



KEYSTONE KAPERS

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SOCIETY — CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Dear C.A.R. Members:

Did you end 1974 on a happy note? I sure did, lots of mistletoe, and plenty of sauerkraut. (In our area eating sauerkraut on New Year's day means plenty of money during the New Year).

Yes, a new year confronts us with problems of living, loving, and looking for something better. The world moves and mankind, moving with it tries to improve. Improvement is difficult to measure by the year; yet the little inches of social, moral and aesthetic growths are there. One need only look for them; the smile of a friend, the values of faith, charity, and justice. No matter what hardships or disappointments you may encounter keep your good cheer for the NEW YEAR.

How many inches, feet, or miles did Pennsylvania grow this year? We will soon know, as two very important events are approaching rapidly. Just two months away, March 14 and 15 is our State Conference at Johnstown. The reports from the various committees will tell us exactly what we accomplished.

The convention will also give us an opportunity to put into practice our National theme "Your Government--Your Responsibility." One of the highlights of the State Convention is the election of State officers. In Pennsylvania we have a two party slate, voting by secret ballot; a very democratic system. This is C.A.R.'s democratic system of government. What is your responsibility? ATTEND THE CONVENTION, even though you may not be a voting delegate, learn to know the candidates, listen to their speeches, mingle with them at the coke party, converse with your delegate as to the candidate whom you think will sacrifice their time and effort to make C.A.R. a meaningful and out-

standing organization.

The National Convention is April 18, 19 and 20. Again C.A.R. members have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote for the candidates of their choice for National officers. This is the responsibility of all of us. Now is the time to begin to cultivate habits that we will want to continue throughout our lives. Don't let someone else assume your responsibility. Attend these two conventions; be a part of helping to elect the officers that will make C.A.R. the most outstanding organization in the world.

I am looking forward to seeing all C.A.R. members at the Sheraton Inn in Johnstown, March 14 and 15.

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

Dear C.A.R. Members and Friends:

Well here we are making final plans for State Conference and National. We do hope to have a good attendance at both.

Since our last newsletter we have been working on membership and projects. Conservation, membership, Government Studies, American Heritage have been our aim. Don't forget contests. Prizes will be awarded at C.A.R. Conference, Johnstown on March 14 and 15.

Senior Society Presidents please remind your DAR Chapters to send in their State Chairman's report.

The names of candidates for State offices will be announced soon. Please consider the members who you vote for. Can they do a good job for you and C.A.R.?

Let's hope we have some National Merit Awards at National this year.

All C.A.R. members and seniors, please inform me immediately if you will be attending the National Convention, April 18, 19, and 20. I must have this information not later than February 15, so I can make room reservations. We will follow the same procedure as last year as far as Satur-

day lunch is concerned. The cost will be \$2.00.

Sincerely

Mrs. Donald L. Mohr

Sr. State President

WINTER WONDERLAND

The winter season brings the beautiful white blanket of snow making our vast woodlands a sight of beauty and enjoyment. This winter picture is dear to me and should be to you, that is why I'm asking you to preserve its beauty for your sons and daughters to come. However, in order to do this we must do what follows.

To make our Winter Wonderland, we must keep our forest free from harm. Such as fire, pollution and harmful insects. If we all chip in and do this all year round, we will be able to enjoy our Winter Wonderland each and every year. Therefore, there is no sense waiting--start today.

By starting today I mean, sit back and look at a winter scene with the fresh fallen snow. Think how you can keep this picture in your mind year round. Maybe your society can get together and clean-up a stream or plant trees to make new winter scenes. There are many things you and your friends can do to make a lasting picture of our WINTER WONDERLAND. Start today and make your WINTER WONDERLAND beautiful and enjoyable.

Mrs. Whitaker,
Sr. Editor

MARDEL BECKLEY
EDITOR KEYSTONE KAPERS

LIGHTS

CAMERA

ACTION

Have you ever been on television? Well take it from me, it is lights, camera, ACTION. When the ACTION begins, you better be prepared. The program Mrs. Keifer, our local DAR Regent and I tapped in December, was viewed on January 10. After the Kapers went to press, the television station changed the viewing date, so if you tried to get us on the original date, it was not your television set, it was a change in date.

A question and answer program, which we covered highlights of the National Society, what Pennsylvania is doing, duties of the State President, and how the DAR can help C.A.R. Even though we had a prepared script, the moderator deviated from the script, and some fast thinking had to be done. Many fine comments have come from this program,

but most important of all, it has made the area aware of C.A.R. and what it really stands for.

I have received requests of eligible members that want to become members, even if they have to become members at large. In one letter I had three requests, another letter stating I want to become a member, please send necessary information. This is most encouraging when prospective members make the first move. Believe me I do loose anytime in getting back to them. I feel sure some of the requests I have had from prospective members resulted from the television program. One request stated she did not know a children's organization existed, but was aware of the DAR.

A new chapter will be organized in February, this will also boost our membership.

We do get results, but it does take time and effort on the part of many people, not just one or two. KEEP WORKING IT IS ALL WORTHWHILE! Deb Whitaker, Sr. State Pres.

MEMBERSHIP IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN C.A.R.

Increased membership helps everyone--

New members bring in new ideas

New members spread awareness

of C.A.R., and the many great things it stands for

Increased membership strengthens our local, State and National Society.

I know you have all been working hard this year to get new members. Sometimes it takes that little extra effort--another phone call--another chat--an offer to help with papers--to get that application in to Washington.

The C.A.R. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE continues. Keep talking C.A.R. to your friends, continue to interest DAR's in putting their grandchildren in C.A.R.

Remember, a \$20.00 prize will be given at STATE Conference to the society with the largest gain of members - not including transfers or reinstatements.

Mrs. Richard B. Morrow, Sr. State Chr.
WILLARD RAMSAY WOLF, State Chairman

IN REMEMBRANCE

Dr. John Bell
Windber, Penna.
National SAR Chairman for C.A.R.

A BEND IN THE ROAD

Mr. John Sheller, Grandfather of Mrs.
Burkey, Great Grandfather of Suellen
Burkey, Sr. Pres. of Falling Springs
Society.

Mrs. Elwood J. Turner, State Promoter
Media, Penna.

Mrs. John A. Wragg, State Promoter
John Hart Society
Pittsburgh, Penna.

The members and seniors of Pennsylvania
State Society, Children of the American
Revolution extend their deepest sym-
pathy to those who have lost loved
ones during the year. We hope the
poem on the right will be of comfort
to you.

When we feel we have nothing left to give
and we are sure that the "song has Ended"
When our day seems over and the shadows fall
And the darkness of night has descended
Where can we go to find the strength
to valiantly keep on trying.
Where can we find the hand that will dry
The tears that the heart is crying--
There's but one place to go and that is to God
And, dropping all pretense and pride
We can pour out our problems without restraint
And gain strength with Him at our side--
And together we stand at life's cross roads
And view what we think is the end.
But God has a much bigger vision
And He tells us it's ONLY A BEND--
For the road goes on and is smoother,
And the "Pause in the song" is a "rest,"
And the part that's unsung and unfinished
Is the sweetest and richest and best--
So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let Go and Let God share your load,
Your work is not finished or ended,
You've just come to "A Bend in the Road."

DO YOU KNOW? ? ? ? ?

Do you know that:

Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, was the oldest member (81),
and Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey, was the youngest member (26)
of the Constitutional Convention?

It took 100 working days to frame the Constitution?

James Madison of Virginia, was called the "Father of the Constitution"

Only one amendment (The Eighteenth, Prohibition has been repealed?

George Washington, chosen unanimously, presided over the Constitutional
Convention.

Susie King, 2nd Vice President

ARE YOU INVOLVED ? ? ?

How many of you are really members of C.A.R.? Naturally you all say "me", "I am", but are you really? For instance, how many new members have you brought in to C.A.R. in the last year? How many old members have you gotten enthused about the State project, the committees, the money raising projects, or the goals of C.A.R. this year? If Penna. is going to be No. 1 you will have to work. Be a MEMBER WE NEED YOU. Betsy Whitaker
State Recording Secretary

STATE TREASURERS

ALL NEW MEMBERS, regardless of when they are accepted, are required to pay STATE DUES immediately. State dues 50¢ per member and forwarded to Sr. State Treasurer. Check payable to, Penna. State Society C.A.R.

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
Sr. State Treasurer

ADDRESS CHANGE: Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Whitaker
1901 Hillside Ave.
Windber, Penna. 15963

CORRECTION IN SPELLING OF NAME IN YEARBOOK:
Mrs. L. Leslie Sharpnack instead of Mrs. Lewis Sharpnack

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Mrs. Gunard O. Carlson
Thorndale
Penna. 19372

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Wyncote, Penna. 19095

Mr. George Hixon
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Bethlehem, Penna. 18015

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Mrs. Arthur E. Gaul, Regent
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Quarryville, Penna. 17566

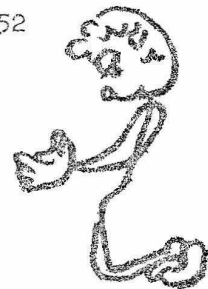
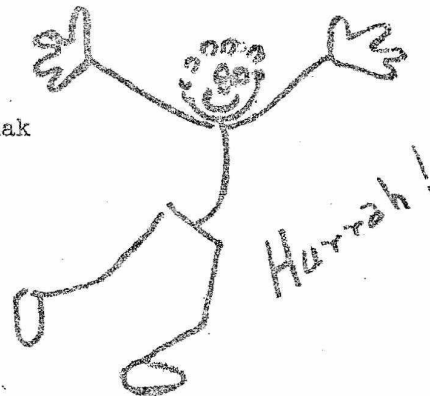
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Thank You!



FROM YOUR STATE AND SENIOR STATE REGISTRAR

PLEASE SEND ALL CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP- RESIGNATIONS, OUT ON AGE, DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES, AND CHANGES IN ADDRESS FOR YOUR SOCIETY TO THE SENIOR STATE REGISTRAR, MR. THOMAS G. BURKEY, 12 KENWOOD ROAD, CHAMBERSBURG PA. 17201 IMMEDIATELY. THESE CHANGES SHOULD COVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 1974 TO MARCH 1, 1975.

SEVERAL REPORT FORMS FOR NEW MEMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED AS YET FOR THE PAST YEAR. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE GUILTY PARTIES, PLEASE RESSURRECT IT AND RETURN IT IMMEDIATELY. ALSO, WE NEED THESE FORMS TO COMPLETE OUR STATE RECORDS. THANK YOU.

BARBARA BENTZ
STATE REGISTRAR

MR. THOMAS G. BURKEY
SENIOR STATE REGISTRAR

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT ? ?

(The Constitution)

Read the Preamble and find out:

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, established Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

"We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union."

What purpose? To secure our liberties
How long? Forever and ever
For Whom? Everyone "under the American Flag."

"Establish Justice."

What is Justice? Our rights made "secure against tyranny."
Safe guarding us against our wrong doing.

"Insure domestic Tranquility."

What did the people want and need? They longed for "harmony."
The equality of States was a guarantee of domestic tranquility."
The great charter thereby insured domestic order and peace,
both among the States and among the people."

"Provide for the Common Defense"

Why? The States being divided asked for "invasion and conquest" from foreign world powers. "The protection provided by the Constitution is the protection which a wise father provides for his family. This nation is like a strong fort defended by armed men."

"Promote the general Welfare."

What is it? Relief of unemployment, flood-control, and draught control are examples of provision for the general welfare .
How is it promoted? By the unification of the States.
Why is it promoted by the unification of States? So they can concentrate all of their energies and resources.

Finally "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

Will posterity live on? Only if we are "ready to pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor for our distant posterity.
We are worthy of the forefathers who did that much for us."

*In conclusion, "...this nation is established upon the rock of Gods favor and and protection will be proved. We devoutly believe, by its indestructibility....Time does not wear down nor eat away the eternal truths of the Constitution. War cannot overturn the temple of our liberty so long as American sons are worth their forefathers efforts. Instead of fading with age, the glory of the Constitution takes on new splendor with the passing of the centuries. The faith of the forefathers gave them strength to plan for the ages. May we, with equal faith, guard our birth right and hand it down to our posterity as their most precious heirloom... liberty, 'the immediate jewel of the soul.'"

*Paraphrased and quoted from The Story of the Constitution by Sol Bloom

Susan King, 2nd Vice President
Penna. State Society C.A.R.

JUST A REMINDER:

Have you sent in your money for the STATE PROJECT. We have made a commitment so please be generous with your contributions.

If you want to know more about the State project contact the Vice President in your district.

Western District-- Douglas Mohr
Central District--John Hartenstine
Eastern District--Sam Wilson, Jr.

A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS:

The Six most important words: "I ADMIT I MADE A MISTAKE."

The Five most important words: "YOU DID A GOOD JOB."

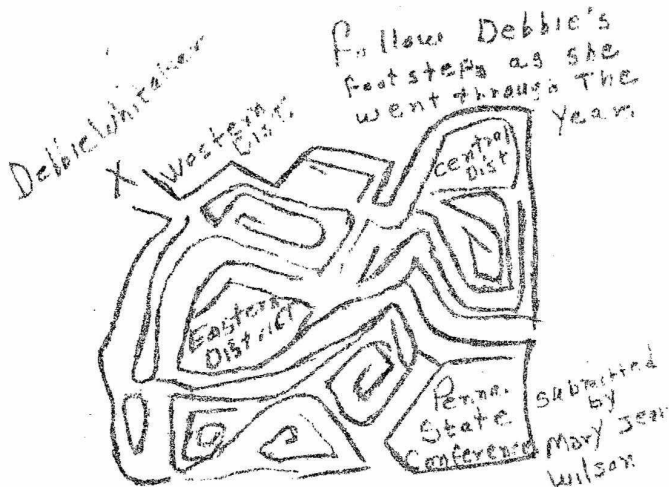
The Four most important words: "WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?"

The Three most important words: "IF YOU PLEASE."

The Two most important words: "THANK YOU."

The One most important word: "WE"

The ONE least important word: "I"



"THE PERFUME YOU CANNOT POUR ON OTHERS
WITHOUT GETTING A FEW DROPS ON YOURSELF."

I wish to thank the KeystoneKaper's staff for their excellent cooperation this past year. The Kapers was totally a member-written, and member printed newsheet. It was a learning experience for the staff, they learned to operate an IBM Selectric II typewriter, electronic scanner, an electric mimeograph, and an electric paper jogger. The knowledge gained may sometime be of great value to them. We never know what is in the future for us.

Annabelle Whitaker, Sr. Editor

Mardel Beckley -- Editor
Warren Gould -- Circulation Manager
Mary Jean Wilson--Eastern district reporter
Beth Hartenstine--Central district reporter
Conemach Society--Staff members



MISS DEBORAH LYNN WHITAKER

STATE PRESIDENT

and

MRS. DONALD L. MOHR

and

CONEMACH SOCIETY

cordially invite you to attend

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

of the

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SOCIETY,

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, 1975

at the

SHERATON INN - JOHNSTOWN
250 Market Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901

PENNSYLVANIA CANDIDATES FOR
1975-76 ELECTION

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WESTERN DISTRICT JAMES KING WARREN GOULD

It is utterly impossible to print the photos and the write-ups for the candidates. We have deadlines to meet, we are, therefore, giving the members the slate, and will give the candidates all the publicity possible at State Conference. We will hold all photos until State Conference, for those who have not sent photos or write-ups, please do so. Send all publicity material to Mrs. Mervin Whitaker, 1901 Hillside Ave., Windber, Penna. 15963.

STATE CONFERENCE INFORMATION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

The thirty-first annual State Conference of the Pennsylvania State Society, Children of the American Revolution will be held at the Sheraton Inn, 250 Market Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, March 14 and 15, 1975. The motel is located in the center of Johnstown, just four blocks from the Greyhound Bus Station and Train Depot. If flying to Johnstown Airport, taxi service is available into Johnstown, or call the Sheraton Inn and leave a message, someone will pick you up at the Airport after 3:00 p.m. Friday.

Please follow dress code as prescribed by National. Girls are to wear dresses or skirts and blouses; boys, shirts, ties and jackets to all meetings, Memorial Service and Dedication Service. Saturday evening banquet and dance, long dresses and tuxedos if you prefer, but not compulsory. Short dresses and dress shirts, ties, and jackets for boys are acceptable. All "pages" must wear white dresses at all times except Saturday evening.

The church, where the Memorial Service will be held, and the Dedication Service at the Johnstown Flood Museum are both within three blocks of the Sheraton, therefore, all will walk to these services. We suggest you plan to wear something warm. As you know we are located in the mountains and it is usually cold, even in March.

Your State President and Senior State President will each have a suite. Many C.A.R. members have expressed the desire to have a place to get together on "off hours." If the privilege of having an available place for C.A.R. members to get together to "Chat" is not abused, similar plans will try to be worked-out for NATIONAL.

Make motel reservations directly to the Sheraton. Please include on your card the names of all members rooming with you and the age of each member. Members 12 years of age or under, accompanied by parents, room free of charge. Price of rooms ----- Single \$20.00, Double - 2 in room \$23.00 - 3 in room \$26.00 - 4 in Room \$30.00.

All reservations must be in on or before March 5, 1975.

No cancellations will be accepted after March 10, 1975.

Friday evening meal will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Opening session will begin at 7:30 pm. Friday evening.

The Candidates Party will be in the form of a "Pool Party." A band has been engaged for those who like to dance by the water, or for those who like to swim to music. This is a slight change, we hope all ages will enjoy this type of party.

Please fill out the following form, enclose your check with the form and send it to Mrs. William S. Keifer, Conference Financial Secretary, 422 Margaret Ave, Johnstown, Pa. 15905. Make your check payable to Mrs. William S. Keifer, C.A.R. Conference Financial Secretary,

Name or Names of persons attending Conference

1 _____ 3 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

Number of meals desired: If you do not want a certain meal put a "zero" in the block.

<input type="checkbox"/> Friday evening "pool picnic" (C.A.R. Members only)	\$3.50 per person
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday breakfast	1.50 " " "
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday luncheon	3.50 " " "
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday evening Banquet and Dance	6.50 " " "
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration fee	.75 " " "
Total package for C.A.R. Members	
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidates: \$2.00 per candidate for Candidate's Party	\$15.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday evening dinner for all seniors \$6.00, Registration fee \$1.25	

PAGES AND AIDES FOR STATE CONFERENCE

Please fill out the following form immediately, and send it to Mrs. Donald L. Mohr, Senior State President, R D # 4, Box 351 C, Washington, Penna. 15301. This form must be sent to Mrs. Mohr regardless of whether you have already given your name to the State President, Debbie Whitaker.

I, _____ will serve as a PAGE ☐
or AIDE ☐ for Pennsylvania State Conference for the entire conference ☐
Friday evening only ☐ Saturday only ☐.

BAND AND CHORUS FOR STATE CONFERENCE

Please complete the following form and send it to Mrs. Donald L. Mohr, Senior State President, R D # 4, Box 351 C, Washington, Penna. 15301.

I _____ will participate in STATE BAND ☐
playing _____ instrument.

I _____ will participate in STATE CHORUS ☐

If participating in both Chorus and Band please check both "blocks".

PAGES AND AIDES FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mrs. Mohr must know immediately members who will serve as pages and aides for the NATIONAL CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, D.C. Please fill out the form and send it to Mrs. Donald L. Mohr , Senior State President, R D # 4, Box 351 C, Washington, Penna. 15301

I _____ will serve as a page ☐
an aide ☐ for the entire convention ☐ Friday only ☐ Saturday only ☐.

C.A.R. STATE CONVENTION

MARCH 14-15, 1975

Name _____

Address _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Number of Persons _____

Accommodations Desired: (check one)

Please return by February 15, 1975

SINGLE ☐

DOUBLE ☐

SUITE ☐

