



HISTORY OF
THE JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER OF
THE TENNESSEE SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
1925 through 1982

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S. A. R.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the
United States of America, and to the
Republic for which it stands;
One nation under God, indivisible,
With Liberty and Justice for all."

This pledge of allegiance, repeated by the members at every S. A. R. meeting, symbolizes and expresses the guiding principle of the organization, American patriotism, a love of country that is not jingoistic or merely emotional but reasoned and intelligent in support of liberty and justice. Almost every activity of the S. A. R. is connected in some way with this basic idea. Moved by this spirit, a group of descendants of Revolutionary ancestors established the John Sevier Chapter of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1925.

The principal achievements of this Chapter over the years 1925 through 1982 will be presented in a rather summary fashion in this history. The treatment will be mainly chronological. But in some cases, after a topic has been introduced, all the items connected with it will be given at the same time, even though some items happen later.

There will be many references to speeches and distinguished speakers. After all, they are the chief means by which the Chapter educates, inspires, and broadens its own members and the young students who compete in the patriotic essay contests. The Chapter has drawn freely from Chattanooga speakers who are authorities in a number of fields and also from outside speakers. A great variety of subjects has been presented. Some speeches which seem to be of minor importance will not be mentioned. And some of the unimportant events will also be omitted.

The information given in this history will be solidly based on minutes of meetings, newspaper stories, and the masterly compilation of letters, records, and publicity material from the beginning to 1965 assembled by Compatriot Charles K. Peacock. Like most official records, this great mass of material is dull reading. But it does supply accurate facts for the historian. Compatriot Ernest A. Clevenger has secured these records for 1925-1965 and has also supplied from his own files much information for the years 1973-1982. There is an unfortunate gap for the years 1966-1972. Compatriot Clevenger first suggested the writing of this history and has also assisted the writer in many other ways.

No matter how carefully the historian researches and writes, he will be influenced to some extent by his own knowledge, experience, and prejudices. This is true of all historians, including this one. And the gaps in the records may lead sometimes to incorrect interpretations that creep into the story.

1925
THE ORGANIZATION MEETING

The organization meeting for the John Sevier Chapter was held on the morning of Friday, October 16, 1925 at the Patten Hotel, which was then the most important meeting place in Chattanooga.

Since the pioneers in any movement deserve special mention, the names of all the twelve charter members attending the meeting are given here: Augustus F. Meehan, Theodore L. Montague, Dr. Dunbar Newell, Jesse T. Hill, Noah H. Grady, Col. Clarence S. Steward, Frederick A. Hahn, Clarence T. Jones, Henry Bond, Thomas S. Myers, Summerfield K. Johnston, Willard Keen. These men were already local members of the Tennessee Society of the S.A.R.

Every member of the S.A.R. has the title "Compatriot," but in this narrative the title will be used only when needed to show that the man is an S.A.R. and not an outsider.

Because the organization meeting was very important, it was attended by high officials of the National Society of the S.A.R. who came long distances before the days of easy travel by air. These gentlemen included Judge H. F. Remington, President General, from Rochester, N.Y.; Col. Marvin H. Lewis, Past President General, from Louisville, Kentucky; George Albert Smith, Vice-President General, from Salt Lake City, Utah; Frank B. Steele, Secretary General, from Buffalo, N.Y.; Frederick W. Millspaugh, Vice-President General, from Nashville, Tennessee. (In 1933 Mr. Millspaugh became President General.)

At the meeting inspiring talks were made by Judge Remington, Col. Lewis, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Millspaugh. Augustus F. Meehan also made a fine talk. With his enthusiasm for S.A.R. and his position of leadership in Chattanooga through the Ross-Meehan Foundry, Mr. Meehan was seen as a good choice for the first president of the new chapter.

Meetings of this importance do not spring from thin air. Much preparation is needed: correspondence, conferences, and other spadework. Mr. Keen and Mr. Meehan were the chief movers here. They were aided by much information and encouragement from Mr. Millspaugh in Nashville. The recorded correspondence between Mr. Millspaugh and Mr. Keen began in 1922, three years before the chapter materialized.

1926

At the second meeting of the Chapter, February 3, 1926, at the Mountain City Club, these new members appeared: Junius B. French, Wyatt French, Robert R. Nixon, David Manker Patten, Dr. Lyle B. West, Adolph Shelby Ochs.

At this meeting the name for the Chapter was chosen: *John Sevier*, after the East Tennessee hero and Revolutionary leader. Sevier commanded part of the victorious American troops at the Battle of King's Mountain. He won many other battles, including the one near Craven's House on Lookout Mountain against the Indian allies of the British. This so-called "Last Battle of the Revolution" was fought just two hundred years ago, September 20, 1782.

The following Chapter officers were elected: President—Augustus F. Meehan; Vice-Presidents—Noah H. Grady and David Manker Patten; Secretary and Registrar—Willard Keen; Treasurer—Summerfield K. Johnston; Chancellor—Thomas S. Myers; Surgeon—Dr. Dunbar Newell; Chaplain—Junius B. French; Historian—Adolph Shelby Ochs. (Compatriot Keen was to give invaluable service as Secretary for eight years.)

Anyone familiar with Chattanooga of this time will recognize the fact that the men mentioned so far included many who were leaders in Chattanooga in various fields. This continued to be true as more members were added.

Prior to 1959 these names of distinction appear among the new members: They are listed more or less in the order in which they appear, not alphabetically nor in any rank. Oliver B. Andrews, John L. Hutcheson, Cartter Lupton, Clarence R. Avery, Albert B. Clarke, Robert S. Williams, Mayor T. C. Thompson, Sr., Col. Van Dyke Ochs, Dr. Raymond Wallace, Charles K. Peacock,

Judge M. M. Allison, Col. Gordon Johnston, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Dr. Willard Steele, Senator Newell Sanders, Judge Joe V. Williams, Sr., Dr. Edward Newell, Judge Nathan Bachman, Jo Conn Guild, Jr., Col. Ben B. Nicklin, Senator Z. Cartter Patten, Z. Charles Patten, Commodore Albert L. Key, Senator Estes Kefauver, Dr. James L. Bibb, Col. Harrison W. Gill, Lt. Col. John T. Whitaker, Dr. Joseph Venable, Frank Stoops, Burton R. Jones.

There have been 249 members in the Chapter from the beginning through 1982. It is obviously not feasible to discuss the merits of each member, even if they could be known. But a few members will be singled out for mention when they join the Chapter, or in some cases when they die. These men will illustrate the fact that the Chapter has continued to include members of some distinction. And they will be men who exemplify ability, versatility, and good citizenship. The men to be mentioned are ones who show up prominently in the records or are known to the historian. Doubtless there are others equally deserving but not known.

When the *Centennial History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church* was being written, a wise lady in the congregation said, "Everybody who opened a hymnal in church will expect to be mentioned, whether he sang or not." The historian hopes that S.A.R. members will not feel that way.

The Chapter Presidents and Secretaries, the men who do most of the work of the Chapter, will be listed at the end of the history. The men who have demonstrated their patriotism by serving in the Army, Navy, or Air Force will be listed next. And an Appendix will give the names of all Chapter members from the beginning, in alphabetical order with their dates and numbers, so far as the information can be recovered from existing records.

All members of S.A.R. are descended from Revolutionary ancestors, some from very distinguished leaders. For example, John E. Fontaine, Chapter President in 1949, was a great-great-great-great-grandson of Patrick Henry of Virginia, famous for his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech.

Ora F. LaTeer is descended from John Sevier. Adolph Shelby Ochs and Col. William Van Dyke Ochs are descended from Isaac Shelby, who was a Lieutenant under General Evan Shelby and later was the first governor of Kentucky. Dr. Edwin Samuel Lindsey is a descendant of James Garrard, who was Colonel of Militia of Stafford County, Virginia, and later the second governor of Kentucky.

By January of 1926 the Chapter had 42 members; by 1927 it had 58; by 1932 there were 103. These numbers varied from time to time. Constant efforts were made to recruit new members. This is true all over the country. There were approximately 250,000 men in the Revolutionary armies. No one knows how many of their male descendants are alive today. There are probably many thousands. But only 21,348 are active members of S.A.R. now. Active members are those who pay their dues. They may or may not attend Chapter meetings. From the organization of S.A.R. in 1889 to the present time there have been about 120,353 members.

Members who join the John Sevier Chapter usually continue their membership for a long time, even if they move away from Chattanooga. In 1976 Compatriot Harry T. Burn, who lived near Knoxville, was asked to join the new Knoxville chapter. He said he had been a member of John Sevier for over fifty years. Why change? A few members have transferred into John Sevier, and a very few to other chapters. There are many members who live outside of Chattanooga, twelve out of 62 in 1982.

The attendance of the so-called "active members" varies a great deal from meeting to meeting. Small numbers at a meeting are probably due to some members living far away, some out of town at the time, some too busy, some just not interested in that particular program. To cite just one example: In the year 1953, when there were 55 members, the attendance record was *good* for only 7 members, *fair* for 9.

Strange to say, there are numerous references to members, including good and prominent ones, being dropped for failure to pay their annual dues. Most of them, however, were reinstated after they paid up. Failure to pay probably due more to oversight than deliberate intention. Apparently no notices of dues were sent out before 1963.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The third Chapter meeting, February 22, 1926, set the pattern of meetings for some years: a dinner meeting on George Washington's birthday, an annual luncheon sometime in December to handle Chapter business, and an occasional called meeting if needed.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The Washington's birthday dinners are the most important meetings. The wives of Chapter members and the Regents of the local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution are invited. And a speaker of some note gives the address. At the first dinner, 1926, Judge Robert B. Cooke gave "a most interesting and patriotic address on George Washington," according to the minutes of the meeting. Most of the speakers have glorified Washington and the past achievements of America rather than dealing with controversial topics of the present and problems of the future. On several different occasions the speaker has been the current President General of the S. A. R.

The dinners will not be recounted separately unless they are especially important ones. But the speakers after Judge Cooke have included Judge Nathan L. Bachman, Judge Floyd Estill, Judge Joe V. Williams, Sr., State Senator John A. Chambliss, Dean Philip Davidson of Vanderbilt, O. M. Wilson, Jr., Judge Frank W. Wilson, Hammond Fowler, Mrs. Alice Warner Milton, Mrs. Irving Reilly. Patriotic songs are usually part of the Washington dinner program. Most of the Washington dinners have been held at the Golf and Country Club, the Read House, the Patten, the Coffee Shoppe, or the Lookout Mountain Fairyland Club.

CONSTITUTION DAY

In some years the John Sevier Chapter has also observed Constitution Day, September 17, and Flag Day, June 15, with public meetings held in cooperation with the D. A. R. and presenting a noted public speaker. The Constitution Day speaker in 1928 at the meeting in the Memorial Auditorium was Judge Charles W. Lusk. The 1929 meeting, held on the one hundred and forty-second anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, heard Dr. E. Burns Martin, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Chattanooga. The 1931 speaker for the meeting in the Patten Chapel of the University was Justice Alexander W. Chambliss of the Tennessee Supreme Court. He was a former mayor of Chattanooga. Judge W. E. Wilkerson spoke in 1946, Major Phil Whitaker in 1949, and Compatriot Judge Robert M. Summitt in 1960.

COOPERATION WITH D. A. R.

There has been a good deal of cooperation between the S. A. R. and other patriotic organizations. The attendance of the Regents of the local D. A. R. Chapters at the Washington dinners has already been mentioned, also the joint sponsorship of the Constitution Day celebrations.

GENERAL SHELBY MONUMENT UNVEILED

On May 3, 1929 the S. A. R. joined the D. A. R., the Daughters of 1812, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the program for unveiling the monument to General Evan Shelby. General Shelby in 1779 won a notable victory over the Chickamauga Indians, who were allied with the British against the Americans. This unveiling ceremony was a big public affair, with the Sixth Cavalry Band furnishing the music; greetings by Col. T. A. Roberts, Commander at Fort Oglethorpe, and by officials of the sponsoring organizations; acceptance of the monument by County Judge Will Cummings; and an address by Judge S. C. Williams, President of the East Tennessee Historical Society. The actual unveiling was done by young Martin Shelby Ochs, son of Compatriot Adolph Shelby Ochs, and by Adeline Moon. Both of them were descendants of General Shelby.

In this connection we might mention the fact that 18 S. A. R. members who joined the Chapter before 1955 were sons of D. A. R. mothers. And 35 had S. A. R. fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or brothers.

1931

ADMIRAL BYRD • WAR MEDALS • RESOLUTIONS

The very notable Washington birthday dinner of 1931 was held on February 25 instead of 22. At this time the famous polar explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd attended the meeting and was inducted into the John Sevier Chapter as a regular member. This was the highlight of the meeting. Admiral Byrd spoke with great courtesy and charm, addressing the assembly as "My fellow members of the Sons of the American Revolution." He made it clear that he considered membership in the John Sevier Chapter to be a great honor.

At this same meeting President Frederick W. Millspaugh of the Tennessee S. S. A. R. presented bronze medals to John Sevier members who had served in World War I. He had announced these medals in 1927. Proper affidavits from the Chapter about the War service of each member were required. The medals were given to William Van Dyke Ochs, Adolph Shelby Ochs II, Speed H. Fry, Dr. Edward D. Newell, Clarence R. Avery, Dr. Willard Steele, Robert R. Nixon, David Manker Patten, and Oliver B. Andrews.

Another important item was the presentation of three resolutions of esteem and regret on the death of Compatriots. One should be quoted as an example.

M. M. ALLISON

Born July 10, 1865. Died August 4, 1930.
Lawyer, jurist, citizen, and empire builder.

M. M. Allison's memory in this community will be kept alive by the great work he did as the originator and perfecter of the Dixie Highway.

The Sons of the American Revolution desire to place on their records a minute inscribed to this good citizen whose passing has brought keen sorrow to many hearts.

This resolution expresses friendship and also gives some information about the achievements of the Compatriot. Most of the resolutions scattered through the records merely express esteem for the Compatriot and regret for his death.

The principal address of this Washington birthday celebration, given by State Senator John A. Chambliss, was on George Washington.

1931

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDALS IN SCHOOLS

The important work of encouraging patriotism and good citizenship in the schools, which had been suggested by President Millspaugh back in 1926, was actually begun in 1931, according to the surviving records. The Chapter awards to high schools and preparatory schools in the Chattanooga area an engraved bronze medal for the senior presenting the best essay on some aspect of the Revolution and its application to present day good citizenship. A gold medal is awarded to the best essay from all the schools after all the winning essays have been judged by the Board of the Chattanooga Library.

In May 1931 bronze medals were awarded to these essay winners: Roy Butler of Central High School, Ellis K. Meacham of Chattanooga High School, Hugh Nichols of McCallie School, and Lucile Reisman of Girls Preparatory School. The gold medal went to Warren Robinson Johnston of Baylor School.

The winner in each school is selected by the principal of the school. In addition to the essays, the principal takes into account the personal qualities of the writers. As good citizens they should exemplify honesty, loyalty, self-control, respect for authority, respect for the rights of others, respect for property, courtesy, clean speech, and loyalty to the Constitution. A rather large order for youngsters!



Seated, essay winners of 1931: Warren R. Johnston, Ellis K. Meacham, Lucille Reisman, Roy Butler. Standing: S.A.R. members Edward S. Abernathy, Henry Bond, Chapter President Willard Keen, Frank M. Robbins, Sr.

The winners in 1931 were invited to a luncheon of the Chapter late in May, and the medals were presented at that time.

To carry the story a little further: the list of schools was gradually expanded, and in 1936 it covered 31 schools from the Chattanooga area, including surrounding places like Tyner, Daisy, and Ooltewah. In 1965 there were 35 schools. The number of schools which actually submit winning essays varies from year to year, usually running about 20 to 25. More boys than girls have won medals. Beginning in 1946 black students were admitted to the competition. In that year there were 20 white and 5 black winners.

In the year 1945 there was a tie for the best essay of the whole lot, with Mildred Jahn writing on "Pioneer History of Chattanooga" and Robert Carlyle writing on the same subject. In 1946 Frances Christenbury was the best. The essays were judged this year by Compatriot Lt. Col. John T. Whitaker, a famous traveller, observer, journalist, and author. The resolution adopted after his death in 1947 says in part: "He took his place with the foremost leaders who gave America and her allies the data for formulating war strategy and mapping the new world government that is coming into being."

In the year 1946 the medals were changed from bronze to sterling silver and were presented at the schools.

Sometime in the nineteen-fifties the Chapter dropped the requirement for an essay, leaving that to the D.A.R.s.

A few medals have also been given for leadership in the Junior R.O.T.C., beginning in 1947. In 1960 the Chapter stopped giving medals to Rossville and other North Georgia schools. Beginning in 1977 medals were given only for R.O.T.C.



Some essay winners of 1953. Seated: Kenneth Miller, Marie Williams, Marvin Spurlin. Standing: Tennessee S.A.R. Past President Arthur Brading, Clarence Shattuck, Carlos Morgan, Alvin Perkinson, John Sevier Chapter President Malcolm J. Rawlings.

In most years the winners were invited to a luncheon (sometimes an evening meal) given by the Chapter, with the medals presented at that time. Usually there was a fine speaker who encouraged the young people in patriotism, good citizenship, and achievement. The speakers have included Sam J. McAllister in 1936; Dr. Spencer J. McCallie, Headmaster of McCallie School, in 1937; States Rights Finley in 1949; the Reverend James Clements in 1950; Joe V. Williams, Jr., in 1952; General Clayton L. Bissell in 1954; Raleigh Crumbliss in 1956; Col. John Popham in 1982.

Handling the arrangements connected with the essay contests required much time from the Chapter member who undertook the task alone or as Chairman of a Committee. He had to correspond with the school principals and the essay writers, raise the money to buy the medals, get each medal engraved with the name of the winner, go to each school on Honors Day to announce the winners, and arrange for the luncheon and the speaker. He had to raise the money for the medals from S.A.R. members. The Chapter did not pay, because for many years the Chapter dues were very low, and the Chapter never had much money. Some of the members who have handled this important educational task are Charles K. Peacock, Joe V. Williams, Jr., Col. Harrison W. Gill, W. W. Woodruff, Malcolm J. Rawlings, Arthur Brading, Albert B. Clarke, O. M. Wilson, Jr., W. C. Marlin, Harrison W. Gill, Jr., and Ernest A. Clevenger.

JUDGE MEACHAM

One of the medal winners the first year was Ellis K. Meacham, who wrote about patriotism in general and Nathan Hale in particular. He is an example of a winner who went on to a lifetime of good citizenship as lawyer, judge, naval officer, and author. Asked recently, about his opinion of the value of the S.A.R. work in the schools, he wrote: "I feel that a program which makes a reasoned and logical presentation of good citizenship is worthwhile, and certainly the example of the S.A.R. is outstanding."

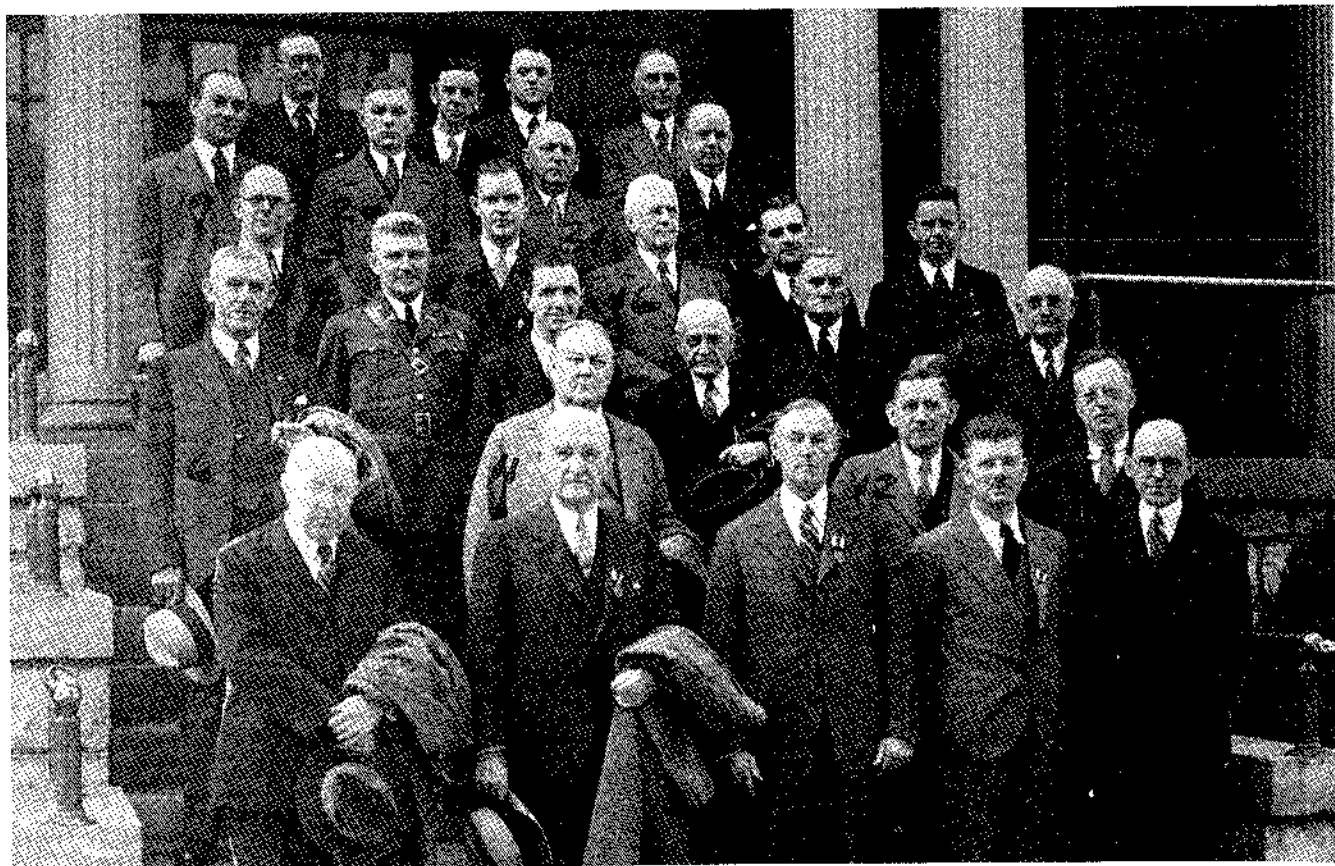
MORE WAR MEDALS

At the Washington Bicentennial celebration on February 22, 1932 Compatriot George E. Gresham presented World War I medals to James F. Corn, E. A. Magill, Ira P. Jones, Albert B. Clarke, and Eugene Thomasson. A medal for H. Q. Underhill, who had died, was presented to his widow.

In presenting the medals Compatriot Gresham made an impressive speech in which he said: "We are proud of the fact that every succeeding generation of American citizenship has proved itself true to the ideals of our fathers. In the last war you proved these ideals, the right of self government and self determination still lives, and you were ready and many of your comrades did sacrifice their lives to maintain that ideal.

"So we vest you with these medals in commemoration of these great ideals. May we ever carry on so that government of the people, by the people, and for the people may ever remain an ideal of government and finally prevail over the whole earth."

Those last words "Prevail over the whole earth" spoken in 1932 did not sound so impractical as they would sound in 1982 after the Nazis, World War II, the triumph of communism over half the world, numerous dictatorships, and the atom bomb.



JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER IN 1932

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| 1. Joe V. Williams, Sr. | 10. George E. Gresham | 19. Dr. Alex Steward |
| 2. Commodore Albert L. Key | 11. Col. Clarence S. Steward | 20. Frank M. Robbins, Jr. |
| 3. Col. Gordon Johnston | 12. Willard Keen | 21. Col. Ben P. Nicklin |
| 4. Charles K. Peacock | 13. Henry Bond | 22. Edward A. Magill |
| 5. Frank M. Robbins, Sr. | 14. Al B. Clarke | 23. Mark Senter |
| 6. Frank F. Stoops | 15. Joe V. Williams, Jr. | 24. Hugh Lynn Thatcher |
| 7. Capt. William Van Dyke Ochs | 16. Junius B. French | 25. Dr. Willard Steele |
| 8. James Morrison | 17. Ira P. Jones | 26. Fred W. Kelsey |
| 9. T. C. Thompson, Sr. | 18. Edward Oehmig | 27. Noah H. Grady |

At the annual meeting on December 1, 1932 Compatriot Col. Clarence S. Steward presented World War I medals to Col. Gordon Johnston, Commander at Fort Oglethorpe; Commodore Albert L. Key; and Sergeant Charles K. Peacock. To complete the story of the World War I medals, in 1934 they were given to Thomas C. Thompson, Jr., and Hugh S. Thompson.

One of the good citizenship medals for students in 1933 was won by Raymond B. Witt. He will appear also in 1963 when he received the Citizen of the Year award. His record will be summarized in the 1963 section of the history.

MORE ABOUT ADMIRAL BYRD

In 1933 the Chapter sent to Compatriot Admiral Richard E. Byrd their best wishes for the success of his next expedition. This was his second expedition to the South Pole, the one in which he left his party at the base in Marie Byrd Land and established an advanced base 123 miles nearer the Pole. Here he spent several months alone in the dead of the Antarctic winter, making scientific observations. This was a very bold undertaking that added to his already heroic record as aviator and explorer of both the North and the South Poles.

Later, after his return, the Admiral was invited to visit the University of Chattanooga, where President Alexander Guerry wished the students to see and hear a real live modern American hero. The students gave him a stirring ovation, and he made a modest and very effective speech in Patten Chapel.

THE BRAINERD MISSION

The S.A.R., like the D.A.R., have been interested in preserving historic buildings and sites. Beginning in 1933 there was a succession of discussions with the D.A.R. on the project of restoring the historic Brainerd Mission. This Mission, established in 1817 by the American Board for Foreign Missions, played an important part in the educational development and Christianizing of the Cherokee Indians. This was a big establishment, with 45 acres of cleared land, many buildings, and many domestic animals. It was very successful in its operations and was famous all over the country. President James Monroe visited the Mission in 1819, and President James Madison came later. In 1838 the Cherokees were driven out on the infamous "Trail of Tears." The missionaries went with them and the buildings were left to fall into ruins. So by 1933 there was left only the cemetery in which were buried missionaries and Indians who had died there before 1838. There were interesting monuments scattered throughout the grounds. Everything was grown over by vines and undergrowth.

In 1933 Dr. and Mrs. Henry Hampton, who owned the land then, deeded the cemetery to the D.A.R. and S.A.R. jointly. An elaborate ceremony for dedicating the old burial ground was held as a major event in the State D.A.R. convention here in 1933, with the S.A.R. and the Children of the American Revolution taking part. Mrs. Sam Erwin of the D.A.R. was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. A. S. Bowen, Chairman of Historic Spots for the Tennessee D.A.R., presided. The Sixth Cavalry Band played patriotic and martial music. The cemetery gates were opened by Helen Hampton and Henry Hampton, Jr., children of Dr. and Mrs. Hampton. The C.A.R. gave the salute to the flag.

There were greetings from Governor Hill McAlister; Mayor E. D. Bass; County Judge Will Cummings; Col. Gordon Johnston, President of the Tennessee S.S.A.R.; and other officials of the D.A.R. and S.A.R. The address of the day was made by Judge Samuel Cole Williams, Past President of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

After this opening ceremony there were discussions from time to time between the D.A.R. and the S.A.R. on the problems of restoration and maintenance. But progress was extremely slow.

Meanwhile the D.A.R. women, led by Mrs. John G. Kain IV, mother of our Compatriot Kain, did a great deal of work over the years, trying to clear out the undergrowth and keep the place in order. In 1944 the S.A.R. passed a formal resolution to support the restoration work. By 1956 a commercial section was growing up around the cemetery, and there was an urgent problem of

maintaining roads for ingress to and egress from the property. Then S.A.R. finally began to take a real hand in the work. A letter from one of the D.A.R. leaders says that Compatriot Ernest A. Clevenger was the driving force behind the S.A.R. efforts. He was aided by O. M. Wilson, Jr., Charles K. Peacock, Cartter Patten, and a few others. The matter of the roads was arranged satisfactorily with Mr. Weldon F. Osborne and Mr. Dobbs, owners of the surrounding property. A much needed water line was installed through the cooperation of Commissioner George L. McInturff.

In 1963 at a Tennessee Conference of the D.A.R. another dedication ceremony was held. Ernest A. Clevenger was Master of Ceremonies. Taking part were the State Regent of D.A.R.; the Historian General of D.A.R.; prominent local members of D.A.R.; and Grove W. Atwater, President of John Sevier. The Brainerd High School Band and the Explorer Scouts also took part. A big Silver Tea Party was held on February 18, 1965 to publicize the Brainerd Mission Work and to raise money for it. Another big tea party was held in 1974.

On May 15, 1977, the one hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the Mission was celebrated with a special ceremony. Taking part were the Regents of the five local D.A.R. Chapters, and other D.A.R. leaders; Walter H. Stamper, Jr., President of John Sevier; Mac Kendrick, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars; Boy Scout Troop #30; and musicians. Mrs. Reba Wilson gave the history of the Mission. Compatriot O. M. Wilson, Jr., made the principal address. The graves were decorated.

Compatriot Kinchen W. Exum became Chairman of the joint committee of D.A.R. and S.A.R. in 1981.

The cemetery has been made into a beautiful place. On October 19, 1981 leaders of the D.A.R. and the S.A.R. gathered there to observe the 200th anniversary of the surrender of the British at Yorktown. A new flag donated by the D.A.R. was raised with appropriate ceremony.



The new flag displayed by Dr. Robert G. Adams, S.A.R. Chapter President; Mrs. Charles Lyon, President of the Regents Council of the D.A.R.; Dr. Ernest A. Clevenger, Jr.; and Kinchen W. Exum, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. Removing the old flag are Chattanooga firemen Bill Bryson and Jimmy Dill.

GRANT'S HEADQUARTERS

In addition to the Brainerd Mission project there were other preservation efforts. In 1934 the Chapter approved the plan of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce to get the United States Congress to buy and preserve the quaint little house on First Street near Walnut Street which had been the headquarters of General Ulysses S. Grant in 1863 during the Civil War. The house was on a high bluff overlooking the Tennessee River, commanding a magnificent view of the river valley and the mountains around Chattanooga. Unfortunately this project failed, and the house was torn down recently.

COL. GORDON JOHNSTON

In 1934 the Chapter heard with regret that Compatriot Col. Gordon Johnston, a dashing polo player, had been mortally injured in a game when his horse fell and rolled over on him. Col. Johnston had been a greatly esteemed member of the John Sevier Chapter when he was the Commander at Fort Oglethorpe. A member of a distinguished Army family, son of a Confederate Brigadier General, he had served all over the world and won the highest military medals, awards, and honors. At the time of his death he was Chief of Staff of the Second Division of the United States Army.

In some years the Chapter held additional dinner meetings with programs of general interest. For example, on August 12, 1938 Mr. J. P. Brown, a nationally known authority on the Indians, spoke about the Indians in the Chattanooga area in Revolutionary days. Wives were invited to this dinner, held on the verandah of the Lookout Mountain Hotel.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SPEAKERS

The speaker for the 1941 Washington birthday celebration at the Patten Hotel was Dr. William H. Masterson, who was a history teacher at Baylor School at that time and President of the University of Chattanooga later. His notable address was on the subject "America Faces the World of 1941." This approach was better than that of the speakers who mainly glorified Washington and past achievements of America rather than dealing with the controversial topics of the current situation and future problems. Later, in 1945, the Chapter adopted a good slogan, "Hats off to the past; coats off to the future." Some speakers, however, still preferred bowing to the past rather than tackling the knotty problems of the day.

FLAG DAY

There is less recorded about the Flag Day meetings. A notable one, however, was held at the Patten Hotel on June 15, 1942, when Col. Howell Estes, Commanding Officer of the Third Cavalry, and Mrs. Estes were special guests; and Col. Benjamin P. Nicklin spoke inspiringly on "The Flag." Col. Nicklin was a famous soldier who began as a drummer boy at the age of 13 and rose to Colonel. With years of service all over the world, he won all sorts of military honors. After retiring from the Army he was the leader in numerous civic organizations in Chattanooga.

At that same Flag Day meeting there was an address by Thomas V. Trotter, Jr., Administrative Director of the Civilian Defense Council. His subject was "Needed Patriotism." Regents of the D.A.R. Chapters were guests at the meeting.

On the Flag Day of 1948 French Frazier spoke on the history of the flag.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP WINNER, LEE ANDERSON

One of the 1943 winners of good citizenship medals was Lee Stratton Anderson of Chattanooga High School. He demonstrated good citizenship later as a student leader at the University of Chattanooga, editor of the *News-Free Press*, stout defender of the Constitution, Sunday School teacher and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, President of the Rotary Club, Major in the United States Army Reserve, chairman of various civic boards of good will, winner of Freedom Foundation awards, and frequent speaker all over the country.

An unusual feature is the fact that he won a good citizenship medal in Junior High School and again in Senior High School.

When asked about his opinion on the essays and awards, he wrote, "I appreciated both of the S.A.R. awards very much. They are respected not only by the recipients but by others in both schools. I still have them and treasure them."

At the general meeting on December 12, 1944 the members of the Chapter presented a gold medal to retiring President Leonard B. Krick in recognition of his very valuable service to S.A.R.

VARIOUS OTHER MEETINGS. RESOLUTIONS

In addition to the Washington dinners, the Constitution Day celebrations, the Flag Day meetings, and the annual meetings, there were monthly luncheon meetings (except in the summer) in some years. The programs covered a great variety of topics, patriotic, historic, civic, and miscellaneous, all interesting and enlightening in some way. To illustrate, here are some of the topics presented in the year 1946: On January 9 a review of Judge Samuel Cole Williams' book, "Tennessee During the Revolution." On May 15 Judge James A. Anderson speaking on Tennessee history. On November 9 Senator Cartter Patten reviewing his new book, "A Tennessee Chronicle." On November 19 Joseph H. Roberts speaking on the American Revolution.

For the next year, 1947, one of the speakers was Mrs. Charles R. Hyde, an authority on local history. Mrs. Hyde was the daughter of the Reverend Jonathan Waverly Bachman, the distinguished preacher who was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church for fifty years. On February 18 she spoke on early people and events in Chattanooga. Another 1947 speaker was Mrs. Penelope Allen of the Judge David Campbell Chapter of the D.A.R., who discussed the leadership of Col. John Sevier at the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780, a great American victory which was a turning point in the Revolution and led directly to Yorktown. Mrs. Allen was the sister of Col. A. M. Johnston, founder of the town of St. Elmo and leading layman of the Episcopal Church in Tennessee.

Luncheon meetings have heard several speeches by F.B.I. men on the work of that important organization. The dangers of communism have been discussed formally and informally many times.

Current problems of the day have been discussed at many luncheon meetings. The Chapter has gone on record, along with the American Legion, the American Veterans, and the D.A.R. in support of compulsory military training when that cause was not at all popular. The S.A.R. is not given to supporting a cause merely because it is popular at the time. The S.A.R. opposed disarmament in 1928. Opposed marches on Washington by any groups trying to overawe the Congress. Endorsed the Chattanooga Centennial celebration of 1938.

Endorsement or opposition by the Chapter does not necessarily mean unanimous opinion. Most S.A.R. members are independent thinkers who may disagree at times with the majority. As an example of this, some members objected to having Senator Estes Kefauver in the Chapter because they thought he was too far to the left in supporting peace movements and the idea of world government. In view of his record of notable service to the country, the objection seems not reasonable to this writer.

In 1949 the meeting plans were changed to four a year: the Washington dinner; a luncheon meeting in May for awarding good citizenship medals; Constitution Day, September 17; and a business meeting in December. The plans for meeting have been changed several times since 1949; but the Washington dinner has always been the main meeting of the year.

In 1950 the awards luncheon was notable because of the address by the Reverend James P. Clements, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He had been a chaplain of Marines for three years, two of them in the Pacific theater with the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing. In Chattanooga he was a leader of the Boy Scouts and active in various civic organizations. Now he is the Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

In 1951 Miss Zella Armstrong, a noted authority on local history and genealogy, spoke to the Chapter on "The Advantages of Patriotic Societies to the Young."

A pleasant event of 1951 was the pilgrimage to Fort Loudon and the "Mansion" at Tellico Plains with the D.A.R.

THE JOHN ROSS STATUE

In 1952 the Chapter contributed \$25 to the fund for the imposing statue of John Ross on the lawn of the Hamilton County Courthouse. John Ross, the principal Chief of the Cherokee nation, in 1815 founded Ross's Landing which became Chattanooga in 1838. In 1952, when dollars were real dollars, the \$25 contribution was not as insignificant as it seems today.

GENERAL BISSELL

The speaker for the student medal winners in 1954 was Major General Clayton L. Bissell, United States Air Force, Retired. General Bissell, a resident of Chattanooga, had a very distinguished career. He had enlisted as a private in 1917 and risen steadily through all the grades to Major General. He served as a fighter pilot in France and Germany, had been Assistant to the celebrated General Billy Mitchell, was with General Stilwell in China, commanded the Tenth Army Air Force in World War II, had been Military Attaché at the American Embassy in London. Like most really important people he was friendly and very modest about his achievements, a model for young men. He had won all the highest military awards in America and also British and Italian awards, and honors from Chile and Ecuador.

On August 12, 1954 Compatriot Col. William Van Dyke Ochs spoke on "Civil Defense Preparedness," a subject that is apt to be neglected in times of peace.

THE COLYAR MANSION

Another preservation project came in 1954 when the Chapter asked Governor Frank G. Clement to help get the Colyar Mansion on Missionary Ridge preserved as an historical museum and shrine. The mansion commanded views of the sites of General Evan Shelby's victory over the Chickamauga Indians in 1779, and Col. John Sevier's victory over the same Indians in 1780. But nothing came of this project.

THE JOHN ROSS HOUSE

In 1956 the Chief John Ross House, now a National Historic Landmark, was about to be demolished to make way for a commercial development. The owner of the house offered to give it to the S.A.R. if they would move it. But the Chapter could not accept this offer. The John Ross House Association, with Lou Williams as President, came to the rescue and raised the \$16,000 needed for moving the house to a nearby location and restoring it. The new location was given by the estate of Compatriot John L. Hutcheson.

One of the speakers in 1955 was Dr. James W. Livingood, Professor of History at the University of Chattanooga, who spoke on the part played in the Revolution by the Tennessee country. He said that the people of this country were self-sufficient and intensely individualistic, and that the desire to own land was the chief motivation of their revolutionary patriotism.

ERNEST A. CLEVINGER

In this year 1955 Ernest A. Clevenger became a member of the Chapter. He has unusually good credentials for the S.A.R., for he is descended from Captain John Hinds, North Carolina Dragoons; Col. James Brown of North Carolina; John Narramore, Continental Line, South Carolina; and Solomon Geron, North Carolina and the Battle of King's Mountain.

In a welcoming letter Compatriot R.N. Sims Crownover, President of the Tennessee Society, wrote: "We have 20,000 members throughout the country, and we hope you will be one of the more active members." This hope has been well fulfilled, for Compatriot Clevenger has been very active in the Chapter and in the State Society, and has held several national offices. He has been a

leader in almost every aspect of Chapter activities and especially diligent in the never-ending task of recruiting new members for the Chapter and for the State. His S.A.R. offices and honors are listed later.

At the end of the year 1956, the expiration of the first of his two terms as Chapter President, he received a note from Malcolm J. Rawlings, Chapter Secretary, which said: "Please let me tell you that John Sevier lost yesterday a President that has given more to its advancement than any I have had the pleasure of serving under." (Compatriot Rawlings served as Secretary for nine years, a record not matched by anybody else.) In the year 1957 Compatriot Clevenger organized and gave the charter to the new S.A.R. Chapter in Memphis.

In addition to his S.A.R. work he has demonstrated ability and versatility in many other fields. His record, which requires a page-and-a-half just to list his activities, can only be summarized here. In the business world he had a long career with the Corley Manufacturing Company, and is now Chairman Emeritus. He has held positions of leadership with the Rotary Club, the Forestry Association, the Chattanooga Opera Association, and on numerous boards dealing with education, economics, marketing, manufacturing, health problems, and cultural affairs. He is a member of SCORE and is listed in several WHO'S WHO publications. Last and not least, he is a good member of the Brainerd Church of Christ.

JUDGE DARR ON THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Washington birthday speaker in 1956 was Judge Leslie R. Darr, who spoke on the Bill of Rights. Insisting that he was speaking as a private citizen and not as a judge, he said that the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1871, actually took away most of the rights of the states and made the federal government the supervisor over many matters that really belonged to the states, such as schools and the rights of citizens. This amendment was forced on the South in Reconstruction days.

In 1957 the Chapter received the unwelcome news that Compatriot Admiral Richard E. Byrd had died. The Chapter had been keeping him on the rolls for years.

In this year 1957 there were 18 United States Senators and 22 Representatives who were S.A.R.s. Through these legislators the Tennessee Society S.A.R. made an effort to establish higher qualifications for Justices of the United States Supreme Court. S.A.R. thought that some of the appointments made by Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower were political rewards. The S.A.R. was opposed to Justices Earl Warren, Felix Frankfurter, and Hugo Black, fearing decisions that would favor communism.

S.A.R. GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, FINKLESTEIN

On December 3, 1957 the Chapter awarded its Good Citizenship Medal, which was a new honor, to the Honorable Morris Finklestein, Chancellor of the Second Division Chancery Court, and recognized him as S.A.R.'s Citizen of the Year. For 24 years the Chancellor had given of his time and knowledge to prepare newcomers of all nationalities for naturalization. The presentation was made by Judge Leslie R. Darr, in whose Federal Court the naturalization ceremonies have taken place. Chancellor Finkelstein spoke of America's great need for well trained diplomats.

LOU WILLIAMS, GOOD CITIZEN

The Good Citizenship award for the next year, 1958, went to Louis J. (Lou) Williams "for outstanding leadership in the business, civic, and cultural life of the community, for the promotion of conservation and safety, and leadership in the Boy Scouts of America." Mr. Williams had been foreman of the Hamilton County Grand Jury for three years and President of the John Ross House Association. Twenty-four years later, in July 1982, Mr. Williams was honored at a ceremony for Past Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce. He was then ninety years old. He was asked about some of the secrets of how to make it to ninety. Having a good sense of humor, he quipped: "Keep breathing; look both ways in crossing one-way streets; and join the Chamber of Commerce."

PICNICS

Amid all the serious business of meetings and speeches there have also been some pleasant outings. The pilgrimage to Fort Loudon with the D.A.R. has already been mentioned. Another notable occasion was the big picnic which was given on September 15, 1959, by Compatriot Harry T. Burn and Mrs. Burn at Hathburn, the beautiful old mansion on their country estate near Niota. Compatriot Burn, a member of John Sevier, was State President of S.A.R. at that time. The invitation which went to John Sevier, Andrew Jackson, and Upper Cumberland Chapters, said "Bring nothing but your appetites." Since any S.A.R. event, even a picnic, seems to need a serious side too, after the bountiful repast Compatriot the Honorable Hammond Fowler of the Tennessee Public Service Commission spoke to the 125 guests on the Constitution. Mr. and Mrs. Burn repeated this pleasant invitation four years later, on August 3, 1963.

And, jumping ahead a little in time, on May 8, 1978 there was a delightful picnic at the historic Gordon-Lee mansion in Chickamauga, which had been restored to its old beauty by Compatriot Dr. Frank Green and Mrs. Green.

MAYOR OLGIATI

We return now to chronological order. At the December 1, 1959 meeting Mayor P. R. Olgiati spoke on the West Side Redevelopment, which was an important step forward for Chattanooga. Mayor Olgiati was awarded the Distinguished Citizen medal for his leadership in this undertaking.

O. M. WILSON, JR.

Another important member of John Sevier, Oscar Munroe Wilson, Jr., joined the Chapter in 1959. He has a very direct connection with the American Revolution because he is descended from Lt. Ebenezer Munroe (1752-1825), who is credited with firing the first American shot at the Battle of Lexington after he was wounded in the opening British fire. From Lexington the fighting moved on to Concord Bridge. This part of the fighting was celebrated by Ralph Waldo Emerson in his Concord Hymn.

Mike, as his friends call him, had been on active duty in the Navy for twelve years. He was a naval aviator, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1955, with five ribbons for service in several parts of the world. He has been very active in many aspects of the Chapter's work, and even more active in the State and National organizations of S.A.R. His offices and honors are listed later.

1960 SPEAKERS

In 1960 the speakers included Compatriot R. Beecher Witt, District Attorney of Madisonville, April 5. Dr. John W. Letson, Superintendent of Chattanooga Schools, on "Education and the Coming Future," May 3. Lt. Com. O. L. Watson, U.S.N. on "Your Navy and Your Future," July 5.

On August 2 Mr. Robert P. Womack of the Southern Bell Telephone Company gave a most vividly illustrated lecture on the terrible ice storm in March 1960 and the tremendous job done by the crews in restoring telephone and electric power service on the mountains.

Constitution Day, for 1960, observed on September 13, brought a speech by Major General Clayton L. Bissell, U.S.A.F., Retired, on "The U.S. Defense Posture." General Bissell's notable military career has already been explained in connection with his speech to the essay winners in 1954.

JOSEPH FEHN, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BOY SCOUTS DAY

The December 6, 1960 meeting was devoted to the Boy Scouts movement, whose value is recognized in the S.A.R. constitution. This year 1960 was the 50th year of the Boy Scouts. At this appropriate time the Chapter conferred its Citizen of the Year award on Joseph Fehn, owner of

Fehn's Restaurant, in recognition of his leadership in the Boy Scouts. He had already received many honors from the Scouts, including the Silver Beaver, the organization's highest award. Compatriot Charles K. Peacock, District Commissioner for The Cherokee Area Council, made the S.A.R. award. Mr. J. D. Garrett of the Council gave an address on the Scouts.

ELBERT R. HAYS

Death came suddenly on December 12, 1960 to Compatriot Elbert R. Hays, who had served four terms as President of the Chapter. He had been a leader not only in the S.A.R. but also in other organizations. He was Commander of the American Legion Post and Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. For one man to head both Veterans' groups was a most unusual achievement. The John Sevier Chapter placed a bronze S.A.R. emblem on his gravestone in the National Cemetery.

On January 17, 1961, Lee Anderson, a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Civil War Commission, spoke on the human interest incidents of that War. Mr. Anderson's record as editor and patriotic leader has already been explained in this narrative under the year 1943.

At the Washington dinner George R. Burnham of the *Chattanooga News-Free Press* spoke most effectively about the crisis faced by America in 1961. Burnham was an experienced writer who had travelled the world with the Billy Graham Crusade and published articles about it.

MALCOLM J. RAWLINGS

In March of 1961 came the sad news that Compatriot Malcolm J. Rawlings had died in his Florida retirement home. He had been a budget officer of the T. V. A. for 25 years in Chattanooga. And he had been a very strong member of the John Sevier Chapter, had served as Secretary for nine years, as President for one year, as Chairman of the citizenship essay contest, and on numerous committees. He was State S.A.R. President in 1954. The Chapter had passed in 1956 a resolution of appreciation for his work. This was very unusual. His son, Lt. Col. James O. Rawlings of Arlington, Virginia had been a member of the John Sevier Chapter.

In a meeting in April of 1961 the basic purpose of S.A.R. was well stated: "We seek no bonus, pension, or benefit to any group. We seek to preserve the principles of freedom on which the United States was founded."

DOUGLAS G. HIGH ORATORICAL CONTEST

The John Sevier Chapter had been invited in 1960 to enter candidates in the Douglas G. High National Historical Oratorical Contest. But no candidates were entered until 1961. This oratorical contest is another means of arousing young people to a patriotic interest in American history. The contest was originated by Douglas G. High in 1945 in Cincinnati, spread through the country, and was adopted by S.A.R. as a national contest. The subject of the orations must be the relation of some American Revolutionary historical event, personality, or document to events of today. The orations are brief, five to six minutes.

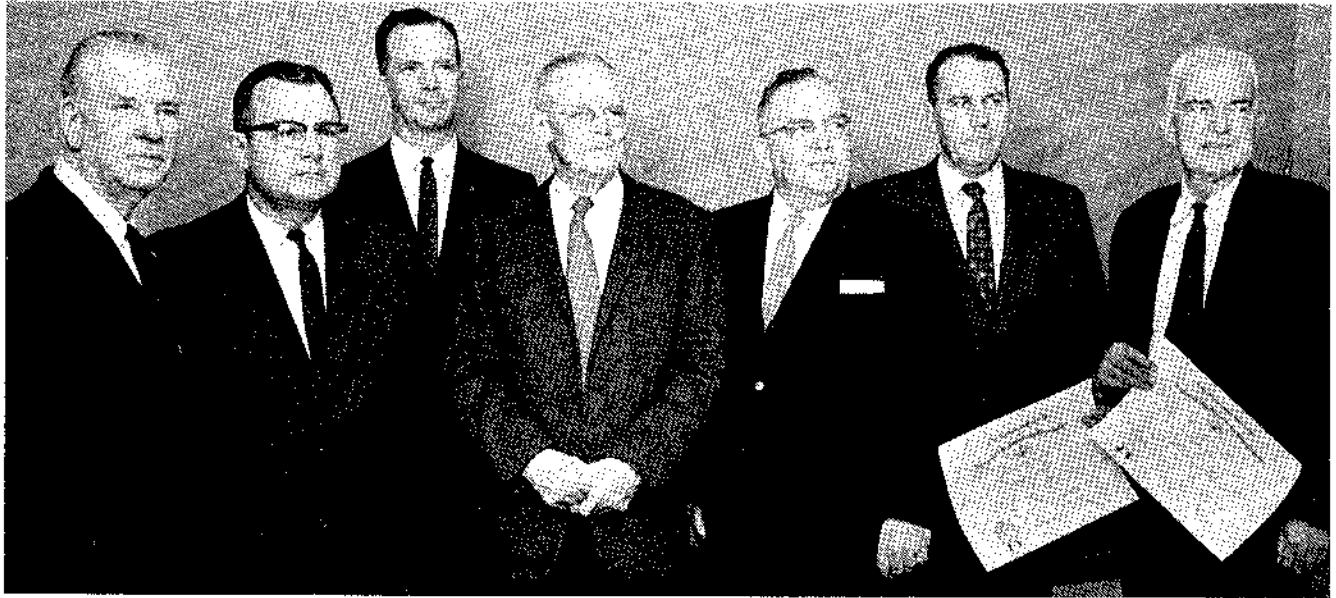
In 1961 Compatriot Col. Creed Bates, Principal of Chattanooga High School, served as the local chairman for the contest. Candidates from sixteen area schools entered. The contest, held here on April 4, was won by Charles Rush, a seventeen-year-old senior of Chattanooga High School. He is a descendant of Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and author of the "Address to the People of the United States," 1787. Charles Rush also won the state contest held here on April 22, as part of the State S.A.R. convention. He went on then and won third place in the national contest held in Clearwater, Florida during the National S.A.R. convention, speaking before an audience of 400. Rush was obviously a leader. President of his sophomore and junior classes, R.O.T.C. honor man, member of the Student Council, and so on.

WARNINGS AGAINST COMMUNISM

From time to time we have warnings against Communist propaganda which misleads the youths and confuses many older people. President General Horace Y. Kitchell expressed it well here at the annual banquet of the State S. A. R. in 1961: "The danger in this hour lies not in the fact that an avowed enemy may succeed in putting a man on the moon, but in the fact that he has succeeded in putting a muddle in our minds."

The dangers of nuclear bombs were very much in mind in 1961. On July 11 the Chapter saw a film "Seconds for Survival." And on September 5 had a film "Fall Out" on civil defense and a speech by Edsel Morrison, Deputy Director of Civil Defense for the Chattanooga area.

When the state convention met here, Lou Williams spoke at the banquet on the need to accept the responsibilities of the Constitution, the bulwark of our freedom. He criticized politicians as opportunists rather than statesmen.



Left to right: Chapter President Charles K. Peacock, First Vice-President Robert C. Hunt, Secretary-Treasurer Grove Atwater, Second Vice-President W.W. Woodruff III, Registrar Floy L. Dixon, Citizen of the Year George E. Burnham, Citizen of the Year Z. Cartter Patten.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, 1961

At the December 5, 1961 meeting the "Citizen of the Year" award was given to State Senator Z. Cartter Patten and also to George R. Burnham, *News-Free Press* writer, in recognition of "outstanding character and patriotic leadership." Earlier "Citizen" awards had gone to Chancellor Finkelstein, Lou Williams, Mayor Olgiati, and Joseph Fehn.

There are no available records for the year 1962.

The year 1963 brought many fine programs. The first was on January 8, when Compatriot O. M. Wilson, Jr. gave an illustrated lecture on the scenes of the Battles of Concord and Lexington. Compatriot Wilson had grown up in this area, and his ancestor Lt. Ebenezer Munroe had fought in these battles.

For this year 1963 Joshua B. Warner, Jr. was the Chapter Secretary. In his announcements of the meetings he included quotations appropriate to the subjects of the speeches. For example: In the Washington birthday dinner announcement he quotes the inscription at Mount Vernon,

"Washington, the brave, the wise, the good,
Supreme in war, in council, and in peace.
Valiant without ambition, discreet without fear, confidant without presumption."

For the speech on "The Professional Soldier and the State" by Col. DeVere Armstrong on March 3, 1963 Warner included the quotation from Sir Walter Scott:

"What can they see in the longest kingly line in Europe but a successful professional soldier?"

COMPATRIOT WINSTON CHURCHILL

At the National S. S. A. R. congress in Lexington, Kentucky, in May 1963, our Col. Harrison W. Gill introduced a rather unusual resolution: "To make Sir Winston Churchill an honorary member of S. A. R." He was already an honorary American citizen by an act of Congress. His American mother, Jennie Jerome, had three ancestors who fought in the Revolution. Through the American Ambassador the membership was offered to Sir Winston, who accepted it. He was enrolled in the Illinois S. A. R. because they accept members-at-large.

Another resolution offered at this time "To restore full citizenship to General Robert E. Lee of Virginia."

At this same congress David Turner of Chattanooga High School won first place in the Douglas G. High Oratorical Contest in competition with twelve state and regional champions, speaking before an audience of five hundred. David repeated his oration at the Tennessee S. A. R. meeting in Memphis on October 19.

At the July 9 Chapter meeting our Admiral Alvin F. Richardson, U.S.N. Retired, gave an illustrated talk on "The Sixth Fleet, a Force for Peace in the Mediterranean."

The records for 1963 report the death of our distinguished Compatriot Senator Estes Kefauver. Strange to say, in the light of his real eminence, some Chapter members had distrusted him earlier because of his support of the idea of a world government in the future.

On September 6, 1963 Compatriot the Reverend William Barr Grannis, Chaplain of the Chapter, showed slides and spoke on "The Capital Cities of the World."

On October 8, 1963 Mrs. Alice Warner Milton, a local authority on early American history, discussed "The Cherokee Indian in the Time of Fort Loudon." The Secretary's announcement of her speech carried these words of Tecumseh, Chief of the Shawnees, 1810:

"These lands are ours. No one has a right to remove us.
The Great Spirit above has appointed this place for us."

RAYMOND B. WITT, JR.

Back in 1933 Raymond B. Witt, Jr. of Central High School was one of the winners of the good citizenship medals. Now, in December 1963, thirty years later, he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the John Sevier Chapter. His career in those thirty years illustrates good citizenship and leadership in many fields. Outstanding was his work as Counsel for the Chattanooga School Board in its long drawn out controversial litigation over school desegregation. He also served education as a trustee of the University of Chattanooga, and as President of the Alumni Association. In World War II he was a Navy Lieutenant. In his church, Centenary Methodist, he has been a dedicated leader, member of the Official Board, teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School. And the list goes on through many civic activities. Somewhere along the line he found time to be a successful lawyer and raise a fine family. The Kiwanis Club, in which he was a longtime leader, gave him the Kiwanis Distinguished Service Medal in this same year, 1963. Since that time he has been the driving spirit on the board which built and maintains the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library.

The later careers of three winners of good citizenship essays, Ellis K. Meacham in 1931, Raymond B. Witt, Jr. in 1933, and Lee Stratton Anderson in 1943, have been sketched. These men are examples well known to the writer. Probably there are others equally deserving but not well known.

On November 6, 1963 Compatriot Charles K. Peacock spoke on the career of "John Heywood, Tennessee Giant." Heywood, a native of North Carolina, came to Tennessee and became one of the great early judges and historians of Tennessee.

In 1964 warnings against Communism continue to be heard from speakers. For example, the Reverend Charles L. Holland, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rockwood. He believed that the Church is the greatest defense against Communism.

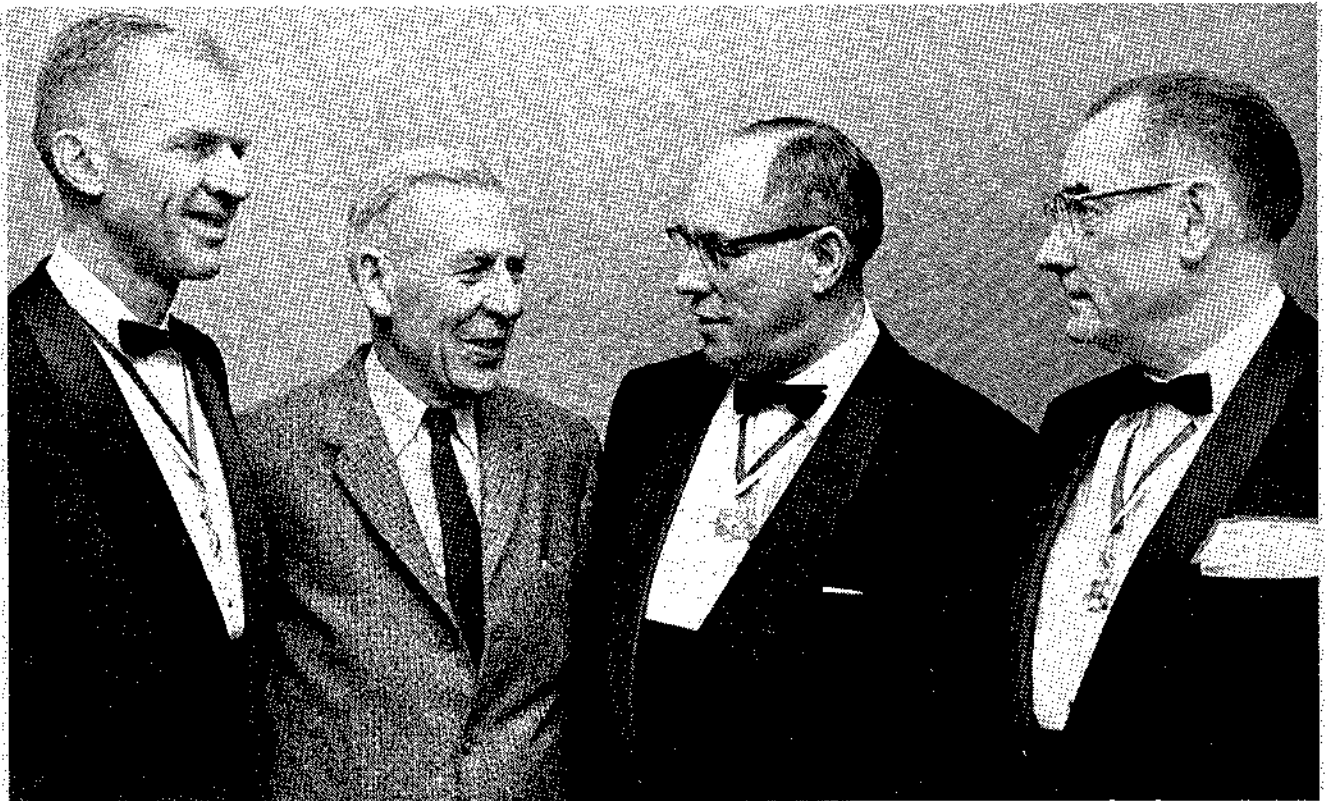
Warnings of another danger came from the Mississippi State S.A.R., which insisted that the Civil Rights Measure which was pending would give the United States government police powers over our lives. This is the same measure which was recently reenacted.

In this year 1964 in the Douglas G. High oratorical contest Paul Womack of East Ridge won first place here and in Nashville and honorable mention in the national meeting in Detroit, May 11.

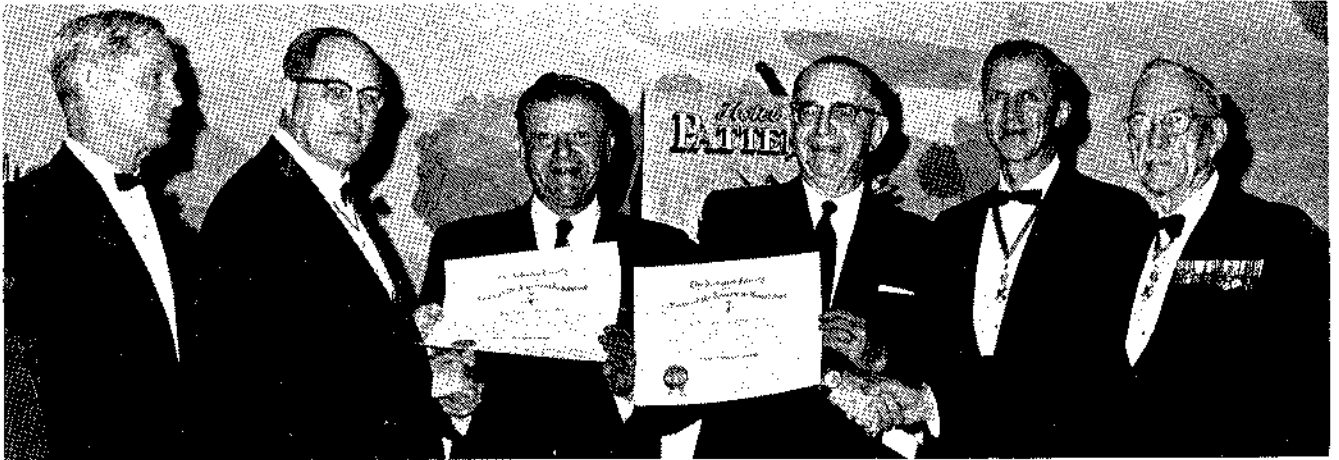
COL. CREED BATES, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, 1964

The Chapter continued to award medals for high schools; 34 for good citizenship and 4 for R.O.T.C. And the Good Citizen of the Year award was given on May 13 to Compatriot Col. Creed F. Bates "In recognition of patriotic service in two World Wars, as Civilian Army Adviser, and active community leadership." He had been the principal of Chattanooga High for 37 years. Whenever the phone rang in his principal's office, he would answer it himself, "City High. Bates." That answer pretty well described the situation there.

Compatriot Harry T. Burn, John Sevier member from Rockwood, was the President General for 1964. He spoke here on June 9 to the Chapter and on October 24 to the State Convention here. The principal speaker for the Convention banquet was General Clayton L. Bissell, Air Force, Retired. His notable record has already been explained.



O. M. Wilson, Jr., outgoing President of Tennessee S.A.R.; Major General Clayton L. Bissell, U.S.A.F. Retired, speaker; Harry T. Burn, member of John Sevier Chapter, incoming President General of S.A.R.; Dr. D. H. Webster, incoming President of Tennessee S.A.R..

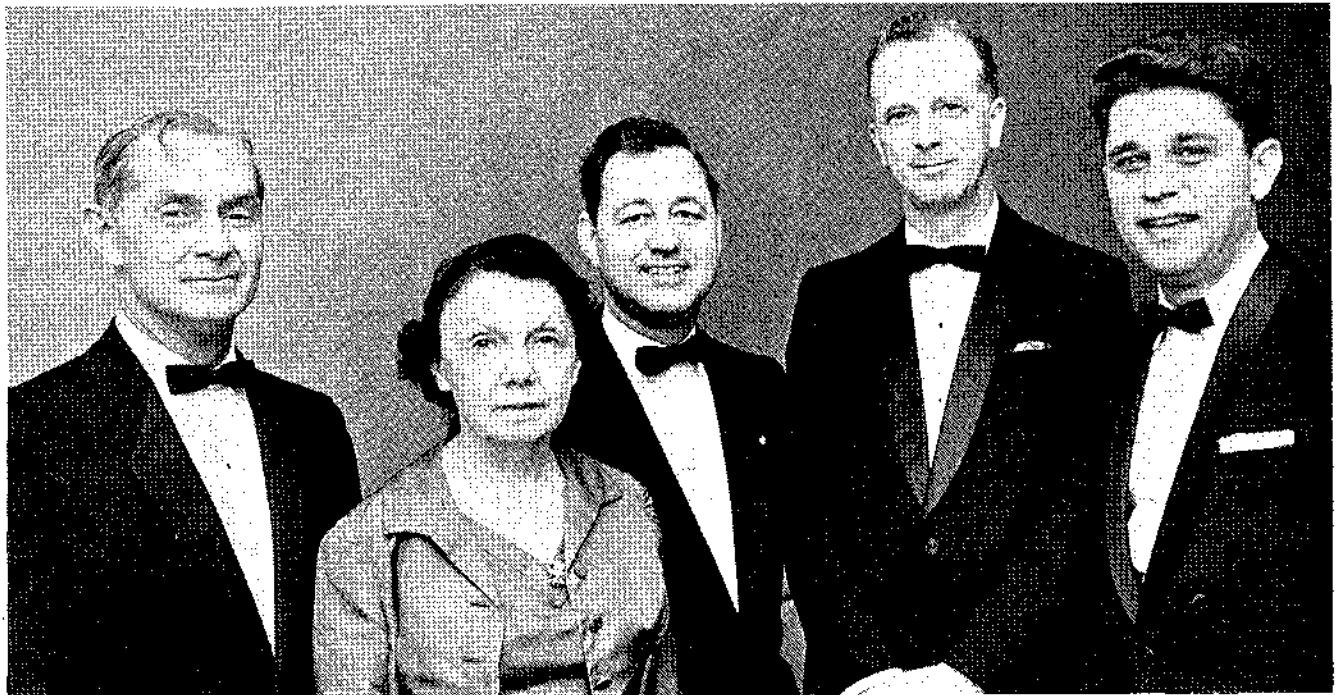


Left to right: Joshua B. Warner, Chapter President; Harry T. Burn, President General; Mose Siskin; Garrison Siskin; O. M. Wilson, Jr.; Col. Harrison W. Gill.

The Chapter lost another veteran member on October 10, 1964 when Burton Jones died at the age of 87. He had been the United States Jury Commissioner of Federal Courts for fifteen years, leader in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Civitan Club, the Half-Century Club, and the East Tennessee Historical Association.

SISKIN BROTHERS CITIZENS OF THE YEAR, 1965

The first meeting of the year 1965, on January 12, was a banquet at which the "Citizen of the Year" award was given jointly to Garrison Siskin and his brother Mose Siskin, the philanthropists who established the Siskin Rehabilitation Center. This magnificent institution serves the needs of handicapped people of all races, ages, and classes. The presentation was made by President General Harry T. Burn. In accepting the award, Garrison Siskin, speaking for both brothers, said that credit for the Center must be given to a host of collaborators, volunteer helpers, staff, and contributors.



Joshua B. Warner, President; Mrs. Alice Warner Milton, speaker; Harrison W. Gill, Jr., Vice-President; Grove Atwater and William R. Brunson, Past Presidents.

At the Washington dinner Mrs. Alice Warner Milton described "The Restoration of Fort Loudon." She was the "rediscoverer" of this once important but long neglected frontier fort, and was Chairman of the commission which supervised its restoration.

The Douglas G. High Oratorical Contest for 1965 was won by Ernest Johnson of East Ridge.

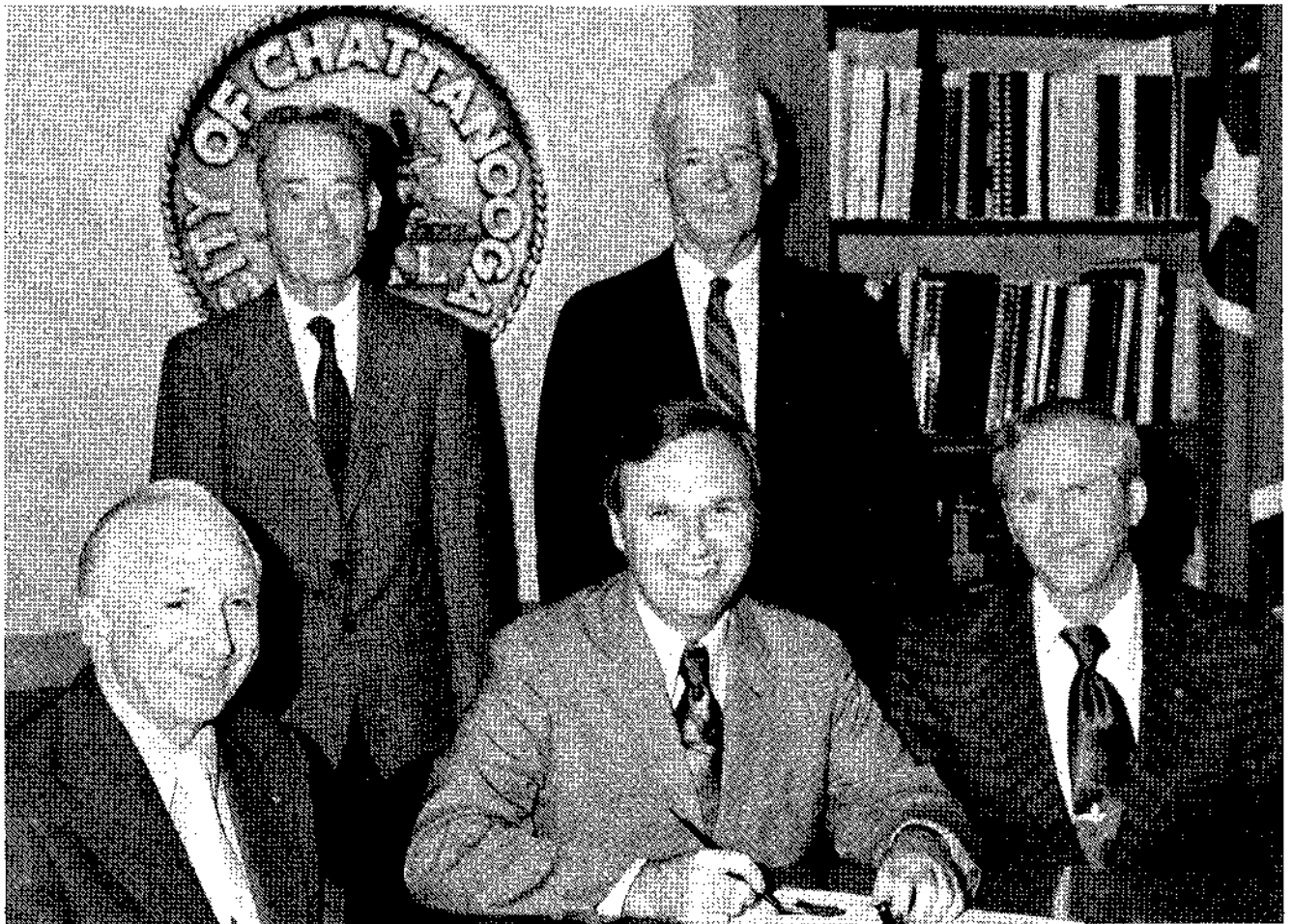
Dr. Nat Snow spoke on "Chattanooga's Air Pollution Problem" on September 11.

GAP IN RECORDS 1966-1972

The fine collection of records assembled by Compatriot Charles K. Peacock ends after the year 1965. And no other records are available until the year 1973. Mrs. Julia H. Burnett, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee S.S.A.R., has supplied the names of the Presidents and Secretaries of John Sevier during these years. They will be found in the list of officers in the Appendix. Otherwise the narrative must remain very sketchy for the years 1966 through 1972, unless more records are found later.

In 1969 one of the new members was Judge Robert Murray Summitt, another versatile leader and good citizen. He has served S.A.R. as Secretary and President of the Chapter and as State Chancellor. Back in 1959 he had been the Jaycees Young Man of the Year. He has served in both the Navy and the Army and is now a retired Colonel in the U.S.A.F.R. He is Judge of the First Division of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Tennessee, and has held the Presidency and other offices in the Tennessee Judicial Conference, and offices in the American Bar Association, the American Legion, the Boy Scouts of America, the Board of First Centenary Church. Is a Rotarian.

For the year 1973 Mayor Robert Kirk Walker signed the proclamation for the celebration of



Signing of the proclamation of Constitution Week, 1973. Seated: Ernest A. Clevenger, Mayor Robert Kirk Walker, O. M. Wilson, Jr. Standing: Horace A. Donham, Walter W. Folger.

Constitution Day.

In September of 1973 Compatriot O. M. Wilson, Jr. reported the organization of an S.A.R. Chapter in Bern, Switzerland. In December he spoke at a meeting of the Tennessee Sons of Mayflower Descendents. Two Compatriots from John Sevier were elected as officers of the Mayflower group.

On December 11 Harrison W. Gill, Jr. told how "The American Revolutionaries Recycle King George III."

This year and the next Walter W. Folger was President of the Chapter. His announcements of meetings often carried unusual bits of information about S.A.R.

In this year 1973 Roy Headrick of Chattanooga High School won first place in the Douglas G. High oratorical contest before the National Congress of S.A.R. at Palm Beach, Florida. His subject was "Nathan Hale."

This was the second time that a student orator sponsored by John Sevier Chapter had won first place nationally. As already mentioned, David Turner had performed that feat in 1963. Other winners included Charles Rush, third place in 1961; and Paul Womack, honorable mention in 1964. Thus by 1973 John Sevier and sponsored more winners than any other Chapter.

Compatriot Warren S. Woodward, Executive Secretary of the national society, came for a speech on "The Eternal Washington" at the 1974 Washington dinner.

David P. Hawley discussed his Revolutionary ancestor, John Bryant, on November 12.

On April 9, 1975, Compatriot George Hudson told about his Revolutionary forebears. In May, at the state meeting at the Choo-Choo President General M. Graham Clark discussed "The Need To Preserve the Values of the Nation."

In this year 1975 Ernest A. Clevenger was instrumental in starting the new Stephen Holston Chapter in Knoxville. O. M. Wilson, Jr., Horace A. Donham, and David P. Hawley also had a hand in this work.

On December 11 Dr. Spencer J. McCallie, Jr., Chairman of the Bicentennial Commission of Chattanooga, explained the plans for the Centennial. In April of the next year Mrs. Dora Reilly of the D.A.R. explained the D.A.R.'s part in the Centennial.

"Historical Sights of Chattanooga" was the subject for Ernest A. Clevenger on September 13, 1976. "Tennessee Flags" the subject for Robert Hunt on October 11. "Chattanooga in the Revolution" for Dr. James W. Livingood on December 13.

The Chapter lost an important member when Paul J. Viall died in the year. He had been State Vice-President in 1974.

In 1976 the Chapter gained an important member in the person of Dr. Robert G. Adams, who retired after 21 years of service in the Navy. He is also a historian, former minister, winner of the Rotary International Golfing Fellowship in 1969. A most versatile man! Now Development Officer of Covenant College.

THE LORD HIGH ARRANGER

In this same year Kinchen W. Exum joined the Chapter. He was Chapter President in 1979. He has been so skillful in planning programs and arranging public events that a later Chapter President, John E. N. True, wrote that a certain banquet was arranged by Kinchen Exum, the "Lord High Arranger of Everything." Kinchen is another example of a versatile man, with experience as a teacher at McCallie School; newspaper editor; Vestryman, Clerk, and Bible teacher at St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Director of Chattanooga Audubon Society and editor of their *Flower and Feather* nature magazine; President of Community Concerts Association; Board member for the Opera Association, the John Ross House Association, the A.P.T.A., the Archaeological Society; and, by virtue of his ancestors, member of the Society of Cincinnati in Georgia, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Magna Carta Barons.

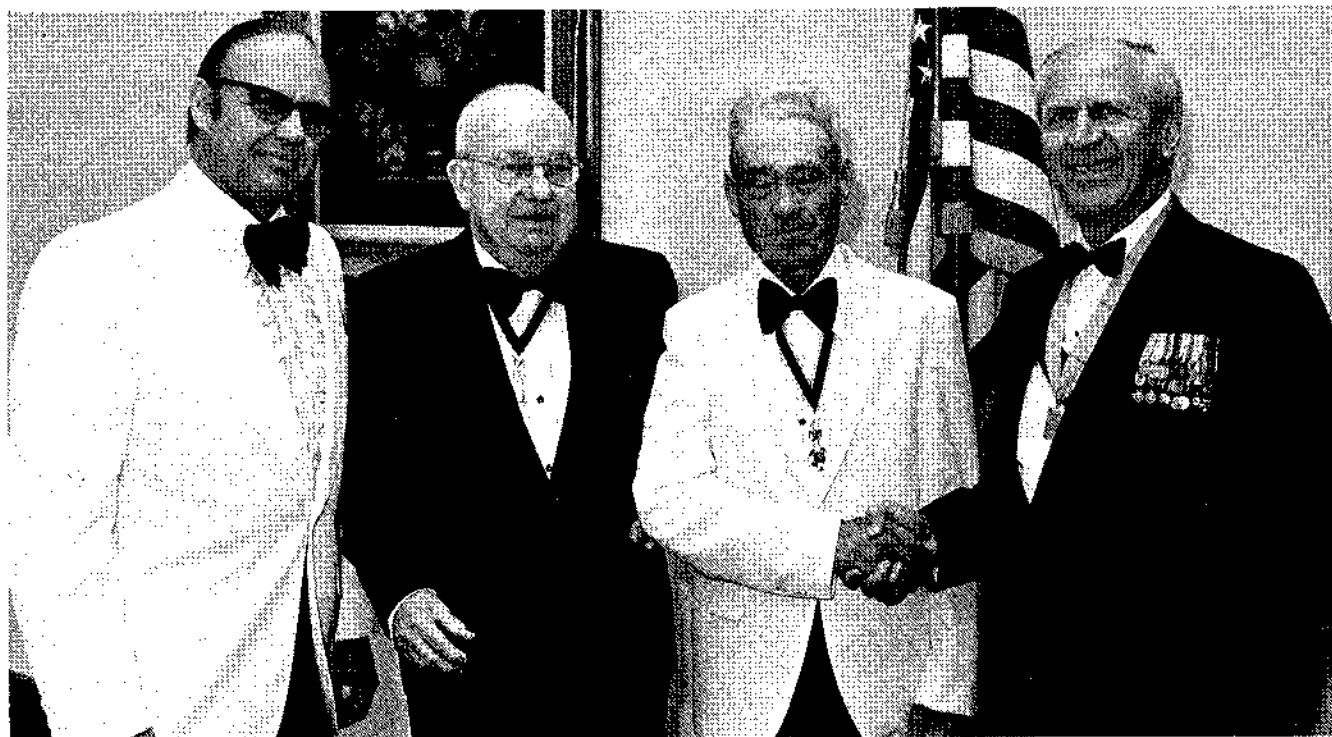
In the year 1977 the Chapter lost two more important members. The first was George C. Hudson. Besides his S.A.R. activities, he had been a noted civic leader, strong member of Centenary Methodist Church; had belonged to the Kiwanis Club, the School Board, the Knights Templars, Shriners, Masons; and was General Chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The other loss was Harry T. Burns, who had been President of the State S.S.A.R. in 1959 and had received the Patriot Medal, the highest state award. In 1964-65 he was the National President General.

Dr. Spencer J. McCallie, Jr. was the speaker for January 10, 1977, and Representative Marilyn Lloyd Bouquard for the Washington dinner.

1978 SPEAKERS

The 1978 program was planned by Kinchen W. Exum, the "Lord High Arranger of Everything." On January 9 Dr. Edwin S. Lindsey reviewed his "History of St. Paul's Church."



1978. James T. Smith; John L. McConnell of Alabama; Horace A. Donham receiving the Patriot Medal; O. M. Wilson, Jr., Past Vice-President General.

At the Washington dinner the Patriot Medal, the highest state honor, was presented to Horace A. Donham, and Mrs. Dora Reilly spoke on "Family Tree Research."

On April 10 attorney Marie Williams talked about "The Changing Role of Women." May 8 brought the picnic at the historic Gordon-Lee Mansion. On September 11 Compatriot Joe V. Williams, Jr. spoke on "Chattanooga Lawyers." On October 9 Mrs. Cyrus Griffin Martin talked about "Patriotic Societies in Chattanooga." December 11 brought three ladies, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ochs, and Mrs. Abshire with some recollections of "Early Christmases in Chattanooga."

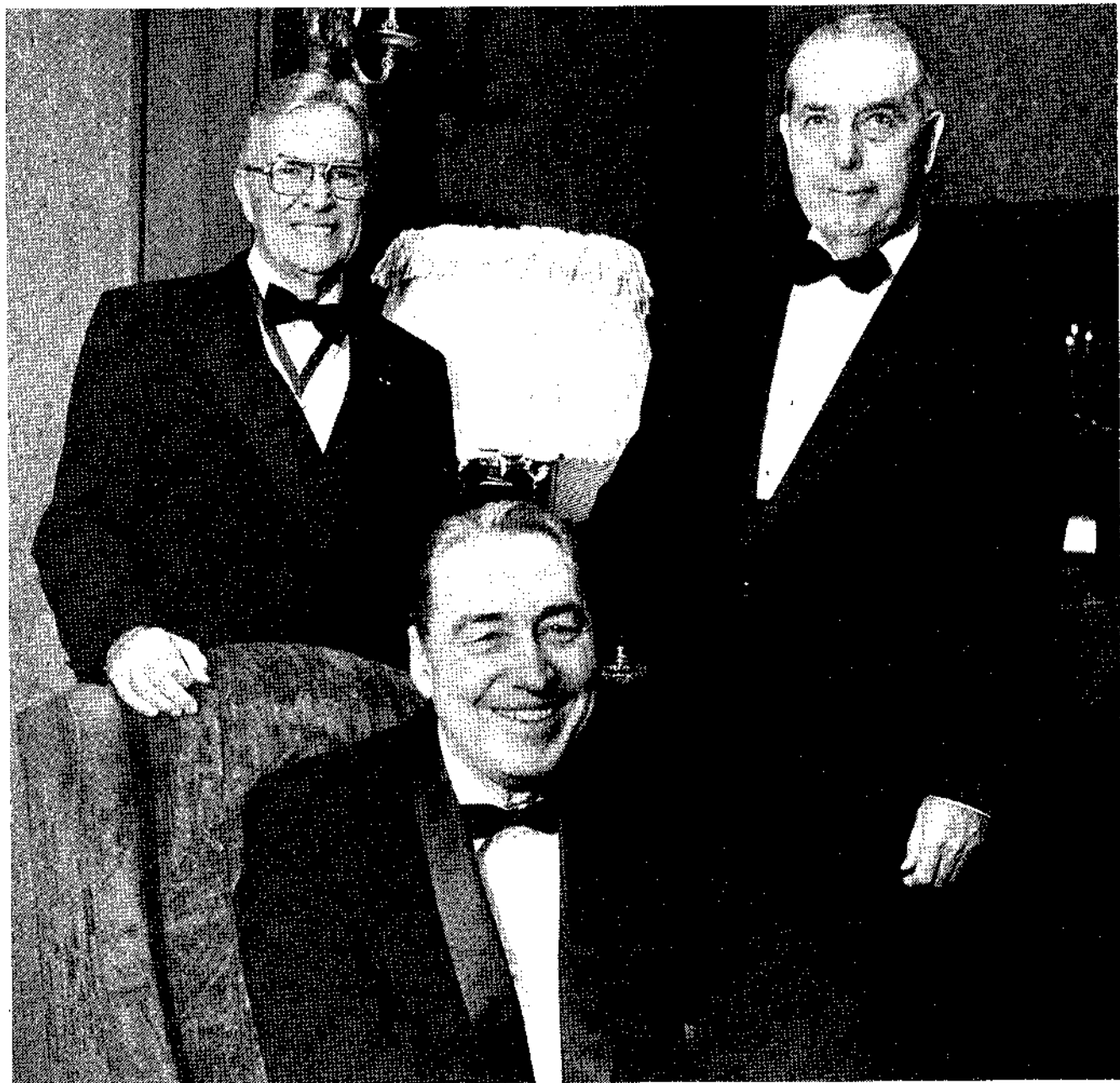
For the year 1980 the programs included a review by Compatriot Dr. Edwin S. Lindsey of his Civil War play, "Beyond the Dark Night," on April 14. A talk by Dr. Robert G. Adams on his Revolutionary family, on October 13; Ernest A. Clevenger on the Hines family, on November 10; Walter W. Folger on the Folger family, on December 8. Folger's American family began with John Folger, who came over from England in 1635. John's son Peter wished to marry Mary Morrell. In order to do this he had to "buy her services," which meant paying her passage from England. He

always boasted that this was the best investment he ever made. The youngest daughter of Peter and Mary, Abiah, married Josiah Franklin and became the mother of the celebrated Benjamin Franklin. The Folger of Revolutionary days, Captain Reuben Folger, was the commander of a merchant ship. He was a Quaker. Because he participated in the Revolution, the Quakers put him out of their meeting.

Kinchen W. Exum was appointed Chairman of the Committee of D. A. R. and S. A. R. members which supervises the Brainerd Cemetery. The Chapter contributes to the upkeep of the cemetery.

FISCAL YEAR CHANGED

The Chapter's fiscal year was changed to agree with the fiscal year of the State S. S. A. R. It now begins on May 1 of each year. The terms of the Chapter officers were also changed in the same way.



Judge Frank W. Wilson, the speaker, seated; and standing Dr. Robert G. Adams, Chapter President; and Scott N. Brown, Program Chairman.

The Washington Day speaker for 1981 was U.S. District Judge Frank W. Wilson, who spoke on "Washington and the Future of the American Dream." Judge Wilson identified the focal point of Washington's strength as self discipline. Passing to present day problems, he pointed out some of the strengths of America: our freedoms above other nations, industrial production, high standards of living, generosity to other nations, generally elevated character of the people.



Chapter President John E. N. True; Dr. North Callahan displaying his "Ambassador of Good Will" certificate; Kinchen W. Exum, Program Chairman. Staff photo by Steve Mayfield, Chattanooga News-Free Press.

The first speaker for 1982 was Dr. North Callahan, Retired Professor of History from New York University and author of books on the Revolution and biographies of Washington and other Revolutionary leaders. On January 12 he spoke on some Revolutionary leaders whom he called "neglected" because of the much greater fame of Washington. These included General Daniel Morgan, who defeated the British at Cowpens, S.C.; General Henry Knox (for whom Knoxville is named), who is called "The Father of the American Army Artillery," and "The Father of West Point," who was the first United States Secretary of War. Dr. Callahan also talked about Benedict Arnold, the traitor, and William "Bloody" Cunningham, another turncoat.

Before the speech John E. N. True, President of the Chapter, presented to Dr. Callahan a certificate as "Ambassador of Goodwill."

Mrs. Alice Warner Milton spoke at the Washington Dinner.

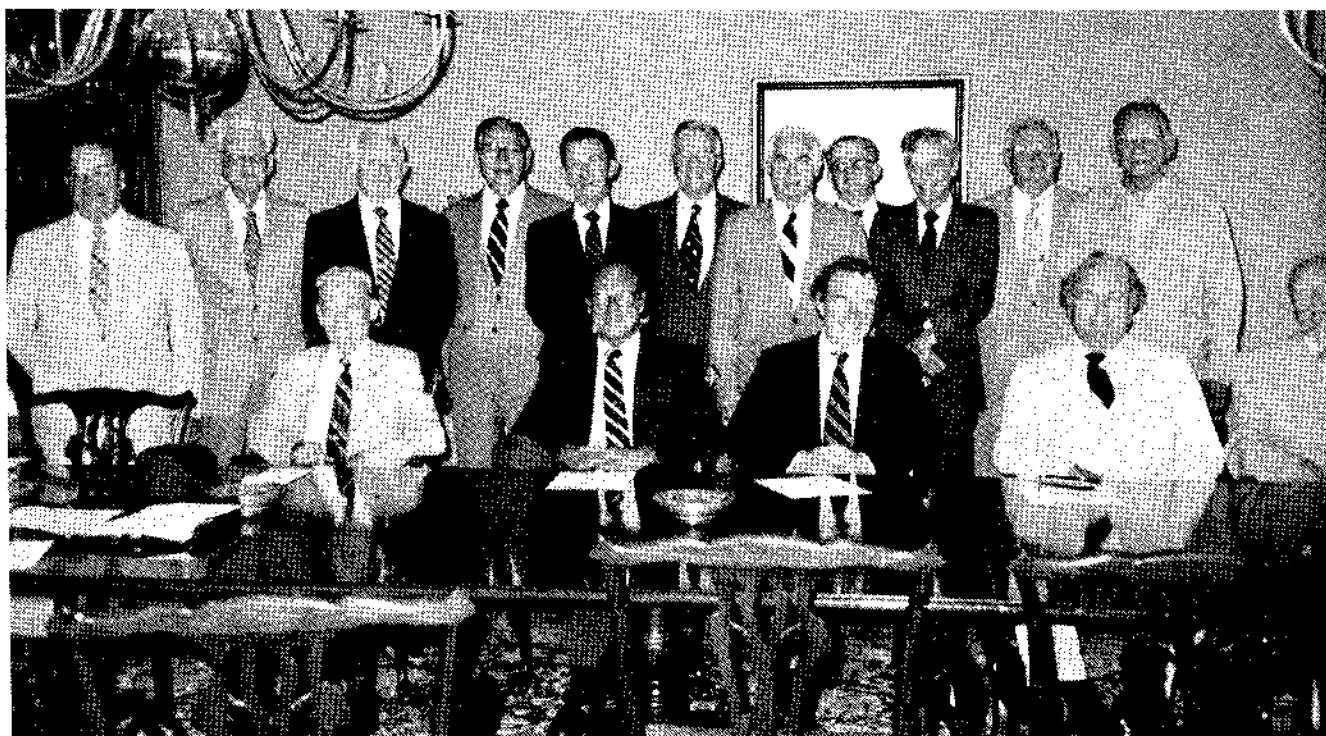
The Douglas G. High Oratorical Contest for 1982 was held on March 8. John E. N. True, Chapter President, had arranged the contest and he presided. The judges were O. M. Wilson, Jr., Harrison W. Gill, Jr., and Ernest A. Clevenger, Sr. There were five final contestants. The judges awarded first place with the \$30 prize to Ellen Porter of the Boyd-Buchanan School; second place with the \$20 prize to Martha Barnes of Tennessee Temple; and third place with the \$10 prize to Rusty Larramore of Tennessee Temple. Each winner also received an engraved plaque. The other contestants were Lisa Pell of Boyd-Buchanan and Marilee Lacy of Tennessee Temple.



Washington Day dinner, 1982 at the Golf and Country Club. Horace A. Donbam, National Vice-President General; John E. N. True, Chapter President; Mrs. Alice Warner, speaker; Harrison W. Gill, Jr.

On April 12, 1982 Col. John N. Popham reviewed the state of the world at that time.

Here this narrative ends, leaving the John Sevier Chapter in good condition in its fifty-seventh year, with 62 active members. Twelve of them live outside the Chattanooga area.



Seated: Donbam, Smith, Van Cleave, Meyer, Canfield. Standing: Britten, Lindsey, Clevenger, True, Exum, Adams, Summitt, Smartt, Garmany, Morgan, Taliaferro.

THE CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 1982

President	John E. N. True
Vice President	Clark Garmany, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer	Thomas C. Varner
Chaplain	Dr. Ernest A. Clevenger, Jr.
Chancellor	Ben O. Duggan, Jr.
Historian	Dr. Edwin S. Lindsey
Membership	Ernest A. Clevenger, Sr.
Oratorical Contest	John E. N. True
Program Chairman	Kinchen W. Exum

JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER Officers

	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1925	G. F. Meehan	Willard Keen
1926	G. F. Meehan	Willard Keen
1927	G. F. Meehan	Willard Keen
1928	Clarence S. Steward	Willard Keen
1929	N. H. Grady	Willard Keen
1930	N. H. Grady	Willard Keen
1931	Frank M. Robbins	Willard Keen
1932	Frank M. Robbins	Willard Keen
1933	Joe V. Williams, Sr.	James F. Corn
1934	Charles K. Peacock	Ira P. Jones
1935	Joe V. Williams, Jr.	T. C. Thompson, Jr.
1936	Col. Ben P. Nicklin	W. B. Wooten
	George E. Gresham	
1937	Tom C. Myers	Robert C. Hunt
1938	A. Lee Read	Charles K. Peacock
1939	A. Lee Read	James L. Bartol
	Robert S. Williams	
1940	Robert S. Williams	James L. Bartol
1941	Robert S. Williams	Bruce J. Roan
1942	Al B. Clarke	Bruce J. Roan
1943	Al B. Clarke	Bruce J. Roan
1944	Leonard B. Krick	Hubert H. Meroney
1945	James H. McCall	Porter Warner
1946	Hubert H. Meroney	Charles K. Peacock
1947	Arthur G. Brading	Charles K. Peacock
1948	Clarence T. Jones	Malcolm J. Rawlings
1949	John E. Fontaine	Malcolm J. Rawlings
1950	Z. Cartter Patten	Malcolm J. Rawlings

PRESIDENT

1951 Col. William V. Ochs
 1952 Walter Henderson
 1953 Malcolm J. Rawlings
 1954 Harrison Gill
 1955 Paul S. Mathes
 1956 Ernest A. Clevenger
 1957 Elbert R. Hays
 1958 Elbert R. Hays
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 1961 O. M. Wilson, Jr.
 1962 Charles K. Peacock
 1963 Grove W. Atwater
 1964 William R. Brunson, Jr.
 1965 Joshua B. Warner, Jr.
 1966 Harrison W. Gill, Jr.
 1967 Ernest A. Clevenger, Sr.
 1968 Robert C. Hunt
 1969 Robert C. Hunt
 James Van Cleave
 1970 Horace A. Donham
 1971 Judge Robert M. Summitt
 1972 Judge Robert M. Summitt
 1973 Walter W. Folger
 1974 Walter W. Folger
 1975 David P. Hawley
 1976 David P. Hawley
 1977 Walter H. Stamper, Jr.
 1978 J. Robert Wagner
 1979 Kinchen W. Exum
 1980 Dr. Ernest A. Clevenger, Jr.
 1981 Dr. Robert G. Adams
 1982 John E. N. True

SECRETARY

Malcolm J. Rawlings
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COMPATRIOTS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMY, NAVY, OR AIR FORCE

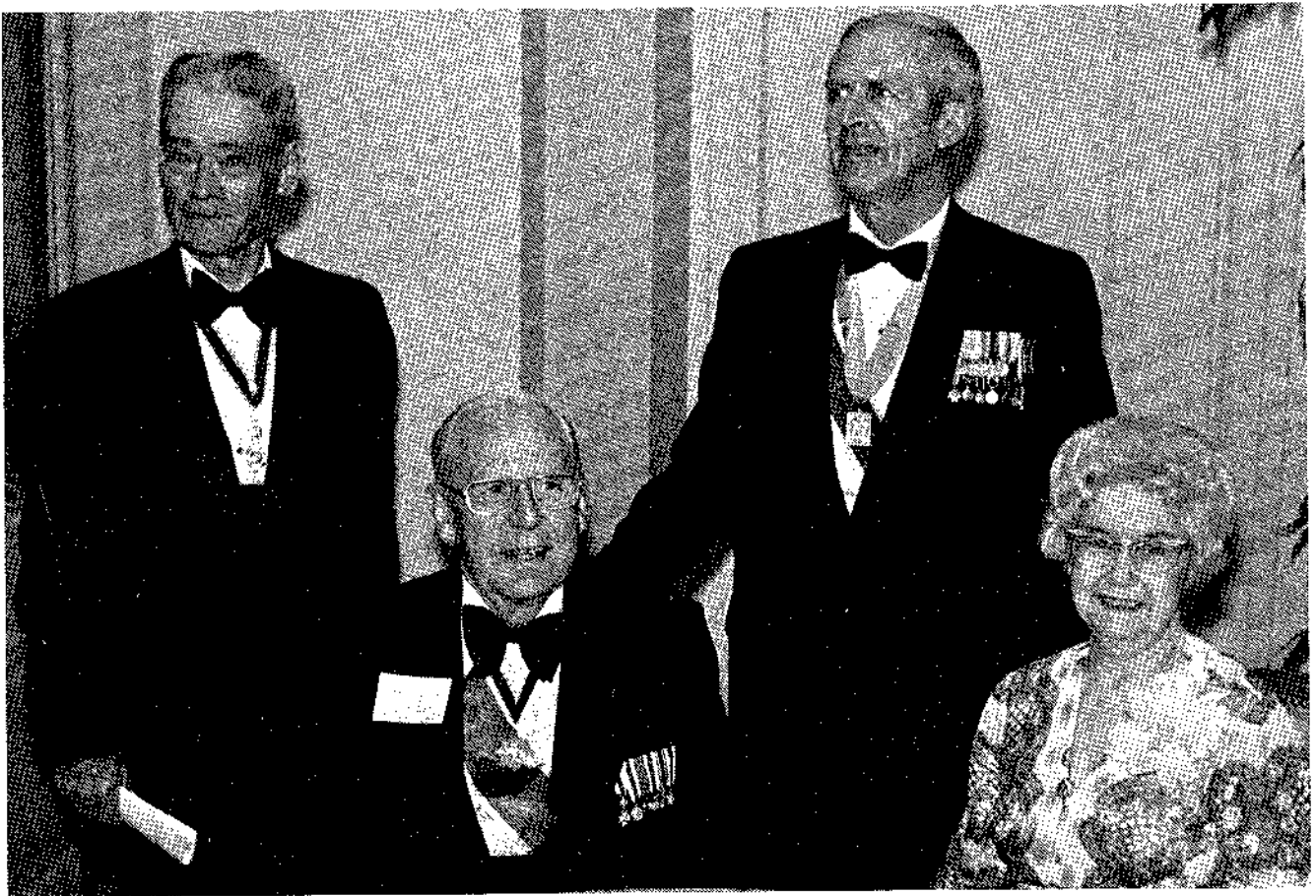
This list is not complete. The earlier names were taken from minutes showing those who received World War I medals. Later names from various sources, including the veterans themselves. There must be others not discovered. When known, the rank of each man is given. Probably many more were officers. Suggestions on the nature of the service are given if known.

Lt. Com. Robert G. Adams, Navy 21 years
Oliver B. Andrews, WWI
Clarence R. Avery, WWI
Col. Creed F. Bates, WWI and WWII
Admiral Richard E. Byrd
Albert Clarke, WWI
Col. James F. Corn, WWI
Sgt. Horace A. Donham, WWI
Kinchon W. Exum, Sr., WWII
Speed H. Fry, WWI
Col. Harrison W. Gill, Pilot R.A.F., WWI
and Col. U.S.A.F., Ret.
Harrison W. Gill, Jr., Navy, WWII
Elbert R. Hays
Col. Gordon Johnston, Army career
Ira P. Jones, WWI
Commodore Albert L. Key, Navy career
2nd. Lt. Edwin S. Lindsey, WWI, Field Artillery
E. A. Magill, WWI
Major John D. Mahan, WWII
Dr. Edward Dunbar Newell, WWI
Col. Ben P. Nicklin, Army career
Robert R. Nixon, WWI
Adolph Shelby Ochs, WWI
Col. William Van Dyke Ochs, Army career
David Manker Patten, WWI
Sgt. Charles K. Peacock, WWI
1st Lt. Lawrence N. Polk, U.S.A.F., WWI
James T. Smith, Navy Radio, WWII
Dr. Willard Steele, WWI
Col. Clarence S. Steward
Col. Robert M. Summitt, Air Force, Ret.
Served in Navy, Army, Air Force
Eugene M. Thomasson, WWI
Hugh S. Thompson, WWI
T. C. Thompson, Jr., WWI
Herman Q. Underhill, WWI
Lt. Col. John T. Whitaker
Lt. Com. Oscar Munroe Wilson, Jr.
Navy Aviation 12 years

STATE CONVENTIONS

State Conventions of the Tennessee Society of S. A. R. have been held here in 1929, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1958, 1961, 1964, 1975, 1979, according to the available records, and possibly in other years, too. The business meetings and dinners of the conventions have been well attended by John Sevier members, and wives of members have often attended the dinners. Noted speakers have addressed the meetings. A few of them have been mentioned in passing. Many members of the Chapter have also attended state conventions held in other cities; and a few have attended National conventions. But these state and national conventions are really beyond the scope of this history, and no details will be attempted.

A good many John Sevier members have held state offices. Some of them are listed here. But the lists are not at all complete. Such information is hard to find.



Horace A. Donbam, State President; Dr. Graham Clark, President General; O. M. Wilson, Jr., Vice-President General; and Mrs. Clark, at State banquet 1975 at the Choo Choo.

Unless otherwise specified, the titles refer to offices in the Tennessee Society of the S.A.R.

Abernarty, Edward S. Vice-President 1932

Adams, Dr. Robert G. — Historian 1977-78-79

Bond, Henry, Treasurer 1932

Brading, Arthur G.

Burn, Harry T. — Chancellor 1932; President 1959; received the MINUTEMAN AWARD, the highest award of the National Society, in 1963; National President General 1964; received the PATRIOT MEDAL, the highest State honor, in 1975.

Clarke, Albert B. — Vice-President 1943

Clevenger, Ernest A. — President 1957; Chairman Membership Committee 1974, Chairman Resolutions Committee 1980; received the PATRIOT MEDAL 1969; *National Offices*: Trustee 1973; Chairman Resolutions Committee 1961; Membership Committee 1974-75; Orations Committee 1974-75; Grave Markers Committee; on Roll of Honor; Bronze Membership Plaque Award; Silver Membership Plaque Award; Gold Membership Plaque Award 1975.

Clevenger, Dr. Ernest A., Jr. — Chairman Oratory 1981

Donham, Horace A. — Historian, one term; Vice-President, two terms; President, one term, 1975; awarded PATRIOT MEDAL, April 1978; *National Offices*: Trustee, two terms; Vice-President General two terms; 1980-1982.

Exum, Kinchen W. — Historian 1982

Gill, Col. Harrison W. — President 1961; National Orations Committee 1963-64

Gill, Harrison W., Jr. — Chairman Oratory 1975, 1978, 1980; National Vice-President East Tennessee District, 1982-83.

Fowler, Hammond — Received PATRIOT MEDAL 1982.

Grady, Noah H. — Historian 1943

Hawley, David P. — Chancellor 1976 and 1980; President 1977; Vice-President 1978-79; Resolutions Committee 1981.

Hudson, George C. — Chaplain 1976

Hunt, Robert C. — Constitution Committee 1963; Chancellor.

Johnston, Col. Gordon — President 1933

Johnston, Summerfield Key — Chancellor 1974

Mathes, Paul — Finance Committee 1963

McCall, James H. — Extension Committee 1963

Meehan, A. F. — President 1932

Meeham, Augustus F. — President 1931

Meyer, Judge Douglas A. — Chancellor 1982-83

Ochs, Col. William Van Dyke — Board of Managers 1963

Peacock, Charles K. — Chairman Orations Committee 1963-64

Rawlings, Malcolm J. — President 1954

Summitt, Judge Robert M. — Chancellor 1977-78-79; Chairman Resolutions 1978.

Thompson, T. C., Sr. — Registrar 1932

True, John E. N. — S.A.R. and D.A.R. liason 1981

Viall, Paul J. — National Vice-President for East Tennessee

Whitaker, Dr. L. Spires — Surgeon

Wilson, O. M., Jr. — President 1963-64; Chairman of Medals and Awards 1981 and many other years; Extension Committee 1963; received PATRIOT MEDAL 1965; *National Offices*: National Trustee 1965-66; National Trustee for France 1974-76; Historian General 1966-68; Vice-President General, Southern District 1972-74; Member of National Executive Committee 4 terms; Chairman of National Committees, including Medals and Awards, Americanism, Bicentennial, Revolutionary Graves, member of other national committees. In 1970 received the MINUTEMAN AWARD, the highest award of the National Society.

Woodruff, William W. III — Vice-President 1964

MEMBERS OF JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER 1925 TO 1982

A few dated before 1925 were already approved by the National S.A.R. before the Chapter was started in 1925. CHAPTER MEMBERS IN 1982 ARE MARKED BY A STAR.

NAME	DATE	NUMBERS	
		NATIONAL	AND STATE
Abernathy, Edward S.	1925	41760	460
*Adams, Dr. Robert G.	1976	110986	1661
Allison, Judge M. M.	1927	45631	556
Anderson, Henry W.	1954	78654	879
Andrews, Garnett, Sr.	1917	27913	188
Andrews, Garnett, Jr.	1960	86855	1080
Andrews, Oliver B.	1925	42186	486
Arnold, Edgar W.	1954	78662	887
Arnold, Edwin E.	1954	78661	886
Arnold, Joe Lee	1955	79632	907
Arnold, John E.	1954	68663	888
Arnold, Julian G.	1955	79663	908
*Atwater, Grove W.	1961	86864	1089
Avery, Clarence R.	1925	41772	472
Bachman, Judge Nathan L.	1931	50439	614
Ball, Lt. Col. Robert P.	1934	52395	645
Bartol, James L.	1937	55158	708
*Bassarate, Armando Luis	1966	94962	1287
Bates, Creed F.	1960	86853	1078
Bibb, Dr. James L.	1934	52391	641
Blackwell, Edwin W.	1956	81307	932
Bond, Henry (Charter)	1925	38056	331
Bowers, Lawrence L.	1923	39393	418
Brading, Arthur G.	1942	61354	754
Brading, James E.	1923	38909	384
*Britton, Floyd E.	1982	119618	1852
Brock, William H.	1956	79647	922
Brown, Scott N.	1950	68995	820
*Brunson, William R., Jr.	1961	87403	1121
Buford, Thomas D.	1922	38057	332
Burke, Robert E.	1924	40101	426
Burks, Robert Ray	1922	36791	291
Burn, Harry T.	1931	50437	612
Burn, Harry Thomas, Jr.	1956	81302	927
Burn, James, III	1956	81303	928
*Burn, William H.	1956	81304	929
Burnette, William A.	1939	57606	731
Byrd, Admiral Richard E.	1931	50430	605
Campbell, John C.	1926	42197	497
Campbell, Samuel H., Sr.	1926	42198	498
Campbell, Samuel H., Jr.	1926	42199	499
*Canfield, Morris E.	1978	114586	1736
Carmichael, Virgil F.	1960	86044	1069
Cash, James A.	1933	52388	638
Cate, Billie	1938	55168	718
Cate, John C., III	1938	55169	719
*Chamberlain, Hiram S., III	1973	103743	1518
Clarke, Albert B.	1931	52382	632
Clevenger, Asa Ralph	1957	81316	941
Clevenger, Charles R., Jr.	1957	81313	938

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		NATIONAL	AND STATE
*Clevenger, Charles R. III	1975	107320	1595
*Clevenger, Ernest A.	1955	78667	892
*Dr. Ernest A. Clevenger, Jr.	1956	81306	931
Clevenger, Eugene Wert	1957	81314	939
Clevenger, Leon Franklin	1957	81315	940
Clevenger, Robert G.	1956	81305	930
Clift, Joseph W.	1925	42181	481
Cobb, Rev. P. L.	1901	13630	80
Cook, George R.	1924	39385	410
Corn, Col. James F.	1927	44544	544
Crisman, B. A.	1933	52386	636
*Cunningham, Willie Lee	1974	107304	1579
*Davis, B. Franklin	1974	105820	1570
De Armond, Maj. Eban Alexander	1942	61352	752
Dixon, Floyd L.	1961	86863	1088
*Donham, Horace A.	1963	90805	1310
*Doub, John W., III	1975	108548	1623
*Duff, Frank F.	1961	86868	1093
*Duff, Thomas O., Jr.	1960	86854	1079
*Duggan, Benjamin O., Jr.	1967	94975	1300
Durrell, Henry L.	1924	40114	439
*Exum, Kinchen W.	1976	112178	1678
Farrar, William Baker, Jr.	1949	68991	816
*Fillauer, William K.	1942	57624	749
*Folger, Dr. Walter Howland	1963	90224	1281
*Folger, Walter Weston	1961	87289	1451
Fontaine, John E., Jr.	1930	49870	733
*Fowler, Hammond	1928	45643	568
French, Junius B.	1925	41765	465
French, Wyatt	1925	41766	466
Fry, Johnny Lee	1974	107317	1592
Gambrill, James W.	1956	79648	918
*Gammon, Wirt H.	1954	77455	855
*Garmany, Clark B., Jr.	1976	110989	1664
Gill, Col. Harrison W.	1949	68986	811
*Gill, Harrison W., Jr.	1963	90309	1159
Gilmore, Dr. Samuel P.	1928	47876	576
*Gott, David W.	1954	77456	856
Grady, Noah H. (Charter)	1916	29902	177
Grannis, Rev. William Barr	1939	57602	727
*Green, Dr. Frank A.	1981	119037	1845
Gresham, George E., Sr.	1931	50429	604
Guild, Joseph Conn	1931	50441	616
Hahn, Frederick A. (Charter)	1925	41767	467
Hall, Charles L., Jr.	1926	42196	496
Handley, Oscar, Jr.	1931	50443	618
Hannah, Gerald G.	1949	68988	813
*Hawley, David P.	1967	95032	1487
Haynes, Henry H., Sr.	1924	39399	424
Hays, Cecil T.	1954	78653	878
Hays, Elbert R.	1955	79635	910
*Hays, Mark H.	1954	78655	880
Hedges, David E.	1954	77466	866
Henderson, Robert E.	1954	77473	873

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		NATIONAL	AND STATE
Henderson, Walter L., Sr.	1949	68987	812
Henderson, Walter L., Jr.	1954	77475	875
Henry, Dr. Charles R.	1942	61364	765
Hibler, Robert, Jr.	1926	42965	515
Hill, Jesse T. (Charter)	1908	19831	131
Hoback, William Ray	1959	85013	1013
Holt, Ernest H.	1961	87706	1106
Huff, James R.	1935	53859	659
*Hunt, Robert C.	1936	53874	674
Hutcheson, John L.	1925	42187	487
Johnston, Col. Gordon	1932	52385	635
Johnston, James Francis	1925	42185	485
*Johnston, James Lamont	1978	113118	1718
*Johnston, Summerfield K. (Charter)	1925	41768	468
Jones, Burton T.	1955	78664	889
Jones, Clarence T. (Charter)	1925	41769	469
Jones, Ira P.	1931	50440	615
Kain, John George	1973	104596	1546
Keen, Willard (Charter)	1922	36787	287
Kefauver, Cary Estes	1942	61356	756
*Kelley, William Tipp, DDS	1975	107322	1597
Kelsey, Fred W.	1932	52377	627
Key, Albert Lenoir	1932	50446	621
Kimsey, Warren Harrison, MD	1967	94963	1288
Krick, Leonard B.	1942	61360	760
Kropp, Guion Hall (Inactive 1981)	1976	110978	1653
La Teer, Ora F.	1947	68866	1005
Lewis, Frad Moore	1923	38911	386
*Lindsey, Dr. Edwin S.	1979	114599	1749
Lupton, Thomas Carter	1925	42188	488
McCall, James Holtzclaw	1931	50431	606
McCormick, Samuel S.	1923	38903	378
McCown, Wallace H.	1946	65940	790
*McCullough, Harold G.	1981	119135	1847
McKinney, Robert B.			
McLean, William Moore	1954	77474	874
McPherson, James Owsley (Inactive 1980)	1975	107325	1600
Magill, Edward A.	1932	50448	623
Mahan, John D.	1979	116282	1774
Marlin, William C.	1960	86040	1065
Massengill, John M.	1923	38912	387
Massengill, Dr. Samuel E.	1923	38913	388
Mathes, Paul S.	1939	57607	732
Matthews, General Hugh	1939	57613	738
Meehan, Augustus F. (Charter)	1917	27917	192
Meroney, Hubert H.	1939	57610	735
Messler, Cornelius L.	1928	47879	579
Messler, Rev. Isaac	1928	47880	580
*Meyer, Judge Douglas A.	1979	114597	1747
Montague, Norton Thayer	1954	77468	868
Montague, Theodore L. (Charter)	1914	25689	164
Morrison, James, Jr.	1925	41773	473
*Mosher, William E.	1935	53860	660
Myers, Thomas S. (Charter)	1922	38062	337

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		NATIONAL	AND STATE
*Newell, Dr. Edward Dunbar (Charter)	1925	41774	474
Nicklin, Col. Benjamin P.	1901	13631	81
Nicklin, Dwight P.	1901	13636	86
Nicklin, John B.	1901	13650	100
Nicklin, Samuel Strang	1901	13649	99
Nixon, Robert R.	1925	41775	475
Noone, Roger W.	1942	61357	757
Ochs, Adolph Shelby	1926	42192	492
Ochs, Col. William Van Dyke	1926	42952	502
Oehmig, Edward West	1926	42195	495
*Paschall, Fred W., Jr.	1975	109506	1631
Patten, David Manker	1925	42183	483
Patten, Z. Cartter	1931	50436	611
Patten, Z. Charles	1931	50444	619
Patterson, Nathaniel R.	1947	65944	794
Peacock, Charles K.	1927	44550	550
Peet, Dr. William W.	1926	41023	639
Polk, Lawrence, N.	1922	37457	307
*Price, John F., Jr.	1973	104598	1548
Price, Richard B.	1925	42176	476
Raulston, J. Leonard (Inactive 1979)	1935	53856	656
Raulston, Thomas S., Sr. (Inactive 1979)	1973	105809	1559
Rawlings, Maj. James G.	1947	68977	802
Rawlings, Malcolm J.	1947	65945	795
Read, Augustus Lee	1927	45632	557
Reilly, William I.	1967	94973	1298
*Rhoton, Dr. Alexander M.	1967	94974	1299
Roan, Bruce J.	1939	55172	722
Robbins, Frank M., Sr.	1927	42974	524
*Robbins, Frank M., Jr.	1937	52376	626
Rockwell, Warren Ayers	1892	5720	150
Rule, Elmer D.	1954	78669	894
*Salmons, Jimmy P.	1979	115789	1765
Sanders, Newell	1927	44536	536
*Sanford, Robert F.	1978	114584	1734
Senter, Mark H.	1932	52381	631
Senter, William Robert, III	1961	86873	1098
*Shaw, Frank C., Jr.	1960	86046	1071
Sherman, Fred	1936		
*Smartt, Allen B.	1978	114596	1746
*Smartt, Joseph A.	1979	114598	1748
Smith, Edwin Ross	1925	42177	477
*Smith, James Thomas	1973	115802	1552
*Stamper, Walter Hunter, Jr.	1974	105817	1567
Steele, Dr. Willard	1931	50433	608
Stem, Dr. Leon Thayer	1928	45647	572
Steward, Col. Clarence S. (Charter)	1925	41771	471
Steward, Dr. John Alex	1925	42178	478
Steward, Paul S.	1925	42179	479
*Stiles, Robert D.	1978	113121	1721
Stone, William Franklin, Jr.	1943	61367	767
Stoops, Frank F.	1915	27901	176
Stoops, Henry E.	1935	53855	655
*Summitt, Judge Robert M.	1969	97771	1371

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*Taliaferro, Thomas Edd.	1978	114592	1742
Tarwater, Polk	1917	27911	186
Taylor, Claude G.	1924	39390	415
Thatcher, Hugh Lynn	1931	50438	613
Thomasson, Eugene M.	1932	50449	624
Thompson, Thomas C., Sr.	1925	42189	489
Thompson, Thomas C., Jr.	1932	50450	625
Toncray, Charles P.	1923	38918	393
*True, John E. N.	1980	116960	1791
Underhill, Harmon Q.	1926	42963	513
*Van Cleave, James W.	1965	92359	1209
*Varner, Percy E.	1979	115786	1762
*Varner, Thomas C.	1975	109510	1635
Voight, John Read	1921	34650	250
*Wagner, Joseph Robert	1976	110996	1651
Wallace, Dr. Raymond	1926	42969	519
Warner, Joshua B.	1946	65933	783
Warner, Porter, Jr.	1944	61370	770
Waterhouse, George Clifford	1919	32109	209
Waterhouse, Linton	1942	61358	758
West, Dr. Lyle B.	1925	42180	480
Whitaker, Lt. Col. John T.	1946	65934	784
Whitaker, Dr. Lawson Spires	1946	65935	785
Wilhoite, Henry P.	1926	42194	494
Williams, Joseph V., Sr.	1927	44537	537
Williams, Joseph V., Jr.	1927	44540	540
Williams, Robert S.	1927	44541	541
*Wilson, O. M., Jr.	1959	83920	995
Witt, R. Beecher	1925	40120	445
Witt, R. B., Jr.	1956	79641	916
Witt, Sidney Mayo	1958	83907	982
Woodruff, Frederick Hopper	1954	78651	876
Woodruff, William W., III	1949	68993	818
*Woody, John H., Jr. (about)	1965	105813	1563
Wooten, Wallace S.	1942	57625	750
Wooten, Walter B.	1933	52387	637
Wright, T. Asbury	1917	27920	195