and District Governor . . . for two years in each position. He has attended nine National Conventions of the Order of Ahepa.

Our new Supreme Governor is married and has two lovely children . . . a future Ahepa . . . and Daughter of Penelope.

NICHOLAS J. KOGOS Supreme Governor

Brother Nicholas James Kogos, our most eligible bachelor from the Northwest, was born at Neohorion, Tripolis, Greece, and came to the United States at an early age. He was initiated in the Ahepa by the Gladstone Chapter No. CJ6 at Vancouver, B. C., Canada, on July 10, 1955.

He served the chapter in practically every capacity . . . the twenty-second District as Lieutenant Governor . . . and then Governor. Nick also served the Fraternity as a Deputy Supreme Governor of Canada prior to his elevation to the Supreme Lodge at the Pittsburgh Convention as the Supreme Governor of Canada.

He has been elected as a delegate to every District and National Convention ever since his successful administration as Governor of the 22nd District.

Brother Kogos has been the founder of many famous restaurants in Vancouver, and is at present the owner of the Commodore cabaret, the most famous establishment in Western Canada and Northwestern United States.



CHAPTER NEWS

Supreme President Scopas At Baltimore Installation

In an impressive installation ceremony in the grand ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel on September 11, Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas installed Herbert L. Bent as President of the Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364 of Baltimore, Maryland. Ernest Dematatis, Governor of District No. 4, assisted the Supreme President in conducting the installation rites. Other officers installed are John Morekas, Vice-President; George Peters, Secretary; and Philip Pipinos, Treasurer.

The installation was followed by a banquet with over 300 guests in attendance. Brother Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor of Maryland, and Supreme President Scopas were the principal speakers. The Maryland chief executive in his address lauded the solid contributions of Greece in the maintenance of the strength of the free nations and praised highly the aims and objectives of the Order of Ahepa and particularly its accomplishments in the field of good citizenship. In his speech the Governor stated:

"The United States of America is the greatest fortress of freedom in the troubled, part-slave world of today, because it is made up of peoples who love freedom — peoples who value freedom because they know, or their forbears knew, what it meant to live under foreign tyrannies. America is strong — not because of any one National strain in the blood of its citizenry — but because of the many strains of blood and the many memories of dark ages in many lands. Ranking among the peoples who keep

America determined to retain its sacred freedom and to oppose oppression wherever it rears its ugly head are those strong, God-fearing, liberty-loving Americans of Greek origin. I am glad and proud that so many of you and so many of your ancestors chose America — as did my ancestors — as a fitting land into which to continue their family lines."

Supreme President Scopas on this occasion delivered an inspiring address, detailing his program for the revitalization of the Ahepa structure so as to render a greater contribution towards the advancement and improvement of the Hellenic element throughout the United States and Canada. He emphasized the importance of the National Membership Drive and stressed the significance of the Justice for Cyprus Drive, and concluded by urging everyone to extend a helping hand. Upon conclusion, the supreme leader was given a rising ovation that lasted several minutes.

During the proceedings, Governor McKeldin conferred upon Supreme President Scopas the degree of honorary citizen of Maryland and sent the certificate to Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York, a member of the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of that city, for presentation to Brother Scopas at the New York City Hall.

Chicago Installation

Oak Park Chapter No. 104 and Daughters Chapter Mantinea No. 152 held a public officers installation on September 23 at the Lions Building on Chicago's west side. George Curtis is president of the Oak Parkers, and Vivian Kanavos is president of the Daughters.

Congressman Martin Of Iowa Joins Ahepa

Thomas Martin, Congressman from Iowa's 1st district, became the 96th Ahepan in the United States Congress to be inducted into the Order of Ahepa. Cedar Rapids Chapter No. 194 sponsored the Congressman's application and the initiation ceremonies were conducted by past Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson.

Among the close friends of the Congressman present at the initiation ceremonies was Chas. Bookidis, candy manufacturer of Davenport, Iowa.

Speaking at the dinner in honor of Ahepan Martin, Bro. Lamberson pointed out that, "this event is symbolic of Fraternalism and Ahepanism, now a part of the American Way of Life."

Logan Square Honors 25-Year Members

On October 12 in Chicago's Terminal Restaurant, the Logan Square Chapter No. 260 tendered a banquet in honor of its quarter-century members. Chapter President Louis G. Geannopoulos was toastmaster of the event. Speakers on this occasion were Supreme Governor George J. Pappas, Sr.; District Governor William D. Belroy; Demetrios Pappageorge and Peter D. Granukos.

The following were presented with the 25-year pin: George J. Bolas, George N. Geannopoulos, Gust Harris, Paul Limberopoulos, Georgios N. Nikolopoulos, Tom Panos, Konstantinos Secaras, Alex Tatsos, Gust J. Trebellas, Peter Tsacousis, Vaselios C. Vaselopoulos, William S. Vaselopoulos, James Barber, Thomas G. Doumas.



At the installation-banquet of the Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364 of Baltimore, Maryland. Left photo: Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland conferring upon Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas the degree of Honorary Citizen of Maryland. Right photo: The Supreme President conducting the installation rite inducting into office the 1954-55 officers of the Lord Baltimore Chapter No. 364.



Past District Governor J. P. Angelson of District No. 3 presenting a citation to Captain S. H. Crittenden, Jr., Commander of U. S. Navy Transport Division 23, whose ships assisted and gave aid to the Ionian Earthquake victims. Left to right: Commanders R. G. Bidwell and C. F. Cauthen, Jr.; Gus Anninos, Past President Chapter No. 122; Lt. Colonel W. F. Humphreys; Captain Crittenden, Jr.; Peter S. Pappas, Past President Chapter No. 122; Past District Governor Angelson; Capt. R. H. Bass; T. D. Anthoulis; Major E. R. Hiller.

Springfield, Mass., Installs; Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Elected in June and impressively installed shortly thereafter by District Governor George Mihos and District Marshal Nick Kahrmanidis were the following: George Parakilas, Pres.; Harry Karamallis, Vice-Pres.; Nick Hassiotis, Sec'y; Harry Harper, Treas.; John Chigos, Capt. of the Guard; George Hondros, Warden; Demetrius Hondros, Chaplain; William George, Sentinel; and Governors Angelo Bellas, Chair.; George Bregianes, Paul Paponidis, Paul Psilos, Bill Sarandis.

A brilliant 30th Anniversary Ball took place on Annistice eve attended by a celebrating throng of merrymakers. Under the co-chairmanship of Bros. Bill Sarandis and Jim Hondros and the able guidance of President George Parakilas, the affair featured all Greek dancing and, in commemoration of the occasion, a complimentary buffet for all those in attendance.

The crowning beauty of the affair, with humble apologies to the lovely and charming ladies in attendance, was the huge 10-foot birthday cake (of cardboard) with electric candles and all the trimmings—a masterpiece of art designed by Sister Virginia Regas.

Congratulations are extended to all the Brothers on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of their Ahepa Chapter in the City of Springfield.

Steven E. Perakos Appointed Prosecutor

The Elpis Chapter No. 117, of New Britain, Conn., sponsored a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Steven E. Perakos, former District Secretary, who was recently appointed a prosecutor in the City of New Britain.

There were approximately 300 in attendance, gathered to pay tribute to this young, energetic attorney. Among them were many city and police officials, national, district, and local officers of the Ahepa, as well as newspaper representatives and hosts of friends. Phathon J. Matthews of Hartford, Conn., did a splendid job as toastmaster of the evening.

Brother Perakos is a past officer of the chapter and he has served in various offices on the District Lodge.

Mehos Heads Norwalk

George Mehos of Weston, Conn., was unanimously reelected President of Norwalk Chapter No. 387 at a recent chapter election meeting. Bro. Mehos was congratulated and received a standing ovation for his past tenure in office, under whose guidance the chapter prospered not only financially but socially as well. Highlight of Bro. Mehos' administration was the District Initiations held at Norwalk, with the Norwalk chapter acting as host and arranging an excellent social program.

New York Ahepa Ball A Smashing Success

The 30th Annual Ahepa Combined Ball sponsored by the metropolitan chapters of Greater New York took place on Friday, November 12, in the Grand Ball Room of the Astor Hotel in New York City. Almost 3,000 persons attended to make this annual outstanding event one of the most successful in its long history. The Astor Ball Room, the largest in New York, was filled to capacity with Ahepans and their friends bent on having an evening of merriment and fun in a festive atmosphere.

Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas and Mrs. Scopas headed the long list of dignitaries present. Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus honored the New York Ahepans with his presence. The Archdiocese was represented by Bishop Demetrios. The Greek Government was represented by Ambassador to the United Nations Christian X. Palamas, special Ambassador Nicholas Lefys and Consul General Christian Axelos. Others present were Queens Borough President James Lundy; District Governor Kimon A. Doukas and Mrs. Doukas; Lieut. Governor Dennis Livadas; District Treasurer George Rodis; District Marshal John Linakes; District Advisor James Siotis; Daughters Grand Secretary Eleanor Stamoules; Daughters District Governor Mary Gorgas; Past Supreme Secretary Peter T. Kourides; Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas; Past Supreme Governor James Veras; Past District Governors George Dimas, Alek Kuches and Gus Nicholas.

Chairman of the General Committee for the Combined Ball was Charles Sarantos, Past President of the Bronx Chapter.

Miller's Dollar Returns After Traveling Year

Eli D. Miller's wandering dollar bill came back home recently after a year's absence and a trip to the East Coast from Houston, Texas.

The trip started in August, 1953, while Miller, Ahepa Public Relations Director, was attending the National Convention at the Shamrock Hotel. He and a half-dozen companions were sitting around a dining table when someone suggested they put their names and addresses on \$1 bills they gave the waiter in payment.

Miller wrote his name and address, 2922 Hilltop Dr., South Bend, on his bill and promptly forgot about the incident—until he received a letter with the \$1 bill enclosed.

The sender was Rex George, 2015 Bertrand Rd., Niles, Mich., a truck driver, who said he had received the bill in change a few days before while in a New Britain, Conn., restaurant.

Royal Canadian District Convention in Edmonton

More than 400 delegates and visitors gathered at Edmonton, Alberta, for the Annual District Convention. The Aurora Borealis Chapter No. CJ 10 was the host chapter and planned a splendid program.

The Ahepa prizes in Greek classics were awarded to the following university students: John Ralph Marshall, Edmonton, Alberta, from the University of Alberta, and John Patrick Ashwin, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, from the University of Saskatchewan.

A \$50.00 donation was made by the District to St. George's Greek Orthodox Church of Edmonton.

The principal speaker at the convention was the then Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson. He also installed the following newly elected officers of the District in a simple and impressive ceremony: James Baltekos, Governor; Ted Gardiner, Lt. Governor; John G. Trehas, Secretary; Constantine Vlassie, Marshal; Tony Harris, Advisor; and Chris Diamond, Athletic Director.

Regina No. CJ 13 Installs Officers

Brother James G. Baltekos, Governor of the Royal Canadian District No. 24, officiated recently at Regina, Canada, where he installed the following newly elected officers: Wm. Girgulis, President; Tom Manos, Vice-President; Alex J. Baltekos, Secretary; and Nick Kangles, Treasurer. The Board of Governors installed are: Peter Tsakeres, James N. Kangles, Peter Gordogian, Nick Manos, and Const. Protopoulos.

Also John Stourounis, Chaplain; Albert Lallas, Warden; John Trehas, Captain of the Guard; Louis Carahalos and Louis Kangles, Sentinels.



Newly elected officers of Nashua Chapter No. 35 in Nashua, N. H. Seated, left to right: Captain of the Guard Arthur Georgeopoulos, Chairman of the Board of Governors Michael Moratos, Vice-President Andrew Stergion, President George J. Pappademas, Secretary James Boyatsis and Treasurer Angelo Chouramanis. Standing in the same order: Warden Charles Kolocotronis, Governor Louis Adamakos, Sentinel Demetrius Adamakos, Sentinel Gregory Lekas, Chaplain Stanley Zis, Governor James L. Sardonis and Governors John Scontsas.

Champaign, Ill. Purchases Building

The Illini Chapter No. 201 announces with a great deal of pride the purchase of a centrally located building within walking distance of the University of Illinois and the business area.

The building is being used by the Ahepa Chapter and the Daughters of Penelope for their meetings and other functions. The Greek Community holds church services there and it is also used by the Greek students of the University.

The drive for this purchase was spearheaded by Chapter President Gus Leo Furla, and he was assisted by the following officers: Savas Nicholas, Vice-Pres.; Peter F. Tomaras, Sec'y; Gus Parras, Treas.; George Lessaris, Chaplain; Peter (Tyke) Vaream, Warden; George Fininis, Sr., Capt. of the Guard; Louis Sumas and Tony Panagiotopoulos, Sentinels; John Lessaris, Harry Vaream and Gus Helevas, Governors.

District No. 8 Scholarship Ball Successful

The Annual Scholarship Ball of the Order of Ahepa, held at the Princeton Inn, Dracut, Mass., Friday evening, Nov. 5th, marked another milestone in the Ahepa's ambitious Scholarship Program in Massachusetts.

This year, Lowell's proximity to the greater part of the New England Hellenic population, and the affair's ever increasing popularity necessitated the use of a spacious ballroom, and the Princeton Inn, host of many Greek-American functions, and just outside of Lowell, was selected to house the favorite event of Ahepans throughout the State. But even the Princeton Inn, as large as it is, was not large enough. Ahepans and friends gathered from all parts of New England, helping to make the Ball the biggest, friendliest and most convivial such affair in years.

The Bay State District Lodge No. 8, under whose auspices the Ball was held, can take justifiable pride in a job well done. The Co-Chairman, District Secretary Milton H. Felides from Methuen, and District Advisor Theodore A. Mirras from Lowell, and their Committee, performed admirably in the discharge of their duties and obligations in presenting an outstanding and memorable District Ball replete in innovations and the extraordinary.

Members of the Committee assisting the Chairman included Attorney George W. Arvanitis, Lawrence; Dr. Nicholas H. Despotopoulos, Clinton; Attorney Charles J. Panagopoulos, Peabody; A. Toby Caragian, Marlboro; Mrs. Bessye Evergates, Clinton; Miss Christine Colman, Haverhill; Miss Helen Anastos, Haverhill; and Charles Georgeson, Clinton.



Montreal Ahepans on an official visitation to the Prime Minister of Quebec, Canada. The delegation was received by the Quebec leader in his private office at the Parliament Building. Left to right: Alex Shilakos; Percy Papadiamandis, Secretary of Beaver Dist. No. 23; Past Supreme Governor C. D. Tsipuras; Prime Minister Maurice Duplessis; George Panos, Vice-President of Mount Royal Chapter No. 7, C.J.; Nicholas Lagios; Constantine Lentgis, President of Citadel Chapter No. 15, C.J.; Beaver District Governor George Spiropoulos; Philip Sinanis; John E. Hadzpetros, Mount Royal Secretary; Spiros Florakas, and Aleck Panopolis.



At the banquet honoring Miss Greece sponsored by the Long Beach, Calif., Chapter on the occasion of the Miss Universe Pageant. Left to right: J. Katsembas, P. Mangalosis, G. Maliaris, Elfe Androulakakis (Miss Friendship), Rica Dialina (Miss Greece), H. Boosalis and M. S. Boyar, Ahepa Chapter President. In the background: the M. of C., Pete Stathis.

Senator Ives of New York Initiated by Delphi Chapter; Joins Justice for Cyprus

At a grand initiation rite on September 8, 1954, in the Sky Gardens of the St. Moritz Hotel in New York, United States Senator Irving M. Ives was initiated into the Order of Ahepa by Delphi Chapter No. 25. Presiding over the solemn ceremonies was Empire State District Governor Kimon A. Doukas, assisted by members of the New York Degree Team. On this occasion, also inducted into the fraternity were New York State Industrial Commissioner Edward Corst and New York Athletic Commissioner R. K. Christenberry; Nicholas Lyras, Nicholas L. Camenos, Gus E. Vochis, James Kapetanakis, George A. Poll and Joseph Scovell.

An array of distinguished guests graced the rostrum to lend color and significance to the auspicious event. Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas was on hand to welcome the noted political figures into the Order and to outline the historical background of the Ahepa and enumerate its great humanitarian and charitable achievements. Moreover, the supreme leader made a fervent appeal on the question of Cyprus and urged everyone to help in the Cypriot cause for union with Greece. Brother Scopas announced the formation of the Justice for Cyprus Committee and Senator Ives was so impressed with the justice of this cause that he voluntarily joined the Committee and stated that he can be counted upon to exert his efforts in this direction.

Past Supreme President Dean Alfange, a member of Delphi, was the sponsor of the three notables. Other guests were Supreme Vice-President Constantine P. Verinis; Past District Governors Peter Giltos, George Dimas, Michael Loris, and

Alek Kuches; District Treasurer George Rodis; District Secretary George Antonakos; District Marshal John Linakis; Past Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos; Past Supreme Counsellor Louis J. Dukas and Past Supreme Governor James Veras.

Prior to the initiation, a sumptuous dinner was tendered in honor of the distinguished guests in the Sky Gardens of the St. Moritz Hotel. Delphi Past President James Poll was in charge of arrangements.

South Bend, Ind., Hosts Greek Leaders; 1955 District Convention

Hellenic and Ahepa leaders of South Bend, Indiana, played host to nine members of a Greek apprenticeship team, comprising industrial leaders of Greece, at a luncheon and evening reception held in South Bend on November 8.

The visitors from Greece were Constantine Zarkos, John Mitsos, Aristotle Platsoikas, George Benetos, Major Nicholas Stylianides, Anthony Coconides, Peter Macris, John Kouroupis, and George Zarafonitis.

Among community Hellenic and Ahepa leaders who hosted the visitors were Leo J. Lamberson, Past Supreme President; Eli D. Miller, National Ahepa Public Relations Director; S. G. Stratigos; and George S. Stratigos, Hoosier District Secretary of Ahepa.

South Bend will play host to the 1955 Hoosier District No. 12 Convention of the Order of Ahepa.

Selection of this city for the District parley was announced following a District Lodge meeting at Gary, Ind., called by District Governor Theodore N. Tsangaris. South Bend Chapter No. 100 of the Order of Ahepa will be the host chapter.

Supreme President at Akron Installation

The progressive Akron Chapter of Akron, Ohio, installed its 1954-55 officers in impressive ceremonies on Sunday, September 19, at the Hellenic Church Auditorium in Akron. Past Supreme Secretary George N. George was chairman of the event and District Governor Ted Boudoures was presiding officer.

Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas journeyed from New York to attend the rites and deliver the main address to the Ohio brethren. Other dignitaries present were Daughters Buckeye District Governor Josie Chase of Lorain, Ohio, and Ahepa Lieut. Governor Peter Giovas of Akron.

The following were installed: Fred Konstand, President; George Curley, Vice President; Pete Nastos, Secretary; Peter Psarras, Treasurer; Geo. Kleines, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Harry Kanakarides, Peter Cosmoglos, James Georgiades and Andrew Michaels, Governors; Thomas Lioes, Captain of Guard; George Sevdalis, Chaplain; Jack Georgiades, Warden; Mario Mardis, Inside Sentinel; Joseph Zammit, Outside Sentinel; and Peter Cosmoglos, Athletic Director.

Daughters installed: Chris Economou, President; Tessie Lazos, Vice President; Esther Barras, Secretary; Bessie Carpas, Treasurer; Olga Austin, Board of Governors Chairman; Faye Stevens, Mary Kanopoulos, Desi Nelson and Caliro Anastos, Governors; Tessie Serves, Priestess; Tula Cosmoglos, Warden; Pauline Mylonas, Marshal.

Maids of Athens: Helen Fakos, Worthy Maid; Joan Eliopoulos, Loyal Maid; Mary Lucas, Secretary; Mary Nackes, Treasurer.

Sons of Pericles: Nick Topougis, President; Emanuel Lemos, Vice President; James Vasiliou, Secretary; Stan Lalos, Treasurer.



Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas addressing the banquet audience at the annual Clergy-Laymen's Convention of the Greek Orthodox Church at Savannah, Georgia. The Ahepa supreme leader was one of the principal speakers at this important religious meeting which formulates policy for the Hellenic Orthodoxy of the Americas.

Harrisburg Site Of 1955 District Meeting

Harrisburg Chapter No. 64 has been selected again as the host chapter for the Power District No. 4 annual convention. At the recently held District Convention at Easton, Pa., Harrisburg was unanimously selected as the Convention City for 1955. Harrisburg entertained the District Conventions in 1944 and 1948 with the greatest success.

The 1955 Convention Committee headed by Past President James K. Triantos has already begun selecting the various committees and laying the plans with many innovations for a District Convention. One of these will be the selection and honoring of the most talented student in the Power District. The celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of Harrisburg chapter will play a great part in the program. Harrisburg Chapter, known as the "shining star" of the District, is considered the leading chapter in the Power District. We have our own death benefit fund matching the Supreme Lodge's benefit. We are the first chapter in the District to establish an entire Ahepa family with Daughters, Sons and Maids. We especially invite the Power District's attention to follow THE AHEPAN for more news concerning the 1955 District Convention to be held in Harrisburg, Pa., June 19-20-21.

Long Island Chapter Honors Supreme President Scopas

The Long Island Chapter No. 86 of Jamaica, L. I., one of the outstanding Ahepa units in the Empire State District, honored Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas on November 11 with a Grand Initiation Rite as its initial contribution in the Supreme President's National Membership Drive.

The ritualistic work was conducted by District Governor Kimon A. Doukas and Long Island Chapter Past President Nicholas P. Levendis. The Masonic Temple of Jamaica was filled to capacity by chapter members and visiting delegations from the metropolitan area.

The Supreme President delivered the principal address of the evening and took advantage of the occasion to urge all the chapters in the ever-growing populous centers of Long Island to make a concentrated membership drive to increase their ranks. He made it plain that the constant infiltration of our ranks with new members is the only way to strengthen the Ahepa and thus enable it to render greater services to its membership and to motherland Hellas.

Gus Tricoukes is President of Long Island Chapter and Gus G. Orphanides, Secretary. John Linakes, a member of this chapter, is Empire State District Marshal.



Past Presidents at the recent installation of officers of Worthington Chapter No. 30, Baltimore, Md. Seated, left to right: Theodore S. Agnew, 1928; Angelo Schiadaresi, 1932; Luke D. Carman, 1939; Peter T. Capsanes, 1937; Basil A. Thomas, 1941; Alex Diacumakos, 1942; George S. Mesologites, 1943, and Andrew T. Covakos, 1945. Standing: George J. Anderson, 1946; Robert G. Contos, 1947; Theodore J. George, 1948; Anthony Mentis, 1949; Evan A. Chriss, 1950-1951; William C. Gereny, 1952-1953; Jack Pillas, 1954, and James Krometis, present President. Missing Presidents: Stelios Pambilis, 1925 (deceased); Victor C. Pappas, 1926; Peter N. Nicholson, 1927 (deceased); Nicholas Sakellos, 1929 (deceased); Gus Coventaras, 1930; Gus A. Covacos, 1931; Nicholas Gouinaris, 1933 (deceased); Nicholas Couzantinos, 1934 (deceased); Steven Monocrusos, 1936 (deceased); Nicholas J. Nestor, 1936; Anthony Raptis, 1938; George D. Lericos, 1940; and Nicholas Brous, 1944.



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Tarpon Springs Sets Pace In Membership Drive; Initiates 32 New Members

Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas witnessed a demonstration of 100% support for his National Membership Drive on October 5 at Tarpon Springs, Florida. On that occasion, the George Washington Chapter No. 16 initiated a class of 32 candidates, headed by Mayor Michael Ganeskis of Tarpon Springs and including Oscar E. Hill, Chief of Police; Constable Walter Carey and Sergeant Nick Pappas. The initiation represented an increase in membership of 50%, and 10 other applications were reported by Chapter President Nick Maillis to be on hand. The example of this small chapter should serve as an inspiration to all Ahepans to do their bit in the current membership drive.

The Supreme President was the principal speaker at this outstanding initiation rite which was attended by delegations from several other Florida Chapters. Guests present were: District Governor Peter Kouchalacos of the Citrus District No. 2; Lieut. Governor Frank Photiades; District Secretary Gregory Gout; District Athletic Director George Karras; Past District Governor Nick Mack; Thomas Balikas, President of the Miami Chapter No. 14; Alex Stavrou, President of the West Palm Beach Chapter; Deno Saclanides, President of the Clearwater Chapter; John Argiriou, President of the Tampa Chapter; Past District Governor Archie Zapetis, Florida Chairman of the Refugee Committee; Nick Stamathis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Tarpon Springs Ahepa Home; and Past President Mike Costas of Wheeling, W. Va.

Teddy Cantonis is Chairman of the chapter's successful membership drive.

Lewiston, Maine Installs Officers

On Sunday, September 19, 1954, the George C. Chase Chapter No. 128 of Lewiston, Me., installed its officers for 1954-55 in a public installation.

Although it was a very stormy day, over 250 people from Maine and New Hampshire braved the rains to attend the affair and enjoy a wonderful time. An island in Augusta, Me., was rented for the day by the host chapter.

Stanley Frangethakis, President of the George C. Chase Chapter, opened the meeting and welcomed all attending after which he turned the gavel over to Bro. Stratis Doukas, newly-elected District Governor of District No. 9.

District Governor Doukas and District Marshal Theodore Leotsakos did an outstanding job, installing the newly-elected officers.

Guest speakers were Congressman Chas. P. Nelson of the 2nd Congressional District, and Mayor Brooks Brown, Jr., Mayor of Augusta.

After the installation a picnic lunch was served. Two orchestras played throughout the day. Greek music was played by Jimmy Lalos and his boys from Lowell, Mass., while American music was furnished by Dick Noble and orchestra.

The newly-elected officers are: President, Alick Andreades, Augusta, Me.; Vice-President, Ted Barbalias; Secretary, Theodore Leotsakos; Treasurer, Charles Bournakle, all of Lewiston, Me. Board of Governors: Stanley Frangethakis, Chairman; Emmanuel Dimitrakis and Vail Rizoulis, Captain of the Guard; William Karayianis; Chaplain, Peter Barbalias; Warden, Lucas Pappas; Inside Sentinel, Louis Demitriou; Athletic Director, Nestor Simonis.

Garfield Initiates Northwestern Members

A special initiation ceremony was held by Northwestern Ahepa Chapter No. 388 on September 5 at the V.F.W. Hall in Skokie, Ill. New members initiated were Gust Poulos, Wilmette; Frank Zambos, Chicago; Gust G. Boznos, Morton Grove; and Nick Zografos, Chicago. The Garfield degree team traveled to Skokie with all the initiatory paraphernalia to perform the initiation ceremony. James Carabelas, past president of Garfield, was in charge of the ceremony assisted by Peter V. Siavelis, president; Peter Kyriazopoulos; Louis Asimakopoulos, secretary; James Savoy, past president of North Shore Chapter No. 94; and others. Bro. Siavelis on behalf of the Garfieldians presented President Constantine Mavrikis of Northwestern with a ballot box as a token of friendship between the two chapters. After the meeting, open house was held and the men were joined by their wives and a get-acquainted hour prevailed. Bro. Boznos donated some of the refreshments. Peter N. Mantzoros thanked the Garfieldians on behalf of Northwestern for their sincere friendship for the new chapter and for their great assistance in the initiation of its new members.



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New London, Conn., Holds Combined Installation

Christ Orphanides was installed as President of Winthrop Chapter, Order of Ahepa, and Mary Catogas became President of Dione Chapter, Daughters of Penelope, at a joint public installation.

District Governor George Mihos installed Orphanides and the following Ahepa officers: Vice-Pres., William Krotz; Sec'y, Thomas Constantine; Treas., Peter Pantelis; Warden, John Michaels; Chaplain, James Pitsis; Chairman of the Board, Thomas Dunukos; Board of Governors, Socrates Deligeorges, Peter Checker, John Karagounis and Harry Nestor; Athletic Director, Michael Pappas; Capt. of the Guard, P. Benois; and Sentinel, Alex Benois.

Visiting Ahepa dignitaries included C. P. Verinis, Supreme Vice-President and C. P. Pappas, Lt. Governor, both of New Haven, Conn.

Miss Catogas and her junior officers were seated by Kalli Sakel, the District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope. They were installed as follows: Vice-Pres., Katherine Verenes; Sec'y, Irene Traggis; Treas., Mary Fusconi; Warden, Chrys Harris; Priestess, Fanny Pantelis; Marshal, Mimi James; Chairman of the Board, Irene Thanos; Board of Governors, Kiki Halikas, Irene Constantine, Anna Nestor and Mrs. Elizabeth Negris; Sentinel, Theodora James. District Officers attending were Joanne Regas, Lt. Governor; Lillian Vouras, District Secretary; and Cleo Poulis, District Treasurer.

Allentown, Pa., Reports

Under President John Lakis, the Lehigh Chapter No. 60 has combined with the auxiliary to present a series of social events ranging from numerous small family type affairs to large scale Ahepa functions, once so popular but absent from the local scene in recent years.

The first of these was a very successful Halloween Party for the children and adults, held on October 24. Chairman Steve Panaretos did a tremendous job that left a glow with everyone attending. The second of these is the "Peta Party" scheduled for January 9, 1955.

On January 30, 1955, we have scheduled a very important day for Ahepa. At 3 P.M. there will be an initiation of at least twelve candidates for membership. This will be followed by an informal hour with Greek refreshments. At 8:30 P.M. that same day, we will hold a big dance to honor our Past Presidents.

In conjunction with this "rebirth," our chapter has contracted to occupy new headquarters. It has started a monthly bulletin and has set as its goal for the year a 75 per cent membership increase in line with Supreme President Scopas' program.



At the 31st Annual Women's International Exposition held at the 71st Regiment Armory in New York City during the week of November 1-7, 1954, and at which project the Daughters of Penelope participated with their proceeds being donated to St. Basil's Academy, the UNESCO and the Scholarship Fund. Seated: Grand President of the Daughters Adeline J. Geo-Karis and Ahepa Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas. Standing, left to right: District Treasurer George Rodis; Empire State District Governor Kimon A. Doukas; District Governor Lillian Manetas of the Daughters of Penelope, Garden State District No. 5; Daughters District Governor Mary Gorgas; Grand Secretary Elearnor Stamoules; Theodore Pyrlas, Commercial Attache to the Greek Embassy; Demitrios Velisaropoulos, Greek Vice-Consul.

Hammond, Ind., Plans Progressive Program

Programs to increase attendance at chapter meetings were announced by Joseph Anthos shortly after he took the reins of the presidency of Hammond Chapter No. 123, the Blue Ribbon chapter of the Hoosier District.

Brother Anthos selected a committee composed of Nick Paravantes, Leo Saravalis, George J. Bereolos and George C. Tsatsos to carry out the programs. He said plans call for visits to chapter meeting rooms of Indiana state and city policemen to show motion pictures on traffic safety as well as talks by prominent civic leaders of Hammond in this highly industrialized region.

Hammond has been the district's Blue Ribbon chapter since 1939 when its membership zoomed past the 150 mark and the chapter has maintained a membership total over or near that figure each year.

In addition to Brother Anthos as President, other chapter officers for the ensuing year include Gus A. Gavrilos, Vice-Pres.; James Brahos, Sec'y; John Kostopoulos, Treas.; John Chathas, Athletic Director; Dr. James S. Korellis, Peter Agorichas, Harry Argus, William Alexander and George Dallis, Governors; Peter J. Bereolos, Capt. of the Guard; Nick Paravantes, Warden; Leo Saravalis, Chaplain; Tim A. Gravilos and Philip Netos, Sentinels.

It is with deep regret that the chapter announces the passing of Brother George C. Brahos, member of the largest Ahepa family in Hoosier District No. 12, who died Sept. 19 at the age of 72.

Surviving are five sons, Chris, James, Dean and Harry, who are members of Hammond Ahepa Chapter No. 123, and Peter, a member of the Sons of Pericles; three daughters, Mrs. S. J. Senes, Mrs. Gus Kavadias and Mrs. Nick Bobis, whose husbands are Ahepans, also; four brothers, Peter and Nick, Hammond Ahepans, and William and Michael in Greece; six grandchildren and two sisters.

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NATIONAL OFFICERS INSTALL AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

On the occasion of the National Conference held in the City of Washington, D. C., the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Ahepa and members of the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope officiated at a combined installation held at the Statler Hotel on October 3rd.

Installed as leaders of their respective Ahepa Chapters for the current year were the officers of Washington Chapter No. 31 and Capital Chapter No. 236 of Washington along with the Mary Washington Chapter No. 290 of Fredericksburg, Va. Also installed at the same time were the officers of the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and the Maids of Athens of Washington.

It was a gala affair with over 50 officers being installed before some 300 members and friends. Installing officers for the evening were Supreme President Scopas, Supreme Vice-President Verinis, and Past



Ernest Dematatis, Governor of District No. 3, opening the combined installation ceremonies at Washington, D. C., on the occasion of the recent Supreme Lodge Conference held in that city. Ahepa and its auxiliaries participated.

Supreme President At Westchester Rites

Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas was the principal speaker at the colorful installation rites of the Westchester Chapter No. 51 at Mount Vernon, N. Y., on September 22, 1954. Empire State District Governor Kimon A. Doukas presided over the ceremonies with the assistance of members of his District Lodge and other officers present.

The Supreme President extolled the accomplishments of this Ahepa unit over the years and praised its past presidents for their devoted services to the Order of Ahepa. Brother Scopas in his address outlined his program for the fraternal year and gave special emphasis to the Membership Drive, the principal project of his administration. He appealed to the officers of the chapter to go all out in their efforts to increase their membership by reinstating the delinquents and sponsoring new members.

The following officers were installed: Basil Stylian, President; Con Solomos, Vice-President; Luke Valades, Secretary; Peter Kossifos, Treasurer; John Valedes, Athletic Director. Board of Governors: Alex J. Critzas, Chairman, George Milton, Peter Venetis, Michael Polychron and Theodore Mourges. Appointed Officers: George Milton, Captain of Guards; James Elenides, Chaplain; Anast Koledrianos, Warden; Nick Josephides, Sentinel.

Following the installation, the 50th anniversary of the institution of the chapter was celebrated with a buffet supper and a beautiful birthday cake. Also,

Supreme President Lamberson for the Ahepans and the Sons, while Grand President Geo-Karis and Grand Governor Cavalaris installed the Daughters and the Maids.

Presiding officer for the evening was Ernest Dematatis, genial District Governor of Capital No. 3, who handled the entire proceedings admirably. All of the members of the Supreme Lodge were present, as was Past Supreme President Leo J. Lamberson.

Raritan Chapter Officers

The newly elected officers of Raritan Chapter No. 288 of Perth Amboy, N. J., are: Thomas Taros, President; James Goumas, Vice-President; M. Chadikus, Secretary; Peter Nicolas, Treasurer. Geo. Bratsano, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Costas Vassiliades, George Sakel, Dino Asimas and Tom Kress, members. George Bratsano, Athletic Director.

The appointed officers are: Napoleon Gabriel, Warden; Tom Balsamides, Chaplain; Evangelos Lemberakis, Sentinel; George Bratsano, Captain of Guards. Committees: George Sakel, *Publicity*; Gus Vosnos, *Sick and Welfare*; Geo. Nicas and Geo. Doukas, *Grievance*; James Goumas, *Naturalization*; Costas Vassiliades, *Picnic Committee*.

the Past President's Jewel was presented to Past President Michael Polychron under whose leadership the chapter increased its membership and for which achievement Westchester Chapter was awarded a Citation of Meritorious Record by the Supreme Lodge.

Past Supreme Treasurer and Past President of the Westchester Chapter Constantine J. Critzas was the chairman of the evening. Other guests present were Past Supreme Treasurer John A. Kiamos, Past District Governor George Dimas, District Treasurer George Rodis, District Marshal John Limakis, Past District Secretary Gus Cherevas, Upper Manhattan Chapter President Anthony Yanelis, and Past President Sarkis Sarafian of Upper Manhattan Chapter.

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The annual District Banquet and Governor's Ball of the Fifteenth District was held on Sunday, October 24, in the Gold Room of the Yancey Hotel at Grand Island, Nebraska.

Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas was the guest of honor and main speaker at the banquet. Brother Scopas once more stressed the importance of the National Membership Drive and urged the leaders of this midwest district to work hard to fulfill their quotas in the reinstatement of delinquents and in the sponsoring of new members. He also appealed for support in Ahepa's campaign for Justice to Cyprus, requesting financial and moral assistance.

Other speakers were District Governor William C. Karnaze of Kansas City, Kansas; Daughters of Penelope District Governor Ethel Karey of Wagoner, Oklahoma; and Otis Barbaric, City Manager of Grand Island. Ted Jamson, President of the Grand Island Chapter No. 167, was the toastmaster.

In the afternoon, prior to the Banquet-Ball, a District Conference was held with all members of the District Lodge participating. Supreme President Scopas attended the conference and familiarized the district officers with his plans and made suggestions and recommendations as to how the Ahepa leaders can assist in effectuating these plans for the improvement and betterment of our Order.

Brooklyn Combined Rites

The three Brooklyn Ahepa Chapters of New York staged an outstanding combined initiation ceremony in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Brooklyn, N. Y., on November 10. Participating in the rites were Brooklyn No. 41, Coney Island No. 200 and Bay Ridge No. 319.

A class of 25 candidates headed by Supreme Court Justice J. Vincent Keogh was initiated in solemn proceedings presided over by Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas. Assisting the Supreme President was Dist. Gov. Kimon A. Doukas with members of his Lodge and the Presidents of the participating chapters.

Information Wanted

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Brother Constantine D. Farmakin, an old member of the Ahepa, please communicate this information to his sister, Mrs. Vassiliki Makri, Paleon Stathmon Street No. 38, Salonika, Greece.

Also, if anyone has any information regarding John Fotis or Phiakakis, please get in touch with International Social Service, 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, N. Y.



At the installation ceremonies of High Point, N. C., Chapter No. 368. Left to right, seated: J. G. Plumides, Past Lt. Gov'r; G. Gallins, Pres. Chapter No. 52; H. Pappas, Pres. Chapter No. 257 and installing officer; A. Drakulakos, newly installed President; M. Panagiotou; D. Zaharopoulos; L. Pycas, Sec'y Chapter No. 257; and N. Drakulakos, Gov'r. Standing, l. to r.: S. Costadimas; T. Gianoulis, Chaplain; S. Hassapelis, Sec'y; T. Calomiris, Vice-Pres.; N. Voyiages, Treas.; E. Mellonas, Gov'r; S. G. Steffans, Chair. B. of G., and C. Drakulakos, Capt. of Guard. Not in picture: C. Kazanas, Ward'n; A. Batalas & J. Texas, Gov'rs.

Upper Manhattan Chapter Honors Supreme President

On Friday, September 10, 1954, the Upper Manhattan Chapter No. 42 of New York dedicated its initial meeting in honor of its favorite son, Supreme President Stephen S. Scopas.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a capacity audience was on hand to greet the newly-elected Supreme President. The Damon Room of the Pythian Temple was filled with officers and members from all over the metropolitan area who came to pay their respects and promise their support to Ahepa's new leader. The rostrum of the beautiful lodge room was colorfully decorated with autumn flowers and the seats were occupied by members of the Empire State District Lodge and other high officials.

A moment of tenseness prevailed when the Supreme President made his entrance escorted by District Governor Kimon A. Doukas and the Past Presidents of the Upper Manhattan Chapter, and upon introduction to the audience by Past Presi-



Presenting the newly elected President of the George C. Chase Chapter No. 128 of Lewiston, Maine, with an Ahepa fez at the installation ceremonies on September 19, 1954. Left to right: District Governor Stratis Doukas of District No. 9; Alick Andreades, Chapter President; Past President Stanley Frangethakis; and Theodore Leotsakos, Marshal of District No. Nine.

dent Stephen Vafiades, a thunder of applause took place.

On this occasion, Brother Scopas, profoundly moved by the cordial and sincere demonstration, expressed his deep appreciation and everlasting gratitude to his chapter for sending him to the national conventions for so many years and thus making it possible for him to render service to the fraternity and gain national recognition.

In the main body of his address, the Supreme President outlined his program for the fraternal year and stressed especially his Membership Drive project and appealed to his chapter to set the pace and be the exemplar in the carrying out of his program.

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The 1954-55 Ahepa District Governors

ERNEST E. DEMATATIS
District No. 3



Young and energetic Ernest E. Dematatis is the newly elected District Governor of Capital District No. 3. Brother Dematatis is a member of Washington Chapter No. 31 and served his chapter on the Board of Governors, as Vice President and President

when the 1952 National Convention was held in Washington, D. C.

While President, he was instrumental in establishing the Ahepa Blood Bank for his city.

Prior to his election as District Governor, he conscientiously served as District Secretary, and has been a delegate to the Washington, Houston, and Pittsburgh National Conventions, as well as to numerous District Conventions. Independent in thought and spirit, he played a leading part in the establishment of the Independent Group at the Pittsburgh Convention.

A lawyer by profession, Brother Dematatis is married to the former Bannia L. Metropoul of Darlington, South Carolina. They have three children: Christopher, Bannia, and Anna Margaret.

GEORGE P. PATTIS
District No. 19



Brother George P. Pattis was born in Pocatello, Idaho, in 1927 and entered the Ahepa through the Sons of Pericles in 1939.

He served in the Naval Reserve in 1944 . . . the Regular Navy in 1945 . . . and was discharged from the Navy in 1948 . . . he entered Idaho State College the same year.

In 1949 he joined the Order of Ahepa and served his chapter as Secretary and President. He served the 19th District as Secretary . . . Treasurer . . . and Lieutenant Governor, prior to his elevation to the District Governorship.

He has an energetic District Lodge serving with him composed of the following: Theodore Bokides, Lt. Governor; William Bobolis, Secretary; Guss Davis, Treasurer; Gust Platis, Marshal; William Pappas, Advisor; and Lou Athas, Athletic Director.

PETER KOUCHALAKOS
District No. 2



Brother Peter Kouchalakos was born in Lowell, Mass., and graduated from Lowell High School . . . earned his Bachelor and Master Degrees in Education from the University of Miami, Miami, Fla.

He is a member of Miami Chapter No. 14. Peter served as a chapter officer and prior to his election to the District Governorship, served as District Secretary and District Lieutenant Governor.

He served in the U. S. Armed Forces during World War II and took part in five campaigns in the European theatre.

Played varsity football and baseball at University of Miami . . . member of A.T.O. Fraternity and "M" Club. Presently, he is Athletic Coach and Teacher in Miami. He was also elected to serve as classroom teacher representative.

ARTHUR P. FAIPEAS
District No. 21



The son of Peter and Constance Faipeas, Arthur lived and attended schools in Lowell, Mass. He was graduated from Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. Later took courses at the Harvard Summer School and after the war took graduate

work at College of Pacific, Stockton, Cal. At the present time he has 32 units over Master's degree requirements towards a Doctor's degree.

Arthur Faipeas has worked in the teaching profession all his life and at the present time is Supervisor of Recreation for the State of California. He is also a successful business man, having built and operating several rental units, in Stockton, Calif. During the war he served for 38 months as Physical Education Instructor for the Army Air Corps. After the war he married the former Anthe Agrios from Haverhill, Mass., and they have two children, Peter 7 and Constance 5.

At the Detroit National Convention he was elected by the Supreme Lodge as Assistant National Director of Athletics. After serving his District as Lt. Governor, he was elevated to the Governorship at the last District Convention.

TED G. BOUDOURIS
District No. 11



Ted G. Boudouris was unanimously elected District Governor of Buckeye District No. 11 at the district convention in Columbus, O. Brother Boudouris, who is associated with The Specialty Papers Co., served as District Secretary during the past

two years. The District Governor is a native of Dayton and graduated from Steele High School in 1937. He is a graduate of Miami University of Oxford, Ohio, having received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and having majored in Marketing and Merchandising.

During World War II, he served three and a half years in the Army Air Corps. He is a charter member of Hellenic Legion Post No. 585, and was one of its principal organizers. He is also a member of Voiture Forty and Eight and the YMCA.

Ted, who is a former member of the Sons of Pericles, was initiated into the Order of Ahepa in 1946 and has been very active in all Ahepa undertakings, having served in all of his chapter's elective offices. He is married to the former Mary Hanes of Springfield, Ohio. They have a future Ahepan in the family, Ted Jr.

THEO. N. TSANGARIS
District No. 12



Brother Tsangaris was born in Kalyminos, the Dodecanese Islands, on June 24, 1913, and graduated from the American College in Athens in 1934.

He immigrated to the United States in 1935 and graduated from the University of Tampa, Fla., in 1941 with a B.S. degree, majoring in accounting.

He was initiated into the Order of Ahepa in 1938 and served as Secretary and President of the Gary Chapter No. 78; served as District Secretary and Lt. Governor of the District No. 12, prior to being elevated to the post of District Governor.

Our eligible bachelor has attended eight National Conventions and is practicing Public Accounting in Gary, Ind.

WILLIAM C. KARNAZE
District No. 15



District Governor Karnaze was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on Nov. 15, 1912. His parents, Chrysanthos and Eftemia, came from Tripolis, Greece. He became an Ahepan in 1934 and has served Sunflower Chapter No. 372 as its first President . . . as Secretary . . . and on the Board of Governors. He was first elected to the District Lodge as Lt. Governor in 1952 . . . elected District Governor in 1953 . . . and re-elected for a second term. He has attended the Minneapolis, Washington, Houston and Pittsburgh National Conventions.

Bill is a practicing attorney, having been admitted to the Kansas Bar in 1939 . . . served as General Counsel of the Vehicle Commission, State of Kansas, following his graduation from the Kansas University Law School . . . is a member of the Wyandotte County, Kansas, and American Bar Associations.

He is also active in Optimist International, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and St. Dionysios Church. He has been active in the Kansas City, Kansas Flood Rehabilitation program, Greek War Relief, Red Cross and Community Chest. Brother Karnaze is married and has five children.

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A. G. EKONOMU
District No. 20



Brother "Ike" Ekonomu, who is a former member of the Sons of Pericles, has been a member of the Hollywood Chapter No. 318 since 1945. He has served it as Captain of the Guard, Governor, Vice President and President.

He also served as Lt. Governor before being elected to the office of District Governor.

He was born in Chicago, Ill., on March 9, 1924, and moved to California in 1925. He served three years in the Army as a Sergeant in the Infantry, and spent two years in the South Pacific Campaign during World War II.

He is in the Insurance and Real Estate Brokerage business and is Vice President of the California Coffee Company.

He has just recently been married, and his wife Olga is the District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope of District No. 20.

DR. N. S. NICHOLAS
District No. 4



Dr. N. S. Nicholas was born in Bridgewater, Mass., on December 23, 1917, and attended schools in Brockton, Mass.

Bro. N. S. Nicholas entered the Ahepa Family through the Sons of Pericles (Lycurgus Chapter No. 56) in 1933; served

as president, secretary and treasurer; was initiated into the Lord Byron Chapter No. 57, Order of Ahepa, where he served in the capacity of secretary and president.

Attended Missouri and Tufts Universities. Received Doctor's Degree in 1939 and served as team physician at Tufts University in 1940-41.

Enlisted in the U. S. Naval Medical Corps serving from 1942-45 as post-operative orthopedic and neurosurgical rehabilitation specialist.

In 1946, opened medical practice in Upper Darby, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia, whereupon he transferred his membership to the Hercules Spartan Chapter No. 26 of Philadelphia, Pa. Served as treasurer, lieutenant governor of Power District No. 4.

At present, is team physician at Villanova University as well as attending physician to the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company of Philadelphia and suburban areas.

Married to Marika Polites of Upper Darby, Pa., in 1946. They have two sons, Soterios Alexander and Evan Allen.

KIMON A. DOUKAS
District No. 6



District Governor Kimon A. Doukas was elevated from the office of Lt. Governor where he served with distinction and success. Initiated into the Order back in 1927, while attending Law School, he served his beloved Delphi Chapter No. 25 of New

York in many subordinate offices until elected to serve as its President for two terms. During the war, he was called to Washington by the then Supreme President George C. Voumas to reorganize THE AHEPAN and acted as its Editor for four years. During that time, he obtained his Ph.D. in public law at Columbia and served on two missions to Greece for the State Department, to study the problem of transportation and the other, to supervise the first post-war elections, April, 1946.

GEORGE L. MIHOS
District No. 7



Brother Mihos was born in Brockton, Mass., on July 4th, 1912, and was graduated from Brockton High in 1930. He attended Providence College and graduated in 1936 as a Bachelor of Philosophy . . . graduated from Boston University Law School in 1943 . . . served in the U. S. Army 1943-1946.

He served as the first President of the Sons of Pericles, Lycurgus Chapter, Brockton, Mass., and entered the Order of Ahepa in Brockton in 1933. Brother Mihos served as President of Sophocles Chapter, Providence, R. I., for two terms.

George served the Fraternity as District Treasurer, Lt. Governor, and is now the Governor of Yankee District No. 7.

He was President of the Kiwanis Club of Providence in 1953 and is at present a member of the Board . . . member of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bars . . . St. John's Masonic Lodge . . . as well as the Chairman of the Finance Committee and on the Executive Board of the Big Brothers of Rhode Island.

In addition, energetic District Governor Mihos is Vice-President of the Greek Orthodox Church in Providence and a member of the Board of Directors, Central Boys Branch, Y.M.C.A.

He is married to the former Mary Despinakis who has served with him as an "Ahepa wife" for the past fifteen years.

Since the end of the war, Governor Doukas has been engaged in shipping, as the Executive Vice-President of two American companies, the Nautilus Shipping Corp. and the Northatlantic Carriers Corp. He is married to Helen Regina Fetters of Kansas City. He is a Director of the International House Association, Inc., and member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Columbia University Alumni Association, and other societies.

Some of his principal elective offices have been: Chairman of the Board and Editor of *The Ahepa Messenger*; Chairman, District Convention in 1947; Editor of the Journal and Chairman, Combined Ball of 1950. He was recently elected as Co-Chairman of the 1956 New York Convention City Committee.

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CONSTANTINE LENTGIS
District No. 23



The newly elected Governor of Beaver District No. 23 was born at Efpalio, Doridos, Greece, in 1901. He came to Canada in 1914. He worked as paper maker, restaurant manager, and salesman before purchasing half interest of Capital Jewellers in Quebec in 1936 and the whole in 1938. He joined Ahepa as a charter member of Mount Royal Chapter in Montreal 26 year ago, and served as District Secretary and is the immediate past President of the Citadel Chapter in Quebec City. He was a delegate to the Cleveland, Washington and Pittsburgh National Conventions. Brother Lentgis served as President of the Greek Community of Quebec; President of City of Quebec Jewellers Association; Chairman of a National Jewellers Convention; and Member-Director of Quebec Kiwanis Club for 12 years. He is married to Mary Konstand, from Akron, Ohio, and they have three children; James 17, Evangeline 15, and Corina 12.

JAMES G. BALTEKOS
District No. 24



Brother James G. Baltekos came to the United States in 1905 from Argos, Greece, at the age of 19 years, and moved to Vancouver, B. C., Canada, in 1910. Regina became his new home in 1935, where he now resides. In 1931, when Past Supreme President George Phyllis organized the Canadian Jurisdiction of the Order of Ahepa, Brother Baltekos became a charter member of the Diogenes Chapter No. 14. During the early history of that chapter, he held the office of secretary for three years. In 1935 he transferred to Regina and there he has held the office of president for three years and has also served terms as secretary and treasurer. His first term as District Governor was during the years 1937 to 1938. His second term as District Governor of Royal Canadian District No. 24 commenced this year. During the last twenty-three years, the welfare of the Order has been his first and last thought, and his devotion has earned him the nickname of "Mr. Ahepa" in the Royal Canadian District No. 24.

STRATIS DOUKAS
District No. 9



Northern New England District No. 9 has elected as District Governor, Stratis Doukas, who — although only 38 years of age — has given twenty years of service to the fraternity as a Son of Pericles and Ahepan. He has served his chapter (H. W. Longfellow Chapter No. 82, Portland, Maine) in many capacities, being elected President at the age of 23. He served the district as Secretary and Lt. Governor prior to his election as Governor. Brother Doukas has been active in community affairs as a member and officer of the Board of Trustees of the Greek Church, also being instrumental in promoting athletic activities that brought many trophies to the Greek Community. Brother Doukas served in the U. S. Army from 1941-45 and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant, having served with the Second Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations. Following his discharge, he was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers in an administrative capacity until 1950 and then entered in the business he now operates in Portland, Maine.

A member of the Elks and Veterans of Foreign Wars; he is married to the former Lurline Greene of Macon, Georgia, who is an officer of Chapter No. 260 of the Daughters.

JAMES A. PANAGOS
District No. 1



Born in Atlanta, Ga., two years after the Order of Ahepa was founded there, Bro. Panagos attended public schools in Atlanta and was graduated from Georgia Tech in 1948 after having his college education interrupted by World War II. He saw combat with the infantry in Europe and at present is an active commissioned officer in the Military Intelligence branch of the United States Army Reserve. He has been active with the Atlanta Junior Chamber of Commerce and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the "Annunciation" Greek Orthodox Church of Atlanta for three successive years. Serving the Atlanta Sons of Pericles in

MICHAEL COLIAS
District No. 16



Bro. Michael Colias was born in Arcadia, Greece, and came to Waco, Texas, thirty-five years ago. He is a charter member of Waco Chapter No. 528, Order of Ahepa, serving as its first President. In addition, he held all the various offices in his chapter as well as President again. In the District he served as Marshal, Treasurer and District Governor before being re-elected this year as Governor. He attended all the District Conventions since 1940 and all the National Conventions since 1946 as a delegate. He is a member of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Gurley Lodge No. 357; a Thirty-Two Degree Mason and Shriner; Waco Chamber of Commerce; Texas Restaurant Association and the Waco Orthodox Community, serving in the Community several times as President, Secretary and Treasurer. . . . re-elected as President again this year. Married to the former Margaret Costakis of Tulsa, Oklahoma. . . . they have two daughters, Kitsa aged two and a half years and Tina aged seven months.

every capacity and as president before entering the U. S. Army, he was initiated in Atlanta Chapter No. 1, Order of Ahepa, after returning from the service in 1946 — served his chapter in many capacities including president. He served Mother Lodge District No. 1 as District Advisor and Athletic Director prior to his elevation to Governor. He was formerly a Registered Representative of the New York Stock Exchange for Courts & Co. in Atlanta and at present is an Assistant District Manager for the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co.

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Grand President's Message

This year *Ahepa* with all of its auxiliaries—*Daughters, Maids, and Sons*—is putting forth a concentrated drive for fifty thousand active members by June 30, 1955.

Needless to say, it is our duty as good and conscientious Daughters of Penelope, dedicated to the cause of progressive fraternal spirit, to foster and perpetuate an increase in the membership of the entire *Ahepa Family*.

November 16, 1954, marks the 25th Anniversary of our Daughters of Penelope. During our existence approximately 14,000 women have been initiated into our Order, about 2,000 of whom are totally inactive, and some 2,000 of whom are semi-inactive. We, the active sisters, should do everything we possibly can to reactivate the inactive members and reinstate them in addition to obtaining new members of desirable calibre for the good of our order. Let us use the telephone or mails for this purpose with a friendly communication to our inactive members to return to our fold, and to prospective new candidates to join us.

The *Ahepa Family* is an established one, built upon pillars of concrete and steel. It is the greatest and most powerful spokesman for the inherent culture of western civilization of any fraternal organization based on ethnic origin.

It is our duty as American citizens, who by heritage and training have grown and thrived on the principles of democracy, to exert every possible effort to promote the growth of our entire *Ahepa Family*, for we are members of a family which stands for character, culture, and citizenship typically *American*. With a united and large fraternal family we can attain the maximum recognition in our respective communities for meritorious achievement.

This year both the Daughters and *Ahepa* are going to award trophies to the District Governors and Chapters of our respective Orders for the greatest increase in membership, both by reinstatement of inactive members and by initiation of new members, proportioned on a territorial basis.

Let us all strive to help our respective District Governors and Chapters to win.

With your assistance and cooperation we could even add twenty-five more chapters to our order and to make the total number of 300 DAUGHTERS' CHAPTERS BY JUNE 30, 1955!

Helen Karagianis Memorial Scholarship

The co-chairmen of the national scholarship project, Miss Lillian Demestichas and Miss Helen N. Hadgis, wish to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Helen Karagianis Memorial Scholarship. A \$500.00 award will be made in the spring of 1955 to an outstanding girl of Greek descent, or one who is related to an *Ahepa* in good standing. The winner is selected on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and financial need. The requirements and conditions of the scholarship award are as follows:

Requirements

1. Obtain an application blank from the local Daughters of Penelope Chapter in your city, or write to Mrs. Edna Mitchell, Executive Secretary, Daughters of Penelope, 1420 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
2. Send all completed applications to Miss Helen N. Hadgis, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania, on or before February 1, 1955. Applications received after the deadline will not receive consideration by the Testing Service.
3. Take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the Educational Testing Service on March 12, 1955. Each applicant will be notified of the time, place, and fee charged for the examination by Testing Service, which administers its tests at centers throughout the country.

Eligibility

1. An applicant must be female, of either Greek descent or related to an *Ahepa* in good standing.
2. An applicant must be in the upper 10% of her graduating class.
3. An application must be accompanied by the principal's recommendation from the high school from which the applicant is a graduate.

Conditions

The Helen Karagianis Memorial Scholarship award in the amount of \$500.00 provides payment toward tuition to any university of the winner's choosing. The scholarship is renewable at the rate of \$200.00 a year on the basis of high academic standards, a "B" average or better, upon request to the Scholarship Committee.

Daughters Appeal for Seal Drive

At the National Convention in Pittsburgh, it was decided that the Daughters of Penelope Christmas Seal Drive for the benefit of St. Basil's Orphanage would be continued.

The Daughters being aware of the great need that exists at the orphanage have taken it upon themselves to sponsor this Seal Drive each year in order that enough money may be collected from the *Ahepans, Daughters and Junior Auxiliaries*, so that a gymnasium may be equipped and the water system improved. The money will be held in reserve by the Daughters and will be expended by them when plans have been completed on a new water system. At that time the gymnasium will also be equipped for these little unfortunate children that they may have every advantage of grown healthy and strong.

The Archdiocese is developing the Academy, but the needs are so many that it cannot do it alone. This year the Daughters have equipped the outdoor playground with recreation equip-

ment. Thus, a beginning has been made. The response to our appeal last year was very encouraging. Again, we call upon our friends and our brother *Ahepans, the Daughters, the Sons and Maids*.

Please buy the Daughters of Penelope Christmas Seals and make a little child happy. Give — and God will bless you and your family this holy Christmas season.

Make checks payable to the Daughters of Penelope Seal Drive, and mail them to the Liberty National Bank, 15th and Eye Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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The Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge

ADELINE GEO-KARIS Grand President



Re-elected as Grand President at the Pittsburgh Convention, Sister Adeline Geo-Karis continues to serve the Fraternity as its leader. Having served as Grand Treasurer before being elected as Grand President at the Houston Convention, her unanimous re-election comes as a fitting climax to a brilliant fraternal career.

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 recently an unsuccessful candidate for City Judge.

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, Illinois Township Officials League, and St. Demetrius' Church Ladies Auxiliary in Waukegan, Illinois.

TULA ZOTALEY Grand Vice-President



By her re-election to the Grand Vice Presidency at the Pittsburgh National Convention, Sister Zotaley was elected for the fourth time to the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope.

In her 19 years of active service in the Daughters of Penelope since her initiation as a charter member of Antigone Chapter No. 35 in Minneapolis, she has served her chapter in every capacity including the Presidency in 1939.

Very active in her own Grainfield District No. 14 through the years, she has held the posts of Lt. Governor and District Governor (1950). Attending every District Convention together with her

husband, Brother Leo J. Zotaley, Past District Governor, she has served in the capacities of Convention Secretary, Chairman and Parliamentarian.

She has been instrumental in the formation of several Daughters of Penelope and Maids of Athens chapters. During her many years as a member, she has also been privileged to appear as guest speaker before civic groups, on radio, banquets and conferences. . . National Co-Chairman of the Ritual Committee for two years . . . representative of the Order as a Delegate to the Fourth National Conference of UNESCO at the University of Minnesota (1953).

Sister Zotaley is also interested in Drama and Music. During the war years, together with her husband, she directed and produced a 5-act musical farce for the benefit of the Greek War Relief at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. She is a member of the P.T.A., Philoptochos Society, Den Mother of Cub Scouts of America (Pack 202), Charter President of the Ladies' Niata Association, and a Volunteer Worker for Red Cross, Community Chest and Sister Kenny Foundation.

She is the proud mother of a son, Byron, 10 years old.

ELEANOR STAMOULES Grand Secretary



Initiated in the Niobe Chapter ten years ago, Sister Stamoules served her chapter as Secretary, Vice President and President . . . Lt. Governor and District Governor of District No. 6 . . . Grand Governor for two terms and Grand Secretary now for her second term. She has served as Chairman for the Greek War Relief Clothing Drive; Displaced Persons and Orphans' Receiving Committee, Book Project for Brookline Theological Seminary; Playground and Gymnasium Equipment for St. Basil's Academy; International Children's Bazaar for Ionian Earthquake Victims and the Women's International Bazaar—Greek Booth.

Also started the Annual Seal Drive for St. Basil's Academy and UNESCO Projects for New York State, New Jersey and all New England. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Daughters of Penelope of St. Basil's

Academy, Greek Theological Seminary, and a speaker for Civil Defense of New York City; Foster Parents Plan and Save the Children Federation.

Married to Evangelos J. Stamoules, first President of Long Island Chapter, Jamaica, N. Y. . . They have two sons: Bill, ex-Navy Air Force; and Johnny (from Greece three years ago) who is now completing his third year in Junior College. She is a graduate of Drexel Institute in Philadelphia.

CLEO TSAPRALIS Grand Treasurer



Born and raised in Tacoma, Washington, Grand Treasurer Cleo Tsapralis is married to Brother Paul C. Tsapralis, M.D. They have a daughter, Marianne S. Klett, mascot to the first Chapter of Maids of Athens and now a member of the Daughters of Penelope. She served as the first President of Icaria Chapter No. 175 of Tacoma, Wash.; District Governor of the 22nd District prior to being unanimously elected Grand Governor at the Cleveland and Minneapolis Conventions; and then was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer at the Houston and Pittsburgh Conventions.

Sister Tsapralis instituted the Daughters of Penelope Chapter in Anchorage, Alaska . . . was on the Advisory Board of the first Chapter of the Maids of Athens (Sparta No. 1) when it was organized in 1950 . . . attended the first Convention in Seattle, Wash., in 1940 . . . Past President of the P.T.A. and Pre-School Association . . . member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile . . . worked for 12 years as Supervisor for the Internal Revenue Dept. in the Income Tax Division.

Moving to California when Dr. Tsapralis was named Chief of Radiology of the U.S.V.A. Hospital at Livermore, Cal., she is employed at present by the University of California Radiation Laboratory.

An "All Ahepan" family—besides her husband and daughter—one sister is a past District Governor, the other sister is a past Grand Governor, both brothers-in-law are past District Governors, and her only brother is also a past Dist. Governor.

ZOE CAVALARIS
Grand Governor, Zone 1



Born on the island of Tenedos, Greece, Sister Cavalaris came to America with her parents at the age of three. She is married to Thomas Cavalaris of Charlotte, N. C., and they have two lovely children.

She entered the Ahepa family as a Maid of Athens and became a Daughter ten years ago . . . served her chapter as President several times. Brother Cavalaris has been an Ahepan since 1922.

The Grand Governor attended her first National Convention in Columbus, Ohio . . . served as President of the Philoptochos and the Daughters of Eritania of Charlotte, N. C.

In 1952 she was the Chairman of the Seal Drive . . . in 1953 and again this year, she is serving as an Advisor in the Seal Drive . . . and is on the Committee for the "Ahepa Hall for Boys."

HELEN LAMBROU
Grand Governor, Zone 2



Re-elected Grand Governor, Zone 2, at Pittsburgh, Pa., Sister Lambrou is a member of the Chloris Chapter No. 40 of Canton, Ohio.

She has been an active member of the Daughters of Penelope for 19 years; initiated into the Penelope Chapter No. 15 of Columbus, Ohio, in 1935 at the age of fifteen and transferred to the Chloris Chapter in 1946.

She has served her chapter in every office and was elected District Governor of Buckeye District No. 11 for two years (1947-49), at which time she organized two chapters . . . previously served as District Advisor for two years.

Helen is married to Brother Lambrou P. Lambrou of Massillon, Ohio, who is now serving in the office of District Treasurer of Buckeye District No. 11. Together they have attended six National Conventions.

Sister Lambrou is also active in the Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Nazir Caldron, Alpha Chi Sorority, Lady Lions and the Massillon Women's Club, and in addition has served as Chairman of the Daughters National Scholarship Project.

TINA ROUMELOS
Grand Governor, Zone 3



Miss Tina Roumelos is a charter member of the Acolus Chapter No. 116 of Galveston, Tex., that was organized in 1944. She has served her chapter as Secretary, Vice President and President, and has been reporter for several years of the

Delta District Publications.

In 1953 Sister Roumelos was elected District Governor of Delta District No. 16 at the District Convention in New Orleans. She was the first District Governor able to make visitations to all eleven chapters of her district in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. At the last District Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, she was unanimously re-elected District Governor, but had to relinquish this position upon her election as Grand Governor of Zone No. 3 at the National Convention in Pittsburgh. She has been assigned to Districts No. 15, No. 16 and No. 24 for the current year.

Sister Roumelos is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pete Roumelos of Galveston, Texas. In the business world, she has been associated with the American National Insurance Company of Galveston for thirteen years as Assistant Supervisor of the Industrial Accounting Dept.

SOPHIE ANGELOS
National Advisor to Maids



Sister Angelos is a native of Los Angeles, Calif., and is a charter member of Alkandre Chapt. No. 13 of Los Angeles, which was organized in 1935. She has served her chapter in a number of offices as well as President from 1949 through

June 1950. She was elected District Governor of El Camino Real District No. 20 in 1950 and served two years as District Governor and two years as District Advisor prior to being elected Grand Governor of Zone No. 4 in Houston, Texas.

The National Advisor is active in the community . . . serving as Vice-President in the Philoptochos . . . St. Sophia School Board . . . and President of the Pan-Arcadians, Alonistena Chapter.

Sophie is married to Nick G. Angelos, Advisor in District No. 20, and they have two children: Christine, a member of the Maids of Athens, and a son Jimmy.

CATHERINE CANAKES
Grand Governor, Zone 4



A member of Artemis Chapter No. 5 of Sacramento, California, Sister Canakes served her chapter in the capacities of Vice President and for two terms as President.

Elevated to the office of District Governor of Golden Gate District No. 21, at

the San Jose District Convention in 1952, she was re-elected the following year for a second term. While serving as a District Governor, she organized Olympian Chapter No. 258 of Salinas and Maenima Chapter No. 273 of Vallejo, Calif. She was serving her District as Advisor when she was elevated to the post of Grand Governor at Pittsburgh.

Sister Canakes served as a member and co-chairman of the National Ritual Committee for the last two years . . . attended the last five National Conventions as a delegate . . . served as Convention Secretary in Minneapolis . . . and Convention Vice-Chairman at Washington.

Before transferring to the Sacramento Daughters, Catherine was a member of Zeus Chapter No. 36 of Des Moines, Iowa. She is active in the community affairs of the City of Sacramento . . . affiliated with the State Women's Club . . . S.E.A. . . the Sacramento Symphony League . . . and a charter member of the Goya.

Important Announcement

Commencing with this issue, "The Penelopian" — official publication of the Daughters of Penelope has been combined with "The Ahepan" and will be printed on a bi-monthly schedule commencing January, 1955.

Four pages have been set aside for this section of the magazine and all chapters are requested to send all material and photographs to our Associate Editor in charge of "The Penelopian" —

CATHERINE NICKETAKIS
52 South Elmwood
Waukegan, Ill.

We sincerely regret that lack of space prevented the including of the District Governors' and Maids' biographies. They will be included in the next issue. If your articles were greatly reduced, we solicit your continued cooperation in this transition, assuring you that everything possible will be done to include all of your material in future issues.

C. P. VERINIS, Editor

Events of Interest in the Penelope Realm

Births

A son for Sister Cally A. Maillis and daughter for Sister Maria P. Psilnakis—both of Nereids Chapter No. 1 of Nassau, Bahamas.

A daughter to Sister Cay Fundas of Calgary, Royal Canadian District No. 24.

A granddaughter and a grandson to Sister Anna Plaster of Little Rock No. 161.

Christenings

A double christening of the two daughters of Sister Athena and Brother Ted Gardener of Alberta, Canada . . . girls named Pearl and Maria.

The daughter of Sister Vicky and Brother James Kangles of Saskatchewan, Canada . . . baby was named Leah.

Weddings

Sister Eva Pappas of Little Rock Chapter No. 161 . . . to James Pappas of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Sister Marguerita Baracos to Leon Cladiotes . . . both of Bauff, Alberta, Canada.

Sister Nota Shourounis to Harry Solomos . . . both of East-end, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Past Grand Governor Helen Pappas of Greensboro, N. C. . . to Charles P. Peterson of Bridgeport, Conn.

Our Deepest Sympathy

To Brother George and Sister Tasia Chrones of Saskatchewan, Canada, upon the death of their father.

To the family of Brother Eleftherios Vlassie who passed away in Winnipeg, Canada.

To the family of Sister Keratso Broomas of Little Rock, Ark., who was a charter member and a faithful and energetic Sister of her Chapter. She transferred to Memory Chapter on August 28, 1954.

To Sister Janet Chacmas of Erie, Pa., upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Stathacos.

To Sister Stella Calomaras of Cleveland Chapter No. 63 upon the death of her husband George, October 8, 1954.

Social Events

Naras Chapter No. 251 of Lima, Ohio, named the most outstanding Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope of that region . . . Given the "Lambrou Cup" . . . a trophy donated by Grand Governor Helen Lambrou.

Nereids Chapter No. 1 of Nassau, Bahamas, gave a "Bon Voyage" party for Sister Irene Marcus . . . She left Nassau to reside in Miami, Florida.

Orpheus Chapter No. 184 of New Castle, Pa., combined with the Ahepas and recently held their first annual banquet at the Kaufman Hotel in Zelenople, Pa., with over one hundred guests attending.

Mentor Chapter No. 81 of Gary, Ind., gave their annual fashion show . . . attracted over 40 people in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Gary. . . Mrs. George Esfakis was Chairman of this lovely affair . . . was assisted by Mrs. Dominic Allivante who acted as Co-Chairman.

Gaia Chapter No. 60 of South Bend, Ind., held their fourth annual style show and dessert bridge at the Progress Club in South Bend . . . Sisters of this Chapter and their children modeled for the affair . . . was a huge success.

Chloris Chapter No. 40 of Canton, Ohio, sponsored a

Testimonial Dinner . . . honoring Grand Governor Helen Lambrou . . . serving her second term. Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis was the principal speaker of the evening . . . Chairman was Mrs. Nick Loukas assisted by Mrs. George Michalos, Mrs. Christ Diamant, Miss Persephone Biris, Mrs. Emmanuel Elite and Mrs. Peter Vaselew. Betty Georgiadis served as Toastmistress for the evening.

Laertes Chapter No. 212 of Indianapolis, Ind., celebrated its Fifth Anniversary party in the Gold Room of the Hotel Antlers in Indianapolis . . . General Chairman of the party was Mrs. George Stevens.

Oedipus Chapter No. 203 of Waukegan, Ill., held a very successful Fall Festival on September 25, 1954, in the St. Demetrius Church Hall.

Antron Chapter No. 255 of Racine, Wis., held a Past Presidents' banquet and dance . . . honoring Sister Spay Kappas and Brother Tom Maragos. . . Brother J. T. Miller and Sister Sophie Maragos headed this wonderful affair . . . Brother Ted Baldukas was the Toastmaster for the evening.

The Bay State District No. 8 send their best wishes to Past District Governor Catherine Yoyos. . . She recently joined the Women's Marine Corps and is now a Corporal . . . stationed at Quantico, Virginia.

Stella Miridokis, new President of Wheeling, W. Va., Chapter No. 256. . . Mrs. Gregory Manos and Mrs. Harry Kaimakides, Co-Chairmen of a successful Thanksgiving Ball.

Buffalo, New York, Chapter No. 88, hosted a fine District Convention held there recently . . . ambitious and active Chapter. . . Coming events—"Maid of the Year Dinner" . . . "Easter Fantasy VII." . . . Georgia Pierakos is now President.

Ahepa Past Supreme President Harris J. Booras was the principal speaker at the Annual Convention of District No. 14 in St. Paul. Grand Vice-President Tula Zotaley, His Grace Bishop Ezekiel and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey amongst notables attending.

Congratulations to . . .

Our Grand Vice-President Tula Zotaley for instituting a new Chapter in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on October 25. . . She was assisted by Governor Jennie Kirk.

Our Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis for instituting our 276th Chapter in Weirton, W. Va., on October 30 with the assistance of Governor Josie Chase of District No. 11.

Karyatides Chapter No. 271 of Athens, Greece . . . for their lovely letter of acquaintance . . . sent to all of our Chapters in the Order. Our Athens Sisters would like the names of Sisters from America planning to visit Greece so that they may welcome them upon their arrival.

The winners of the membership trophies awarded by our Grand President, August 20th, at the National Convention. The three winning Chapters—1st place . . . Ilium Chapter No. 265 of Victoria, Canada—2nd place . . . Dione Chapter No. 143 of New London, Conn.—3rd place . . . Arethusa Chapter No. 87 of Pittsburgh, Calif.

The winners for the Maids of Athens—1st place . . . New Brunswick, N. J.—2nd place . . . Wheeling, W. Va.—3rd place . . . Washington, D. C. The Maids District Governor's trophy was won by the Governor of Ohio.

The winners of the District Governor's trophies—Elaine Pinkham of Manchester, N. H.; Florence Stathopoulos of Springfield, Ohio; Georgia Sekles of Pontiac, Mich.

Ethel Karey and Marina Meteyelis, both of Oklahoma— for conducting the Eureka Project raffle so successfully at our National Convention.

The Last Round-Up of Harry S. Truman Library Campaign

"Every Member Give a Dollar"

By STEPHEN S. SCOPAS
Supreme President

This is the last round-up for your contribution to the Harry S. Truman Library Committee.

A large number of prominent National Organizations are sponsoring the establishment, as a gift to the American Government, of the "Harry S. Truman Library" at Grandview, Mo., in which to keep for free study by the public the historical documents, speeches, letters and memoirs of President Truman.

Our National Convention at Houston, recognizing the priceless services of Brother Truman, joined this important undertaking with its wholehearted endorsement. The former Supreme Lodge, at its meeting last March, appointed a committee with authority to conduct a campaign and to give every Ahepa the opportunity to share in Ahepa's contribution to this worthy project.

After allowing for postage and printing, the net sum of \$2,784.21 was realized as a result of this campaign. At the specific request of the Heart of America Chapter No. 73 of Kansas, Mo., in which Bro. Harry S. Truman is an honored member, the present Supreme Lodge has authorized this "Last Round-up of the Harry S. Truman Library Campaign" through the medium of THE AHEPAN so that every member of the Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope, who has not already contributed, may avail himself of this opportunity to do so.

"Let every member of the Ahepa family give a dollar" is the theme of this "Last Round-up."

This is a non-partisan and non-political drive to afford every member of the Ahepa family one last opportunity to join other organizations in playing a humble part in the establishment of this educational and historic project.

Let us all join hands to show our appreciation to one who has served as President of the United States and has honored us with dues-paying membership in our Order.

Let us show our appreciation for his initiative in inaugurating the Truman Doctrine, which helped to build Greece and thwart the threat of Communist invasion.

Let us reciprocate the courtesy in making available to our Patriarch in Istanbul his private plane when His Holiness assumed his present office.

Let us show our appreciation for the honor he accorded us by attending our national banquet at Washington, D. C., and the testimonial dinner tendered him by the Heart of America Chapter last May.

Let us all, regardless of politics, in or out of the Ahepa, write in our response to this appeal by enabling Ahepa to make a sizeable and respectable contribution, commensurate with its standing and prestige as a truly great national fraternal and patriotic organization.

The name of every contributor will be included in the



Sketch of proposed Truman Library at Grandview, Missouri

book of Ahepa contributors which will be presented to the Harry S. Truman Library.

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Important Athletic Decisions from the Pittsburgh Convention

GOLF: In the operation of future National Golf Tournaments, it was recommended unanimously that the prize be given for the low gross score. Subsequent prizes shall be awarded on the basis of a handicap system, such as the Peoria System or any other recognized standard as adopted by the local sponsoring group. The Tournament shall be a 36 hole two day affair.

BASKETBALL: That all athletes who have been declared professionals by the A.A.U. shall be BARRED from participating in any Ahepa-Sons athletic event.

The A.A.U. must submit in writing the names of these athletes when requested by the sponsoring Ahepa group.

The entry fee for all competing basketball teams in the national Order of Ahepa basketball tournament shall be increased from the present thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00) excepting teams who travel 1,000 miles or more to the tournament city, in which case their entry fee will be waived.

Free housing will be provided to all participating teams who travel over fifty miles to the tournament city.

BOWLING: The rules of the National Bowling Tournament shall be governed by the sponsoring Chapter Committee. All decisions rendered by this group shall be final. Participation in this event is limited to *Ahepas* and *Sons of Pericles* in good standing.

AHEPA SPORTS BRIEFS

By PETER D. CLENTZOS
National Director of Athletics

Nick Passodelis, the Pittsburgh right halfback who competed in the 11th Olympiad at the Pittsburgh Convention last August, looked plenty good when the Panthers met the Trojans of U.S.C. in the Los Angeles Coliseum in their first game of the season. Although Nick's team lost, Nick played a beautiful game. On the same field, glaring at him was Sam Tsagalakos, the kicking wizard for the Trojans. Yes, the Greeks are doing a bangup job on the athletic fields of America. . . . No mention was made of the wonderful job that Jim Pappas did in a hurry-up organization of the convention tennis tournament. Mark Figetakis won the singles honors . . . sixteen contestants were in it. . . . Co-Chairmen James Demas and Dean Manesiotes handled the convention golf tournament and produced some good competition. Dean Steliotes of Pittsburgh won the low gross score with an 86; Gus County of Toledo was first with a 64 (handicap) and Nick Nicholson of Dearborn, Michigan, was second with a 65 (handicap). . . . We understand North Shore Chapter No. 96 of Chicago is bidding to sponsor the National Golf Tournament . . . to be held in Chicago. . . . Brother John Petrides of Pittsburgh, the Olympiad Chairman, is to be congratulated for the fine organization and assistance in the 11th Olympiad. John was a tireless worker and another great Ahepan in the long line of Olympiad Chairmen who have done super jobs. . . . The man to whom we owe a great deal, is the University of Pittsburgh Track Coach, Mr. Carl Olson. Mr. Olson provided the officials for our meet and administered the meet with top-flight efficiency. Coach Olson has produced some great athletes at the Panther institution.

Bill Rummell and Sam Karakostas of Chicago are working on a Wrestling and Boxing Tournament . . . you may contact Bill at 2432 E. 93rd Street if you're interested. . . . The National Ahepa-Sons

First N.E. Ahepa Golf Tourney

Smooth putting George Thomas of Fabyan, Conn., led a field of 22 hardy golfers who braved the elements on a wet and soggy Wachusett Country Club course in Worcester, Sunday, September 19th, to capture the first annual N.E. Ahepa golf championship.

With a low gross of 85, low net of 71, Thomas, who stands five-five and weighs 128, hailing from the Webster, Mass., chapter, proved extremely steady on a tough course that was soggy from the heavy downpour. With these adverse conditions, scores kited and pretourney favorites saw their game go sour. Close behind the leader in gross came Gavotas of Woburn and Tony Gregory of Worcester with 86's. Favorites Laskans of Peabody, District No. 8 champ, and Peter Cassanos of Woburn both skidded to 89 and 90.

The field of entrees was no doubt kept down due to the extremely poor weather, but the tourney definitely proved a success as witnessed by the spirit of those attending and no doubt will be even a greater success in future years. The Calloway system of handicapping was used which could give everyone a chance at the low net prizes, making it even more interesting.

Dr. Monthe Kotos, N.E. Athletic Director, and Peter Cassanos, District No. 8 Athletic Director, were in charge.

Basketball Tournament will again be held in Chicago during Easter week if plans work out. . . . There is a movement on to hold a large sports carnival in this area with several activities going on at the same time. . . . The National Bowling Tournament sponsor, Garfield Chapter, has yielded the floor this year. . . . The Tournament is open to any chapter wishing to sponsor it. Write to National Athletic Director for particulars. . . . Preliminary plans are being laid for West Coast athletics with basketball, track, golf, and bowling dates being scheduled for Los Angeles and San Francisco.

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