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Dear C.A.R. Members:

The new school year is now in full swing. High School football games are over and so are our district meetings. We ended our district meetings by spending a week-end in Eastern Penna., October 12 and 13.

If you missed Eastern district, hosted by Colonel Thomas Potts Society and Valley Forge Society, you missed a most interesting, informative and exciting meeting. The quaint little library, with the opening in the floor, where bodies were stored until spring when the ground thawed and the corpse could be buried; the tombstone with three different languages; the little church with the tiny pipe organ, our impromptu singing of "Jesus Loves Me." with Mrs. Varian playing the organ; the explanation of the poles hanging on the wall. Mrs. Varian's father explained they originally had pouches on one end to collect the offering, and the other end had, at one time a piece of fur on, and was used to rub the cheeks of parishioners who fell asleep during the sermon. We all learned so much. My personal thanks to Mrs. Rondum and Mrs. Varian for their hard work, as well as the members of the two societies. It was a great meeting. (The Whitakers could not have survived the past month without the sewing kits we received as favors.)

In the evening Brandywine hosted a covered dish supper and style show at the YMCA in West Chester. Models were from all over the State including State and Sr. State officers. Many of the Eastern district societies attended and gave a report on their plans for the year. Thanks so much for attending and helping to make the evening so enjoyable. Sunday we travelled to Valley Forge for our annual church service and wreath laying. CONGRATULATIONS to GREGG

HARTENSTINE, State Chaplain on a fantastic job. What a week-end it was!

As State President, I also brought greetings from Penna. Society C.A.R. at the Constitution Day Luncheon in Philadelphia, the DAR State Conference in Williamsport, and SAR State Conference in Erie. All of these trips proved to be very successful.

I hope all societies are working hard to win National Merit Awards. Don't forget our Natl. President, Rodney Schmidt, expects all societies to win.

I would like to leave you with a thought, "Our country was not made great by the land, the deeds of the people, or by the papers that recognize our freedom. It was made great by people like you and me who worked to make this country great." Let us work together, not only to make our Nation great, but also to make PENNSYLVANIA NO. 1.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
See all of you in Johnstown March 14, 15.

Yours in C.A.R.
Debbie Whitaker, State Pres.

Dear C.A.R.'S

What a beautiful time of the year to travel and see the beauty of Pennsylvania. Believe me, this is what we have done. From the north to the far east. I feel sure that all share the thoughts of what good times we have had, the friends we have made, and the promoting of C.A.R. C.A.R. bumper stickers, and C.A.R. hats have made other people aware of our organization. (Even my goldfish.)

Many activities have been held since our last Kapers. I will start by thanking Mrs Samuel Wilson for attending the Constitution Day luncheon in Philadelphia and bringing greetings from the Pa. State C.A.R. On Sept. 28, Mr. Mohr, Donni Doug and I travelled to Erie for the SAR State Conference. Greetings were extended by our Sr. State President to a great attendance of SAR members and guests.

On October 6, a Senior C.A.R. Board meeting was held at the Lycoming Hotel, Williamsport, followed by a dinner with a good attendance. Thanks to those who attended and participated.

A VERY SPECIAL NOTE

A special thanks to Debbie Whitaker and Sue King who attended the DAR State Conference.

Debbie and Sue talked C.A.R. with DAR members and did receive contributions for the Major Benefactor Fund, State Promoters and helped to distribute the C.A.R. Yearbooks.

Greetings were extended by your Senior State President on opening night of the 78th DAR State Conference. Our thanks to Mrs. Coray Miller, State Regent, for her support and interest in C.A.R.

Our thanks to Colonel Thomas Potts and Valley Forge Societies for hosting our Eastern District Meeting. To Mrs. Varian and Mrs. Rondum a special thanks and to Mrs. Varian's father for his interesting and informative tour of the churches and graveyards. To Sam Wilson Jr., Eastern District Vice President, we also say thanks.

We also want to say thanks to Brandywine Society for making arrangements for overnight guests who travelled to Eastern District and for the covered dish supper and fashion show. This was a full day and home to rest for a while in order to travel to Valley Forge for Patriotic Services and the Wreath Laying at Freedoms Foundation. Thanks to our State Chaplain, Gregg Hartenstine, for arranging and leading these two services.

With the busy time of travelling partly behind, we must keep in mind our programs and contests. How many NEW MEMBERS did your Society gain so far this year??? Remember M E M B E R S H I P is our State and National goal. We are in the Bicentennial era and we should place emphasis on history and patriotic observances. Pennsylvania has so much to offer--take advantage of OUR HERITAGE. Encourage your friends to trace their ancestors steps. It is both rewarding and an experience. This will help you to increase our membership.

Don't forget our next big gathering will be State Conference in Johnstown on March 14 and 15. It is time to start thinking of who you want for officers next year. Read the Kapers for complete information and please show some response.

Thank you and have a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donald L. Mohr,

Sr. State President

Your State President and Senior State President and all C.A.R. members wish to thank the Samuel Wilson family for their kind hospitality and their wonderful cooperation over the week-end of Eastern District. Samuel Jr. did an outstanding job as Eastern Vice President at the District meeting. Little did we know that Mrs. Wilson's grandmother was so gravely ill, until we returned home and received word that she had passed away just 10 minutes before the Wilsons arrived at the hospital after attending the services at Valley Forge. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Wilson family, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Miller.

We also extend our sympathy to Mrs. Lowell Williams, whose brother passed away very unexpectedly in October.

W J A C - T V

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, at 1:15 YOUR STATE PRESIDENT, DEBBIE WHITAKER, AND MRS. KEIFER, REGENT OF QUEHOMONING CHAPTER, DAR, WILL PRESENT A QUESTION AND ANSWER T.V. PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM IS CALLED "CROSS SECTION." DEBBIE AND MRS. KEIFER WILL TALK ENTIRELY ON C.A.R. IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA THAT CAN GET JOHNSTOWN, TUNE IN.

STATE PROJECT

The Identification Sign has been ordered for the Johnstown Flood Museum. As all members are aware, each district must raise \$75 for the project. Send your money to the Sr. State Treasurer, Mrs. Caroline Jacobs not later than JANUARY 1, earmarked for State Project. If you cannot raise money, as suggested by your District Vice President, find another way. The DEDICATION of the State project will be Saturday, March 12 at State Conference. Plans are being made to have this event televised.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Dr. John Bell, 904 Park Ave., Windber, Pa. was appointed National SAR Chairman for C.A.R. We are sure he will be of great help to all of us.

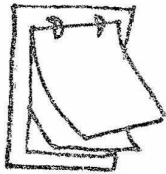
Do not be a common person, seek opportunity not security. Do not be humbled and dulled by having to be looked after. Take calculated risks, dream to build, prefer the challenges of life. Do not trade freedom for beneficence, nor dignity for a handout. It is your heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid. This means to be an AMERICAN.

GOSSIP????? NO TRUE FACTS!!!

Gossip has a way of travelling, but this gossip is not the type that has been mushroomed out of proportion. We did it and we are glad we did. Your State President, Debbie Whitaker, and second Vice President, Sue King attended the DAR State Convention, October 6, 7, and 8 at Williamsport.

Our first duty was to set-up a C.A.R. booth. We displayed pictures of C.A.R. activities, Keystone Kapers, The State Packet, C.A.R. Beanies, "T" shirts, bumper stickers, brochures on the State Project, and the Penna. State Handbook.

Sue displayed her "flip board" on membership, and game on how a "Bill is Passed." We talked about membership, major benefactor fund, state promoters.



When we felt too many DARS were just wandering around, we combined our melodious voices and sang the C.A.R. song, we sounded really good, and we got ATTENTION!!



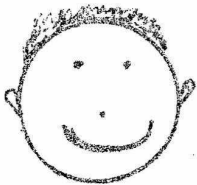
After missing two days of school we returned to our homes with a feeling of real accomplishment. Not only did we have a fine working relationship with the DAR members, but we felt a stronger understanding between C.A.R. and DAR. Notice the list of State promoters-- we made final plans to organize a new chapter--a list of prospective members--donations for the major benefactor fund.

Yes, we had "tons of homework to get caught up", but the fact that we know we have made C.A.R. stronger in Pennsylvania through this activity, we gladly "burned the midnight oil" to make-up our school work.

HOW HARD HAVE YOU WORKED? Have you put yourself first, or have you relinquished some time to finding a new member. Each C.A.R. must find a new member, YOU CAN DO IT, but you can't do it by sitting watching T.V. Don't accept the excuse "I am too busy" from your prospective members. All C.A.R. members are busy, but busy people always find time for something worthwhile.

Debbie Whitaker
State President

Sue King
2nd Vice President



Thanks for the new State Promoters. I guess you did like my smile better than my frown. Please help me to keep smiling. We did receive some new State Promoters at DAR State Conference, and some have been mailed to me. Remember with your State Promoter fees you receive the Keystone Kapers, the C.A.R. Yearbook and the National C.A.R. Magazine. \$5.00 will help us to help you. Remember we are the future SAR, Sr, and DAR members.

Donald L. Mohr, Jr.
State Treasurer

Mrs. William R. Jacob
Sr. State Treasurer

NEW STATE PROMOTERS

Mrs. Henry B. Brown, Jr. (New Life Promoter)

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Skipack, Pa. 19474

Miss Madella R. Maurer
P.O. Box 264
Selinsgrove, Pa 17870

Mrs. Leonard L. Cooke
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Aveila, Pa. 15312

Mrs. Thomas J. Evans
108 Market St.
Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815

Mrs. John A. Petroskas
105 Forest Lane
Swarthmore, Pa. 19081

Mrs. Elmer H. Weber, Regent
Independence Hall Chapter DAR
3403 Brighton St.
Philadelphia, Pa 19149

Miss Edith R. Fairlamb
833 N. 4th St.
Reading, Pa. 19601

Miss Elizabeth D. Schell
510 Innis St.
Oil City, Pa. 16301

Mrs. William R. White
126 Hillview Dr.
Elizabeth, Pa. 15037

Mrs. Samuel S. Laucks, Jr.
945 Upland Rd.
York, Pa. 17403

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker
1901 Hillside Ave.
Windber, Penna. 15963

State Promoters (Con't)

Dr. Benjamin Rush Chapter DAR
Mrs. Merrill P. Wolfe, Regent
136 Fairview Rd.
Marberth, Penna. 19072

Mrs. William C. Field
130 Dean Street
West Chester, Penna. 19380

FROM BRANDYWINE NEWSLETTER (Brandywine Fox Horn)

Brandywine Society has planted 2080 trees in keeping with the National aim of C.A.R. for the Bi-centennial. A C.A.R. booth was set up at the Unionville community fair and gave away 400 trees. People couldn't get over being given something "FREE". They would ask who was giving them and what C.A.R. meant. Our words were, "WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLANT A FREE TREE FOR THE BI-CENTENNIAL, BRANDYWINE SOCIETY IS GIVING THEM?"

Last week on our way to our "Vet", Dr. McCahen, Mrs. Wilson remembered his wife had been in Chester County D.A.R. We talked C.A.R. to him and suggested since his wife had died it would be just great if he put his grandchildren in Brandywine C.A.R. Society in her honor. Guess what, he did. He has 12 grandchildren. Isn't that great? CAN YOU TOP THAT? COME ON AND TRY!

OUR GOVERNMENT -- OUR RESPONSIBILITY

About sixty-five per cent of the C.A.R. members in Pennsylvania are below the age of eighteen. In my travels I have asked many C.A.R. members and non-members "What are your responsibilities to your Government?" I have received answers that are unbelievable. One girl said, "none now, but when I reach eighteen, I guess my responsibility will be to vote. I will be eighteen in January." One boy said, "reporting theft and drug pushers, if I see any." Others felt only adults are responsible for our Government.

How foolish we are to think we have no responsibilities to our Government. Webster says, "government is a system of ruling principles by which a state is administered, exercise of authority; direction and control over actions of persons in a community." Webster also says responsibility is the "state of being responsible, answerable, accountable, dependable, trustworthy."

No matter how young we are--pre school, elementary school or high school age we must begin to cultivate habits that will make us responsible citizens. In my opinion, training must begin at home. For our little members do you obey the rules your parents have made, such as hanging-up your clothing; keeping your room neat and tidy; taking care of your toys. This is being responsible for a ruling that exists at home. Obeying your parents in the high chair is the beginning of the American citizen who will be dependable, trustworthy, and responsible.

At the age of five we begin school. Your community, state and nation provided us with schools, teachers, textbooks. We are responsible to get to school on time, be in attendance unless ill, and to take advantage of every opportunity that has been offered us. Federal monies have been made available to school districts for advanced programs in Math, Science, Reading, Vocational fields, such as Business Education. Are you taking advantage of these special courses; or, are you taking the easy way out. It is our responsibility to prepare ourselves so we can accept positions that will lead to a better government.

Are you one who allows his tongue to flap at both ends, the one who knows everything. Expresses his opinion openly, even if it is detrimental to our government. It is our responsibility to be a good listener, analyze and evaluate constructively what we read, hear and see.

At sixteen we obtain our driver's license. We are responsible to obey the traffic laws of our state. Do you, or are you the one who keeps one eye on the rear view mirror and one eye on the road. Will you be the future American citizen who can be trusted to obey the laws of your state and Nation.

You are the one that has to decide	Take it or leave it. Just think it over
Whether you'll obey or toss it aside	It's all up to you. It's you who must
You are the one who makes up your mind	say I'll accept my responsibilities
Whether you'll be responsible or linger behind	to my home, school, community,
	state and NATION.

Debbie Whitaker, State President of Penna.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING

Our Eastern District meeting was October 12, at the Evansburg, Pa. Episcopal Church with Colonel Thomas Potts and Valley Forge Society being the hosts. Samuel S. Wilson, Jr. presided with Invocation and National Anthem given by Betsy Whitaker, State Recording Secretary, Pledge to the Flag, Mary Jean Wilson, Eastern Committee member of Publications, American Creed, Donald L. Mohr, Jr., State Treasurer, C.A.R. Creed, Geoffrey Claxton, State Historian; Welcome's from Valley Forge Society, Valarie Thomas and Col. Thomas Potts Society, Stephanie Hydt, State Librarian Curator. The Response was given by Ann Sweeney, State Organizing Secretary and Sue King, 2nd Vice President led in the C.A.R. Song.

Our State President, Deborah Whitaker spoke on her State Project, DAR State Conference at Williamsport and the National Museum Project. She introduced her 2nd Vice President, Sue King who gave a talk about our C.A.R. goals with the help of a flip board she had made.

After a nice luncheon with lots of desserts, which we did enjoy, we visited the Historical library, graveyard, and church and learned the interesting part they played in the Revolution.

Mardel Beckley led in prayer at lunch. Many thanks to those two societies for planning an interesting tour and luncheon and to all those of you who came and supported C.A.R.

Thanks to all who provided homes for our out-of-townners to spend the week-end so we could cut down the cost. Maybe this way we will all be able to go to State Conference and National.

Samuel S. Wilson, Jr.
Eastern District Vice President

CHIEF CATFISH SOCIETY

The Chief Catfish Society has been busy working on their Conservation project for the year. As our project we will be responsible for helping to start an environmental library. This library will be thru the efforts of the Washington County Conservation District. Mr. Paul Onopiuk, Executive Director for the Washington County Conservation District took four of us to Penn State on October 19 to view their library and to gain information as to how we could help. We copied names and addresses of several magazines, pamphlets. Now we are in the process of writing for this material. Soon we hope to have enough material to start a card file and put material on the shelf.

We have had one program on American Indians which resulted in a group discussion. We discussed how American Indians have aided in the development of Country and how our Government affected lives of the Indians.

Donald L. Mohr, Jr.
President of Chief Catfish
Society

CONEMACH SOCIETY

Betsy Whitaker, president of Conemach Society, with the help of Conemach members spent many hours on a bulletin board display for her U.S. History class. What subject did she use, naturally C.A.R. She printed explanations and used brochures and pictures of the functions of the nine committees. It took her four hours after school to assemble her material on the bulletin board. Conemach Society was proud of Betsy's work, for it was not only outstanding in appearance, but aroused the curiosity of many fellow classmates as to what C.A.R. really is all about.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas visit with the DAR. It is always an enjoyable afternoon.

In January we will have a report on the U.S. Government and the role it has played in the American Indians life.

All other meetings will be preparing for State Conference. This is a big job for a small society, but we assure you we will be ready with an exciting time planned for all.

Betsy Whitaker
President Conemach Soc.

STATE TREASURERS

ATTENTION ALL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS: Be sure all National project money is in to the Senior State Treasurer, Mrs. William R. Jacob, Star Route, Pottstown, Penna. 19464 by February 1, 1975 to qualify for Merit Award.

CHECKS: Make one check for all contributions and State dues made payable to Penna. State Society C.A.R. with a note detailing each project desired and amount of State Dues.

STATE DUES: ALL State dues of 50¢ per member must be paid by February 1, 1975.

Send to the Senior State Treasurer. Don't penalize your Society in number of voting delegates at State Conference in March. ALL NEW MEMBERS, regardless of when they are accepted, are required to pay STATE DUES immediately.

SENIOR STATE DUES: \$1.00 for each Senior State Officer, Senior State Chairman, and Senior Society President. (One fee for those serving in a double capacity)

STATE CONTEST: Don't forget \$5.00 to the Society having the most NEW STATE PROMOTERS FOR 1974-75. (April 1974 to Feb. 1, 1975). See September Keystone Kapers for details.

Donald L. Mohr, Jr.
State Treasurer

Mrs. William R. Jacob
Senior State Treasurer

CREDENTIAL FOR STATE CONFERENCE -- MARCH 14 and 15, 1975

Credential blanks will be mailed by February 1 and MUST BE RETURNED BY MARCH 1, to the Chairman of Credentials, Mrs. William R. Jacob, Star Route, Pottstown, Penna. 19464. In order that you can fill in the forms properly, Article X, Sections 2 and 3 of the State by-law reads:

"Section 2. The voting members of the Annual State Conference shall be the State Officers, Honorary State Presidents who are members, Active National Officers residing in the State of Pennsylvania, the Presidents or Vice Presidents and Delegates or Alternates from the local Societies who shall be duly registered and present at Conference.

MEMBERS	PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT	DELEGATES	ALTERNATES	TOTALS
6 - 10	1	1	1	2
11 - 20	1	2	2	3
21 - 30	1	3	3	4
31 - 40	1	4	4	5
41 - add 1 delegate and 1 alternate for each additional 10 members.				

To be qualified to vote, members must be in good standing, State and National dues having been paid by February 1 - and shall be able to read and write."

CODE OF ETHICS: Item 4: "A candidate who is nominated from the floor shall present to the Senior State Recording Secretary at that time, written consent of his/her nomination and a certificate of eligibility for office. Said certificate shall be secured from the Senior State Treasurer NO LATER than 15 days in advance of the opening date of the Conference. Application for certificate must be made by the member desiring to be a candidate and must specify office for which the nomination is sought."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations for the 1975 State C.A.R. Officers are due NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14. Please consider two members from your society to suggest for a state office. Nominees should be familiar with the work of the office, willing to assume responsibility of the office and should be an active member who has held office in local society. Nominees should be able to attend state, regional and national meetings. A suggested form is on the following page for sending nominations for 1975 State C.A.R. ELECTION.

SEND NAME OF NOMINEES FOR STATE OFFICE TO CHAIRMAN OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
MR. RICHARD MORROW, 946 GRANDVIEW BLVD, LANCASTER, PA. 17601 NO LATER THAN DEC. 14

Name of member proposed _____ Age _____

Address _____

School or College _____ State Office for which proposed _____

Reasons you believe nominee would be a good State Officer _____

What does Patriotism and Good Citizenship mean to nominee? How do you know this:

List all C.A.R. offices held by nominee (include Chairmanships) _____

List other activities - school, community, church (include honors) _____

Proposed by: Name _____ Address _____

C.A.R. National No. _____ Society _____

CALENDAR TO FOLLOW

December 14 -----CANDIDATES NOMINATION BLANKS DUE -- none will be accepted after this date.

December 31 -----State of candidates for state offices submitted by the Chairman of the Nominating committee and approved by the Nominating committee, to the Sr. State President, Mrs. Donald Mohr.

January 10, 1975-All CANDIDATES must submit their picture and personal data to Keystone Kapers Sr. Editor, Mrs. Mervin Whitaker, 1901 Hillside Ave., Windber, Penna. 15963, on or before this date. WE HAVE A DEAD-LINE TO MEET, THEREFORE YOU MUST BE PROMPT in submitting the material you want in the Kapers. WE MUST GO TO PRESS JANUARY 16. WE WILL NOT WAIT OR CALL FOR YOUR PRESS RELEASE, SO PLEASE BE PROMPT.

January 2, 1975-National Dues due \$4.00 per member

February 1, 1975-State Dues due 50¢ per member

MARCH 14-15 -- STATE CONFERENCE at JOHNSTOWN

APRIL 18-19 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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