

American War Mother 1964 History Book

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This is the 1964 scrapbook of the American War Mothers, Topeka Chapter compiled by Pearl Cook, historian. The scrapbook contains photographs, newsclippings; programs, including one for Naturalization Proceedings; certificates; flyers; brochures; and other items documenting the activities of this women's club during that year. The American War Mothers, a national organization founded in 1917 and incorporated by an act of Congress in 1925, is a perpetual, patriotic, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, non-partisan organization whose members are mothers of children who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Services during a time of conflict. The Topeka chapter was organized in 1927 and disbanded in 1976.

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OF AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES THROUGH THE UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



IN THE YEAR 1965-66

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Topeka USO Club Director

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HOSTESSES

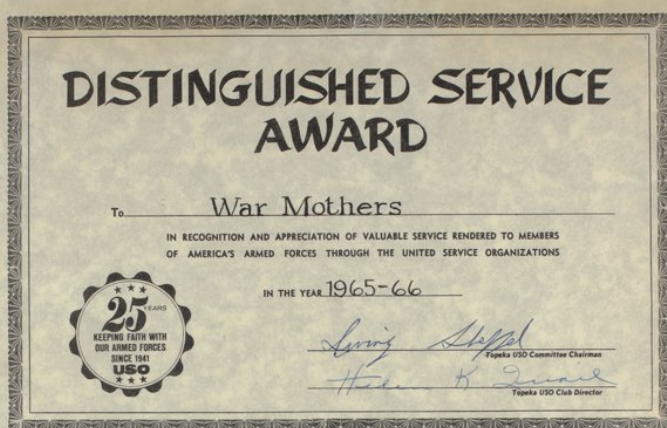
Oct. 25, 1965 Oct. 24, 1966
Installation of Officers
Memorial
Mrs. Vera Stevick
Mrs. Amy Gilbert
Mrs. Stephanie Copeland
Nov. 22, 1965 Nov. 28, 1966
Annual Reports of Officers
and Committee Chairmen
Mrs. Alice Kuester
Mrs. Esther Simnitt
Mrs. Clara Koenig
Dec. 27, 1965 Dec. 26, 1966
Covered Dish Luncheon
Honoring Birthdays in
Oct., Nov. and Dec.
Christmas Party
Mrs. Helen Frisby
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Jan. 24, 1966 Jan. 23, 1967
Mrs. Barbara Conrad
Mrs. Bernadine Geer
Mrs. Fern Randles
Mrs. Florence Rogers

Feb. 28, 1966 Feb. 27, 1967
Mrs. Leona Montgomery
Mrs. Jessie Herman
Mrs. Eva Bryant

Mar. 28, 1966 Mar. 27, 1967
Covered Dish Luncheon
Honoring Birthdays in
Jan., Feb. & March

Mrs. Verna Stevenson
Mrs. Irene Brooke
Mrs. Esther Catron
Mrs. Irene Hoffer

Apr. 25, 1966 Apr. 24, 1967
Mrs. Alma Wingren
Mrs. Alice Lantis
Mrs. Anna Aldridge

May 23, 1966 May 22, 1967
Gold & Silver Star Mothers Tea
Mrs. Florence Brown
Mrs. Bernice Talmage
Mrs. Esther Miller

June 27, 1966 June 26, 1967
Covered Dish Luncheon
Friendship meeting
Honoring Birthdays in
April, May and June
Mrs. Barbara Miller
Mrs. Pearl Cook
Mrs. Pearl Strelay

July and August VACATION

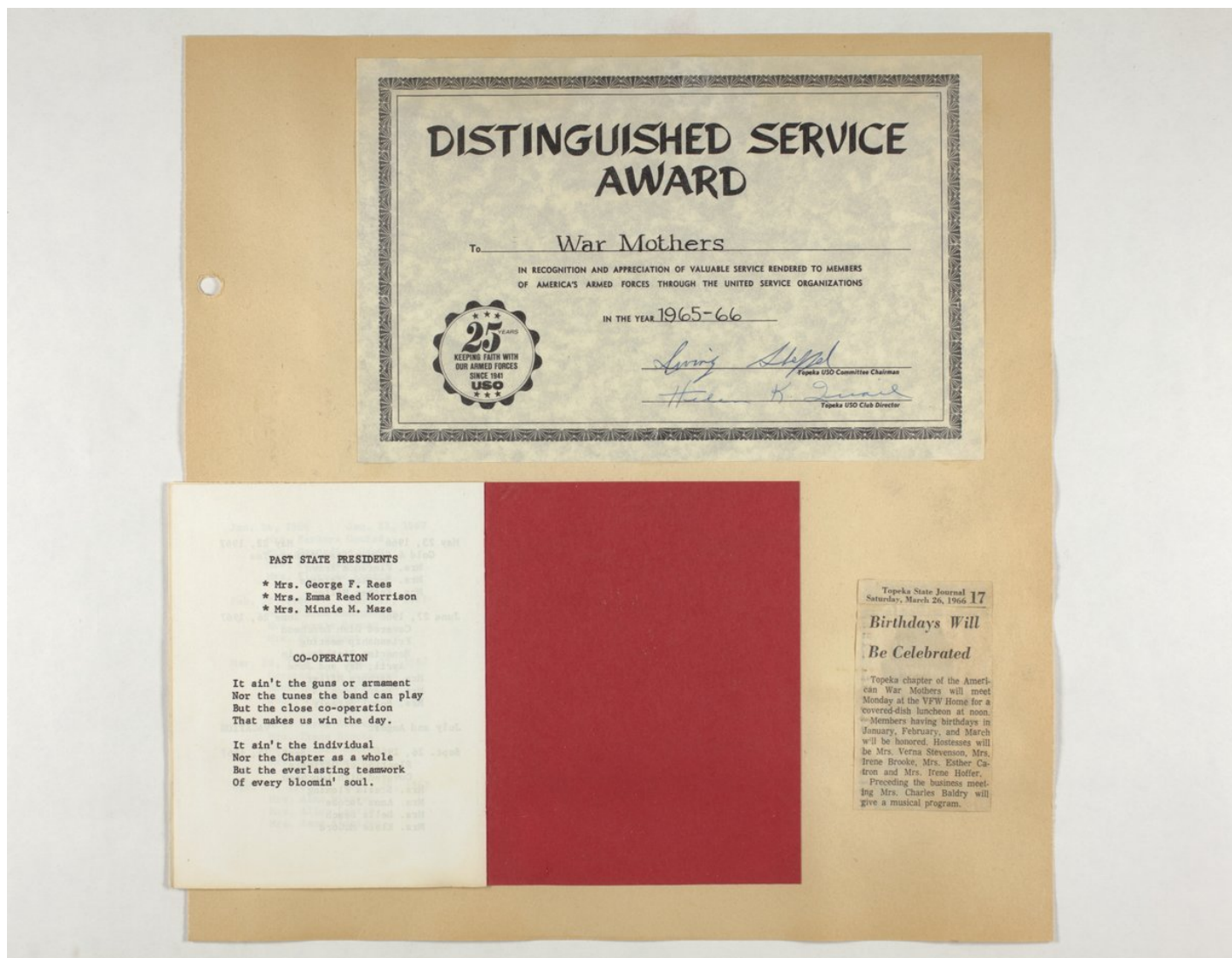
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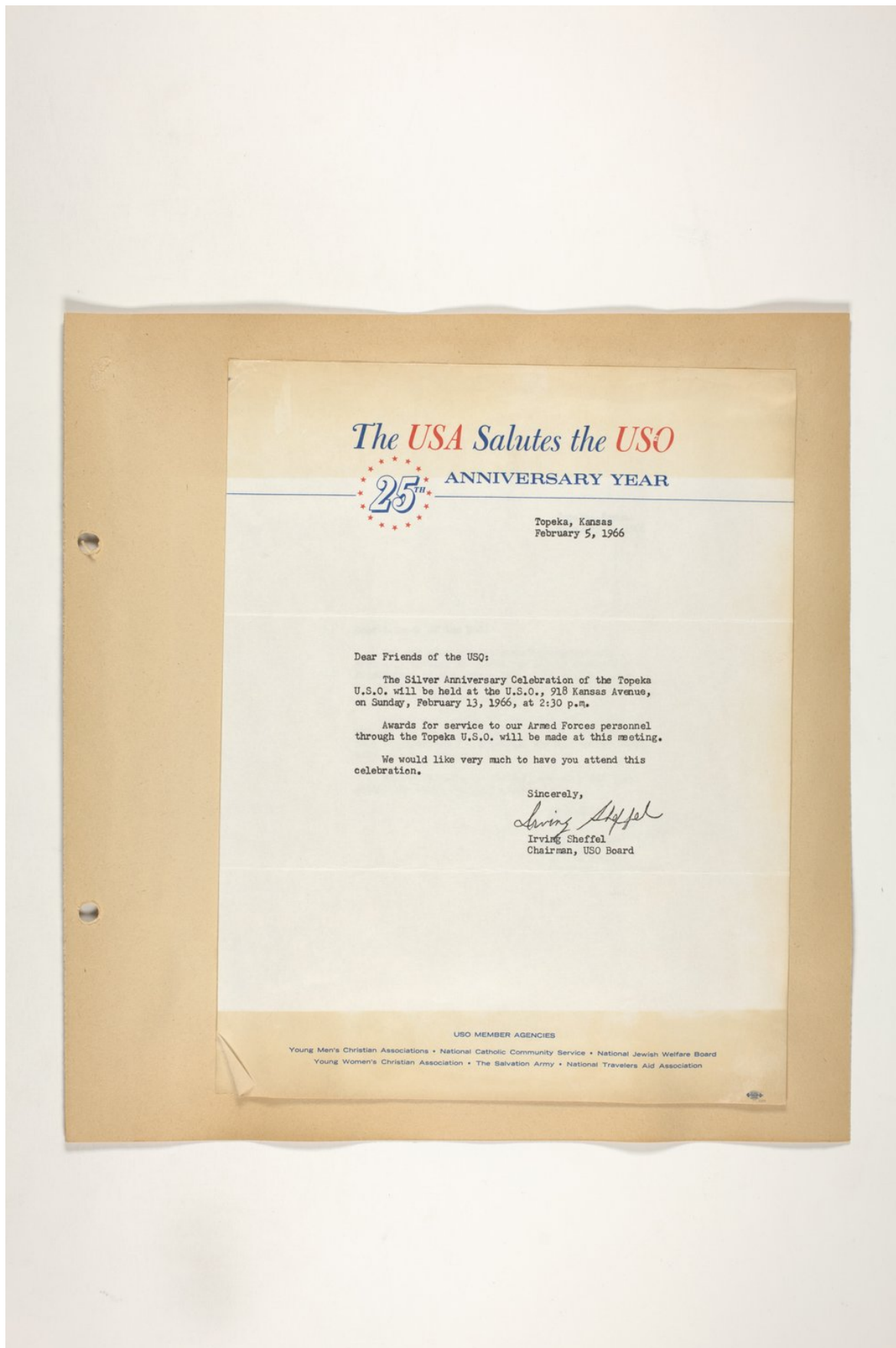


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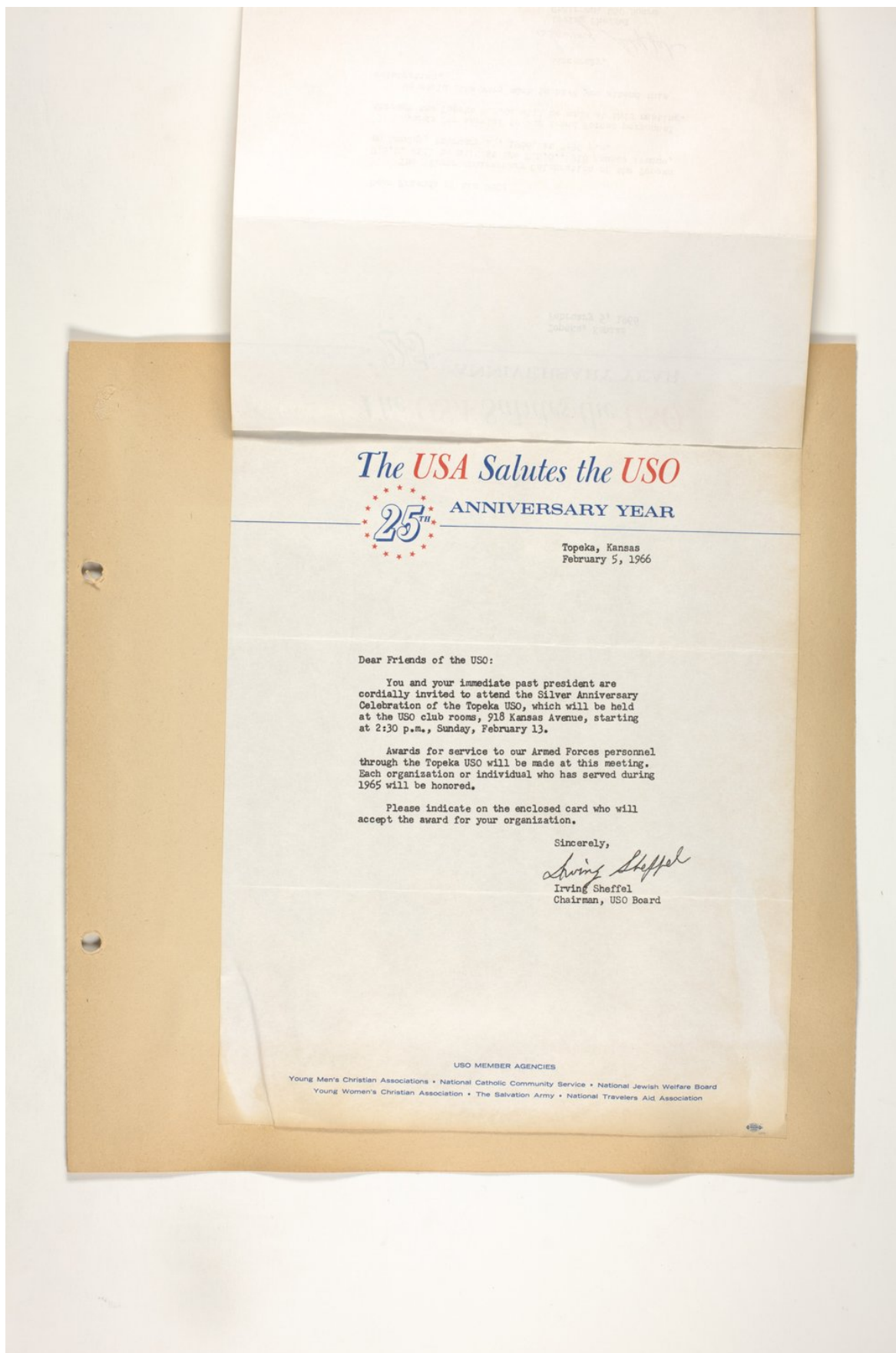
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Wichita Eagle Saturday April 23rd

War Mothers Officials Here to Start Chapter

Two Kansas state officials of National American War Mothers are in Wichita this week to see if the Wichita mothers of war veterans would like to establish a Wichita chapter.

Mrs. Hattie Kiehl, Atchison, Kan., state president of American War Mothers, and Mrs. Bertha Charles, Kansas City, Kan., state membership chairman and past national officer, are staying here with Mrs. Frank Rembow, 1202 High.

Mrs. Kiehl and Mrs. Charles will be contacting mothers of war veterans in the Wichita area, and are asking those interested in organizing a Wichita chapter to contact them at the Rembow residence before Monday evening.

Unlike other veteran groups, membership in American War Mothers is not limited to mothers of veterans who have served only in overseas wars. All branches of the service, including the national guard, are included in American War Mothers.

THE FIRST American War Mothers chapter was established at Indianapolis, Ind., and since that time chapters have been organized across the country.

The most recent chapter to be organized will be in Johnson County, Kan., on May 24 with installation of officers.

The American War Mothers, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., is the parent of all other war mother organizations, including those organized through the U.S. Marine, Army and Navy. It holds a permanent congressional charter granted Mothers in 1942 by act of Congress.

MEMBERSHIP DUES and projects, such as bake sales and rummage sales, have provided funds for two television sets and the air conditioning of one ward in Wadsworth, Kan., Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Members read to bedridden patients in VA hospitals and provide entertainment on holidays.

Mrs. Kiehl said "Wichita is a large, growing city and should have an American War Mothers chapter."


Mrs. Charles added that Wichita "is large enough for two or three chapters."

USO *A Home Away from Home*


Dear Mrs. Miller,
It was so very kind of you to take me to your lovely dinner. I did so enjoy it. It was a pleasure meeting the ladies
friend ship
Dinner at
Jury Hawk Hotel

Sincerely,
Helen Quare
(Mrs. F. M.)

April 23 - 1964
Topeka chapter of American War Mothers, 1 p.m. dessert luncheon, VFW Hall. Talk by Mrs. Haraseta Kinney, adult director of the YWCA. Hostesses, Mrs. Alma Wingren, Mrs. Alice Lantis and Mrs. Anna Aldridge.



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Saturday, April 25, 1964
Topeka chapter of American War Mothers, 1 p.m. dessert luncheon, VFW Hall. Talk by Mrs. Haraseta Kinney, adult director of the YWCA. Hostesses, Mrs. Alma Wingren, Mrs. Alice Lantis and Mrs. Anna Aldridge.



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PROGRAM MAY 24, 1966
AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS

Meeting come to order.
Advance of colors.
Audience please rise.
Color bearers - Francis Gilman of Topeka; Margaret Cummings, Atchison.
Flag bearer - Leannah Kelly, Kansas City, Kansas.
Pledge of allegiance led by Pearl Strealey, Topeka, State Americanism Chairman.
Song, "America", led by Vera Stevick, State Historian, Topeka.
Prayer by State Chaplain Ruth Jenkins, Kansas City, Kansas.
Hattie Kiehl, State President, presented by Bertha Charles.
State Membership Chairman and past National Chaplain, Bertha Charles will be the instituting officer.
Hattie Kiehl, State President, will present the charter.
Julia Hoffman, National officer, and representing National President Margaret Hohnhorst will install the officers.
Ethel Mathis of Leavenworth, State recording secretary will read the names of the new officers and all will retire from the room.
State Sergeant-At-Arms Mary Grover, Lawrence, will escort officers to the altar.
After officers are installed, prayer by State Chaplain Ruth Jenkins.
Mary Lyth, newly installed President will take her station. Hattie Kiehl will place the sash and Julia Hoffman will present the gavel.
Greetings and welcome by President Mary Lyth.
Chapter is now duly instituted.
Dr. J. R. Holt, Pastor of University E. U. B. Church, Kansas City, Kansas will dedicate the chapter equipment.
Mrs. Virginia Docking, Topeka, will bring greetings to the Chapter.
Frank Ventura, Director of Voluntary Service at Wadsworth V.A. Hospital will speak on volunteer work.
Shawnee Mission Chapter of Sweet Adelines will entertain.
Myrtle Church, Atchison State Corresponding Secretary and Lucy Ham of Atchison, State Treasurer, presiding at the membership table, along with Norine Carl, Shawnee, Kansas, Corresponding Secretary of the new Chapter. Those present who wish to join may sign today.
Project table - Evelyn Jarsop.
Tea table - Mary Alderson and Virginia Orrick, daughters of President Mary Lyth.

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 Bortington, Joan McCowan, Veda Soppart.
 Guest Book - Florence Brown, President of Sunflower # 2, Kansas City, Kansas.
 State Musician - Clara Brown of Kansas City, Kansas.
 Donors of Gifts:
 Flag - Senator Frank Carlson.
 Polo and base for flag donated by the Past State Presidents Club of Kansas
 Mrs. W. A. Dunn, Lawrence
 Borths Hotel, Kansas City
 Kansas Hotel, Lawrence
 Borths Boardman, Leavenworth
 Working flags and base donated by the Topoka and Leavenworth Chapters.
 Bibo - Lawrence.
 President's sash - Nicholson.
 Altar cloth - Sunflower # 2, Kansas City, Kansas.
 Gavel - Minnie Hook, Honorary Member, K.C., Mo.
 Carnation centerpiece for tea table - Zona Sawyer, American War Mothers, Overland
 Park, Kans.
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 School Class at Central Christian Church where she has taught the class for 39
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 Corsages worn by State President Nettie Keldin, Mrs. Docking, Mrs. Hoffman, and Mrs.
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 Our sincere thanks to all who helped us in any way with organizing this new Chapter,
 needed in honor of Al Lyth, who lost his life in World War II, son of President
 Mary Lyth, the Chapter's only Gold Star Mother.
 Everyone welcome to stay for the tea.
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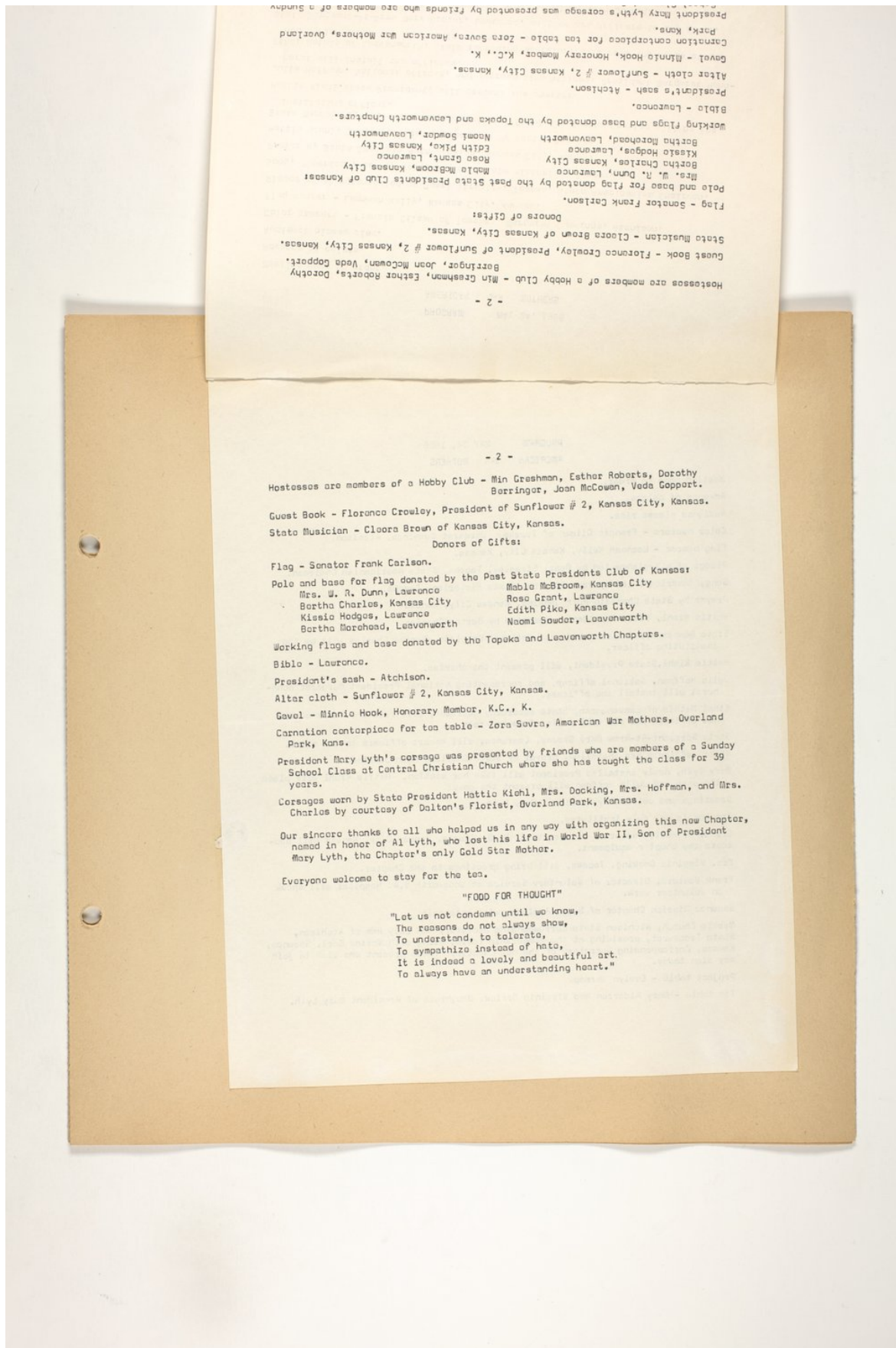
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Programs

At 3 Sites

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Invocation and benediction will be by the Rev. George Burak, pastor of Holy Name church.

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VA Choir to Sing

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A VFW-sponsored reception will follow the program at the hospital.

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In Memorium

MAY 30, 1966

Kaw River at Kansas Ave. 9:00 a.m. Mt. Hope Cemetery 11:00 a.m.
Topeka, Kansas



CHAIRMAN E. DALE MOORE
CO-CHAIRMAN TIM F. DEGGINGER
GENERAL SECRETARY SOPHIA SWANSON
FLAG COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HAL HORTON
ARRANGEMENT OF COLORS CHAIRMAN TROXAL MELLINGER
ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS CHAIRMAN DONNA FOSTER
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN VIRGIL HAUGHT



Organizations and Presidents

Ladies of the G.A.R.	Goldie Bailey
Women's Relief Corps	
No. 17	Minnie Bailey
No. 54	Esther Turner
Daughters of Union Veterans	
Sue Lovell Tent No. 8	Ruth Martz
Lady Sheldene Tent	Bessie Giddler
Spanish-American War Veterans	Charles Bosworth
Auxiliary to Spanish-American War Veterans	Pearl Ober
American War Mothers	Pearl Cook
American Legion	
Capitol Post No. 1	William B. McCormick
Auxiliary to Capitol Post	Doris Jones
Junior Auxiliary to Capitol Post	Marilyn Smith
40 at 8	Dan Hollowell
8 at 40	Helen Ankeny
Jordan Patterson Post 319	Eugene Johnson
Auxiliary to Jordan Patterson Post	Lucille Bradley
Disabled American Veterans	Richard C. Gallagher
Auxiliary to Disabled American Veterans	Sophia Swanson
Navy Mothers	Nellie Henderson
Veterans of Foreign Wars	
Phillip Billard Post No. 1650	E. Dale Moore
Auxiliary to Phillip Billard Post	Donna Foster
Military Order of Coorles	Dan Foster
Auxiliary to Military Order of Coorles	Jean Mellinger
American War Dads	
Chapter No. 31	William Lane
Auxiliary to Chapter No. 31	Ruth Frickley
Gold Star United	Elsie Crowther
Chapter No. 64	John Anderson
Auxiliary to Chapter No. 64	Luise Ross
Marine Corps League	Robert Tilson
Auxiliary to Marine Corps League	Viola Wilson
Military Order of World Wars	Tom Kennedy
U. S. Army Mothers No. 41	Alice Brownlee
Jayhawk Barracks W.W.I. Veterans	Walter Cook
Auxiliary to Jayhawk Barracks	Blanche Cook
National Gold Star Mothers	Madeline Surbaugh

Morning Program

9:00 A.M.—Kaw River at Kansas Ave.

ARRANGEMENT OF COLORS	DALE MOORE
ADVANCE OF COLORS	DALE MOORE
NATIONAL ANTHEM	RECORDING
COLOR GUARD	NAVAL RESERVE
INVOCATION	JOHN BOSSLER
FLOWER SERVICE	DONNA FOSTER
MEMORIAL ADDRESS	ROBERT A. LANGSTON, JR.
BENEDICTION	JOHN BOSSLER
FIRING SQUAD	MARINE RESERVE
TAPS	RON HEIN
ECHO	BRAD SPENCER
RETIROING OF COLORS	DALE MOORE
FLY OVER ARRANGEMENTS	GEORGE E. YUNKER

PROGRAM

11:00 A.M.—Mt. Hope Cemetery

ARRANGEMENT OF COLOR	TROXAL MELLINGER
INVOCATION	REV. GEORGE BURAK
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Pastor Holy Name Church
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	RECORDING
GETTYSBURG ADDRESS	HALBERT G. HORTON
READING OF GENERAL LOGANS	Commander Elect V.F.W. Post #1450
ORDER NO. 11	WILLIAM B. MCCORMICK
MEMORIAL ADDRESS	Commander Capitol Post #1 American Legion
SLEEP SOLDIER BOY SLEEP	BRIG. GEN. (Ret) HOWARD S. SEARLE
ACCOMPANIST	HONORABLE WILLIAM H. AVERY
BENEDICTION	Governor, State of Kansas
INTERLUDE	RUSSELL STILES
ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS	BRENDA LEE
PLACING OF FLOWERS IN THE VETERANS COURT OF HONOR	REV. GEORGE BURAK
FIRING SQUAD	DONNA FOSTER
TAPS	CAPITOL POST #1 AMERICAN LEGION
ECHO	RON HEIN
PROGRAMS DISTRIBUTED BY EXPLORER POST 701	BRAD SPENCER
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May 12-1966 Events Scheduled By Topeka USO

The Topeka USO will have a semi-formal dance at the club, 918 Kansas Avenue, at 8 p.m. Sunday. The Eagles' Auxiliary is providing refreshments. The band is provided by the Music Performance Trust Fund of Recording Industry in Cooperation with local No. 36 of the AF of M.

Airman Thomas E. Staggs, Forbes Air Force Base, was the free telephone call home at the Mothers' Day dance on May 8. A picnic at Lake Jacomo is scheduled for Saturday, May 14. Those attending will meet at the USO at 9 a.m. and leave by car from there. Joan Wichman and Lester Bradford are in charge of arrangements.

An ice cream "breeze" party is scheduled for tonight. In charge are Arlene Rathke, Nancy Huey and Bonnie Brannen. The committee planning the junior volunteer installation dinner, June 8, includes Kathy Whitehead, Nancy Huey, Karen Simmons and Arlene Rathke.

Cookies in May are provided by Central Park Christian Church women's group and a group of Camp Fire Girls. The supper for military men at the club May 29, will be arranged by the American War Mothers.

New junior volunteers include Nancy Huey and Karen Simmons.

Gold, Silver Star

Mothers Feted

May 21-1966
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Members of the chapter have been invited to attend the installation of a new chapter at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Overland Park.



May 20-1966
black beads and carrying squirrel rifles. While our ancestors were roaming the hills, the Montgomeries (or de Montgomerie) were living in splendor in New York. It was only when branches of the two families came to Kansas that the merger resulted. The Middle West is a great social leveler. Mrs. Barbara Miller, a busy volunteer in many groups, together with the War Mothers served their usual delicious supper for the military Sunday, May 29, at the Topeka USO. A year ago this same group served a similar meal and a tasty fruit salad was on the menu both times. Last year Mrs. Miller's grand niece, Virginia Fargo, came along, and remarked that the fruit salad would look nice in individual dishes. During the year Virginia enlisted the help of friends in saving the small, blue dishes in which they bought their ice cream for use in the USO. So last Sunday the fruit salad was not on the dinner plates with the meat loaf, chicken, baked beans, potato chips, relishes, etc., but was served in the attractive blue plastic containers, thanks to Virginia Fargo. A pupil in State Street School last year, Virginia enters Holiday Junior High in September. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lucille Fargo, 533 Emmett.

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Wednesday, May 25, 1966

Mothers Feted At Tea Monday

Topeka chapter of American War Mothers honored gold and silver star mothers with a tea Monday at the VFW Home.

Gold star mothers present were: Mrs. Irene Brooks, Mrs. Esther Cotton, Mrs. Barbara Conrad, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe and Mrs. Leona Montgomery. Silver star mothers who attended were Mrs. Anna Aldridge, Mrs. Stella Fleming, Mrs. Esther Smith, Mrs. Verna Stevenson and Mrs. Bess Stone. Mrs. Pearl Cook and Mrs. Della Beach are gold and silver star mothers.

Plans were made for the Memorial Day services to be held at the Kansas River, Mount Hope Cemetery and VA Hospital. The meeting ended with a show and tell exhibit with Mrs. Helen Frisby, chairman.

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June 25-1966

War Mothers Plan Luncheon Monday

Topeka chapter of American War Mothers will have a covered-dish luncheon at noon Monday at the VFW Home. Members having birthdays in April, May and June will be honored.

A business meeting will follow. Hostesses will be Mrs. Barbara Miller, Mrs. Pearl Cook and Mrs. Pearl Strively. Mrs. Helen Frisby will be in charge of the program.



Washington Man Director Red Cross Worked Fast After Tornado

Many Topeka families have reason to know of the speed, efficiency and effectiveness of the Red Cross disaster services following the June 8 tornado. Minutes after it happened, Elmo V. Rightmatt, assistant director of national disaster services, was heading about it in his home in Washington, D.C. He was in Topeka on June 10—the second day after the storm—to direct the services.

Meanwhile, the local Red Cross chapter had opened the basement of Municipal Auditorium as a temporary shelter, which was moved to one of the schools a few days later. Since then the basement room has been used as disaster offices. A staff of about 80 came from various points in the Midwest to help with the work; about half left after the peak load had passed.

Rightmatt looked the area over and estimated that 1,000 families would probably need help. It was a good guess. When this article was written, 1,200 families had applied and there were several more days to make application.

He has been with the Red Cross since 1951 and with the disaster services since 1953. In the matter of money, the Topeka tornado was among the less expensive he has known. The expenditure is estimated at \$750,000. The small amount is because more than three-fourths the damaged houses and the contents were covered by insurance. Without the insurance, the expenditure would certainly have been five or six million dollars, Rightmatt said.

The most expensive disaster was a general flood in the Midwest states in 1937, known to the Red Cross disaster service as XMOX (Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Illinois) in which \$55 million was spent.

A man experienced in disasters, Rightmatt, expressed great appreciation for the fine volunteer work of Topekans after the June 8 disaster.

In the 1951 flood \$3.5 million was spent for relief here, because the destruction was not covered by insurance.

The assistance given since the tornado includes food, clothing and maintenance; the repair of or rebuilding of water-occupied homes; furniture and other household necessities; medical and nursing care; hospitalization; occupational supplies and equipment.

Red Cross aid is not the same as insurance. Caseworkers talk with families, learn what they have left, what their resources are, and what they are able to do for themselves.

Two things have amazed Rightmatt in his work here. First, the small number killed. Viewing the wrecked homes, he would suppose that hundreds had died. Second, the wonderful response by the community in donating work, food, clothing, supplies and for helping those whose homes were destroyed. Everybody, the mayor, the city

and county commissioners, the churches, private citizens, pitched in and helped.

"The marvelous response of your people here," he said, "has really been the main reason why the Red Cross has been able to do so effective a job."

Rightmatt is experienced in all kinds of disasters. He directs work at the places where they occur, and in the halls between them he registers and administers so the Red Cross can get to the next one fast.

His largest disaster operation was directing the transfer of prisoners and refugees at the "Bay of Pigs," when this country traded \$53 million worth of medical supplies and baby food for the release of 1,600 prisoners captured in the ill-fated venture, families and other refugees.

Nine months were required for the work and he was in Florida, Washington and Havana.

When Rightmatt met Col. John N. Donovan, commander of the 88th Air Division at the Air Base here, each seemed to recognize the other. They discovered they had worked together in the "Bay of Pigs" exchange operation.

The largest national disaster Rightmatt has directed was Hurricane Betsy in September, 1963. It cost the Red Cross about \$18 million and 37,000 families were involved, most in Louisiana, but some in Florida.

He spent three months in Indonesia in 1961 organizing a Red Cross disaster service to look after 40,000 refugees from internal strife, from volcanic eruptions, and from floods.

Trip came suddenly, since disasters give little warning. One day as he was preparing to leave his office at 4:30 p.m., he received a message and was on a plane for Brazil at 6 p.m. He was being loaned to help the State Department cope with an immense forest fire that covered an area about the size of Pennsylvania.

Rightmatt was born in Connecticut of parents who came from Italy. He served in the Air Force in World War II, flew 38 missions in a B-24 bomber and was credited with shooting down two planes.

On his last mission his plane was shot down and all but one of the crew of 10 parachuted in Germany and were captured in a small German town near Munich, a town in which another captured crew had been held the week before. He was in prison a year, during which his weight went from 180 pounds to 98. The food offered by the Germans was so poor that he felt sure the prisoners would have died except for the small amounts the Red Cross was able to supply.

After the war Rightmatt went to college and then began to look for a job. One day he walked past the Red Cross building in Washington. Mindful of the food he had received in prison and of a friend who was with the Red Cross and enjoyed the work, he went in, got a job and began working.

OVER THE Coffee

By ADA

Mrs. Robert V. Goble, who admires singer Frank Sinatra, wrote CBS after his special broadcast "A Man and His Music" several months ago, expressing her pleasure in the broadcast, and in return received six of his records and an autographed picture of the singer. The Gobles were victims of the June 8 tornado and among the major casualties was the loss of the Sinatra records and picture. So Mrs. Goble wrote again to CBS, asking if they could advise her where she could buy replacements at a discount. Guess what? Frankie wrote her, personally, and sent her six of his record albums.

Wondering just what the weather prediction had been on that now historic day, June 8, 1966, we looked it up in the Topeka papers: The weather story in the morning Daily Capital said: "Damp, rather gloomy weather is expected to continue over the Topeka area today. Southerly winds are expected." The official forecast read, "Mostly cloudy through tonight. Occasional showers or thunderstorms today. Highs around 68."

The State Journal, which is published about 12 hours later, had a sinister warning, which said: "Topeka and Shawnee County are included in an area posted for a tornado watch by the Weather Bureau issued shortly before noon today, which will last from 2 until 9 p.m. The watch predicts possibly severe thunderstorms with large hail and locally damaging winds." The Journal's official forecast announced: "Topeka and vicinity — Showers and thunderstorms tonight with a chance for heavy rains up to two inches."

In defense of the much maligned Weather Bureau and contrary to the criticism of a majority of the people (who couldn't predict a snowstorm until it hit them in the face) we feel that the bureau, on that particular day, did a mighty good job of it, especially the "damaging winds" prediction. Experts maintain that a tornado cannot be forecast.

Many Topekans received assistance after their property was damaged by the tornado and many were grateful for the assistance. One of these, Miss Louise Barry, expressed her gratitude by letter and in a material way. Her home at 1241 West 16th Street, was in the storm's path and great damage was done to it. First of the helpers to come were Menomones from Hutchinson and Newton, men, strong and sturdy physically and strong in their faith. Miss Barry had been unable to find anyone to move the furniture which had been left to the Menomones loaded it onto their trucks and hauled it to the homes of some relatives of Miss Barry, and placed it in their homes. This saved it from the rain, which came later. They also lifted a tree which was blocking her carport and released her car. Men members of the Salem Lutheran Church at Atwell, several cars of them, came the next day, and cleaned up the rubble and debris, which the storm had caused. The chain-saws they brought with them and operated at numerous places were most useful not only to Miss Barry, but to many other storm victims.

Miss Barry wrote a letter of appreciation to the pastor of the Salem Lutheran Church in Atwell, the Rev. George R. Search, and enclosed a substantial check for the benefit of the church. In reply to her letter to the Menomonee Church in Topeka concerning the work done by the Menomones, the Rev. Lammie A. Work, pastor of the Southern Hills Church in Topeka, called on Miss Barry, and suggested that her contribution be given to a certain woman in Topeka, left destitute by the storm, which was done.

The above was written with the hope that others, who were helped, will not forget their benefactors. Mrs. Barry, a part-time assistant in the Kansas State Historical Society, did not forget. Her home is now at 1221 Walnut.

The new town of Oxtwile was initiated June 19 with a surprise party on Frank Towle, salesman for lots in the

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*Vera Stewick
Irene Brooks*

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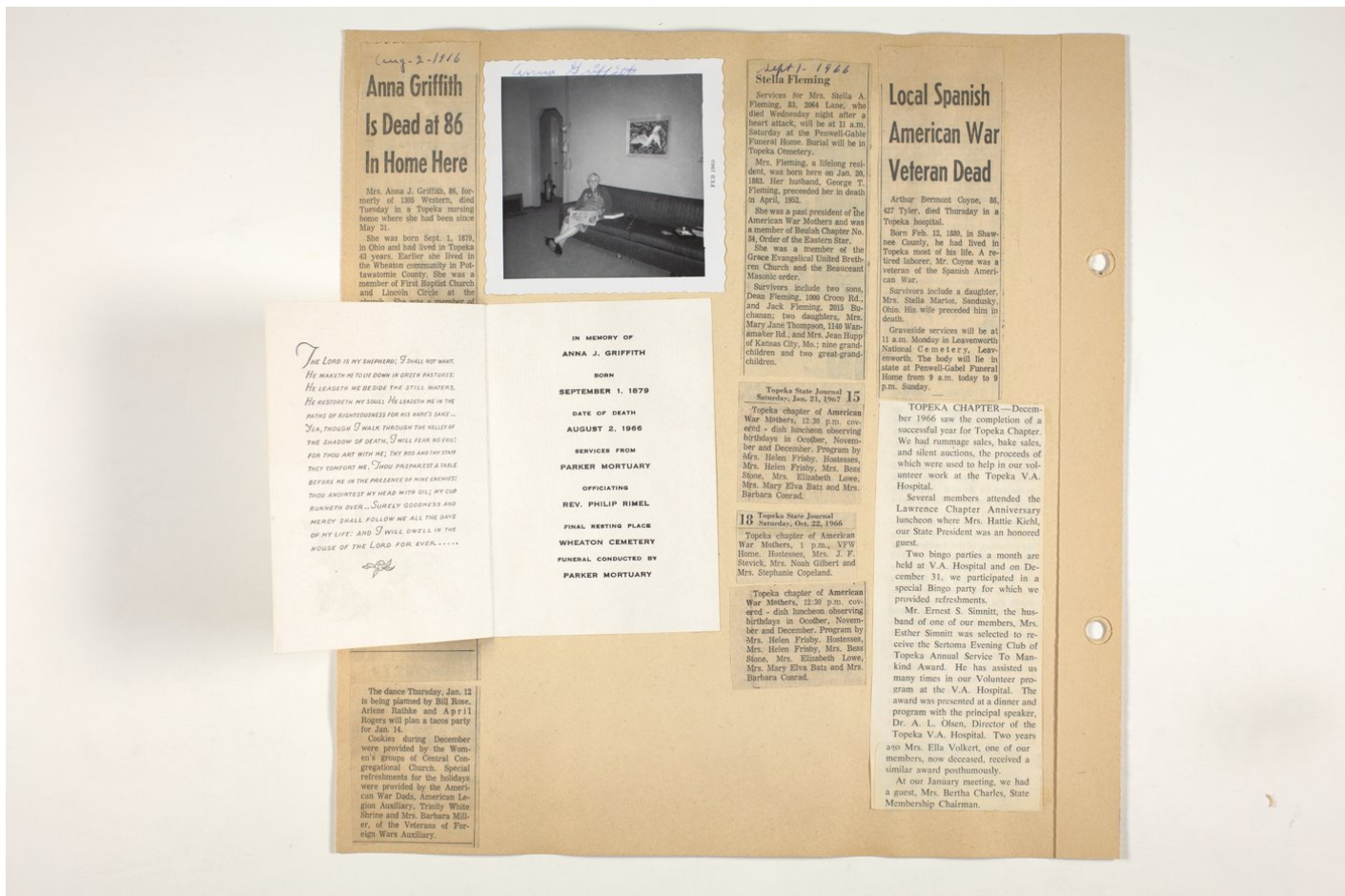
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MEMBERSHIP IN THE FRIENDS OF THE ZOO.

... carries with it the satisfaction of materially helping our good zoo become even better, this Newsletter, invitation to special sneak previews of new animals, the Annual Member's Day, and other benefits to be announced later. The TFOZ fiscal year begins each year on April 1, and any NEW member who joins after Jan. 1 (but before the regular dues-paying time on April 1) has that extra time added to his first year's membership. And remember, all dues and/or additional contributions are tax deductible.

The Third Annual Member's Day was held on October 22, 1966. TFOZ members were greeted in the lobby of the new Large Mammal Building by the Zoo's tame red-tailed Hawk (perched on its keeper's arm). 'Peka-Sue made a dramatic appearance and put on an outstanding demonstration of Hippo underwater swimming ability.

Believe it or not, the Hyrax appeared too! Although they have been at the Zoo for several months, they had made a practice of climbing up the stone wall out of sight. A false ceiling, recently installed, corrected this situation and many TFOZ members saw our pair of Elephant-relatives for the first time.

An Elephant training session was next on the program, and Sunda and Toka were able to show off their latest tricks. A favorite (for both Elephants and TFOZ members) seems to be "London Bridge." Sunda, the larger Elephant, steps up on a stool with her front legs while Toka, the baby Elephant, walks back and forth beneath her.

After the Elephant performance, TFOZ members were introduced to Jan, our female Giraffe mate of Twiga. Jan is the tallest animal in our Zoo, but in time Twiga will probably surpass her in height. (Jan was 16 months' old when she arrived August 26, 1966, and since then has grown from 9' 6" to a height of 10' 7".)

The Zoo staff had prepared the special diets for the Hippo, Elephants, Giraffes, and Hyrax to be viewed in the kitchen. There were no volunteer tasters, however. Members also viewed the new DeBrazza Monkeys and young Mandrill Baboons in their glass-fronted exhibits. (Since the Baboons arrived on Sept. 30 - each was 6 months' old on arrival - the female has gained 23 lbs. to weigh now 93, and the male has added 3 lbs. to his arrival weight of 6 lbs.)

Since the outside temperature was a bit cool for reptiles, our largest Giant Aldabra Tortoise was brought into the Large Mammal Building so that young TFOZ members could have supervised rides on this giant but gentle creature.

The TFOZ members then moved outside where Sunda and Toka were playing in the leaves next to the east guard rail. Many members who patted the Elephants were surprised at the coarseness of their hair. Members then proceeded to the South American Exhibit for the first public showing of our two week old llama - the fourth to be born in our Zoo.

The Board of Directors of TFOZ provided free balloons, lollipops, and wild animals comic books for all the attending youngsters. Smiles abounded, and camera-carrying members had ample opportunity for unique shots, available only to TFOZ members at this Annual "Inside" Day.

BETTER BRING YOUR SLIPP-ROULE:

Elephants grow, yes, but not as visibly on a day-by-day-basis as other animals at our Zoo. For instance, when our 2 females arrived on July 16, 1966, Sunda (4 yrs. old) measured 5' 6" at her shoulders, and this last week of December she's shot-up 3 1/2 inches! Lil' ol' Toka was a year old in July, and this week's measure shows she's grown 4 1/2 inches. She's catching up fast, for a little tike.

ZOO POSSIBILITIES?

Have you noticed the rapidity in the evolution of preference among our young teens? Not long ago it was all Beatles and now it's go for the Monkees. We're old fashioned at the Zoo - we'll stick with the Beatles and the Monkeys!

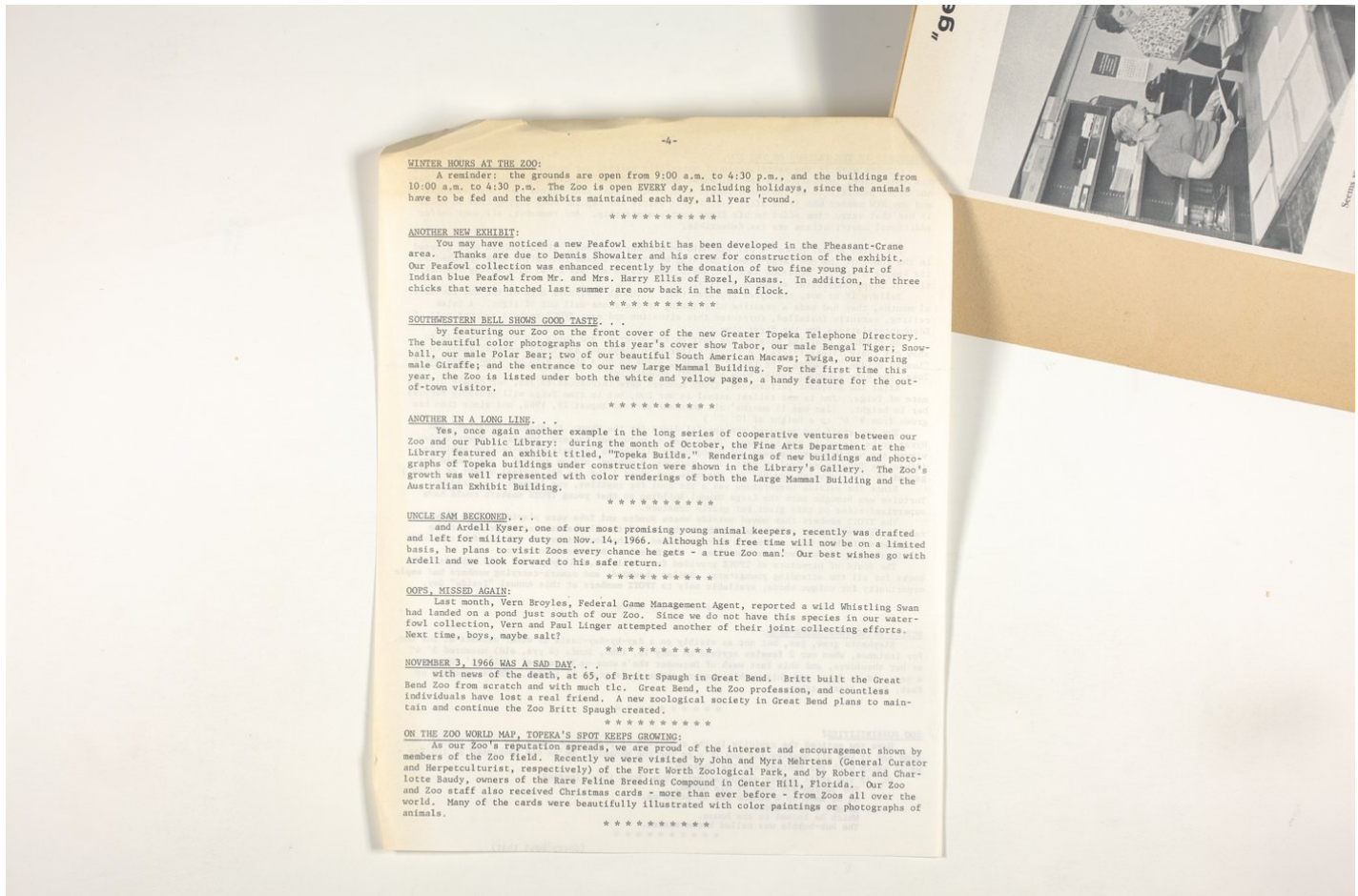
Or, if you still prefer pseudo-animals, how 'bout this limerick:

The Sultan got sore at his harem,
So he made up a scheme for to scare'em.
He got a live mouse
Which he loosed in the house.
The bub-bubble was called harem-scarem.

(Sorry 'bout that)



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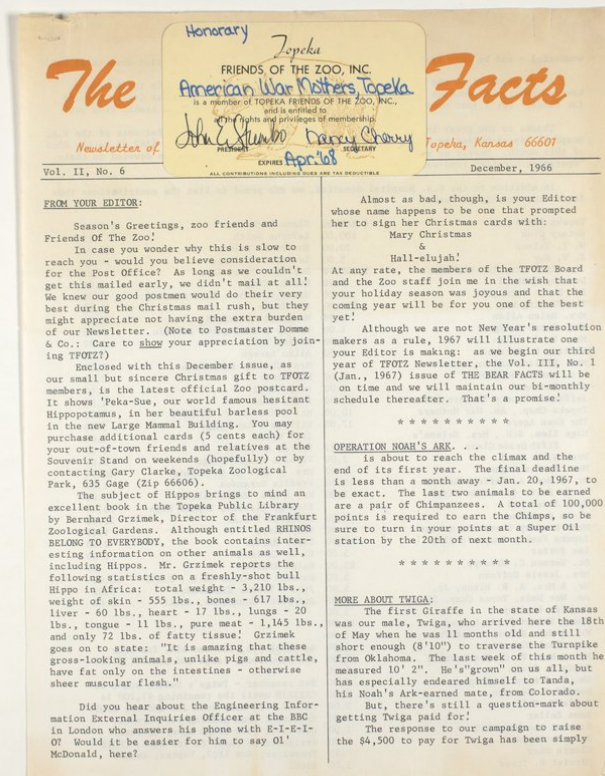
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wonderful - and by this last week in December, the balance has been whittled down to \$1,200!!

As we promised in the October issue, we want to say "THANKS" publicly to those who have so generously donated money to the Save-Twiga-Campaign - both for our Topeka Zoo and for Tanda. Let's just hope we can raise the remaining \$1,200 before our credit runs out!

Thanks to the great interest and Christmas-spirit of the Staff and Patients of the V.A. Hospital (spear-headed by Clark Stewart) the Twiga-fund was increased by \$142.28 on the 23rd of this month. Nearly an entire page of the December V.A. Newsletter was devoted to their "Operation Giraffe" fund-raising campaign.


In addition to the V.A. Hospital donation, we are proud to list the contributions thus far to the Save-Twiga fund:

Topeka 20-30 Club	\$ 800.00	Glenn Pinkston	\$ 3.00
Rotary Club	100.00	LaVerne Smith	.75
W. T. Salmon	20.00	Howard R. Holden	10.00
S. V. Kay	5.00	Lester C. Walters	10.00
Jim Clark Chrysler-Plymouth	1,000.00	Daylight Donut Shop	.25
Dorothy Hubbard	5.00	Don R. King	1.00
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The Fleming Co.	250.00	Pat Towle	1.00
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Mrs. V. C. Allan	1.00	Maxine Bair	1.00
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Jefferson County Bankers Assoc.	60.00	Bruce Maus	1.00
Topeka Chap., Am. War Mothers	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. V. P. Allbert	10.00
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Am. War Dads, Topeka Chap. 31	25.00	Anonymous donations, total	8.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert McIntosh	1.00		
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We thank you, one and all, for your contributions, large and small!!!!!!

But remember - Twiga's future won't be CERTAIN until the remaining \$1,200 is raised. To keep both Jan and our TFOIZ Treasurer from getting too nervous, send your Save-Twiga money (please designate as such) to Ted Reed, TFOIZ Treasurer, Box 1127, Topeka, Kansas 66601.

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ERNEST S. SIMNITT
... for volunteer services

Red President Will

Simnitt To Receive Sertoma Award

Ernest S. Simnitt, 1925 N. Jefferson, has been selected to receive the Sertoma Evening Club of Topeka's annual Service to Mankind Award.

The award will be presented at a dinner and program at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Hotel Jayhawk. Dr. Albert L. Olsen, director of Topeka VA Hospital, will be the principal speaker.

Simnitt, 74, has given over 8,400 hours of voluntary service to the mentally and physically disabled at Topeka VA Hospital during the past 19 years. He also is active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, World War I Veterans, and American War Dads. He assists other patriotic organizations in their volunteer programs and is active in his church.

In 1961, Simnitt was instrumental in bringing before the Kansas Legislature, through Kansas Gov. George Docking, the need for a monument to be erected at the site where the First Kansas Cavalry Regiment served. The monument was erected in 1962.

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Visitation - 6:00 P.M.
Dinner - 6:30 P.M.
Invocation by Rev. John W. Skinner

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Hayden High School Brass Choir
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Introductions and Welcome
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Introduction of Speakers
by Robert Turney, Chairman
Service to Mankind Award Committee

Alfred D. Smith
Supervisor of Social Activities
Assistant Chief of Recreation

Rev. John W. Skinner
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Dr. Albert L. Olsen
Director Veterans Administration Hospital

Presentation of Award by Robert Turney

Response by Ernest S. Simnitt

Benediction by Rev. Roy West
Pastor Kansas Avenue Methodist Church

STAR SPANGLED BANNER:

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
what so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming;
whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous flight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
Oh, say, does the Star-Spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stor'd;
His hath been the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

GOD BLESS AMERICA:

God Bless, America
Land that I love;
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans - white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home.
God bless America,
My home sweet home.



Topeka USO To Give Awards at Tea Sunday

The Topeka USO will celebrate its 36th anniversary with an awards tea at the USO Club at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Ken Klein, chairman of the board, will present awards assisted by Kathryn Whitehead, president of the junior volunteers, and Bill Rose, president of the program council. Awards and pins will be presented to citizens groups in the community who have assisted in the USO program.

Ken Klein



Officers of the hostess and council groups receiving guests include Kathryn Whitehead, Arlene Harsh, April Rogers, Susan Chubb, Mary Ellen Scott, Arlene Rathke, Bill Rose and Bill Croger. Assisting during the afternoon

will be Mrs. Philip Lantz and Miss Barbara Morgan, of the USO Board, and Mrs. Robert Harbour, former junior volunteer president.

Junior volunteers assisting include Joan Sigmund, Joan Danmon, Darlene Dugger, Janice Luster, Barbara Bouch, Carol Shell, Marlene Harshman, and Sharon Alber. Former junior volunteers now members of the senior group include Mrs. Charles Cross, Mrs. Paul Goude, and Mrs. Anna Owen. Miss Constance Smith and Miss Darlene Scherer.

Groups have contributed cookies, suppers, orchestras and hours of time to assist the club. Organizations whose help with the USO will be acknowledged at the party are:

American Legion Auxiliary, Campfire Girls, Eagles Auxiliary, Navy Mothers, La Serio, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Metropolitan Business Women, Moose Auxiliary, Topeka Civic Aides, Trinity White Shrine, VFW Auxiliary, War Dads' and War Dads' Auxiliary, War Mothers.

Side Christian Women's Guild, East Side Methodist WSCS, Oakland Methodist WSCS, Kansas Avenue Methodist WSCS, Highland Park Methodist WSCS, Leoman Hill Methodist WSCS, University Methodist WSCS, Pottery Presbytery, Kansas Women's Guild, St. Mary's Altar Society, and St. Patrick's Circle, Assumption Altar Society.

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To War Mothers

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February 1966-67

Kathryn Whitehead
Topeka USO Committee Chairman
Helen K. Lantz
Topeka USO Club Director

Anniversary of Topeka V.A. Hospital, with a recognition party for the employees and volunteers with 20 years of service. A very nice Plaque made by the patients was presented to each by Dr. Karl Menninger, the first manager of the Hospital. Our Deputy V.A.S. representative, Mrs. Vera Stevick, was honored at this time for her 20 years of service as a volunteer. Topeka chapter sponsors two Bingo parties each month, also participates in the Carnivals and other activities at the Hospital. One new member and one reinstatement were received at our January meeting. Also at this meeting a representative of the Social Security gave most interesting information on Medicare Benefits. Mrs. Amy Gilbert, our Junior Past President, broke her leg in February 1965 and was unable to preside over her State Convention, she is now able to attend chapter meetings. Our president, Mrs. Pearl Cook, and several members attended the Memorial Service in Leavenworth, Kansas, for the husband of our Junior Past State President, Mrs. Naomi Sowder.

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Give Awards at Tea Sunday

will be Mrs. Philip Lantz and Miss Barbara Morgan, of the USO Board, and Mrs. Robert Hirthour, former junior volunteer president.

Junior volunteers assisting include Joan Sigmund, Joan Dammon, Darlene Dugger, Janet Sump, Carol Carmen, Frenchie Laster, Barbara Bunch, Carol Shell, Marlene Hanrahan, and Sharon Alber. Former junior volunteers now members of the senior group include Mrs. Charles Cross, Mrs. Paul Goudie, and Mrs. Amos Owen. Miss Constance Smith and Miss Darlene Schroer.

Airmen helping at the party include Tim Young, Ed Helbing, Ron Register, Jeff Schlusser and Edison Cadwell.

A queen and king will be crowned by Mayor Charles Wright at a Valentine's dance Sunday evening at the club. Candidates include Susan Chubb, Arlene Howard, April Rogers, Ed Helbing, Bill Rose and Tim Young.

More than 30 community

groups have contributed cookies, suppers, orchestra and hours of time to assist the club. Organizations whose help with the USO will be acknowledged at the party are:

American Legion Auxiliary, Campfire Girls, Eagles Auxiliary, Navy Mothers, La Sertima, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Metropolitan Business Women, Moose Auxiliary, Topeka Civic Aides, Trinity White Shrine, VFW Auxiliary, War Dads' and War Dads' Auxiliary, War Mothers.

West Side Baptist Women, Central Congregational Group 11, Central Congregational Women's Fellowship, Seaman Congregational Women's Fellowship, Central Park Christian Women's Guild, First Christian Women's Guild, Oakland Christian Women's Guild, West

Side Christian Women's Guild, East Side Methodist WSCS, Oakland Methodist WSCS, Kansas Avenue Methodist WSCS, Highland Park Methodist WSCS, Lowman Hill Methodist

WCS, University Methodist WSCS, Putwin Presbyterian Women's Guild, St. Matthews Altar Society, and St. Patrick's Circle, Assumption Altar Society.

American Legion, Crosby's, Fox Theaters, Eagles Lodge, 30-30 Club, and all the radio and TV stations.

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Washington Coal

Washington has the only large coal deposits of any of the Pacific states.

War Mothers

Plan Luncheon

Topeka chapter of the American War Mothers will have a noon covered-dish luncheon Monday at the VFW Home.

Birthdays in January, February and March will be celebrated. Hostesses will be Mrs. Irene Brooks, Mrs. Bess Stone and Mrs. Barbara Miller.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Helen Frisby, program chairman, has made arrangements for members to visit industries for the blind.

Honored guests at the night of the USO Club for the celebration: Southwestern Bell Telephone, and Arlene State Office Building, Mrs. Raymond Hower.

Greenwood to Talk At USO Ceremony

James S. Greenwood, a young Topeka Navy pilot who escaped capture by the Viet Cong after his aircraft was shot down in 1966, will be the featured speaker at the 28th annual USO Awards party here Sunday.

More than 40 Topeka civic groups will receive awards at a 2:30 p.m. celebration Sunday at the USO Clubroom, 918 Kansas Ave. in recognition of their contributions of time and efforts to the USO during 1966.

Greenwood, discharged in 1966 after serving five years as a fighter pilot, escaped capture when his plane was shot down on a bombing mission in North Viet Nam. His rider, suffering a long illness,

tion officer who ejected from the crippled craft is still listed as captured or missing.

After parachuting into waters off the coast, Greenwood was fired at by fishing boats, but U.S. aircraft ward off the boats until the Topeka pilot

"We could hardly have found a more appropriate speaker for this year's USO awards celebration," said Ken Klein, 4281 W. 30th, chairman of the Topeka USO board. "His talk should be most meaningful to those involved in USO work here."

The USO Club here is used by more than 1,000 servicemen a month and is supported solely by contributions from the public.

Greenwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Greenwood, 1454 Lakeside Drive.

War II Figure Dies

PALLANZA, Italy (AP)—Achille Marzetta, 72, an anti-Fascist lawyer credited with negotiating Benito Mussolini's surrender to the partisans in 1945, died Wednesday after a long illness.

Topeka Chapter of American War Mothers, noon, dessert luncheon. Hostesses, Mrs. Pearl Cook, Mrs. Anna Aldridge, and Mrs. Alice Lantz. Program, Mrs. Helen Frisby, to show pictures from her world tour. Business meeting at VFW Hall.

TOPEKA CHAPTER—At our May meeting, Topeka Chapter entertained with a tea honoring seven Gold Star and seven Silver Star mothers.

Mrs. Lillian Snook was received as a new member at this meeting. Following our business meeting we were entertained with a "Show and Tell" exhibit.

Since May is "Senior Citizens and Hospital" month, the Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka honored our senior volunteers with a reception.

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