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Taking AN AZIMUTH Reading on Springfield

MAIN SPEAKER AT SPRINGFIELD BANQUET



HIS EXCELLENCY—THE HONORABLE OTTO KERNER
Governor for the State of Illinois
An Active Member of the Illinois Chapter

The Governor of Illinois Proclaims



OTTO KERNER
GOVERNOR

WELCOME

As Governor of Illinois and as a member of this Association, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Illinois and to offer you, both officially and personally, every good wish for a successful convention.

I am glad that you have elected to meet in Illinois this year. Our Capitol City offers unequalled facilities for your comfort, convenience and entertainment. Moreover, I am sure you will enjoy your outing at the D.A.V. Club at Lake Springfield as well as your visit to our many Lincoln shrines. You also can be sure that our citizens will extend every effort to make you feel "at home."

Sincerely,

Otto Kerner
Governor

Palady-Orenstein Getting the "Combine" Oiled Up

By HARRY ORENSTEIN,
640 East 139th Street,
Bronx 54, N. Y.

IT'S REUNION TIME AGAIN—

Judging from the details of the May-June, 1963 Octofoil issue, another interesting and enjoyable Reunion is planned for Springfield, Ill. The writer's logical conclusion is that the "Boys" will receive again maximum values at a minimum cost.

Here are the important facts to remember:

**HOTEL ST. NICHOLAS
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**
July 25, 26, 27, 1963—Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Hope to see you at the Reunion.

GOOD NEWS DEPARTMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dreifus from far away Florida have made plans to attend the Springfield Reunion. Roy anticipates the usual large turnout of the "Boys" that will include many of the Reunion Old Timers.

The Octofoil reports that Bill Palady is planning to round up the "Boys" on his way to the Reunion.

Q.M. NEWS ROUNDUP

Joe DeMato attended the May, 1963 New York Chapter meeting. Received a letter from Floyd Hennessy with his latest news. Trevor Jones wrote that he joined the 9th Division Association. Here is his address:

Trevor Jones
51 Allencrest Dr.
Stratford, Conn.

Best regards to all. Hope you are all well at home.—Sincerely, Harry Orenstein.

The Q.M. Committee addresses are:
Bill Palady,
322 31st St.
McKeesport, Pa.
Harry Orenstein,
640 E. 139th St.,
Bronx 54, N. Y.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Rev. Wm. Phillips to Miss Out On Reunion

John Clouser, General Chairman for the 1963 Reunion received the following letter, dated May 17, 1963, from Rev. William C. Phillips, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Pontotoc, Miss.:

"Dear Mr. Clouser: I did mention to Dan Quinn that I hoped to be in Springfield for the 1963 Reunion. However, events have so shaped themselves that it now seems improbable that I will be there.

"I am just convalescing from one operation and as soon as I am sufficiently recovered from that one I will go back to the hospital for another. It appears likely that I may be in the hospital at the time of the reunion or at least not sufficiently recovered to make the trip.

"I greatly regret this turn of affairs for I had hoped to attend this reunion especially since it is being held in Springfield. I was born and reared at Petersburg, have lived in Springfield several years and am very familiar with New Salem State Park, where I notice by The Octofoil one day's events of the reunion will take place.

"As it stands you had better not count on me as the chances that I might be able to come are practically zero.

"Thanks for the invitation, anyway, and my best wishes for a most successful reunion.

Cordially yours,
WM. C. PHILLIPS,
Ch. (Lt. Col.) Wm. C. Phillips,
AUS (Retired)

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

THE PLANNING DETAIL TAKES A BREAK — NEXT MOVE UP TO ASSAULT TROOPS; SUCCESS OF INVASION ASSURED

John Clouser, general chairman of the 1963 Reunion Committee with his able assistants, have laid the ground work most efficiently. An old burlesque song of 25 years ago might be appropo at this time which run something like this: "It's right here for you—if you don't come get it—it ain't no fault of mine."

Judging from the reservations for rooms being sent from former Ninth men living on the plains of Texas—from the Far Northwest—as a matter of fact, from every sector of the United States, indications are an unprecedented number of former 9th men and their families will come and partake of the festivities the hard working committee has arranged for. Refer to last month's issue of The Octofoil for a complete breakdown of events—with time and other details listed.

BELMONTE PLUGS FOR THE GOLFERS PROJECT

Mike Belmonte, 1161 S. Lombard Ave., Oak Park, Ill., is in "cahoots" with Frank Ozart to put on a golfing exhibition in Springfield during the Reunion that will be something to write the folks back home about.

Under date of May 31, Mike writes:

This is a runner-up article with a few more details about our Second Annual Golf Tournament of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

The tournament will be held at the Lincoln Greens Golf Course on beautiful Lake Springfield, just four miles from the headquarters hotel. The total yardage of the course is 6,505.

The green fees are \$1.50. A player can rent clubs for \$1 or bring his own. Players furnish their own golf balls.

Starting time has been arranged. Those interested leave the hotel on Thursday, July 25, at 9:00 A.M.

When checking in at the hotel, all golf players should contact

MIKE BELMONTE

so final arrangements may be made.

As Chairman of the Golf Committee, I hereby disqualify myself from repeating my Fort Bragg victory—therefore a new champ will be "born" in Springfield and crowned. See you all in Springfield.—Signed Mike Belmonte.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

When J. B. Dodd Grabbed the Cow's Tit He Got Results

Paul "Doc" Walton, Old Dalton Rd., Rt. 7, Rome, Ga., has furnished The Octofoil enough clippings from The Rome News-Tribune to paper the walls of a big house. And all these clippings portray a former 9th man in various poses promoting the consumption of milk. The hero of these pictures is J. B. Dodd, former "wagon master" of the old 9th Q.M. Transportation Detail. One 3-column picture shows the technique Dodd used in winning the milking championship contest. Dodd, when he isn't busy milking cows, is president of the prosperous Rome Bank & Trust Company. Most of the other pictures show Dodd consuming pail after pail of the milk after he'd coaxed it out of old Bossy. Doc Walton is wondering what the old gang would say if they could see these pictures—especially Harry Orenstein.

Doc claims a stranger in Rome is forced to drink milk unless he stops someone, just anyone, on the street and asks where the nearest bootlegger is doing business. It's a "dry" balliwick that Doc lives in.

There is only one state which permits a woman to work more than eighteen hours a day—the state of matrimony.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

THURSDAY, JULY 25—

Suffice it to say that more advance reservations have been received for Thursday, July 25 than usually send for reservations. The 9 A.M. Thursday Golf Tournament has attracted many. The 4 P.M. Board of Governors meeting will attract many members who will be observers at the Board meeting. An 8:30 P.M. Welcome Party tops off the Thursday, July 25 program.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Committee meetings begin at 9:30 A.M., followed by the general business meeting at 11 A.M. Another Board meeting is set for 4 P.M., followed by the big Family Party at Lake Springfield.

At 3:30 P.M. Friday a Tea Party has been arranged for the ladies at the Governor's Mansion.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

The Memorial Services at Lincoln's Tomb tops the Saturday events. Convoy leaves the hotel at 9:45 A.M. After the Memorial Services the convoy will move out to New Salem State Park. Highlight of the day will be the annual banquet at which time Governor Kerner (of Illinois), an active member of the Illinois Chapter, will deliver the principal address.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S MENU

Fresh Fruit Cocktail Supreme
Prime Ribeye Steak (center cut)
Baked Potato
Green Beans with Mushrooms
Tossed Salad with choice of Dressings
Parfait
Relishes, Rolls and Butter

CHILDREN'S RATES

The price for the children's tickets for the reunion have been set definitely at \$8.00. This price is for strip tickets. Each individual ticket will total more than that price. The children's tickets include all the meals and some other incidental expense connected with their entertainment.

Special arrangements have been made for a children's menu at the banquet on Saturday night. The menu includes:

Fruit Cocktail
Fried Chicken
French Fried Potatoes
Green Beans
Jello Salad
Parfait

LATER THAN YOU THINK

LAST CALL. An air mail letter should be sent directly to the St. Nicholas Hotel, Springfield, Ill., TODAY for room reservations.

HOTEL RATES

Single, \$7; double, \$9; twins, \$10. Children under 12 free in the same room. Family rates are available upon request to the hotel. Air conditioned through the complete hotel. Free parking on hotel lots.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

This is truly the land of opportunity—anyone can become a taxpayer.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Ideas are funny things. They will not work unless you do.

★ **THE OCTOFOIL** ★

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1963 —
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 Military Acad., West Point, N. Y.
 George Apar, Franklin Sq., L.I., N.Y.
 Edward McGrath, Green Harbor, Mass.
 John Sabato, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Robert Rumenapp, St. Clair Shores, Mich.
 1964 —
 Francis Maher, Worcester, Mass.
 Alfons Cuprys, Mt. Ephraim, N. J.
 John Clouser, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
 John Rizzo, Long Beach, L.I., N.Y.

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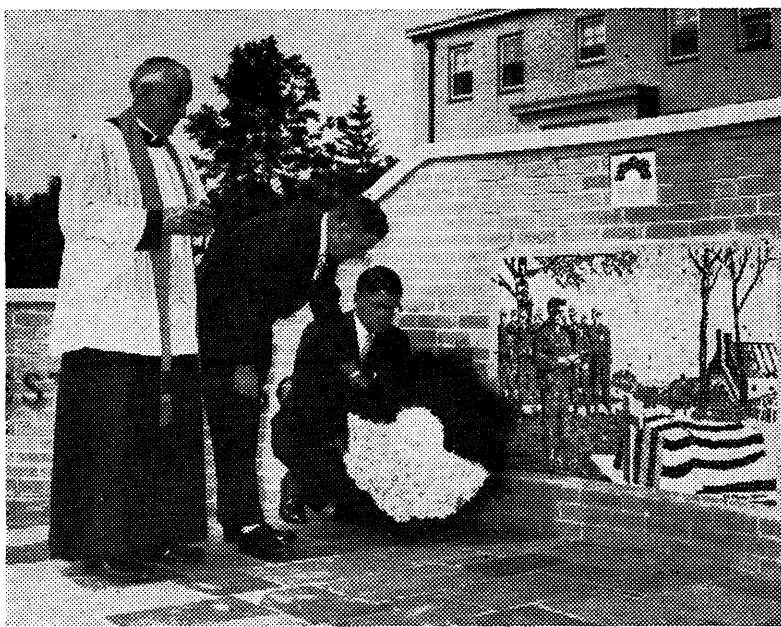
An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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SACRED RITES CONDUCTED IN WORCESTER



The above picture appeared in 4-column form in The Worcester Telegram and it showed up beautifully. From left to right: Father Ed Connors, National President Francis K. Maher and National Treasurer Thomas J. Boyle placing a wreath at the memorial during the impressive memorial services held at the Memorial on the Immaculate Conception Church grounds on Memorial Day—May 30, 1963. Among other Association members taking part were Henry Shimkaski, Cornelius Matulis, John Feeley, of Boylston, and Angus Gillis of North Boro. Father Connors offered prayers and spoke of the sacrifices of the 4,581 men of the Ninth who paid the supreme sacrifice. A coffee hour followed the memorial services.—Photo courtesy Francis Maher.

rites held in WORCESTER AT 9TH'S MEMORIAL WERE MOST IMPRESSIVE

On Friday, May 31 the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram printed a lead story about the 9th Infantry Rites held by Father Connors before the 9th Division War Memorial on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester. A four-column picture showing Father Connors, National President Francis Maher and National Treasurer Tom Boyle were also printed. Excerpts from the story as printed, read:

The 9th Infantry Division Veterans Association held its first Memorial Day exercises at the newly erected division memorial at Immaculate Conception Church.

A wreath was placed at the memorial by Francis K. Maher, president, and Thomas J. Boyle, of Somerville, national treasurer.

Shortly after receiving the Worcester newspapers The Octofoil was in receipt of an open letter addressed to the members, signed by President Francis K. Maher that is self explanatory and does justice to the impressive Memorial day services. The letter from President Maher reads:

Dear Comrades: This year on Memorial Day we had an opportunity to pay tribute to our deceased members in a more close and personal way than has been the case in previous years. A mass was held at 9 o'clock in the morning at the Immaculate

Conception Church by Father Ed Connors. Members of the New England Chapter were in attendance, along with many of the parishioners who have always been loyal. After the mass we held a ceremony at the memorial which is very fitting to our cause. A wreath was placed on the Memorial which was authorized and made possible by our National Association.

IN A MOST FITTING MANNER

This year with the memorial that Father Connors had erected, it gave us a feeling that we were honoring our fallen Comrades in a way that we had all hopes to some day—because our main cause was always our deceased since our Association was founded. And the placing of the wreath on their Memorial brings us back to the preamble of our Constitution in which we pledged to always remember our dead. And I believe that when I speak of the entire membership of the 9th Infantry Division Association we speak only the words of truth to our departed Comrades when we say we have not forgotten you.

Yours in Comradeship,
 FRANCIS K. MAHER,
 President 9th Infantry Division Assn.
 14 Davenport St.,
 Worcester 10, Mass.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Ohio Prexy Toole and Committee Stage Their Picnic

President Richard Toole picked an ideal picnic spot for the Ohio group's annual picnic on Sunday, June 23.

Somehow or another the dates got mixed up and the Secretary-Treasurer was under the impression the picnic was to be held on June 30th. Consequently notices were not mailed until a day or two before the picnic and many members had made other arrangements already. The few who were able to attend had an enjoyable time. This was the first picnic Orville Black had attended and expected to chew the fat with his old buddy Clyde DeLong but Uncle Sam had other plans which forced DeLong to work at the post office all during the picnic. Dave Boring was out of town on business and Dick Macomber was ill.

Harry Sager and his nephew Jimmy, who acted as chauffeur for Sager's new station wagon, made the trip from Fostoria—some 90 miles away. Harry had contacted his old buddy, Bill Fraley of Bidwell, Ohio, Box 63, and Bill was an early arrival and joined the Association.

Vice President John Hennick was a "whiz" on the skating rink. He is slated for a tryout when the "Ice Follies" play in Columbus this fall.

The picnic was held in Leroy Tomlinson's backyard, almost — near Chillicothe but he had to work—naturally both Leroy and Gladys were disappointed that they were unable to attend the event.

Among those attending were: Orville Black and family, Columbus, Ohio.

Richard Schumann and family, Columbus, Ohio.

Bill Nelson and family, Steubenville, Ohio.

Don Jewell and family, Columbus, Ohio.

Richard Toole and wife, Ashville, Ohio.

Paul Keller and family, Columbus, Ohio.

Bill Fraley and family, Bidwell, Ohio.

Robert Yahn (single), Columbus, Ohio.

Harry Sager and Jimmy, Fostoria, Ohio.

Paul Plunkett and Tippiie, Columbus, Ohio.

Dick Pestel and family, Grove City, Ohio.

John Hennick and family, Ashville, Ohio.

Those who had planned to attend and had to cancel out were:

Dick Macomber, Dick Corbin, Pearl Nickle, Dave Boring, Ben Nardonne, Leroy Perry, Harold Stone, Leroy Tomlinson, Jesse Davis, Jim Feightner and Don Crosskill.

COMMITTEES

The following Ohio Chapter members will be recommended for committee assignments at the 1963 Reunion.

Nominating Committee: Paul Keller.

Finance Committee: Richard Toole.

Newspaper: Paul Plunkett and Richard Pestel.

Miscellaneous: Bill Nelson.

Substitutes: Harold Stone, Harry Sager, Mike Mysyk, Frank Chatto, Don Jewell, John Hennick.

HANSON OUT OF HOSPITAL

Attention was called to the fact that Hugh Hanson, 3618 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, 15, Ohio, a former 15th Engr. man, has been hospitalized for many months. He is home now on a temporary furlough but would still appreciate a get-well card from any of the old gang at an ytime.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Gold Star Parent Will Be Greatly Missed

A few years ago Mrs. Mae Spencer, mother of the late Lt. John Spencer, was a regular attendant at any and all Ninth Infantry Division Association activities. She was loved and honored by all the members who ever had the privilege of meeting her and being the beneficiary of her smiling face and sweet personality.

On June 2 Mrs. Spencer passed away. She will be missed by Association members and especially New York Chapter members.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

STODDARD'S FAMILY ON WAY TO OVERSEAS BASE

Sheldon Stoddard is near Friedberg, Germany, and is expecting his family to join him soon. About Sept. 1 Stoddard is slated to be moved to Frankfurt to take a job in the 3rd Armored Division headquarters. He is looking forward to seeing some of the area where the 9th fought and hopes to furnish The Octofoil some interesting pictures from Remagen, Erpel, Tofen, Roetgen, Eupen and many others.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, *National Secretary*, 9th Infantry Division Assn.
 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1963 dues for:

Name _____ Serial No. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

I was a member of:

Battery _____; Company _____; Regiment _____ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year _____ \$ 4.00 ☐

Sustaining Member _____ ☐

THREE-YEAR MEMBER _____ \$11.00 ☐

Life Membership _____ \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc _____ \$ 1.00 ☐

Decals, 25c; (5) five for _____ \$ 1.00 ☐

"Eight Stars to Victory" _____ \$ 2.00 ☐

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _____ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map _____ \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

Please credit the following chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

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Ohio ☐ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N. C. ☐

MINUTES OF THE 67TH MEETING—BOARD OF GOVERNORS—MAY 4

The 67th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 2:15 P.M., May 4, 1963 at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York, attended by Messrs. Francis Maher, Walter O'Keefe, Edward McGrath, George Apar, John Rizzo, Richard Pestel, Alfons Cuprys, and John Sabato. Also present were Thomas Boyle, Treasurer; Vincent Guglielmino, First Vice President; Harry Orenstein, Third Vice President, and Harrison Daysh, Judge Advocate. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order by President Francis Maher.

The Secretary, Daniel Quinn, then read minutes of the 66th meeting.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Richard Pestel it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes, as read, and place same on file.

Treasurer Thomas Boyle then gave his report. After a motion duly made by Al Cuprys and seconded by John Rizzo, it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

REUNION REPORT

A progress report of the 1963 Reunion was read by Secretary Quinn. Chairman John Clouser was unable to attend the meeting but furnished the secretary with an outlined report and program for the three-day reunion. President Francis Maher instructed the secretary to thank John Clouser for his report.

After a discussion of the Scholarship Program and upon a motion duly made by Walter O'Keefe and seconded by John Rizzo it was voted to: Have the Board of Governors reconsider revising the Rules and Regulations of the Scholarship Program with the possibility of allocating funds from the Mutual Funds dividends to the Memorial Fund.

After a motion duly made by Edward McGrath and seconded by Walter O'Keefe, it was voted to: Donate the sum of \$25.00 for a wreath of flowers to be placed on the Ninth Division Memorial in Worcester, Massachusetts, on May 30th.

1964 REUNION

Edward McGrath submitted a bid for the 1964 Reunion for the New England Chapter.

John Sabato stated that he had submitted a bid for the 1964 Reunion for the Philly-Delaware Chapter at the last Board meeting in Worcester.

Walter O'Keefe reported that the New York Chapter was doing very well with a large gathering expected at the annual picnic to be held on June 2nd.

Richard Pestel reporting for the Ohio Chapter stated a family picnic was being planned for June 30th. He also asked the National Secretary to give the names of all members to the Chapter secretaries regardless if they belong to a Chapter or pay to National.

John Sabato reported for the Philly-Delaware Chapter. They have elected new Officers and are preparing for the reunion to be held in Philadelphia in 1964.

After a motion duly made by John Rizzo and seconded by Richard Pestel, it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
 DANIEL QUINN, Natl. Secy.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Mario Salvi Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

Under date lines of June 5 Secretary Quinn was advised through the mail by Abraham Stroh that another former 39th Regiment man had answered his last roll call—Mario A. Salvi died suddenly from a heart attack on May 29. Mario was the beloved brother of Miss Rosalie Salvi, Waterbury, Conn.; Mrs. Virginia Kalstek of Levittown, L.I.; Mrs. Theresa Cornetta, of Elmont, L.I., and James Salvi of Naugatuck, Conn. Also surviving are 12 nieces and nephews.

The Octofoil extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Wants to Hear From More 26th F.A. Men

Paul Mathias is a bit critical because so few 26th F.A. men send in news notes to The Octofoil. Paul's address is 732 E. 2nd St., Rodeo, Calif. He was with Bty. C, 26th F.A. He devotes about seven months of each year attending a farm he owns in northern California and devotes the other months to following his carpenter trade. But he does make a strong appeal for any former Bty C, 26th men who read this notice to drop him a card or send some notes to The Octofoil.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

The most disillusioned girls are those who married because they were tired of working.

1963 REUNION HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion

July 25, 26, 27, 1963

Hotel St. Nicholas,
Springfield, Illinois.

Please reserve for the undersigned accommodations
that are checked below:

Arrival Date A.M. P.M.

Departure Date

Name

Street or R.F.D.

City State

() Single — \$7.00

() Twin — \$10.00

() Suite (rates upon request)

Children under 12 free in the same room. Family rates
are available upon request to the hotel.

The hotel is completely air conditioned. Free parking
in hotel parking lots.

NEW YORKERS WAITING FOR THEIR PRIZES



Herman Suarez and Ben Murell did an outstanding job of keeping the youngsters happy with various kinds of entertainment during the New York Chapter's annual picnic. Pictured above are some of the "small fry" and grownups, too, gathered around Herman and Ben waiting for the prizes they had earned. Secretary Quinn sent in the above photo. The Octofoil is looking forward with much interest to full details about picnic highlights that Public Relations Man Art Schmidt usually sends in.

NINTH MAN ON HONORED LIST WELCOMED BY CHIEF

President Kennedy during the past month welcomed 284 holders of the Medal of Honor to the White House. The Ninth Division's own Peter J. Dalessandro was among the 234 veterans thus honored.

The senior hero on hand was retired Brig. Gen. Charles D. Roberts, 89, of Chevy Chase, Md.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—
SCHMIDT HAS ROOM FOR A RIDER OR TWO

Arthur Schmidt is planning on leaving New York City about 5 P.M. on July 23rd for his trip to Springfield, Ill., but could leave early in the morning on July 24. Art and his mother are making this round trip alone and he would welcome having one or two riders. He can be reached by telephone, home, HYacinth 7-3993—69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O-W—

SOOTHING MUSIC STILL PROVIDED BY SCHAEFFER

Roger Schaeffer writes from the "Rubber Capital" of the world—1666 Sunset Ave., Akron, Ohio. Rog was a Captain with Hqtrs. Sp. Tr. He is a teacher of instrumental music in Akron at Ellet High School. Roger and family are hopeful of being able to visit Springfield during the Reunion. He closes his letter by writing "Bee" (Mrs. Schaeffer) sends her kindest regards to all the gals.

JOE REPPAZINI WRITES FROM OAK PARK, MICH.

Joe Reppazini's address is 24001 Sherman, Oak Park, Mich. Joe is a former 3rd Bn. 60th man. Joe writes in part as follows:

"Keep up the very fine and remarkable job being done. The Octofoil is always a most welcome arrival at our home."

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O-W—

Ed Machowski Looking Forward to Springfield

Edward W. Machowski's present address is 5931 N.W. Circle Ave., Chicago 31, Ill. Ed will be a disappointed man if he fails to locate many of his old buddies when he arrives in Springfield for the Reunion.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O-W—

JOE MOWERY PENS INSPIRING POEMS

Joe A. Mowery, 9th M.P., gets his mail at Forest City, N. C., Rt. 3, Box 50. Joe composes poetry as a hobby and quite often an alert editor grabs on to one of Joe's poems and publishes it. One of his inspiring poems that was recently published will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

PICNIC PUBLICIZED

The New York Mirror published notices about the last meeting of the New York Chapter and also a notice advising of the annual picnic date.

GEN. WESTMORELAND GETS ANOTHER STAR

All the leading newspapers played up stories released from the Pentagon during the past month that pertained to the Ninth's own Gen. William C. Westmoreland, a former president of the Association and an incumbent member of the Board of Governors.

Upon finishing his term as Superintendent of West Point, Gen. Westmoreland was promoted to lieutenant general and placed in command of the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Gen. Westmoreland was succeeded at West Point by Maj. Gen. James B. Lampert.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

COST OF SUGAR PLAYS HELL WITH CORN SQUEEZIN'S AND "WHITE MULE" IN GEORGIA

The Octofoil is in receipt of another one of those letters that only "Doc" Walton, down on Rt. 7, Rome, Ga., can compose. With the letter were many newspaper clippings from The Atlanta Constitution. One two-column picture showed Doc's Uncle Lou Walton admiring his dogwood bushes. Doc says Uncle Lou is the uncle who sold broom sage and cat tails during the Hoover administration—way back yonder in 1929.

Walton says folks in his area—situated about halfway between Atlanta, Ga. and Chattanooga, Tenn., between Georgia's Kennesaw Mountains and Tennessee's Lookout hills—are disturbed about the rising cost of sugar—it's causing the white corn likker market to become unstable in those hills—and that will upset the entire economy—maybe keeping Doc from getting to Springfield.

SOME PLEASANT THINGS

Everything isn't on the unpleasant side of the ledger down Walton's way. He sent a copy of The Campus Carrier, Volume 50, Issue No. 7—official publication for Berry College—and occupying a prominent place on the masthead was "Illustrator—David Walton." It so happens that the official illustrator of this neat and progressive little college paper is one of the inimitable Doc Walton's offsprings that he's mighty proud of.

The rest of the Walton clan all seem to be doing okay in their school work. The school board didn't have a burn down a single school house in order to get them all promoted to a higher grade.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Hansen Leaves Hospital For a Visit With Family

Mrs. Esther Hanson, the wife of Hugh Hanson, 3618 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio, writes Secretary Quinn that Hugh is home from the VA hospital on a 90-day furlough.

The thoughtful Mrs. Hansen sent in Hugh's dues and asked that the family's thanks be extended to members of the New York Chapter for the interest shown while Hugh has been hospitalized—especially Adolph Wadalavage. Mrs. Hansen is hoping and praying that Hugh will be feeling up to making the trip to Springfield, Ill.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

ANDROVICH UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS

Nick Androvich, a former 1st Bn. 39th lad, lives at 352 50th St., Brooklyn 20, N. Y., but his hours at work prevents attending New York Chapter meetings. However, Nick says until that situation can be rectified he will continue reading The Octofoil as that brings him close to his old buddies.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

JOHN BRANDI WILL SWELL THE BUCKEYE DELEGATION

John Brandi, a member of the Ohio Chapter, is living in Tiltonsville, O. John was with Div. Hq. Co.

John is joining with the Ohio Caravan making the trek to Springfield for the 1963 Reunion.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O-W—

Speaker From Wall St. Firm Is Accommodating

Since appearing before a meeting of the New York Chapter, Mr. Arnold Leeds of Bache & Co., has been flooded with requests for information concerning certain stocks. He has been most accommodating in supplying the members with the information requested.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

COLONEL HENRY ROYALL NOT SURE ABOUT TRIP

Col. Henry Royall, 105 Noble St., Chapel Hill, N. C., writes that he isn't sure whether he can make the trip to Springfield or not—but Hank adds "There's always hope that I will."

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O-W—

The changing world: In the good old days the girls used to kiss and then make up.

NO "ARM CHAIR" GENERALS AT PICNIC --- EVERY MEMBER FULFILLED HIS CHORE MOST EFFICIENTLY

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There were many people who worked hard to make the picnic a great success—and it was just that. I hope all the names of those who worked so hard toward the picnic's success are listed in this story. If any were inadvertently omitted, apologies are offered.

PRIZES DONATED

Chapter President Walter O'Keefe donated an electric frying pan, an electric can opener; Jerry Cosenza donated watermelons, a great number of handmade ash trays; Dom Miele donated a cooker fryer; Cosenza also donated four piggy banks and one kiddie's pool. Dom Miele was selling admission tickets and was assisted by Al Rago; even Geo. Fraenkel's dog had a ticket. Mutchko and Mr. McInerney were selling tickets in conjunction with the welfare fund; the prizes included two wrist watches.

ELMO THE SAUSAGE MAN

Fred Elmo assisted with the sausages; as did Frank Fazio; Twill and Stan Cohen helped distribute the beer; Wadalavage and Schmidt hustled the groceries; Jack Scully distributed the rolls and directed the police detail. Apar helped at the beer counter; Avila helped serve hamburgers; Al Orletti, the "old reliable" helped serve the corn on the cob; Stan Cohen also helped with the frankfurters; Rizzo, Miele, Feinberg and Raga did a fine job in the distribution of prizes. Ed Egan also helped distribute beer; Guglielmino and Farris kept busy passing out corn on the cob, while Apar followed them with some rolls; Cosenza pitched in with the corn on the cob detail. Ed Egan and Bill Kreye were kept busy helping in the athletic program; Cosenza also donated a basket of onions. Rizzo did a fine job with his loud speaker. Frank Ferrise helped out with the sausages; Lou Almasy helped serve the hamburgers; Joe Farano, a friend of Frank Miele, also helped with the frankfurters. Fraenkel helped serve the corn.

PROMOTING BUS DEAL

National Secy. Dan Quinn kept busy during the picnic trying to promote the chapter's chartered bus. Quinn operated an ice cream wagon.

BILL ZWEIL BUSY

Joe Montalchi served coffee; Wild Bill Zweil was in charge of first aid; Zweil extended an invitation to any former 9th man to drop in for a free cup of coffee at his restaurant—the B and B, 401 Central Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Frank Fazio helped serve clams; Betty Rizzo and Marie Quinn did okay slicing onions; Harry Wax was eating and serving potato pan cakes; Santo Avila helped with the coffee, while Stanley Mrozinski helped with the beer.

The following men were noted keeping themselves busy at various details: Jack Wilson of Summit Police; Tex McGrath, Joe Zweil, Hugh Lee and Tiny Weinstein.

George Blockly, Ninth MPs, was signed up. He was brought in by Adolph Wadalavage.

The following were also signed up: Albert Lechmanik, Union, N. J., of F Co., 47th. He works for Summit Typewriter; Warren Lane, Irvington, N. J.; Lenny Ricco, of Bernardsville, N. J.; and Al Munatore of Irvington, N. J.; Pat Morano announced his pending transfer to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife are being transferred to that area. Pat has promise to make every effort to establish a local chapter in that area. His address while there will be 2088 Lincoln Way E, Apt. 2, Chambersburg, Pa.

Al Rago and Mutchko were forgiven for winning so many prizes since they were responsible for so many people being there. People who won prizes were: Rita Fazio, a cooker fryer; Mrs. Kish, a broiler; Al Rago, a wrist watch; Di Silvio, a can opener; Mrs. Jacovelli, ladies wrist watch; Miss Ricco, an ash tray; James Wilson, a wading pool; George Fraenkel, a piggy bank; Leo Burdeck, a toy; John Mutchko, a toy doll; Albert Munatore, a piggy bank; Miss Straussman, doll; Ed Egan, a doll; Jack Gill, an ash tray; Montalchi, an ash tray; Lechmanek, an ash tray; Mrs. Rago, an ash tray; Guglielmino, an ash tray; Mrs. Kobrin, an ash tray; Charles Rago, an ash tray; I. Reeder, an ash tray; Al Rago, ash tray. It wasn't a lucky day for the Schmidt family—no prizes.

RANDOM NOTES

Bill Kreye was discussing the book, "Battle of the Huertgen Forest," by McDonald. Jerry Shapiro

owns the Village Book Store, and secured a copy for the Chapter reporter. McDonald has also written "The Siegfried Line Campaign" and other books that credited the Ninth Division with much activity that will go down in history as a terrific job..

EGAN CONTRIBUTED

Ed Egan contributed \$10 toward prizes for the children. It is hoped the children's names are all spelled correctly this year. Quite a few were misspelled in the picnic report after last year's event. The following is a list of contest winners: Vera Fehily, East Orange, won the contest for carrying marbles on a spoon; Nora O'Neill of Yonkers, N. Y.; Joan Perez of New York City; Benny Murrell, Raymond Ciarell, of New York City; Donald Ritacco of Newark, N. J.; Michael O'Neill of Yonkers, N.Y.; Daniel Marrero of New York City; Mary Ann Muccio of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Darlene Mutchko of Warwick, N. J.; Michele Giandonato of New Jersey, Vita Canepa of Long Beach, Herman Suarez of New York City, Raymond Ciarello, Steven Marilino, Cynthia Marrero were also winners.

There was an egg throwing contest held by the women; several teams of two women each started tossing a raw egg to each other, gradually moving farther away from each other and tossing the egg again until the egg fell and broke. The last couple remaining won the game. They were Rose Ann Rago and Angie Ciarello.

LAST CHAPTER MEETING

The last chapter meeting was held at the Elk's Lodge, Union City, N. J. Al Rago came to the writer's rescue and furnished transportation.

This was Mutchko's first meeting. He plans to attend more often. Pat Morano and Walter O'Keefe showed some pictures taken at the picnic. Jack Scully saved the day—he returned some money received from the brewers for merchandise unused. That put the picnic operation in the black columns. Dave Gelman was at the meeting but can't make it to Springfield. Rago was there displaying the watch he won. President O'Keefe reported a profit from the picnic. This was good news—because no one expects a profit—the purpose is to arrange for a good time for the members and their families.

The meeting was short so some of the members could keep bowling engagements. Good progress was reported regarding a chartered bus to Springfield; the cost is \$40 for round trip; 30 participants needed. Dom Miele will have his mandolin on the bus trip. The trip will take 20 hours. Jack Scully and Frank Fazio were given a hand of applause for the fine picnic job they did.

The following nominations were made for committee members at the Reunion: Schmidt, newspaper; alternate, O'Keefe; Finance, Apar; alternate, Fazio; nominating, Morano; alternate, Suarez; miscellaneous, Orenstein; alternate, Miele.

Quinn moved, seconded by Rago, that Dominick Miele be allotted \$50 toward reunion expenses. Motion carried.

Secretary Quinn offered to provide a letter on official stationery to those members needing it to present to an employer in order to get time off to attend the Reunion without the time being deducted from regular vacation accredited time. Further information will be provided to anyone who will direct an inquiry to the writer at the address given above.

Upon adjournment most of the men participated in the bowling game. Quinn claims he has regained some of his old bowling ability. The following members bowled: Mike Denesh, Frank Fazio, Walt O'Keefe (who insisted he found it better to bowl in his stocking feet), Geo. Apar, Mutchko, Dan Quinn, Ed Egan, Lou Almasy, Dave Gelman. Observing the participants were Pat Morano, Mr. McInerney, a Gold Star father; Harry Orenstein, Jack Scully, Russo, and Joe D'Amato. In the first game Mutchko had five strikes and ended up with a high score of 154 while Mike Denesh was a low man with a score of 98. In the second game Lou Almasy was high man with a score of 142 and George Apar won the "booby" prize.

Looking forward to seeing all of you fellows in Springfield!

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O-W—

RONNIE FRANK ENJOYS READING THE OCTOFOIL

Another former Co. D, 47th man who hasn't been heard from in a long time is Ronnie Frank, Box 112-D, Rt. 1, Leechburg, Pa. Ron writes: "We enjoy The Octofoil. Keep up the good work. I hope to attend a Reunion some day—in the meantime The Octofoil is the next best bet."

DR. V. H. PRICE'S DEATH A SHOCK TO HIS MANY FRIENDS

Mrs. V. Hugh Price has forwarded to The Octofoil clippings that herald the untimely passing of Dr. V. H. Price. Mrs. Price advises that Doc had been duck hunting in the morning and dove hunting in the afternoon on the day that he passed away. He was a major with the 9th Meds. His death will be a shock to his many old Ninth buddies. Parts of a special story in a Lake Charles (La.) newspaper reads:

Dr. V. Hugh Price, 45, Lake Charles physician and surgeon, died at St. Patrick's Hospital after a brief illness.

Dr. Price was a native of Covington, Tenn., and a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and of the University of Tennessee Medical School at Memphis.

He has served on every committee at St. Patrick's Hospital and was past president of the surgical staff.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Sgt. Bill Kreye's Story In Next Month's Issue

Sgt. William M. Kreye, 327 20th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y., is a known authority on 39th Regt. matters—but just to prove he is versatile, Bill has written a most interesting story for The Octofoil that deals with various other Division units. The story will be published in the next issue. Several other interesting articles are being held over and will be printed in the big 8-page convention issue.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Diann Crosskill Directs School Paper In Ohio

Don Crosskill, 1120 Franklin, Fremont, Ohio, has two lovely daughters, Diann and Nancy that he is equally proud of. But right now temporarily Diann is basking in a bit more of the spotlight than Nancy because petite Diann has been selected as editor-in-Chief of The Fremont Croghan Chatter, a neatly printed and edited Ross High School newspaper.

To top this off Diann has won a News-Messenger scholarship to the High School Press Institute held by the Kent State Department of Journalism.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

ATTENDING CLASSES KEEPS TAYLOR OUT OF MISCHIEF

A short note from Wilton Taylor, Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif., is to inform his old Co. M 47th buddies that he has not lost interest in the Association. The reason he hasn't been writing many letters recently was because he has been attending night classes at Bakersfield College. He has completed the course and will try and catch up now on accumulation of unanswered mail. Taylor sees Loyd Wofford a former 15th Engr., man often since they both work for the same oil company in the Bakersfield area.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

STRALL-UMANSKY TEAM TO TRAVEL IN CHARTERED BUS

Ray Strall and Max Umansky got their heads together at the last New York Chapter meeting and come up with enough cash to finance their bus fare to Springfield and back to the Big City. They will occupy front row seats on the chartered bus that will bring the New York delegation across the country whooping 'em up while the big bus cruises along.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

ORVILLE LANPHER IS OPERATING A NEW ENGLAND DRUG STORE

Orville Lanpher keeps pretty busy operating the Lanpher Pharmacy in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, but he took time out to write The Octofoil a letter that was greatly appreciated. It reads in part:

I certainly enjoy The Octofoil with its fine regimental and divisional reminiscences and the very capable manner in which it keeps us all informed as to the personal life and whereabouts of former buddies. The fellows responsible for the organization's fine work deserve untold credit.

Orville has two fine daughter's—one was born while he was overseas. He had the sad misfortune to lose his devoted wife in February, 1960. He asks The Octofoil to relay the information to any of the old 47th gang who will write him a few lines that all such letters or cards will get a prompt reply.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

DIAGNOSIS

The aged patient had just received a physical examination by the doctor. "Well, Doc," he perked. "How do I stand?"

"I really don't know," the doctor said shaking his head, "to me it's a miracle."

PAYNE-BRADY & CO. START A CAMPAIGN

Perry F. Payne writes from 78 Second St., Chickasaw, Ala., as follows: I have been in contact with Carl Brady quite a few times since the Fort Bragg Convention and we were wondering if you could give us a roster of all the men who are members of the association in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Northwest Florida. In asking for this information we are just wondering whether there are possibly enough members in this neck of the woods that we could form a chapter and would appreciate information as to just what is necessary to form a chapter.

Brady's address is Dahpne, Ala., and is a former Co. M, 60th man.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

DiSanto Hibernates In Vermont Sector

Mario (Jack) DiSanto's address is 154 Dodds Court, Burlington, Vt. He claims in his letter that former 9th men are few and far between way up there in the Burlington area—but he pleads with any former 9th men who might be traveling through that section to give him a buzz and stop in for a short visit anyway.

Jack is back in the Association after a lapse of almost 10 years—having moved from New York City he became careless and allowed himself to lapse. He'll be looking for a few cards or letters from some of his old Co. B 47th buddies.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

MCCABE SUFFERED HEART ATTACK AND IS "LAID UP"

Joe Lagattuta advises The Octofoil that Larry McCabe has been laid-up with a heart attack.

McCabe's many old 47th buddies are hopeful that by the time this notice appears in print that he's up and at 'em again—just like nothing had ever happened.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

SYMPATHY CARDS —

Among the many beautiful sympathy cards sent to Assistant Editor Dick Pestel after the death of his devoted step-father was one from Dot and Jim McNamee, 112 W. Fort Lee Rd., Bogata, N. J., which also contained a little personal note about the status of the McNamee clan: They have two youngsters—a boy and a girl—Jimmie, age 16, and Gerrie, age 15.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Doc Hummel Has Plans

The shingle of Dr. R. M. Hummel, M.D., hangs out at 2411 Lommel Lane, Marion, Indiana. The medic has plans made to be in Springfield. He hopes there will be a good turnout of his old buddies from the 1st Bn., 60th Regt. and 9th Med. Bn.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

FATHER JERRY ROWAN TO HAVE NEW ADDRESS

Father Jerry Rowan who has become an "institution" at all 9th Div. Association affairs writes that after 31 May his address will be Sacred Heart Church, Arkansas City, Kans. He will be an assistant pastor there.

Father Rowan says he will miss the hospital work he has been doing. God willing, he says he will see the gang in Springfield.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

COL. ANDY BAKER MEETS OLD BUDDIES

From the Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Tex., Lt. Col. Andrew Baker, formerly 39th Regt., writes:

My plans for leave this year include the convention. My wife and I are looking forward to it.

No matter where I'm stationed in the world I always meet some one from the 9th. Here at Red River I've run into two people—Bruce Garrett, who used to be with the 47th, and M.-Sgt. James H. Craft, who was with Serv. Co. of the 39th. He is due to retire before long. Under the new Army policy I've got about 2 years left before I retire from active duty. Best wishes to all and I'm looking forward to seeing many old friends at the Reunion.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

RAY BERTHIAUME'S NEPHEW IS A FORMER 9TH DIV. LAD

Ray Berthiaume writes from New Haven, Conn., 186 Quinipiac Ave. Ray was with A Co., 15th Engrs.

Ray and his wife are planning on being in Springfield and having as their guest a mother of a former 34th F.A. man who is Ray's nephew, Rene Bonnette, Ave A., Turner Falls, Mass. Bonnette was one of the original Association members—now Ray and Secretary Dan Quinn are hoping to get him back in the fold.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Back in the good old days there was something to make you sleep—they called it work.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

It is easy to meet expense these days—just turn in any direction.

Harold F. Rissue Just Heard About Octofoil

Harold F. Rissue, 363 S. 3rd Ave., Park Falls, Wis., a former Co. M, 60th man writes in part:

"Having read the notice of the 9th Division reunion in this month's VFW magazine, I contacted a former buddy of Co. M, 60th. . . . He sent me the March-April issue of The Octofoil, which I am sorry to say I did not know it existed.

After reading the front page article and the exciting program planned, my wife and I are anxiously waiting to attend. Enclosed find a money order for the following:

1 year subscription to Octofoil, 8 Stars to Victory, Combat Route Map and 60th Infantry History.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

COLE'S DECAL ATTRACTS ATTENTION IN CALIFORNIA

Newt Cole, a former 39th man, writes from 1850 W. Orangethorpe, Fullerton, Calif., in part as follows:

"Del Erdman, 2159 Hiawatha, Anaheim, Calif., saw a 9th decal on my car. He left me a note with his phone number and address. Del was with the 39th from Belgium to the Rhine."

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

THE HONORABLE MAYOR OF DEMOPOLIS, ALA. CONTACTS

The Honorable Edward B. Bailey, K Co., 39th, still has command of the Fort at Demopolis, Ala. He is the mayor of that thriving little city. The mayor plans on attending the Reunion in Springfield. When he sent 1963 dues to Secretary Quinn a little folder advertising the virtues of Demopolis was enclosed and the tiny brochure started off like this:

"If you stay in Demopolis long enough to wear out one pair of shoes you'll stay here the rest of your life."

He may have something—population has increased 40 percent in the last ten years.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Joe Lipka Planning to Re-Vitaminize Medics

Joseph Lipka writes from 2040 W. 31st St., Chicago 8, Ill. Joe was with the 60th Inf. Med. Det., and is looking forward to seeing many of his old buddies in Springfield and hopes to pep them up so they will be sending in more dope about themselves for The Octofoil from time to time.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

SPRINGFIELD OR "BUST," JOHN COMPEL "ROARS"

John Compel, 2020 Barnsdale Ave., McKeesport, Pa., writes: "I couldn't make the Fort Bragg Reunion but it will take an Act of Congress to keep me away from Springfield, Ill., when the 1963 Reunion meets."

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

LARRY NEUDECK HAS SOME PLANS TO LOCATE BUDDIES

Lawrence Neudeck, a former Co. A, 47th man, lives at 6811 Boston State Rd., Hamburg, N. Y., advises that he hasn't had many contacts with old buddies in recent years—but is hopeful of making many contacts when he gets to Springfield.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

FRED NICHOLS HAS FORMER 9TH MAN AS A PROSPECT

Fred L. Nichols' old buddies from D Co., 47th will be glad to learn he's getting along okay down in Fayetteville, N. C., and is doing a bit of letter writing trying to locate former buddies and getting them interested in the Association. Fred's latest "find" is Odie Jones, Rt. 4, Louisville, Miss. Fred's address is 208 Wilker Rt., Fayetteville, N. C.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

"POP" LONG AND WIFE HAVE PLANS

Ernie (Pop) Long resides at 517 Bayfair Drive, Bay Village, Ohio. Pop is a former 47th 3rd Bn. Med. During the Fort Bragg Convention Mrs. Long was ill and the couple were unable to participate in that jamboree. But everything seems favorable for a trip to Springfield for the 1963 Reunion. Pop and Mrs. Long both say they enjoy reading items in The Octofoil.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

BUCHANAN PROMOTED AT THE PRINCETON HOSPITAL

Another Co. L, 47th lad has made good. Robert Buchanan, 79 Bayard Lane, Princeton, N. J., writes: "Recently I was appointed Assistant Engineer at Princeton Hospital and received my ten-year pin last month. Being on-call so often it is very difficult to leave town and am sorry I am unable to make any meetings, but one of these days the opportunity may arise and I will attend."

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

Before you flare up at someone else's fault take time to count ten—of your own.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

FORREST AND WIFE ARE HEADED FOR SCOTLAND

A. T. Forrest, 155 Wilson Ave., Beaver, Pa., a former 15th Engr. man, a few years back was a real spark plug in Association affairs in the Pittsburgh area. Now his work load keeps him from being too active. The Octofoil hopes before long he will be able to get back in the swim. Parts of his most recent letter reads:

"I won't be able to make the Reunion. My wife and I are taking a month's vacation in Scotland (my original home) and England this summer and will be over there at reunion time. We expect to visit Winchester and the surrounding Ninth Division area while there.

"Last October I was transferred from the Midland, Pa. works of the Crucible Steel Co. of America to the corporate offices located in Pittsburgh, Pa. (beautiful Gateway 4 Building). Am now chief engineer for the corporation. Am responsible for coordinating all engineering, construction and maintenance for the corporation's many plants . . . for long range planning . . . administration of capital budget. This requires considerable traveling. Will visit our newly constructed plant in Milan, Italy. Saw John Moore "B" Co. 15th Engrs., when on a visit to our plant in the Milwaukee area."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

ARMSTRONG IS A RESIDENT OF "OLD DOMINION STATE"

Dick Pestel, Ohio Chapter Secretary, evidently got Abbott Armstrong on his Ohio mailing list, because he recently received a short but sweet note from Armstrong which read: "I do not live in Ohio. I live in Staunton, Va., at 218 Kalorama St."

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Donato Suffers a Back Injury

Emil De Donato is operating an advertising agency at 25 W. 45th St., New York City. In a recent letter to Secretary Quinn Emil advises he has been laid up for over a month with a slipped disc (according to medics). The home address is 61 Claremont, Totowa Boro, N. J.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Spink Wants to Go Back to Fort Bragg

A note from E. H. Spink, 7293 Akron Road, Lockport, N. Y., reads in part:

"Enclosed is check for dues. I see you threaten to cut off my subscription to The Octofoil. I don't want that to happen. I don't think I will make the Springfield Reunion. But I really enjoyed the one in Fayetteville. We should have another one there some day soon.

Spink sends regards to his old 9th Signal Co. buddies.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Trevor Jones and Orenstein Reunited

Secretary Quinn received a letter from Trevor E. Jones, 51 Allencrest Drive, Stratford, Conn., in which he mentioned having known a Harry Orenstein while in the service and wonders if the Association's Third Vice President is the man Jones knew. Secretary Quinn advised him it was the one and only Harry Orenstein. This information prompted the old Q.M. lad to pack up his bags and journey to New York City for the Chapter's picnic.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

LEAKE TOOK VACATION BEFORE TORRID MONTHS

Carroll Leake's mother writes from Robstown, Texas, to advise his old 15th Engr. buddies that Carroll has already taken his earned vacation time off from his job and will be unable to make the trip to the Land of Lincoln for the 1963 Reunion.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

WALT PYLE WRITES FROM "POCANTICO"

Walt Pyle writes The Octofoil on a piece of unique stationery, depicting a winding farm road scene, known as the Pocantico Farms, North Pomfrit, Vt. Walt is a former Co. D, 47th man and sends his regards to all the old timers—especially Frank Ozart. Since he can't visit Springfield for the Reunion he is looking forward to the convention issue of The Octofoil.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

JOHN MUTCHKO ENJOYED THE CHAPTER MEETING

The Octofoil is in receipt of a photo John Mutchko made while visiting at West Point with the New York Chapter group. Efforts will be made to publish the picture later. John says he really enjoyed attending the last Chapter meeting in New York City.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

A cultured woman is one who, by a mere shrug of her shoulders, can adjust her shoulder straps.

Buddies Shocked to Learn Henry J. Gault Passed Away In April

Bill Palady, 322 31st St., McKeesport, Pa., sent in the following sad news item:

With a heavy heart I have to tell you that on the 23rd of April Henry J. Gault, 1506 Wesley Ave., McKeesport, Pa., passed away after taking sick about six months ago. He was a former Co. I, 39th man. He leaves a wife and a son. Henry joined the 39th in July of 1942 and went all the way through for 8 stars. I know all his old buddies will be shocked to learn he has passed away.

In behalf of the entire membership, Secretary Quinn has sent a sympathy letter to the bereaved family.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

RAY LOWELL TO REPRESENT THE OLD "VOLUNTEER STATE"

Ray Lowell, 500 Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, Tenn., a former A.T. Co. 39th man, is another former Ninth lad who lives south of the Smith and Wesson line who plans to visit the old hometown of Honest Abe Lincoln during the 1963 Reunion.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

New York Chapter's Pictures to Be Used

The Octofoil is in receipt of some interesting pictures sent in by Art Schmidt which were made during the New York picnic by Walter O'Keefe and James Haroutunian.

Among the shots sent in one shows the Chapter's Demon Reporter getting his notes, Adolph Wadalavage preparing potato pancakes—Irving Feinberg, Ed Egan, Herminio Suarez, James Haroutunian, Ben Morrell—and many others faithfully discharging their duties in making a success of the event. The pictures will be used in the next issue.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Hoffman TV Repairman

Charlie Hoffman, an old Co. B 15th Engr. man is still in the TV repair business. Now that he's broke the ice and got a call from a former 9th man he's hoping a trend has been set and he'll begin getting calls from former 9th men more frequently. Arthur Schmidt can vouch for the satisfactory work Hoffman does.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

AL RAGO DOES NOVELTY PRINTING IN UNIONDALE

Noting one of Alfred F. Rago's business cards, it was interesting to learn that Al operates a first class novelty printing establishment at 738 New St., Uniondale, N. Y., Phone: IVanhoe 5-7280. He specializes in calendars, advertising specialties and other National Press products.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Pestel's Step-Father Answers Last Roll Call

"Dick" Pestel's buddies in all parts of the country will be grieved to learn that Dick's devoted stepfather, Richard Drechsel, 1422 Dyer Road, Grove City, Ohio, has passed away since the last issue of The Octofoil was printed. The stepfather's death followed the death of Pestel's mother by only a few months. The Octofoil extends heartfelt sympathy to Dickie, Edie and other members of the bereaved family.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Gene Skoczylas Passed Away On March 13th

Katherine Skoczylas, a sister of Eugene E. Skoczylas sends the sad information to the Octofoil that Gene passed away on March 13, 1963. The former Bty. A, 60th F.A. lad suffered a stroke about four years ago. Although he never fully recovered he had been able to get around remarkably well considering the circumstances. Katherine says he was a good older to the bitter end—never complaining. In behalf of Gene's old buddies The Octofoil extends condolences to the bereaved family.

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Picture In Octofoil Connects Old Pals

In the last issue of The Octofoil a picture was printed that was sent in by Father Tardiff. A few days later an inquiry went to Secretary Quinn's office asking for the picture. It seems that one of Joe Birchler's coworkers spotted Joe's copy of The Octofoil and tells him that Lt. Gallagher, who is pictured with Father Tardiff, happens to be the brother of Birchler's co-worker.

As Secretary Quinn comments: "This old world seems rather small sometimes."

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She was insulted when she was offered a drink, but being a lady, she swallowed it.

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Sweater girls are observed in the best places.

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