# American War Mothers, Topeka Chapter, records

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The records of the Topeka Chapter of the American War Mothers includes a complete set of minutes, membership rolls, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous material. This collection documents the activities of the American War Mothers focus on patriotic and service since the Topeka Chapter's start in 1927 to its disbandment in 1976. The American War Mothers, a national organization founded in 1917 and incorporated by 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.

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Date: 1927-1976

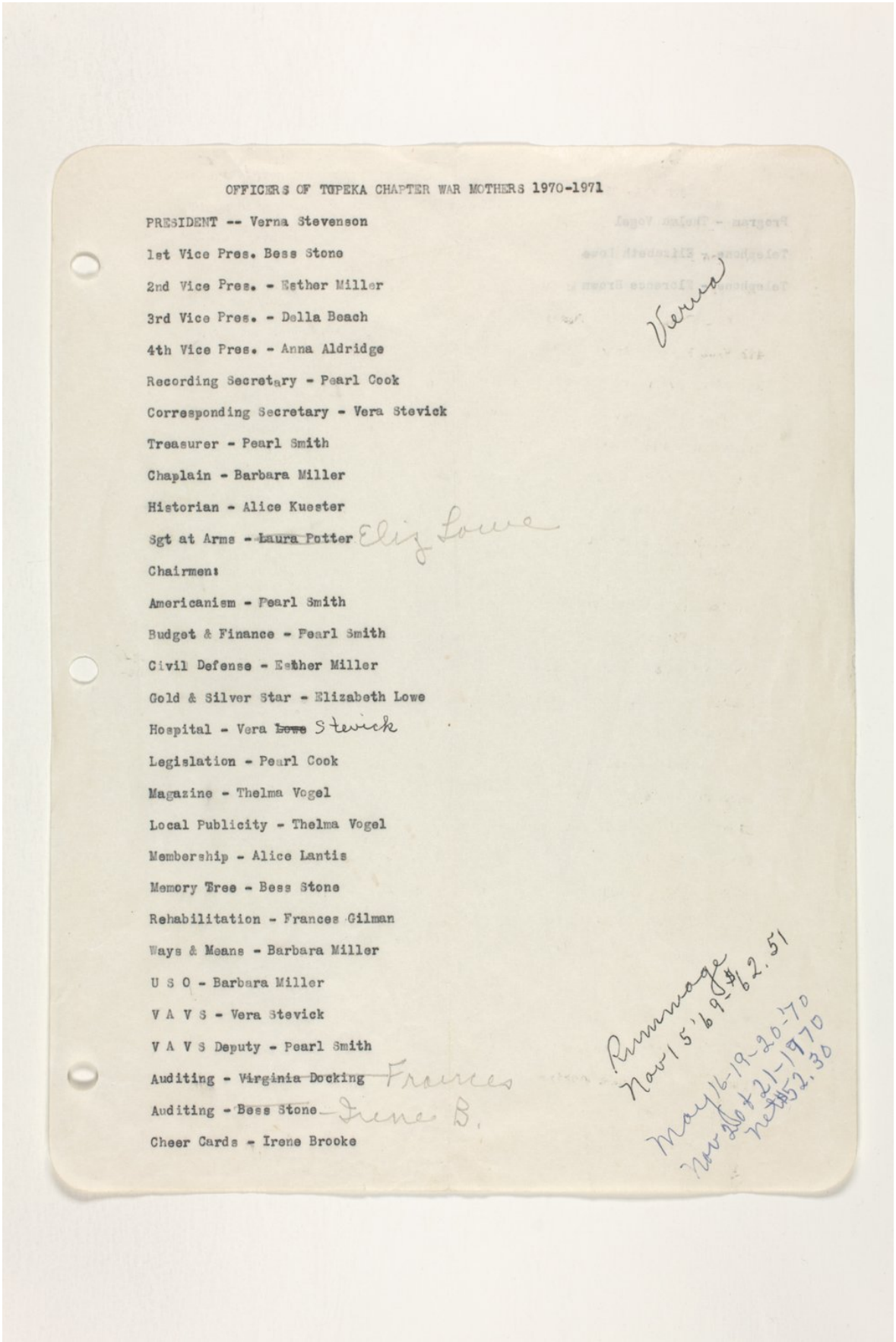
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OFFICERS OF TOPEKA CHAPTER WAR MOTHERS 1970-1971

PRESIDENT -- Verna Stevenson

1st Vice Pres. Bess Stone

2nd Vice Pres. - Esther Miller

3rd Vice Pres. - Della Beach

4th Vice Pres. - Anna Aldridge

Recording Secretary - Pearl Cook

Corresponding Secretary - Vera Stevick

Treasurer - Pearl Smith

Chaplain - Barbara Miller

Historian - Alice Kuester

Sgt at Arms - ~~Laura Potter~~ Eliz Lowe

Chairmen:

Americanism - Pearl Smith

Budget & Finance - Pearl Smith

Civil Defense - Esther Miller

Gold & Silver Star - Elizabeth Lowe

Hospital - Vera ~~Lowe~~ Stevick

Legislation - Pearl Cook

Magazine - Thelma Vogel

Local Publicity - Thelma Vogel

Membership - Alice Lantis

Memory Tree - Bess Stone

Rehabilitation - Frances Gilman

Ways & Means - Barbara Miller

U S O - Barbara Miller

V A V S - Vera Stevick

V A V S Deputy - Pearl Smith

Auditing - ~~Virginia Docking~~ Frances

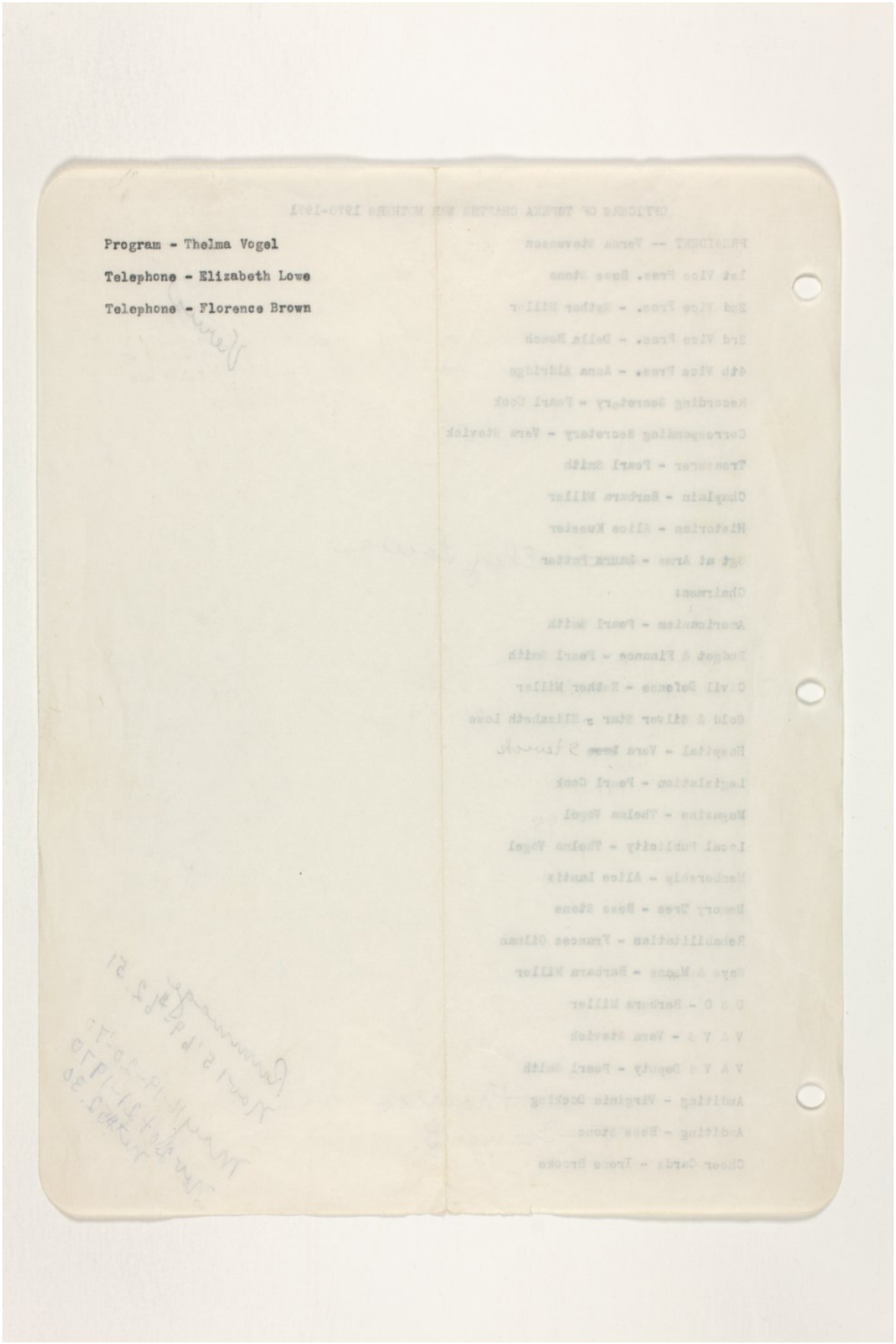
Auditing - Bess Stone Irene B.

Cheer Cards - Irene Brooke

Verna

Rummage
Nov 15 '69 $2.51

May 16-19-20-70
Nov 20 + 21-1970
net $2.30

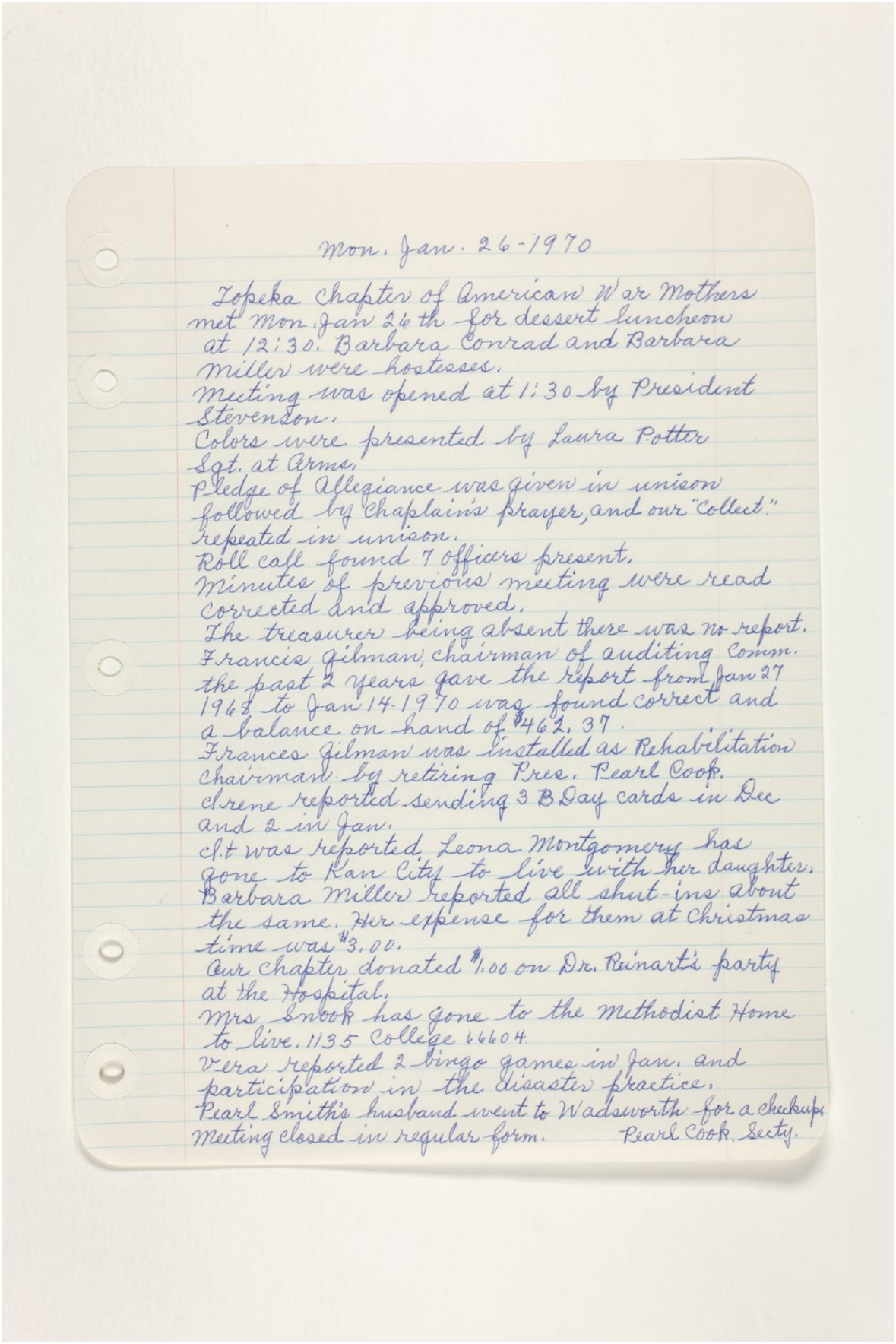


Program - Thelma Vogel

Telephone - Elizabeth Lowe

Telephone - Florence Brown

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Mon. Jan. 26-1970

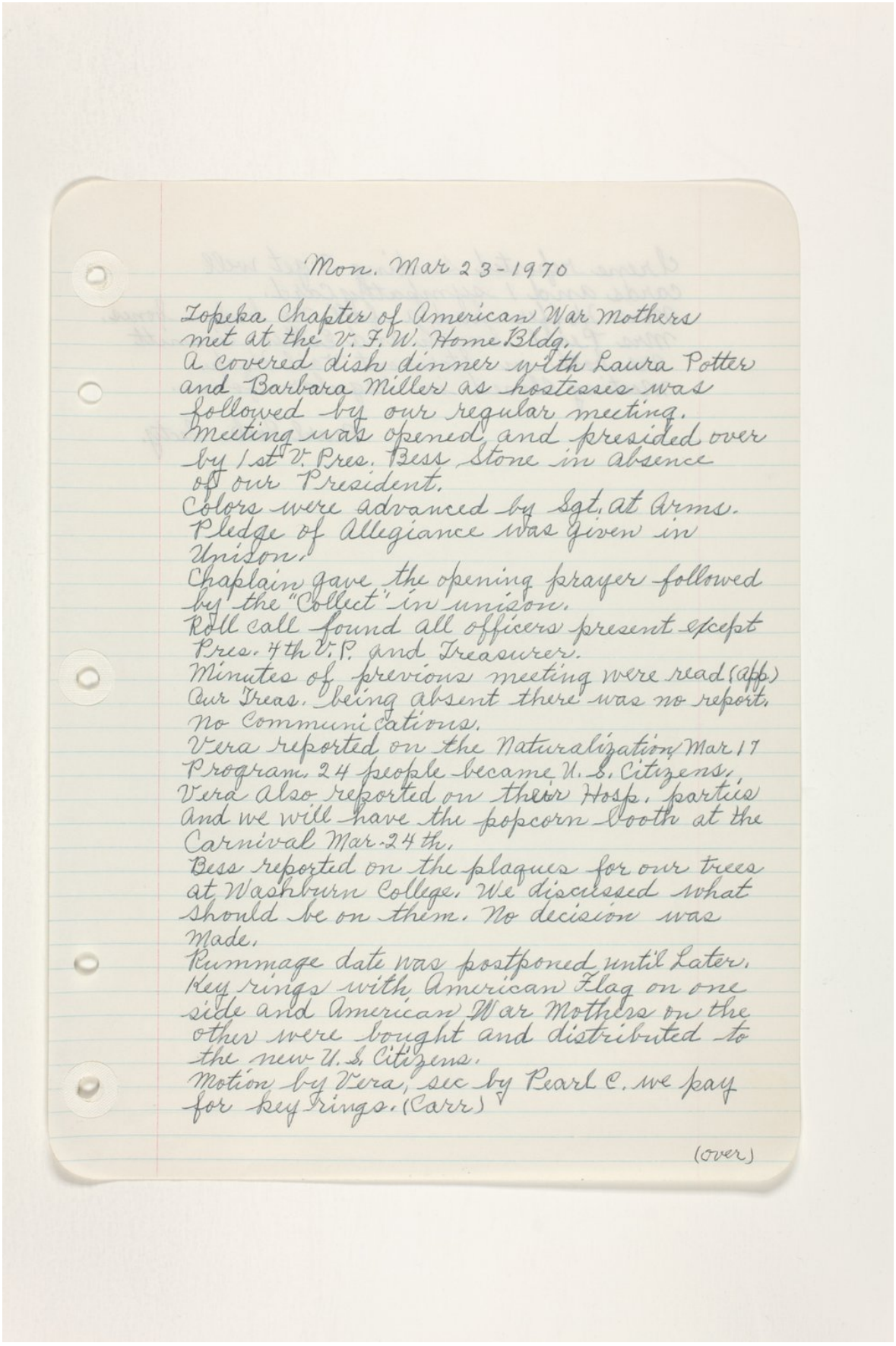
Topeka Chapter of American War Mothers met Mon. Jan 26th for dessert luncheon at 12:30. Barbara Conrad and Barbara Miller were hostesses.
Meeting was opened at 1:30 by President Stevenson.
Colors were presented by Laura Potter Sgt. at Arms.
Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison followed by Chaplain's prayer, and our "Collect." repeated in unison.
Roll call found 7 officers present.
Minutes of previous meeting were read Corrected and approved.
The treasurer being absent there was no report.
Francis Gilman, chairman of auditing Comm. the past 2 years gave the report from Jan 27 1968 to Jan 14 1970 was found correct and a balance on hand of $462.37.
Frances Gilman was installed as Rehabilitation Chairman by retiring Pres. Pearl Cook.
Irene reported sending 3 B Day cards in Dec and 2 in Jan.
It was reported Leona Montgomery has gone to Kan City to live with her daughter.
Barbara Miller reported all shut-ins about the same. Her expense for them at Christmas time was $3.00.
Our Chapter donated $1.00 on Dr. Reinart's party at the Hospital.
Mrs Snook has gone to the Methodist Home to live. 1135 College 66604.
Vera reported 2 bingo games in Jan. and participation in the disaster practice.
Pearl Smith's husband went to Wadsworth for a checkup
Meeting closed in regular form. Pearl Cook. Secty.

Mon. Feb 23-1970

Hostesses Verna Eva

Topeka Chapter of American War Mothers met Feb 23rd at the V. F. W. Home. A dessert luncheon was followed by the regular business meeting.
Meeting was opened by our President Verna Stevenson at 1:30 P. M.
Colors were advanced by Irene Brooke in the absence of Laura Potter.
The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison followed by Chaplain's prayer and our "Collect."
The Charter was draped for Jessie Herman.
Roll call found all officers present except 1st, 2nd, & 4th V. P., Treas. & Sgt. at Arms.
Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
We had no treas' report, treas was ill.
Communications were read. We had no bills.
Irene reported sending 5 B'day cards, 2 cheer cards and 1 funeral boquet.
Mr & Mrs Smith and Mrs Potter were reported ill.
Vera gave the Hosp. report. Bingo games as usual and the Hosp. carnival will be Mar 24th.
Barbara announced the U. S. O. dinner will be May 24th. Rummage the first part of April.
Motion by Pearl Cook, sec by Vera Stevick we send Natl Ways & Means Ch. a check for $10.00. (carr)
Della read an item on the founding of our American War Mothers. Also whistled a tune for us. Meeting Closed in regular form after which The Stevicks showed pictures of trips East.

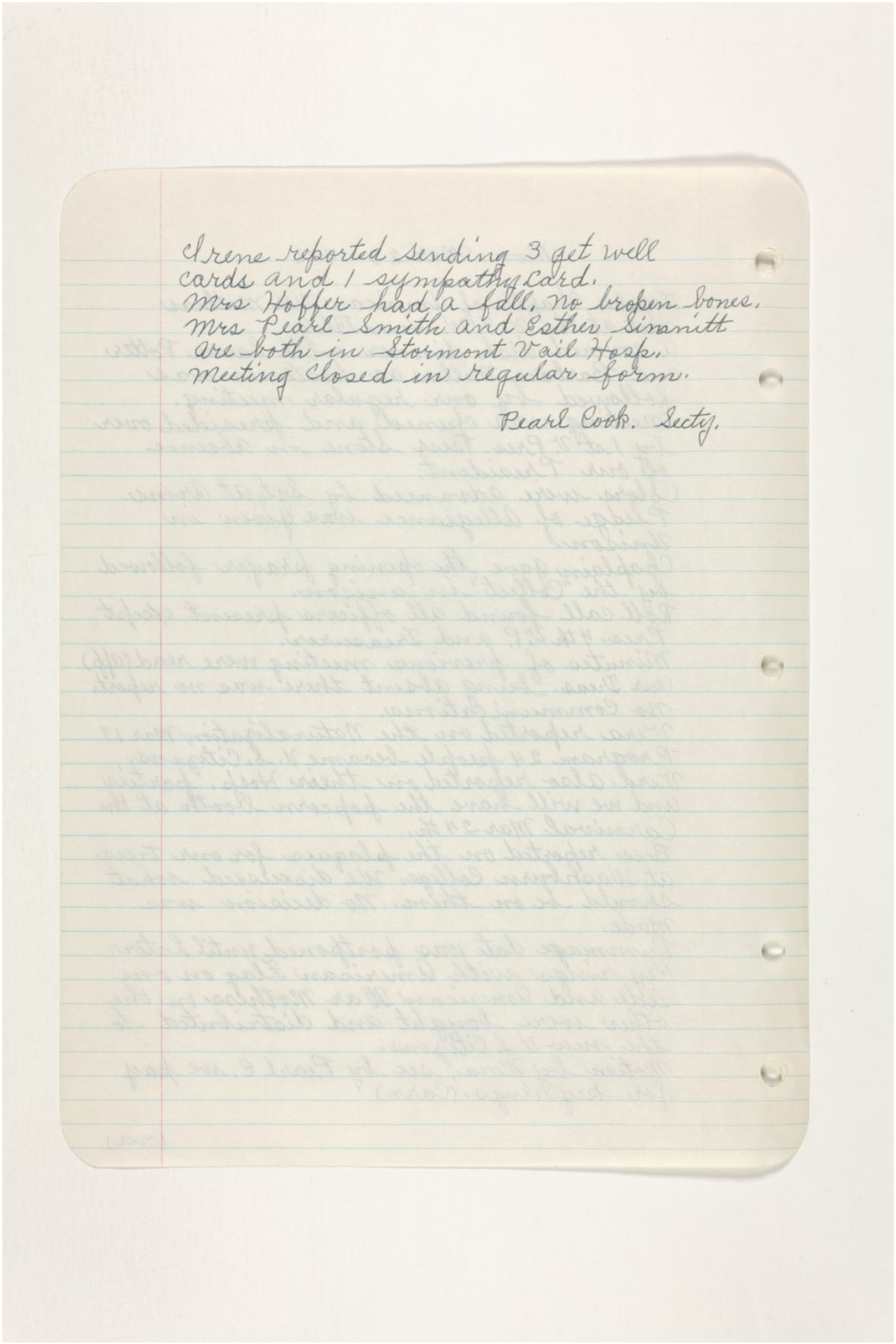
Pearl Cook. Secty



Mon. Mar 23-1970

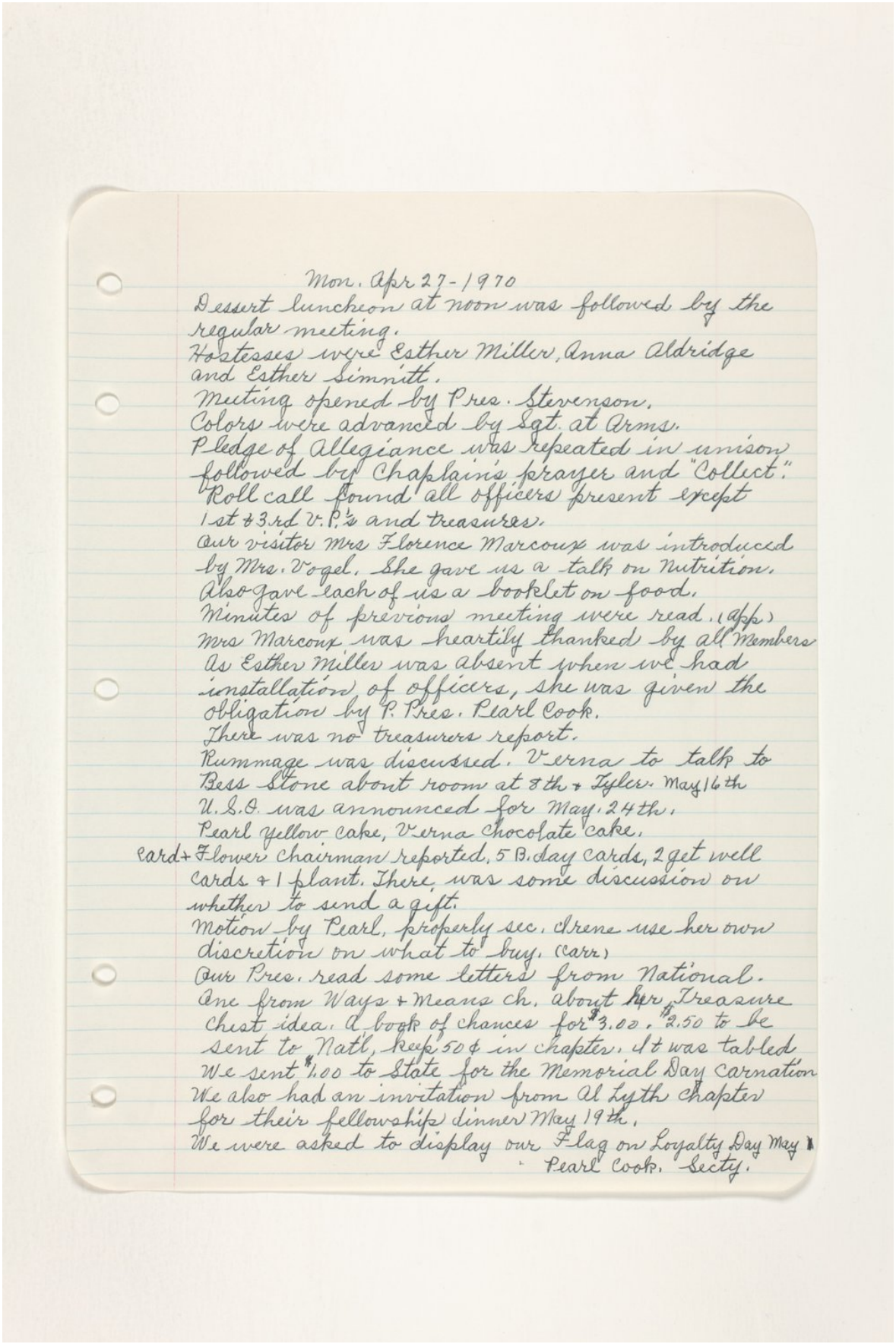
Topeka Chapter of American War Mothers met at the V. F. W. Home Bldg.
A covered dish dinner with Laura Potter and Barbara Miller as hostesses was followed by our regular meeting.
Meeting was opened and presided over by 1st V. Pres. Bess Stone in absence of our President.
Colors were advanced by Sgt. at Arms.
Pledge of Allegiance was given in Unison.
Chaplain gave the opening prayer followed by the "Collect" in unison.
Roll call found all officers present except Pres. 4th V. P. and Treasurer.
Minutes of previous meeting were read (app)
Our Treas. being absent there was no report.
No Communications.
Vera reported on the Naturalization Mar 17 Program. 24 people became U. S. Citizens.
Vera Also reported on their Hosp. parties And we will have the popcorn booth at the Carnival Mar. 24th.
Bess reported on the plaques for our trees at Washburn College. We discussed what should be on them. No decision was Made.
Rummage date was postponed until Later.
Key rings with American Flag on one side and American War Mothers on the other were bought and distributed to the new U. S. Citizens.
Motion by Vera, sec by Pearl C. we pay for key rings. (Carr)

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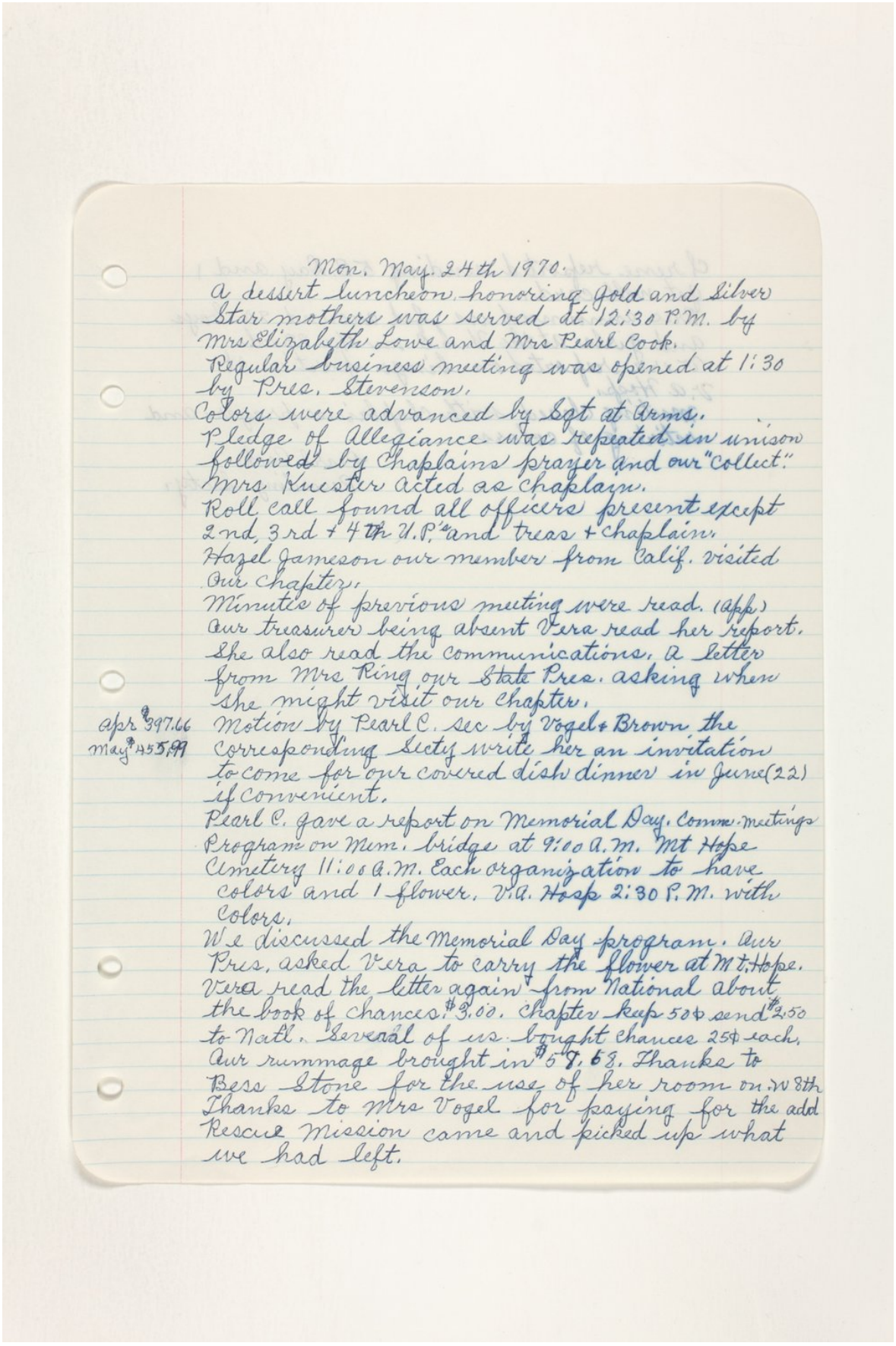


Irene reported sending 3 get well cards and 1 sympathy card.
Mrs Hoffer had a fall. No broken bones.
Mrs Pearl Smith and Esther Sinnitt are both in Stormont Vail Hosp.
Meeting closed in regular form.

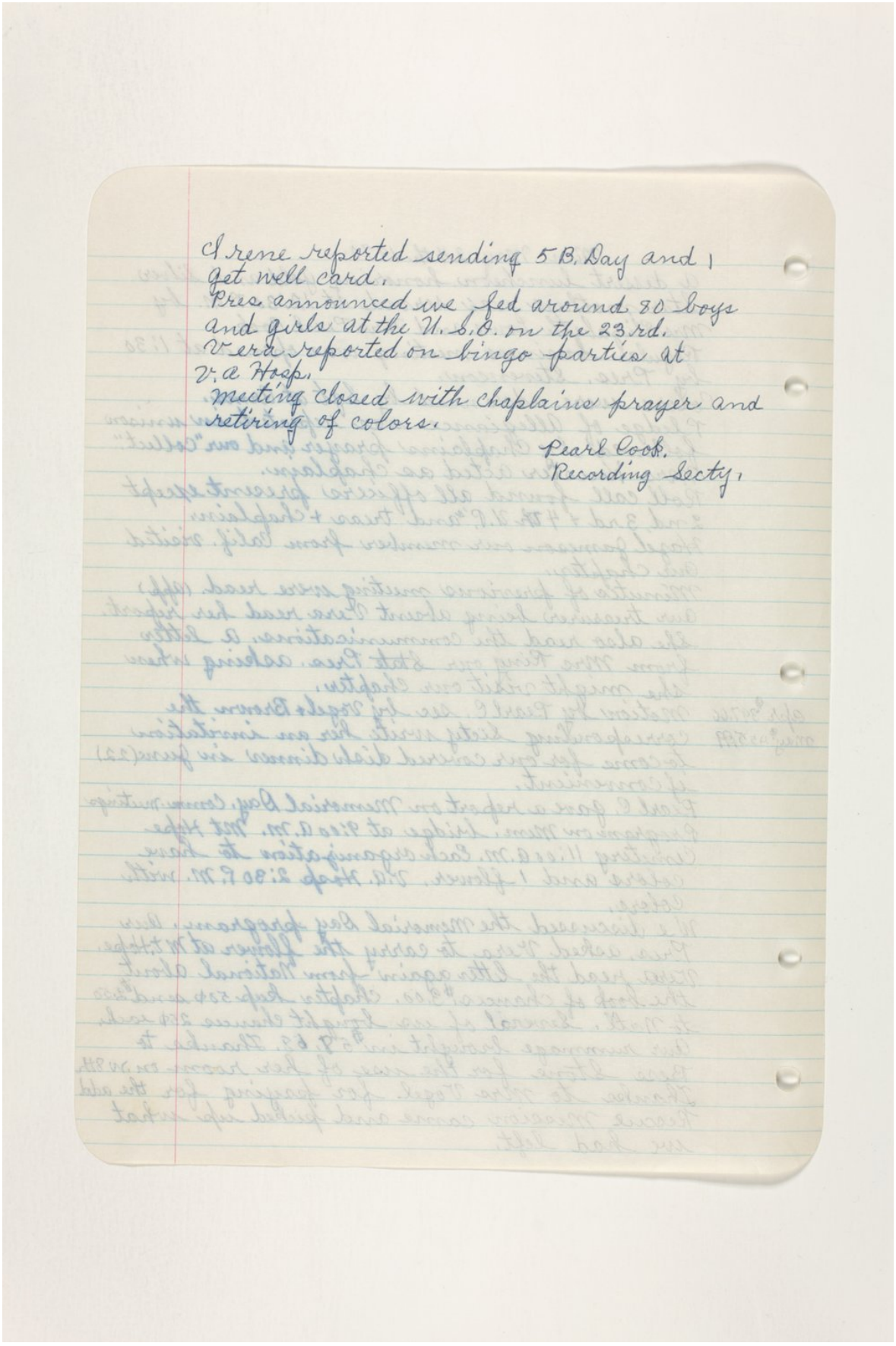
Pearl Cook. Secty.



Mon. Apr 27 - 1970
Dessert luncheon at noon was followed by the regular meeting.
Hostesses were Esther Miller, Anna Aldridge and Esther Simnitt.
Meeting opened by Pres. Stevenson.
Colors were advanced by Sgt. at Arms.
Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison followed by Chaplain's prayer and "Collect".
Roll call found all officers present except 1st & 3rd V.P.'s and treasures.
Our visitor Mrs Florence Marcoux was introduced by Mrs. Vogel. She gave us a talk on Nutrition. Also gave each of us a booklet on food.
Minutes of previous meeting were read. (Appr)
Mrs Marcoux was heartily thanked by all Members
As Esther Miller was absent when we had installation of officers, she was given the obligation by P. Pres. Pearl Cook.
There was no treasurers report.
Rummage was discussed. Verna to talk to Bess Stone about room at 8th & Tyler. May 16th
U.S.O. was announced for May 24th.
Pearl yellow cake, Verna chocolate cake.
Card & Flower Chairman reported. 5 B. day cards, 2 get well cards & 1 plant. There was some discussion on whether to send a gift.
Motion by Pearl, properly sec. Irene use her own discretion on what to buy. (Carr)
Our Pres. read some letters from National.
One from Ways & Means Ch. about her Treasure Chest idea. A book of chances for $3.00. $2.50 to be sent to Natl, keep 50¢ in chapter. It was tabled
We sent $4.00 to State for the Memorial Day Carnation
We also had an invitation from Al Lyth Chapter for their fellowship dinner May 19th.
We were asked to display our Flag on Loyalty Day May 1
Pearl Cook. Secty.

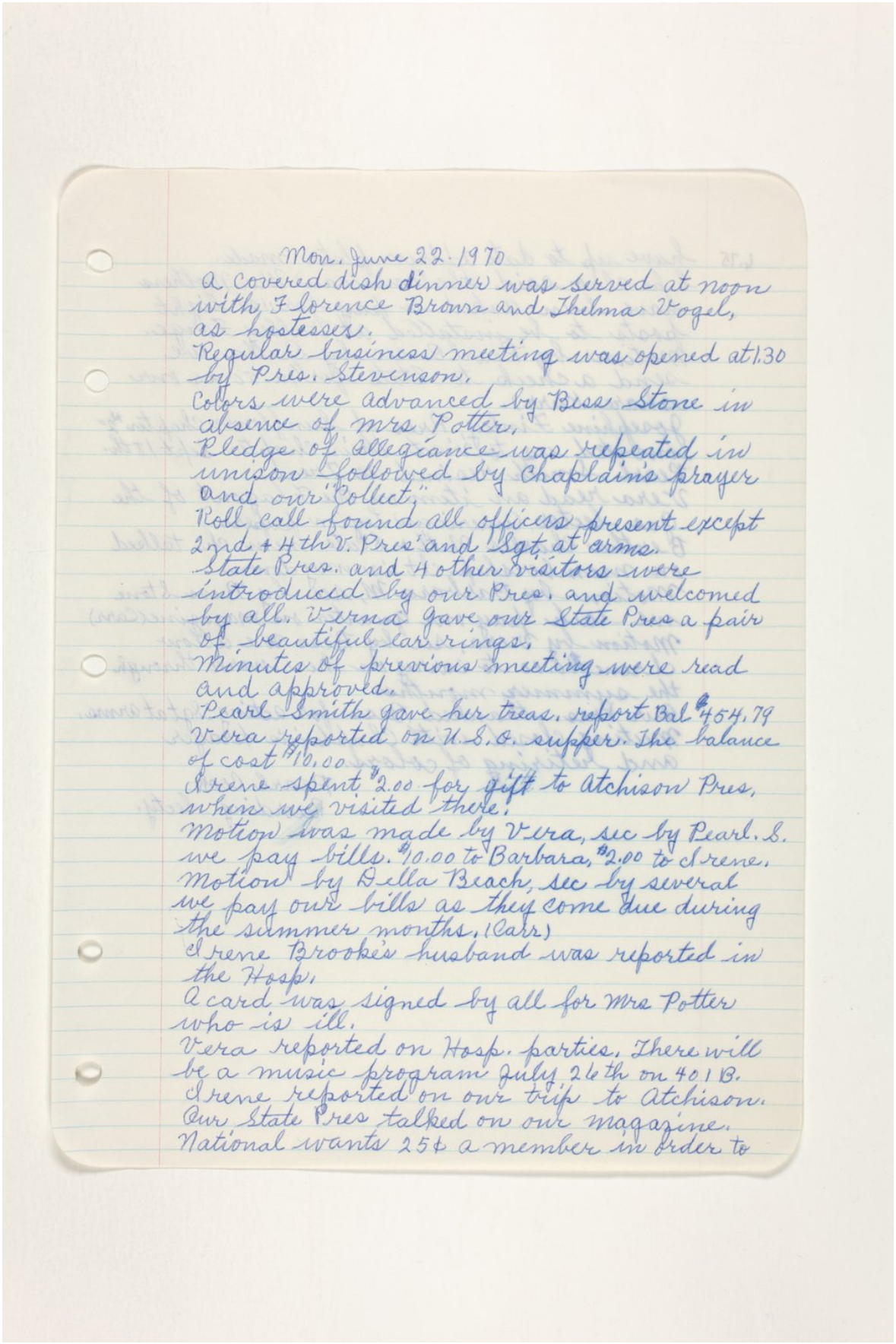


Mon. May. 24th 1970.
A dessert luncheon honoring Gold and Silver Star mothers was served at 12:30 P.M. by Mrs Elizabeth Lowe and Mrs Pearl Cook.
Regular business meeting was opened at 1:30 by Pres. Stevenson.
Colors were advanced by Sgt at Arms.
Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison followed by Chaplains prayer and our "Collect."
Mrs Kuester acted as Chaplain.
Roll call found all officers present except 2nd, 3rd + 4th V.P.'s and treas + Chaplain.
Hazel Jameson our member from Calif. visited our chapter.
Minutes of previous meeting were read. (App)
Our treasurer being absent Vera read her report. She also read the communications. A letter from Mrs Ring our State Pres. asking when she might visit our chapter.
apr $397.66
May $455.99
Motion by Pearl C. sec by Vogel + Brown the Corresponding Secty write her an invitation to come for our covered dish dinner in June (22) if convenient.
Pearl C. gave a report on Memorial Day. Comm. meetings Program on Mem. bridge at 9:00 A.M. Mt Hope Cimetery 11:00 A.M. Each organization to have colors and 1 flower. V.A. Hosp 2:30 P.M. with colors.
We discussed the Memorial Day program. Our Pres. asked Vera to carry the flower at Mt. Hope.
Vera read the letter again from National about the book of chances. $3.00. Chapter kup 50¢ send $2.50 to Natl. Several of us bought chances 25¢ each.
Our rummage brought in $58.68. Thanks to Bess Stone for the use of her room on W 8th Thanks to Mrs Vogel for paying for the add Rescue Mission came and picked up what we had left.



Irene reported sending 5 B. Day and 1 get well card.
Pres. announced we fed around 80 boys and girls at the U. S. O. on the 23rd.
Vera reported on bingo parties at V. a Hosp.
meeting closed with chaplains prayer and retiring of colors.

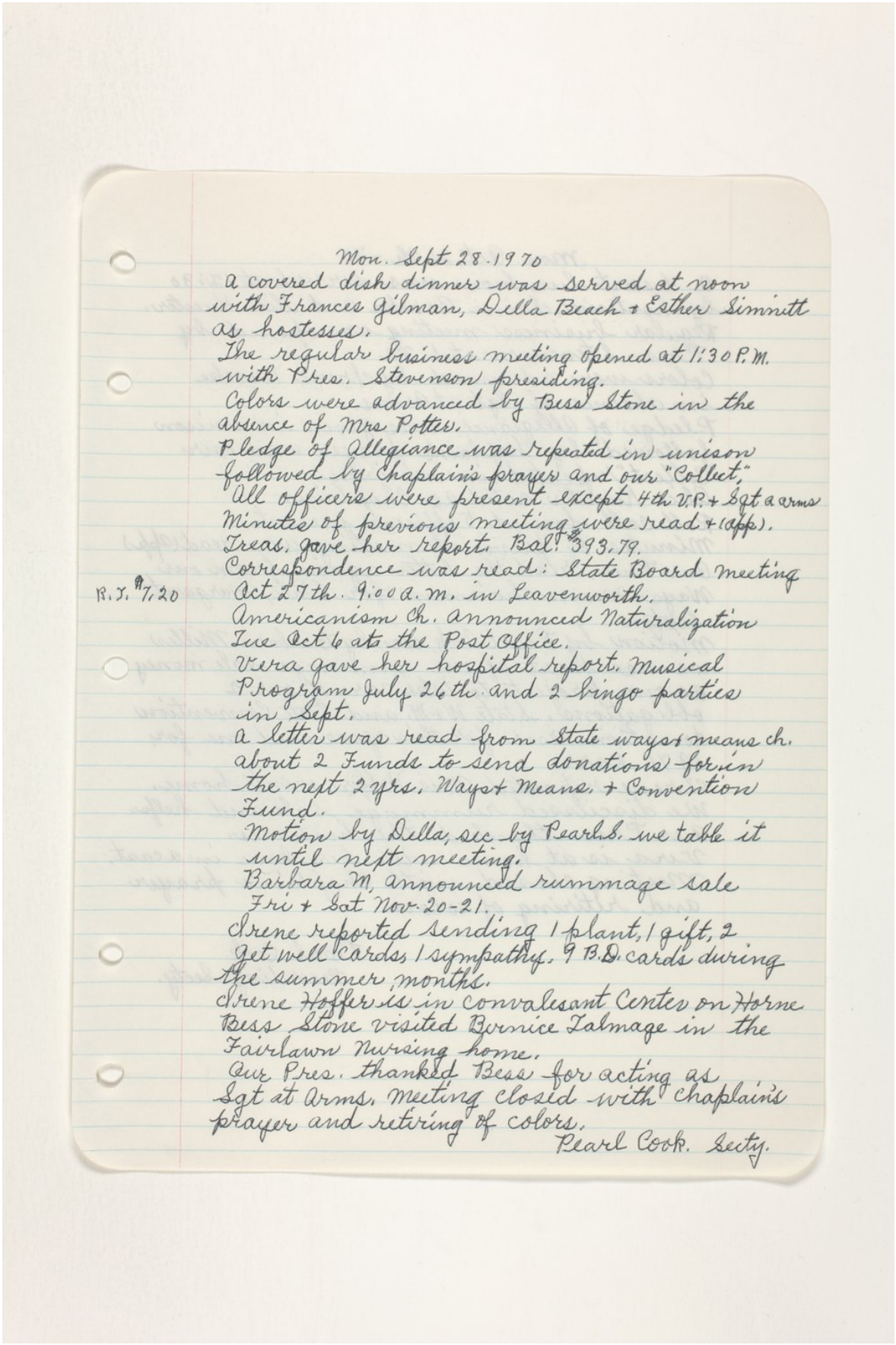
Pearl Cook.
Recording Secty.



Mon. June 22. 1970
A Covered dish dinner was served at noon with Florence Brown and Thelma Vogel, as hostesses.
Regular business meeting was opened at 1.30 by Pres. Stevenson.
Colors were advanced by Bess Stone in absence of Mrs Potter.
Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison followed by Chapldins prayer and our "Collect."
Roll call found all officers present except 2nd + 4th V. Pres and Sgt. at arms.
State Pres. and 4 other visitors were introduced by our Pres. and welcomed by all. Verna gave our State Pres a pair of beautiful ear rings.
Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
Pearl Smith gave her treas. report Bal $454.79
Vera reported on U.S.O. supper. The balance of cost $10.00
Irene spent $2.00 for gift to Atchison Pres, when we visited there.
Motion was made by Vera, sec by Pearl. S. we pay bills. $10.00 to Barbara, $2.00 to Irene.
Motion by Della Beach, sec by several we pay our bills as they come due during the summer months. (Carr)
Irene Brooke's husband was reported in the Hosp.
A card was signed by all for Mrs Potter who is ill.
Vera reported on Hosp. parties. There will be a music program July 26th on 401 B.
Irene reported on our trip to Atchison.
Our State Pres talked on our magazine.
National wants 25¢ a member in order to

6.75 have up to date address plates made.
She also said the American War Mothers have been asked to pay for 100 light posts to be installed at Valley Forge.
Motion by Pearl C. sec by Della we send a check to State for $12.50 as our share. (Carr).
Josephine Finley, Pres of Sunflower Chapter #2 invited us to visit their Chapter Sept 15th.
Pearl Smith resined as Treas.
Vera read an item on the Flagout of the Gas Sector American Legion paper.
Bertha Charles Natl & State mem. Ch. talked on membership. It is way down.
Motion by Barbara M, sec by Bess Stone we each pay our quarter on magazine (Carr)
Motion by Vera, sec by Bess We allow Irene $10.00 to carry on her work through the summer months.
Our Pres. thanked Bess for acting Sgt at arms.
Meeting closed with Chaplains prayer and retiring of colors.

Pearl Cook
Recording Secty.



Mon. Sept 28. 1970

A covered dish dinner was served at noon with Frances Gilman, Della Beach + Esther Simnitt as hostesses.

The regular business meeting opened at 1:30 P.M. with Pres. Stevenson presiding.

Colors were advanced by Bess Stone in the absence of Mrs Potter.

Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison followed by Chaplain's prayer and our "Collect."

All officers were present except 4th V.P. + Sgt at arms

Minutes of previous meeting were read + (app).

Treas. gave her report. Bal. $393.79.

Correspondence was read: State Board meeting

R.S. #7,20 Oct 27th. 9:00 a.m. in Leavenworth.

Americanism Ch. announced Naturalization Tue Oct 6 at the Post Office.

Vera gave her hospital report. Musical Program July 26th and 2 bingo parties in Sept.

A letter was read from State ways + means ch. about 2 Funds to send donations for in the next 2 yrs. Ways + Means. + Convention Fund.

Motion by Della, sec by Pearl S. we table it until next meeting.

Barbara M. announced rummage sale Fri + Sat Nov. 20-21.

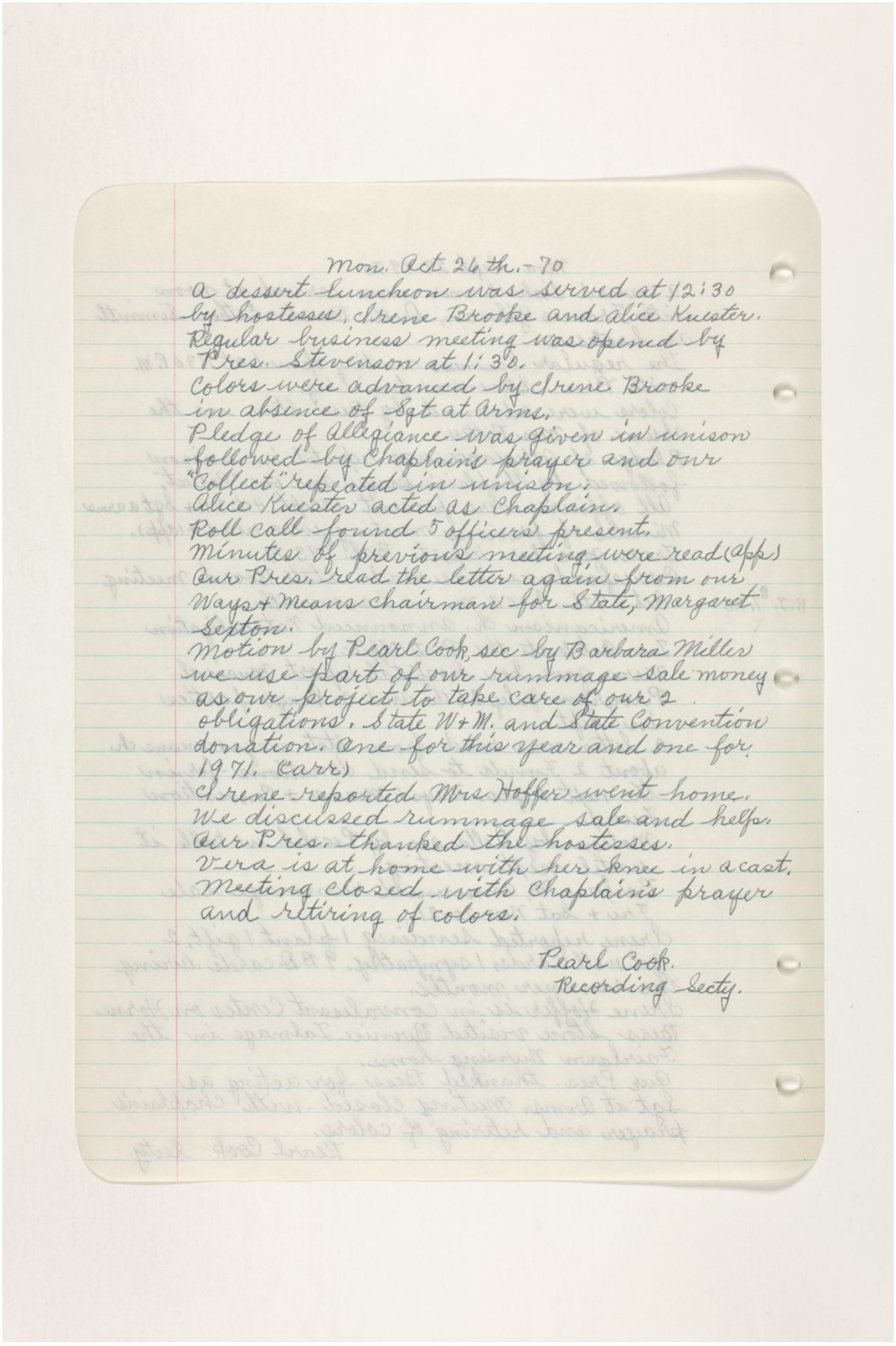
Irene reported sending 1 plant, 1 gift, 2 get well cards, 1 sympathy. 9 B.D. cards during the summer months.

Irene Hoffer is in convalesant Center on Horne

Bess Stone visited Bernice Talmage in the Fairlawn Nursing home.

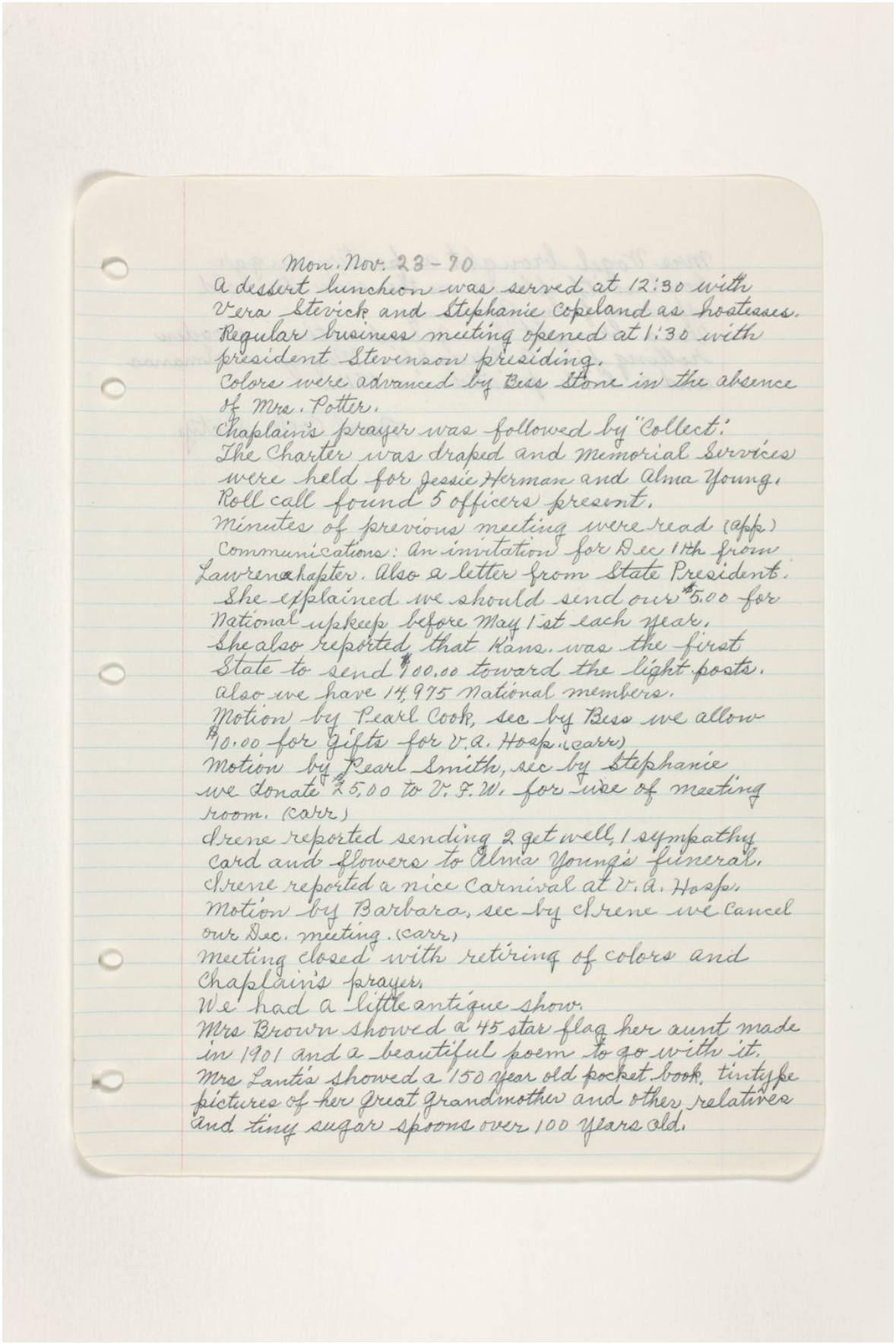
Our Pres. thanked Bess for acting as Sgt at Arms. Meeting closed with chaplain's prayer and retiring of colors.

Pearl Cook. Secty.

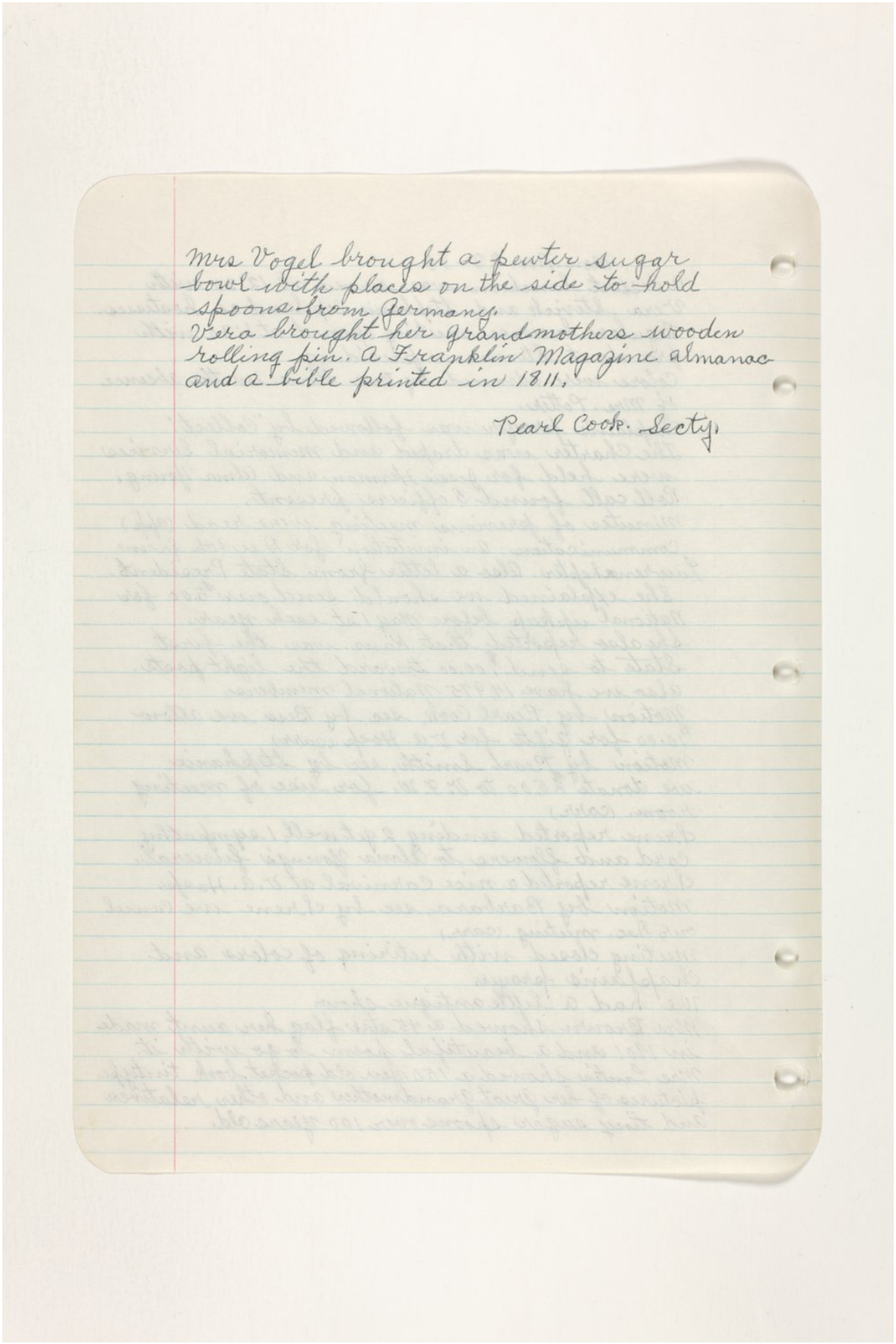


Mon. Oct 26th.-70
A dessert luncheon was served at 12:30
by hostesses, Irene Brooke and Alice Kuester.
Regular business meeting was opened by
Pres. Stevenson at 1:30.
Colors were advanced by Irene Brooke
in absence of Sgt at Arms.
Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison
followed by Chaplain's prayer and our
"Collect" repeated in unison.
Alice Kuester acted as Chaplain.
Roll call found 5 officers present.
Minutes of previous meeting were read (Apps)
our Pres. read the letter again from our
Ways + Means chairman for State, Margaret
Sefton.
Motion by Pearl Cook, sec by Barbara Miller
we use part of our rummage sale money
as our project to take care of our 2
obligations, State W+M. and State Convention
donation. one for this year and one for
1971. (Carr)
Irene reported Mrs Hoffer went home.
We discussed rummage sale and helps.
Our Pres. thanked the hostesses.
Vera is at home with her knee in a cast.
Meeting closed with Chaplain's prayer
and retiring of colors.

Pearl Cook.
Recording Secty.

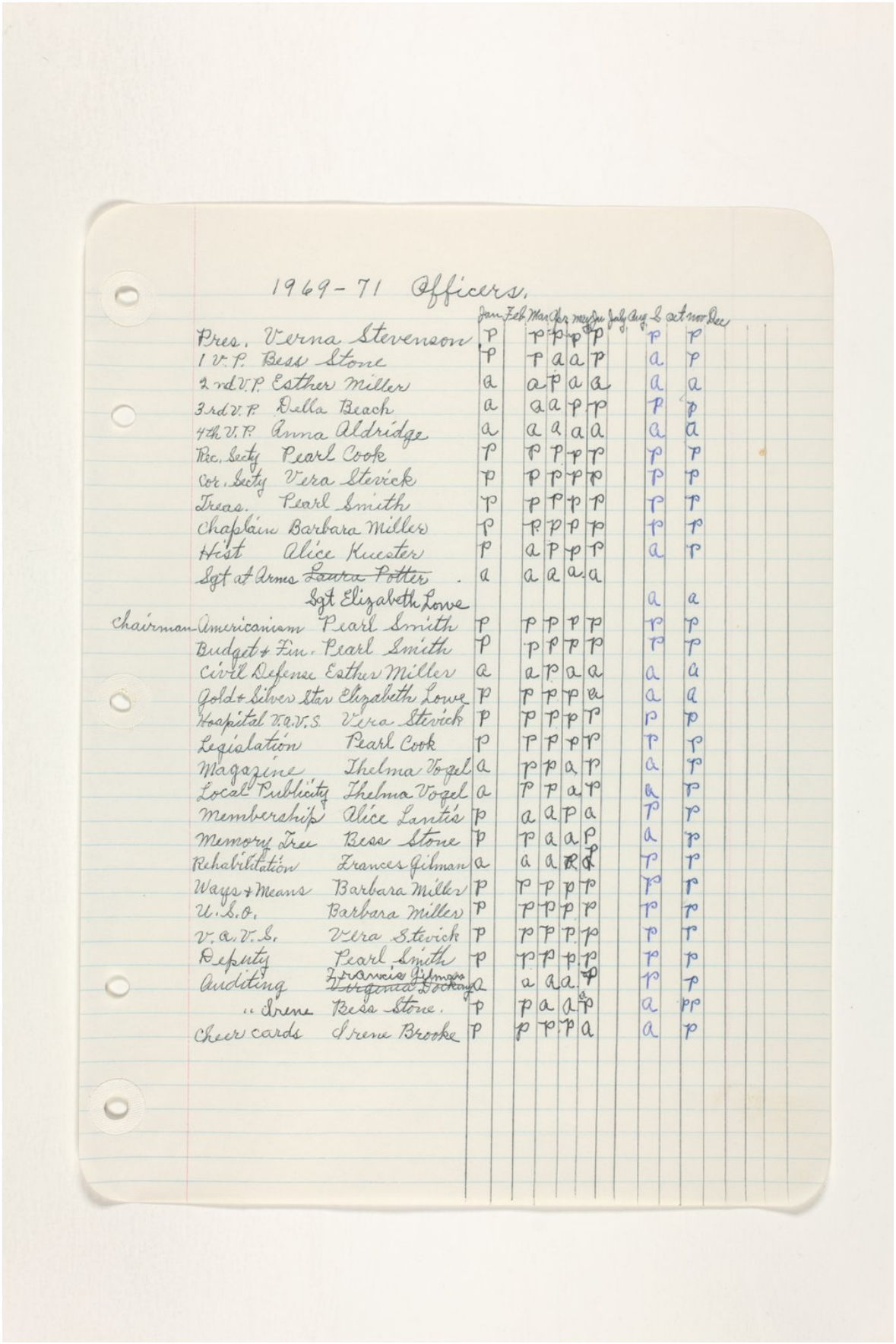


Mon. Nov. 23-70
A dessert luncheon was served at 12:30 with Vera Stevick and Stephanie Copeland as hostesses.
Regular business meeting opened at 1:30 with president Stevenson presiding.
Colors were advanced by Bess Stone in the absence of Mrs. Potter.
Chaplain's prayer was followed by "Collect."
The Charter was draped and Memorial Services were held for Jessie Herman and Alma Young.
Roll call found 5 officers present.
Minutes of previous meeting were read (a/p)
Communications: An invitation for Dec 11th from Lawrence chapter. Also a letter from State President. She explained we should send our $5.00 for National upkeep before May 1st each year.
She also reported that Kans. was the first State to send $100.00 toward the light posts.
Also we have 14,975 National members.
Motion by Pearl Cook, sec by Bess we allow $10.00 for Gifts for V.A. Hosp. (carr)
Motion by Pearl Smith, sec by Stephanie we donate $5.00 to V.F.W. for use of meeting room. (carr)
Irene reported sending 2 get well, 1 sympathy card and flowers to Alma Young's funeral.
Irene reported a nice Carnival at V.A. Hosp.
Motion by Barbara, sec by Irene we cancel our Dec. meeting. (carr)
Meeting closed with retiring of colors and Chaplain's prayer.
We had a little antique show.
Mrs Brown showed a 45 star flag her aunt made in 1901 and a beautiful poem to go with it.
Mrs Lantis showed a 150 year old pocket book, tintype pictures of her great grandmother and other relatives and tiny sugar spoons over 100 years old.



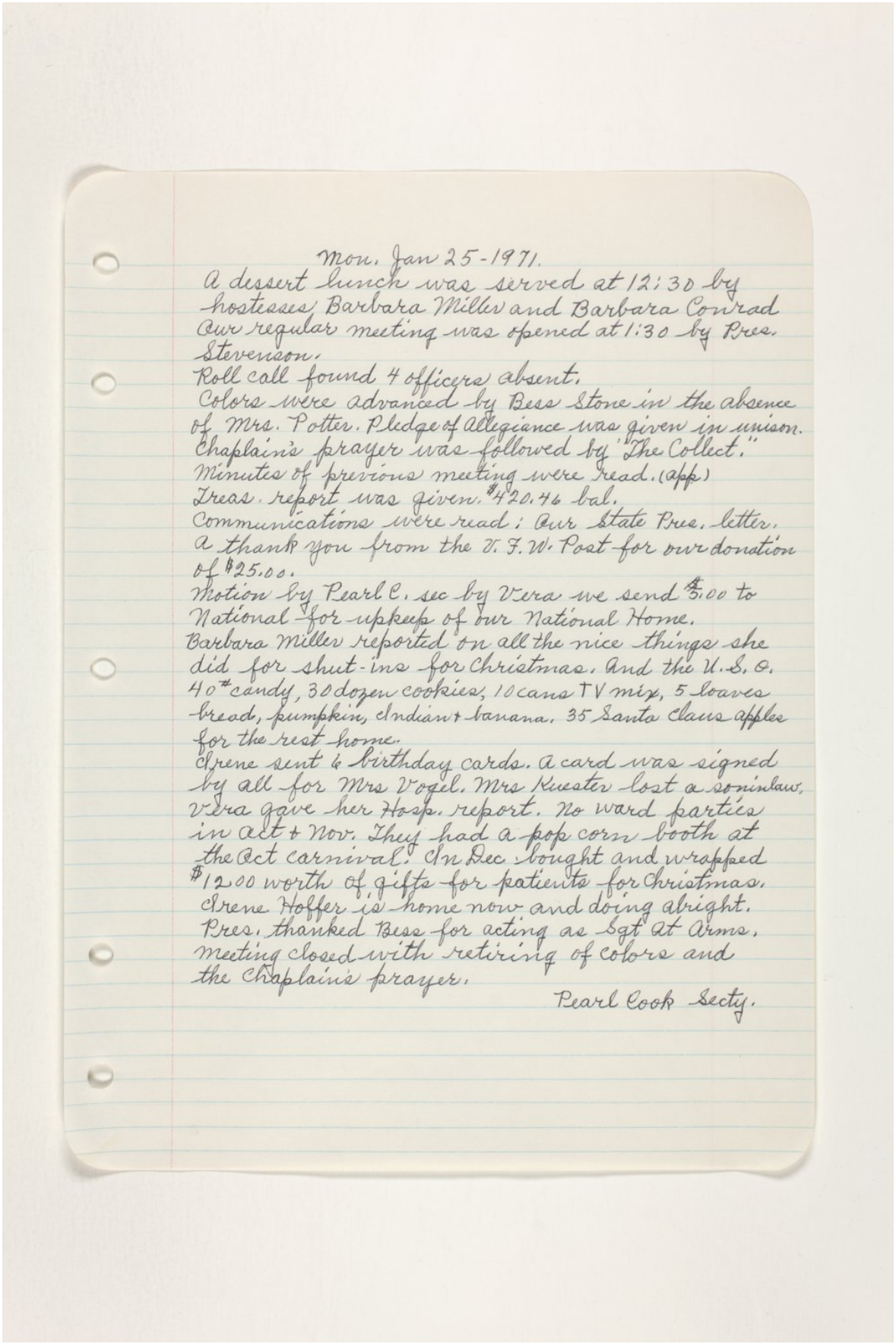
Mrs Vogel brought a pewter sugar bowl with places on the side to hold spoons from Germany.
Vera brought her grandmothers wooden rolling pin. A Franklin Magazine almanac and a bible printed in 1811.

Pearl Coop. Secty.



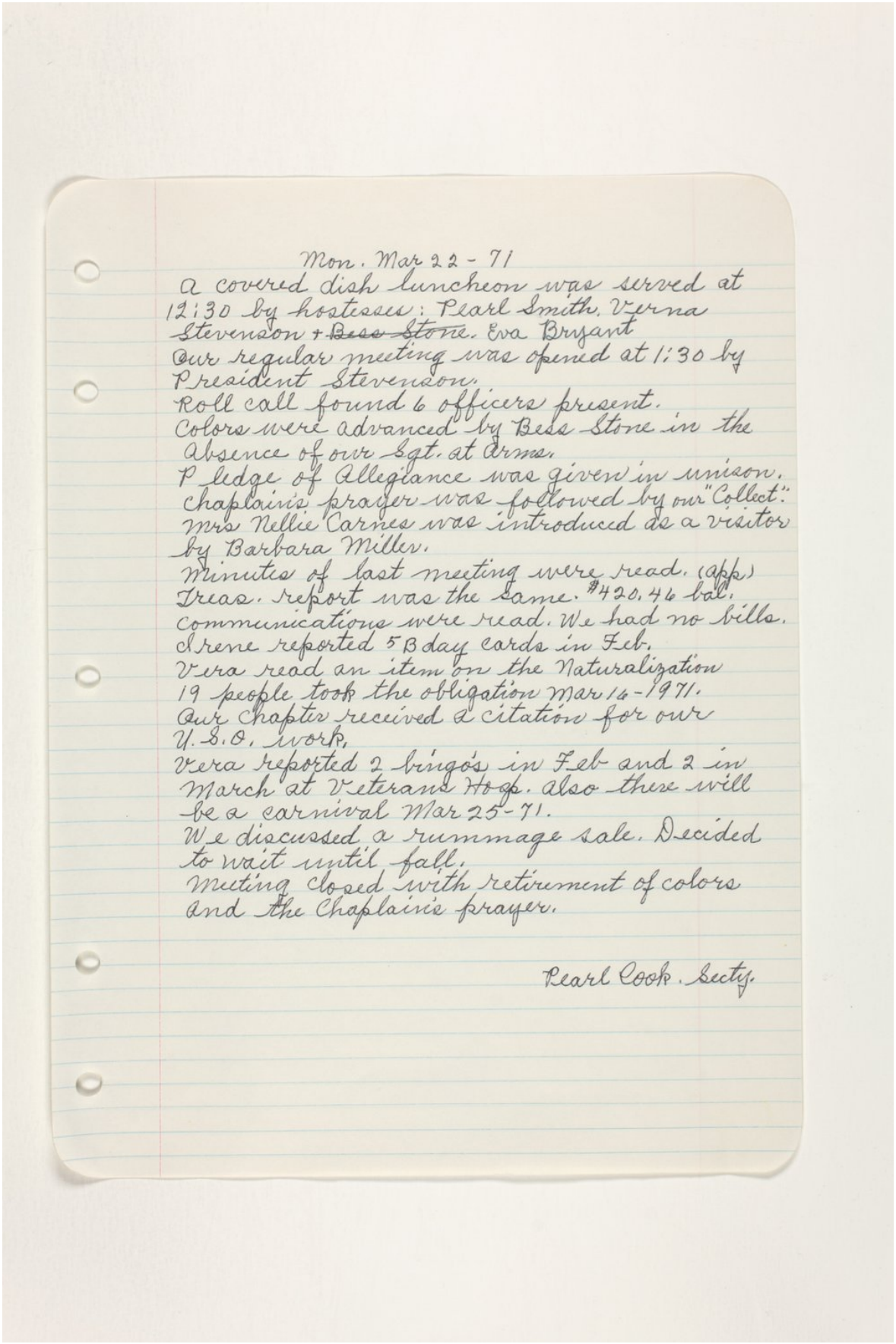
1969-71 Officers.

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| Pres. | Verna Stevenson | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| 1 V.P. | Bess Stone | P | | P | a | a | P | | a | | P | | |
| 2nd V.P. | Esther Miller | a | | a | P | a | a | | a | | a | | |
| 3rd V.P. | Della Beach | a | | a | a | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| 4th V.P. | Anna Aldridge | a | | a | a | a | a | | a | | a | | |
| Rec. Secty | Pearl Cook | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Cor. Secty | Vera Stevick | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Treas. | Pearl Smith | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Chaplain | Barbara Miller | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Hist | Alice Kuester | P | | a | P | P | P | | a | | P | | |
| Sgt at Arms | ~~Laura Potter~~ Sgt Elizabeth Lowe | a | | a | a | a | a | | | | a | | a |
| Chairman Americanism | Pearl Smith | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Budget + Fin. | Pearl Smith | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Civil Defense | Esther Miller | a | | a | P | a | a | | a | | a | | |
| Gold + Silver Star | Elizabeth Lowe | P | | P | P | P | a | | a | | a | | |
| Hospital V.A.V.S. | Vera Stevick | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Legislation | Pearl Cook | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Magazine | Thelma Vogel | a | | P | P | a | P | | a | | P | | |
| Local Publicity | Thelma Vogel | a | | P | P | a | P | | a | | P | | |
| Membership | Alice Lantis | P | | a | a | P | a | | P | | P | | |
| Memory Tree | Bess Stone | P | | P | a | a | P | | a | | P | | |
| Rehabilitation | Frances Gilman | a | | a | a | P | a | | P | | P | | |
| Ways + Means | Barbara Miller | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| U.S.O. | Barbara Miller | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| V.A.V.S. | Vera Stevick | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Deputy | Pearl Smith | P | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | |
| Auditing | Frances Gilman ~~Virginia Dockery~~ | a | | a | a | a | P | | P | | P | | |
| " | Irene Bess Stone. | P | | P | a | a | P | | a | | P | | |
| Cheer cards | Irene Brooke | P | | P | P | P | a | | a | | P | | |



Mon. Jan 25-1971.
A dessert lunch was served at 12:30 by hostesses Barbara Miller and Barbara Conrad Our regular meeting was opened at 1:30 by Pres. Stevenson.
Roll call found 4 officers absent.
Colors were advanced by Bess Stone in the absence of Mrs. Potter. Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison. Chaplain's prayer was followed by "The Collect."
Minutes of previous meeting were read. (app)
Treas. report was given. $420.46 bal.
Communications were read; Our State Pres. letter. a thank you from the V. F. W. Post for our donation of $25.00.
Motion by Pearl C. sec by Vera we send $5.00 to National for upkeep of our National Home.
Barbara Miller reported on all the nice things she did for shut-ins for Christmas. And the U.S.O. 40# candy, 30 dozen cookies, 10 cans TV mix, 5 loaves bread, pumpkin, Indian + banana. 35 Santa Claus apples for the rest home.
Irene sent 6 birthday cards. A card was signed by all for Mrs Vogel. Mrs Kuester lost a soninlaw. Vera gave her Hosp. report. No ward parties in Oct + Nov. They had a pop corn booth at the Oct carnival. In Dec bought and wrapped $12.00 worth of gifts for patients for Christmas. Irene Hoffer is home now and doing alright.
Pres. thanked Bess for acting as Sgt at Arms. Meeting closed with retiring of colors and the Chaplains prayer.

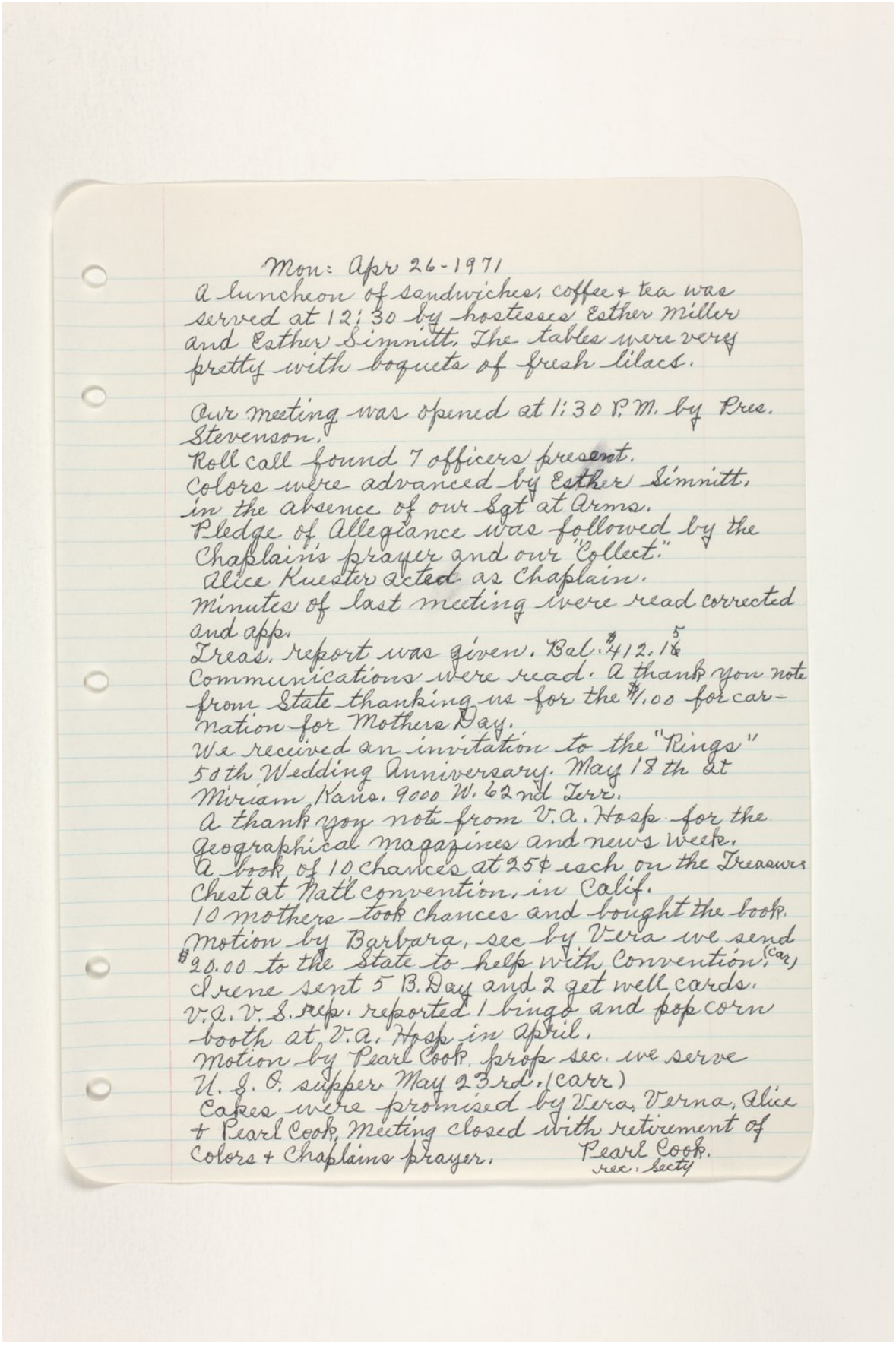
Pearl Cook Secty.



Mon. Mar 22 - 71
A covered dish luncheon was served at 12:30 by hostesses: Pearl Smith, Verna Stevenson + ~~Bess Stone~~. Eva Bryant
Our regular meeting was opened at 1:30 by President Stevenson.
Roll call found 6 officers present.
Colors were advanced by Bess Stone in the absence of our Sgt. at Arms.
P ledge of Allegiance was given in unison.
Chaplain's prayer was followed by our "Collect".
Mrs Nellie Carnes was introduced as a visitor by Barbara Miller.
Minutes of last meeting were read. (app)
Treas. report was the same. $20.46 bal.
Communications were read. We had no bills.
Irene reported 5 B day cards in Feb.
Vera read an item on the Naturalization
19 people took the obligation Mar 16-1971.
Our Chapter received a citation for our U.S.O. work.
Vera reported 2 bingo's in Feb and 2 in March at Veterans Hosp. also there will be a carnival Mar 25-71.
We discussed a rummage sale. Decided to wait until fall.
Meeting closed with retirement of colors and the Chaplain's prayer.

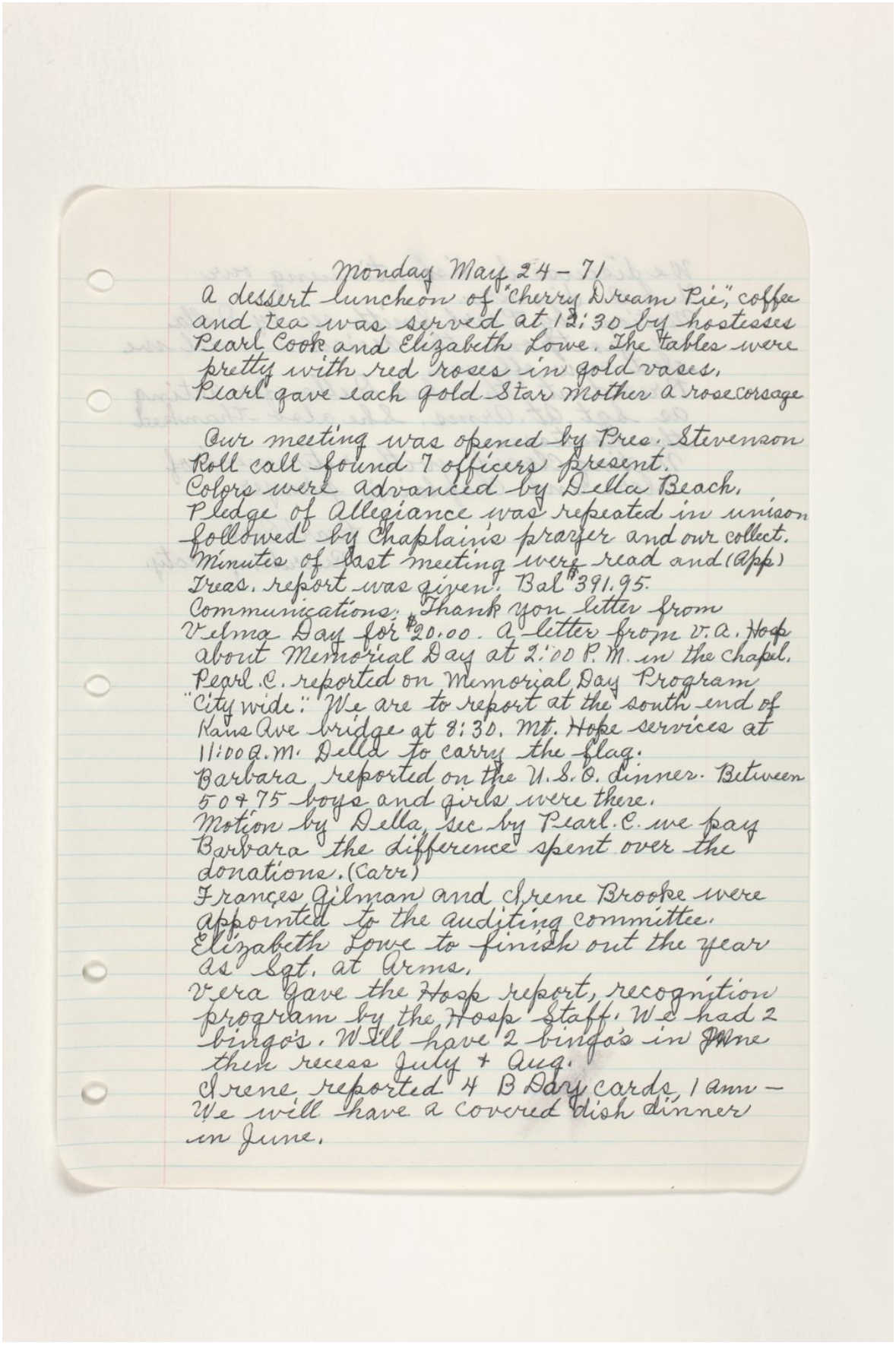
Pearl Cook. Secty.

**American War Mothers, Topeka Chapter, records**



Mon: Apr 26-1971
A luncheon of sandwiches, coffee & tea was served at 12:30 by hostesses Esther Miller and Esther Simnitt. The tables were very pretty with boquets of fresh lilacs.

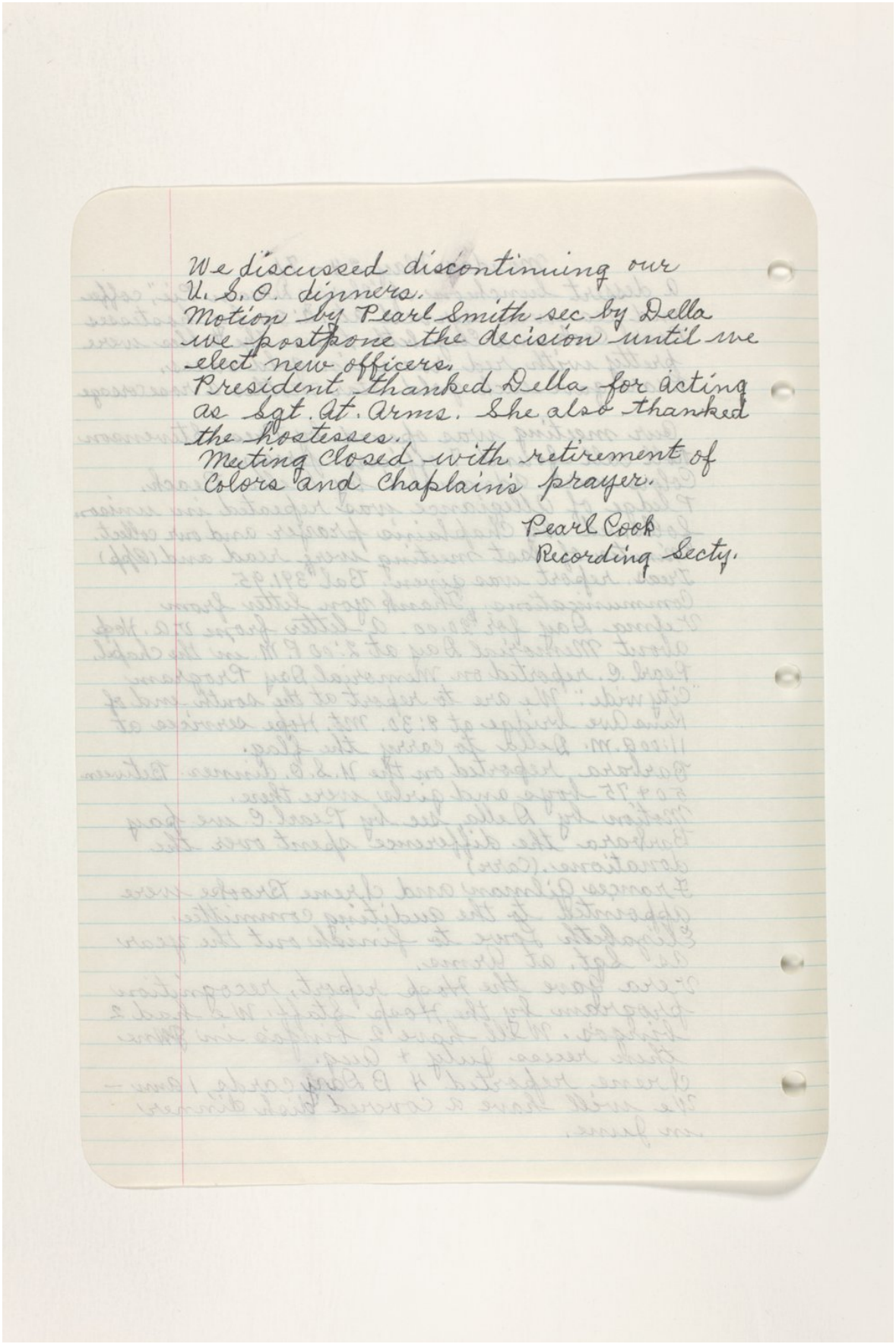
Our meeting was opened at 1:30 P.M. by Pres. Stevenson.
Roll call found 7 officers present.
Colors were advanced by Esther Simnitt, in the absence of our Sgt at Arms.
Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the Chaplain's prayer and our "Collect."
Alice Kuester acted as Chaplain.
Minutes of last meeting were read corrected and app.
Treas. report was given. Bal. $412.15
Communications were read. A thank you note from State thanking us for the $1.00 for carnation for Mothers Day.
We received an invitation to the "Rings" 50th Wedding Anniversary. May 18th at Miriam, Kans. 9000 W. 62nd Terr.
A thank you note from V.A. Hosp for the Geographical magazines and news week.
A book of 10 chances at 25¢ each on the Treasurs Chest at Natl convention, in Calif.
10 mothers took chances and bought the book.
Motion by Barbara, sec by Vera we send $20.00 to the State to help with Convention. (Carr)
Irene sent 5 B. Day and 2 get well cards.
V.A.V.S. rep. reported 1 bingo and pop corn booth at V.A. Hosp in April.
Motion by Pearl Cook, prop sec. we serve U. J. O. supper May 23rd. (Carr)
Cakes were promised by Vera, Verna, Alice & Pearl Cook. Meeting closed with retirement of Colors & Chaplains prayer.
Pearl Cook.
Rec. Secty



Monday May 24 - 71

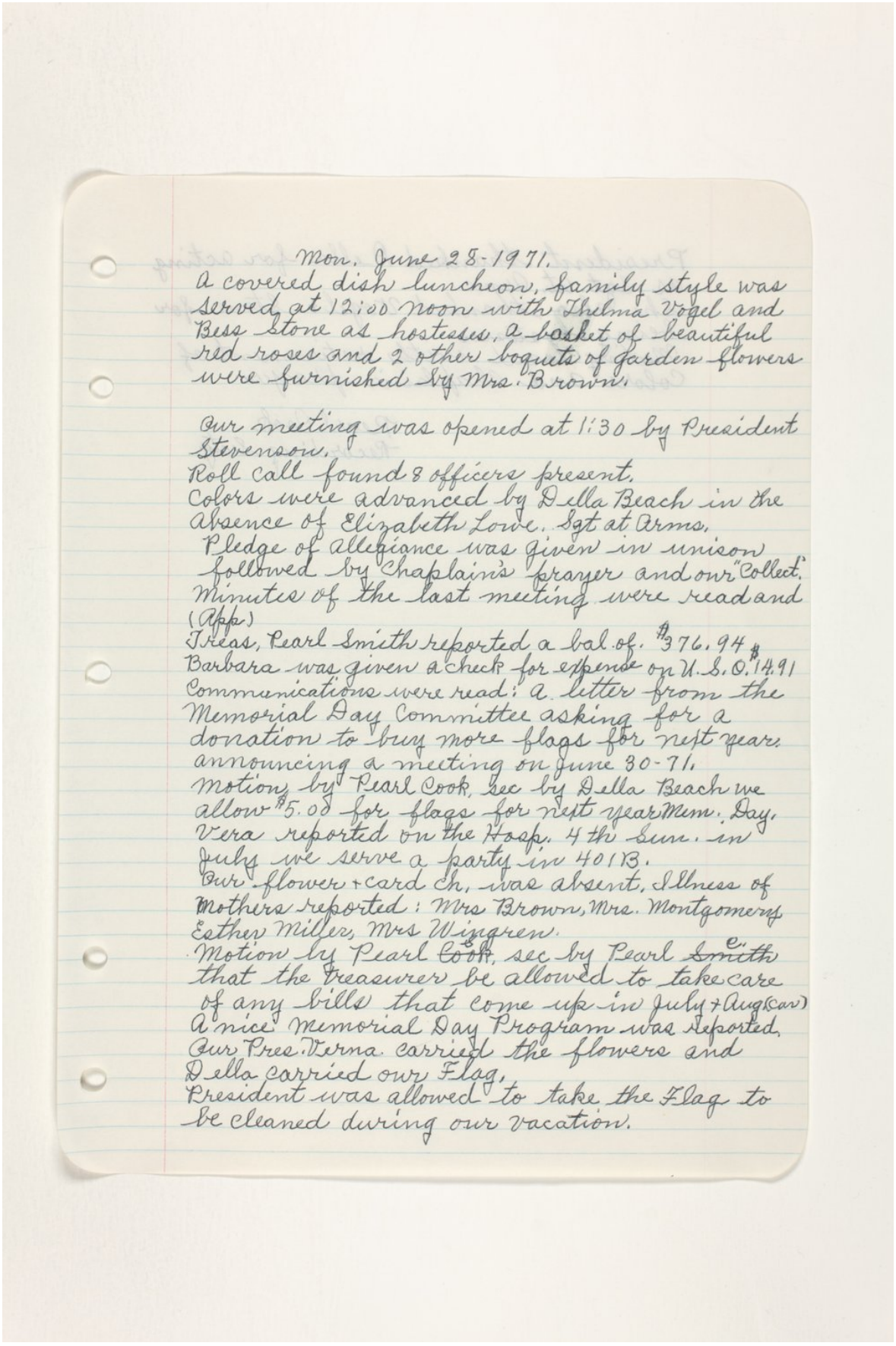
A dessert luncheon of "Cherry Dream Pie", coffee and tea was served at 12:30 by hostesses Pearl Cook and Elizabeth Lowe. The tables were pretty with red roses in gold vases. Pearl gave each Gold Star Mother a rose corsage

Our meeting was opened by Pres. Stevenson Roll call found 7 officers present. Colors were advanced by Della Beach. Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison followed by Chaplains prayer and our collect. Minutes of last meeting were read and (App) Treas. report was given. Bal $391.95. Communications: Thank you letter from Velma Day for $20.00. A letter from V.A. Hosp about Memorial Day at 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel. Pearl C. reported on Memorial Day Program "City wide." We are to report at the south end of Kans Ave bridge at 8:30. Mt. Hope services at 11:00 A.M. Della to carry the flag. Barbara reported on the U.S.O. dinner. Between 50 & 75 boys and girls were there. Motion by Della, sec by Pearl C. we pay Barbara the difference spent over the donations. (Carr) Frances Gilman and Irene Brooke were appointed to the auditing committee. Elizabeth Lowe to finish out the year as Sgt. at Arms. Vera Gave the Hosp report, recognition program by the Hosp Staff. We had 2 bingo's. We'll have 2 bingo's in June then recess July & Aug. Irene reported 4 B Day cards, 1 Ann - We will have a covered dish dinner in June.



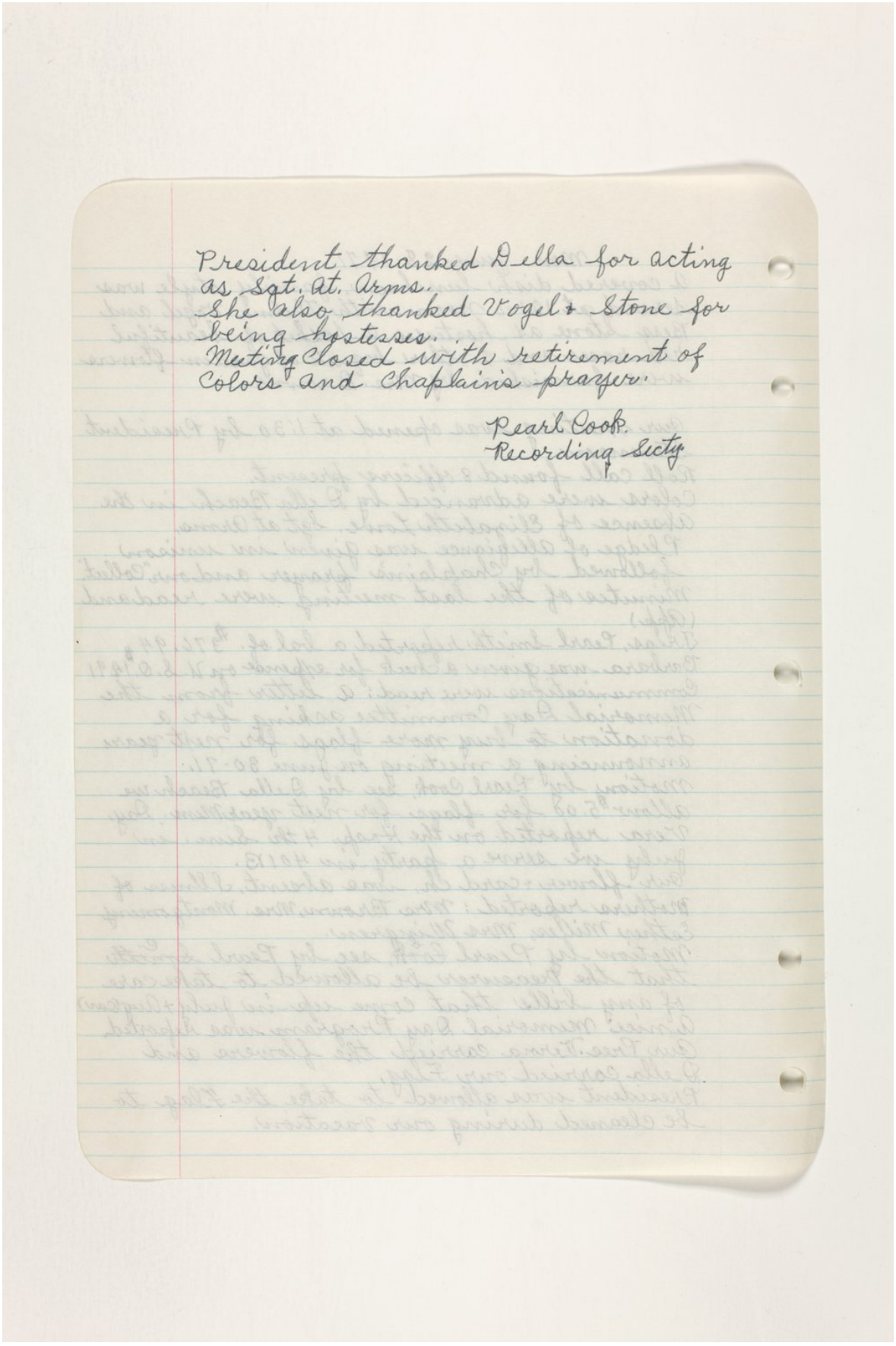
We discussed discontinuing our
V. S. O. dinners.
Motion by Pearl Smith sec by Della
we postpone the decision until we
elect new officers.
President thanked Della for acting
as Sgt. At. Arms. She also thanked
the hostesses.
Meting closed with retirement of
Colors and Chaplain's prayer.

Pearl Cook
Recording Secty.



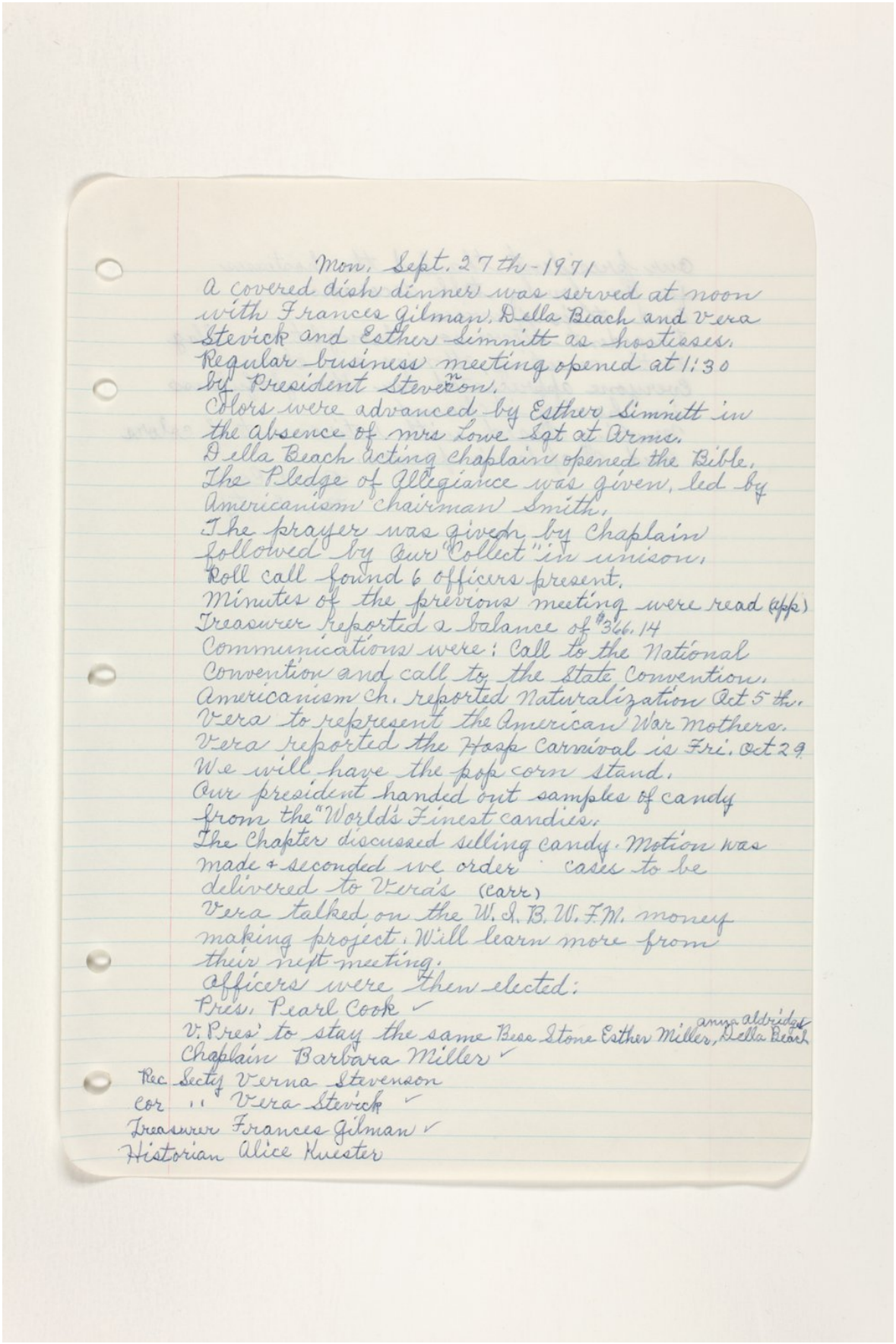
Mon. June 28-1971.
A covered dish luncheon, family style was served at 12:00 noon with Thelma Vogel and Bess Stone as hostesses. A basket of beautiful red roses and 2 other boquets of garden flowers were furnished by Mrs. Brown.

Our meeting was opened at 1:30 by President Stevenson.
Roll call found 8 officers present.
Colors were advanced by Della Beach in the absence of Elizabeth Lowe, Sgt at Arms.
Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison followed by Chaplain's prayer and our "Collect."
Minutes of the last meeting were read and (App.)
Treas, Pearl Smith reported a bal. of. $376.94
Barbara was given a check for expense on U.S.O. 14.91
Communications were read: a letter from the Memorial Day Committee asking for a donation to buy more flags for next year: announcing a meeting on June 30-71.
Motion by Pearl Cook, sec by Della Beach we allow $5.00 for flags for next year Mem. Day.
Vera reported on the Hosp. 4th Sun. in July we serve a party in 4013.
Our flower + card Ch, was absent. Illness of Mothers reported: Mrs Brown, Mrs. Montgomery Esther Miller, Mrs Wingren.
Motion by Pearl Cook, sec by Pearl ~~Smith~~ C. that the treasurer be allowed to take care of any bills that come up in July + Aug (Car)
A nice Memorial Day Program was reported.
Our Pres. Verna carried the flowers and Della carried our Flag.
President was allowed to take the Flag to be cleaned during our vacation.

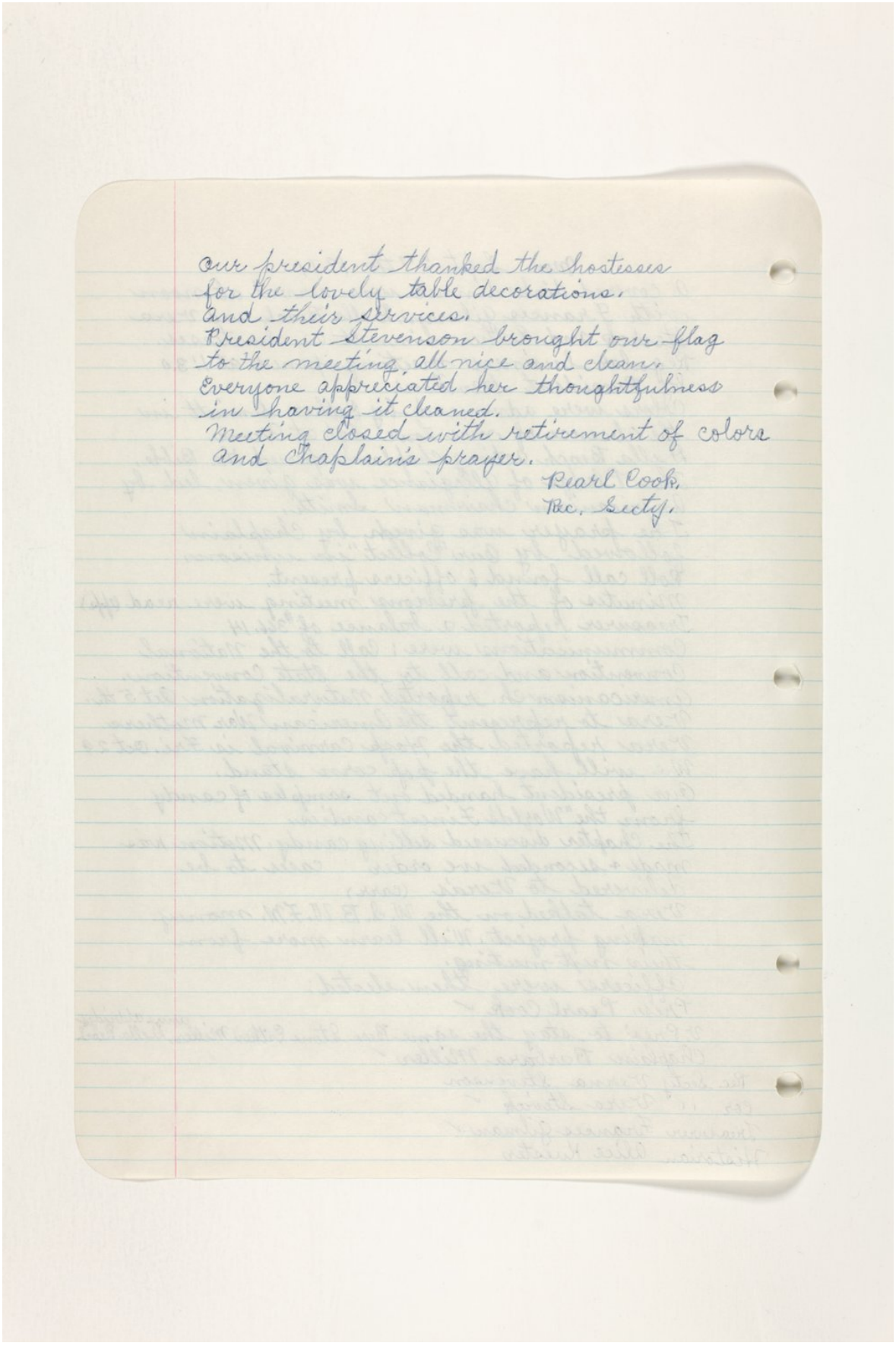


President thanked Della for acting as Sgt. At. Arms.
She also thanked Vogel & Stone for being hostesses.
Meeting closed with retirement of Colors and Chaplain's prayer.

Pearl Cook.
Recording Secty

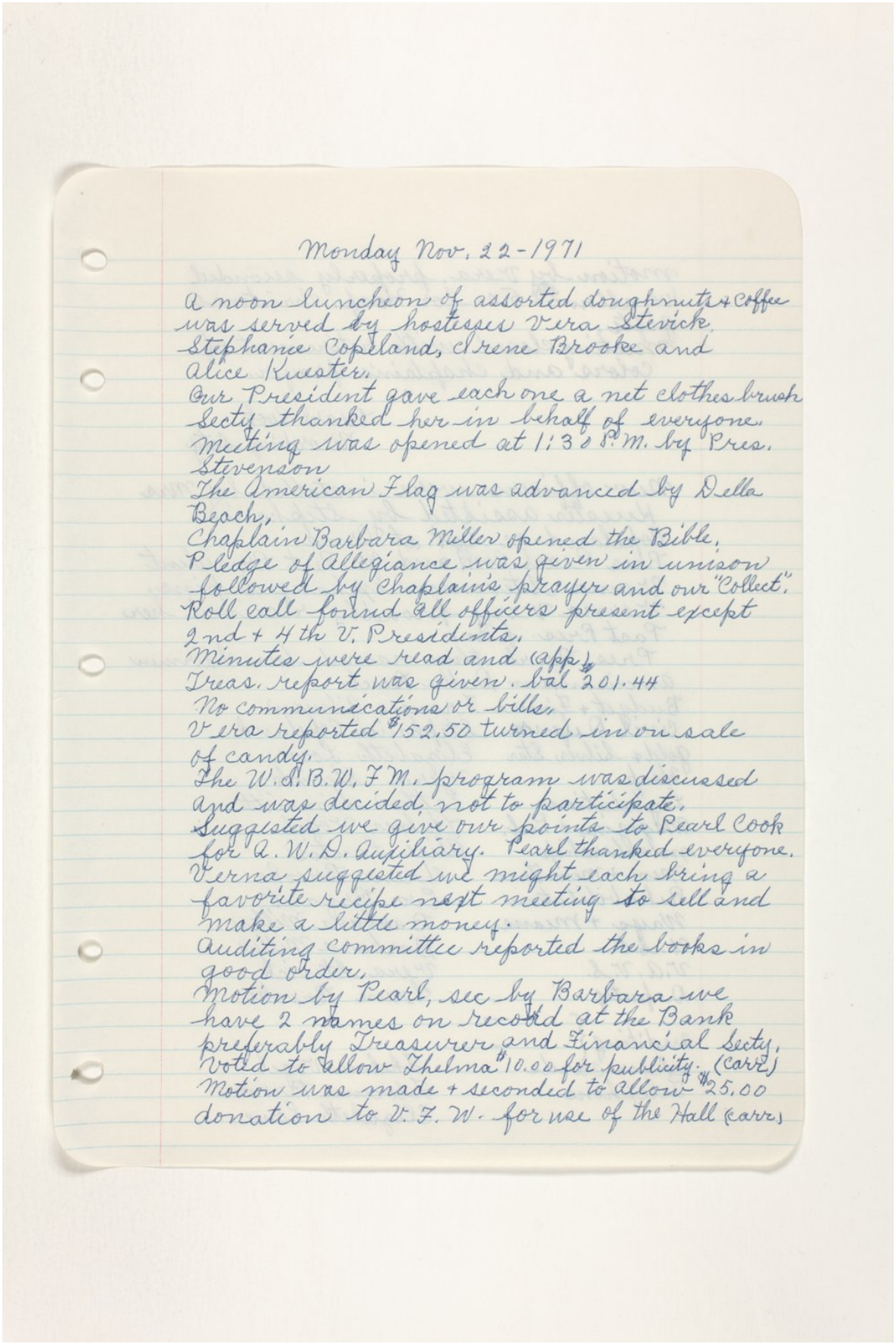


Mon. Sept. 27th - 1971
A covered dish dinner was served at noon with Frances Gilman, Della Beach and Vera Stevick and Esther Simnitt as hostieses.
Regular business meeting opened at 1:30 by President Stevenson.
Colors were advanced by Esther Simnitt in the absence of mrs Lowe Sgt at Arms.
Della Beach acting chaplain opened the Bible.
The Pledge of Allegiance was given, led by Americanism chairman Smith.
The prayer was given by Chaplain followed by Our Collect "in unison.
Roll call found 6 officers present.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read (app)
Treasurer reported a balance of $366.14
Communications were: Call to the National Convention and call to the State Convention.
Americanism ch. reported Naturalization Oct 5th.
Vera to represent the American War Mothers.
Vera reported the Hosp Carnival is Fri. Oct 29
We will have the pop corn stand.
Our president handed out samples of candy from the "World's Finest candies.
The Chapter discussed selling candy. Motion was made + seconded we order cases to be delivered to Vera's (carr)
Vera talked on the W. I. B. W. F. M. money making project. Will learn more from their next meeting.
Officers were then elected:
Pres. Pearl Cook ✓
V. Pres' to stay the same Bess Stone Esther Miller, anna aldridge Della Beach
Chaplain Barbara Miller ✓
Rec Secty Verna Stevenson
Cor " Vera Stevick ✓
Treasurer Frances Gilman ✓
Historian Alice Kuester



our president thanked the hostesses
for the lovely table decorations.
and their services.
President Stevenson brought our flag
to the meeting all nice and clean.
Everyone appreciated her thoughtfulness
in having it cleaned.
Meeting closed with retirement of colors
and Chaplain's prayer.

Pearl Cook.
Rec. Secty.



Monday Nov. 22-1971

A noon luncheon of assorted doughnuts & Coffee was served by hostesses Vera Stevick, Stephanie Copeland, Irene Brooke and Alice Kuester.
Our President gave each one a net clothes brush Secty thanked her in behalf of everyone.
Meeting was opened at 1:30 P.M. by Pres. Stevenson
The American Flag was advanced by Della Beach,
Chaplain Barbara Miller opened the Bible,
Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison followed by Chaplains prayer and our "Collect".
Roll call found all officers present except 2nd + 4th V. Presidents.
Minutes were read and (app)d
Treas. report was given. bal 201.44
No communications or bills.
Vera reported $52.50 turned in on sale of candy.
The W.S.B.W.F.M. program was discussed and was decided not to participate.
Suggested we give our points to Pearl Cook for A.W.V. Auxiliary. Pearl thanked everyone.
Verna suggested we might each bring a favorite recipe next meeting to sell and make a little money.
Auditing committee reported the books in good order.
Motion by Pearl, sec by Barbara we have 2 names on record at the Bank preferably Treasurer and Financial Secty.
Voted to allow Thelma $10.00 for publicity. (Carr)
Motion was made + seconded to allow $25.00 donation to V.F.W. for use of the Hall (Carr)

motion by Vera, properly seconded we allow $5.00 for Hosp. Christmas gifts.
Meeting closed with retirement of Colors and Chaplain's prayer.

Pearl Cook
Recording Sety.

New officers were installed by Mrs Kuester assisted by Stephanie Copeland as Sgt. at Arms.
Pres Pearl Cook and Jr. Past President Verna Stevenson exchanged pins.
Verna very proudly received her Past Pres. pin.
Pres. Pearl then named her chairmen

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| Americanism | Della Beach |
| Budget + Finance | Frances Gilman |
| Civil Defense | Stephanie Copeland |
| Gold + Silver Star | Elizabeth Lowe |
| Hosp | Vera Stevick |
| Legislation | Esther Simnitt |
| Magazine + Pub. | Thelma Vogel |
| membership | Alice Lantis |
| Mem. + Mem Tree | Irene Brooke |
| Rehabilitation | Eva Bryant |
| Ways + Means | Barbara Miller |
| U.S.O. | Barbara Miller |
| V.A. V.S. | Vera Stevick |
| Deputy | Irene Brooke |
| auditing { | — |
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| cheer cards | Thelma Vogel |
| Telephone | Florence Brown |
| | Elizabeth Lowe |

Monday January 24, 1972

Topeka Chapter of the American War Mothers met with a dessert luncheon Monday January 24, 1972 with Barbara Miller and Barbara Conrad as Hostesses at the V F W Hall. There were Nine Mothers present.

Meeting opened in regular form by President, Pearl Cook. The American Flag was advanced by Della Beach, acting as Sgt at Arms. Barbara Miller, Chaplain, opened the Bible. Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison followed by Prayer and "Collect".

Roll Call - Seven officers answered--Pres. Pearl Cook

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| 4th Vice-President | - Della Beach |
| Corresponding Secy | Vera Stevick |
| Treasurer | Frances Gilman |
| Chaplain | Barabara Miller |
| Rehabilitation | Eva Bryant |
| Membership | Alice Lantis |

Minutes of the November 22nd Meeting read and approved as read. Treasurer's report $335.74.

Correspondence

Leona Montgomery Dues and a gift of $2.00 for the V A Hospital work.

Year Books from Kansas City and Lawrence Chapters.

"Thank You" from Mrs. Kuester acknowledging greetings sent to her and her husband on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

A letter from James B. Crankshaw regarding a Flag for the "Avenue of Flags" a Project for Memorial Day at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Pearl Smith made a motion, seconded by Barbara Miller that we do not furnish one flag, motion did not carry. No motion was made that we furnish a Flag. Mr. Crankshaw had requested each Patriot Organization present at a meeting on January 27th. have a representative No one from our Organization could attend.

Pearl Smith made a motion, seconded by Della Beach that we reimburse Vera Stevick $5.18 for flowers which were taken to Onaga for the Memorial Services for Mother Geneviev Mumaw, who passed away on November 30, 1971.

Thelma Vogel reported on Cards sent to members.

Barbara Miller reported on her activities at Christmas - USO T V Mix - Santa Clauses to several persons - Entertained two boys from the V A Hospital for dinner.

Hospital Report - Bingo Parties at V A Hospital. With the $25.00 given for Christmas Gifts at the V A Hospital. Gifts were bought and wrapped at the V A Hospital by Pearl Cook, Stephanie Copeland, Irene Brook and Vera Stevick. Forty-two gifts were given.

The Charter was draped for Mother Genevieve Mumaw.

Meeting was closed in regular form.

Vera Stevick Acting Secy

Monday February 28, 1972

Topeka Chapter of the American War Mothers met with a dessert luncheon with Eva Bryant and Verna Stevenson as hostess at the V F W Hall. There were just eight members and one guest present.

Meeting opened in regular form by President Pearl Cook. The American Flag was advanced by Elizabeth Lowe, acting as Sgt at Arms. Barbara Miller, Chaplain, opened the bible. Pledge of allegiance was given in unison followed by the prayer and Collect. Verna had a book by "Jeane Dixon" that told the collect as we use, was used as an inspiring prayer by Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots.

Roll Call- ~~six~~ eight officers answered.

President- Pearl Cook
Rec. Sec. - Verna Stevenson
Cor. Sec. - Vera Stevick Also Hospital Chmn
Treas. - Frances Gilman Also Budget & Finance
Chaplain - Barbara Miller Also Ways & Means And U S O
Membership Chmn. - Alice Lantis
Gold & Silver Star - Elizabeth Lowe Also Telephone caller
Magazine & Publicity Chmn - Thelma Vogel Also Cheer cards

Minutes of January 24, 1972 meeting read and approved. Treasurers Report showed $ ~~208.76~~ 335.74

Correspondence

Cards from the Mumaw and Hoffer families for our recognition at the time of our Mothers Genevieve Mumaw and Irene Hoffer's deaths.

$600.00 was given from City for Flags to be used for Memorial Day to Memorial Park Cemetery.

Vera gave her Hospital report.

Pearl Cook went to the U S O and got our certificate.

Barbara will again take charge of the U S O dinner, with the help of Pearl Cook. Of course we will give them assistance too. Those two will plan the menu.

The Chapter was draped by the Chaplain for Mother Irene Hoffer.

Mrs Vogel sent flowers for the funeral of Irene Hoffer. Also Birthday cards to those members who had Birthdays in February. Meeting day we signed cards for Della Beach and Alice Kuester who were reported ill.

Motion wasmade by Barbara Miller and second by Vera Stevick that we send $5.00 for upkeep of the National Home. It is badly in need of a new roof.

With members paying $1.00 to have their Birthdays put on the calender and another dollar to have some one whom they wish to be remembered. Our mambers ordered one for Pearl Cook, one for Vera Stevick and two for Barbara Miller.

Meeting was closed in regular form. Before the closing and after wards Barbara had an interesting photo album of War Mothers pictures that date considerably way in the past.

Verna Stevenson, Sec.

MONDAY MARCH 27, 1972

Topeka Chapter of the American War Mothers met for a covered dish luncheon with Pearl Cook and Thelma Vogel as hostess. at the V F W Hall. There were just ten members present.

Meeting opened in regular form by President Pearl Cook. The American Flag was advanced by Eva Bryant, acting as Sgt at Arms. Barbara Miller Chaplain, opened the Bible. Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison followed by the prayer and Collect.

Roll Call: President Pearl Cook
Rec Sec Verna Stevenson - Auditing
Cor Sec. Vera Stevick-- also Hospital Chmn
Treas. Frances Gilman also Budget and Finance
Chaplain Barbara Miller also Ways & Means and USO
Esther Simnitt Legislation
Thelma Vogel Magazine and Local Publicity - Cheer cards
Alice Lantis Membership
Rehabilitation Eva Bryant
Florence Brown Telephone
being the members present.

Minutes of February meeting read and approved. Treas report showed balance of $336.19 on hand.

Correspondence: Card from Wingren family in regocnition of the flowers sent for Alma's funeral. An invitation from Al Lyth Chapter in regard to their Birthday meeting May 16th. Since we will have another meeting before that date, there was no action taken.

The Naturalization was Tuesday March 21st and Della Beach, Pearl Cook and Vera Stevick attended.

Vera gave Hospital report that there were 2 Bingos one the 2nd Sat in March and the other Sat the 25th. The Carnival will be 3rd Friday in April.

Flowers were sent to Della Beach who was in the Hospital and for Alma Wingren's funeral. Sympathy cards sent to Leona Montgomery and Barbara Conrad who each lost a sister recently. Birthday cards were sent to those having Birthdays in March.

Pearl Cook reported that she had attended the Memorial day Committee meeting

The Charter was draped for Alma Wingren and it was followed by the reading of an Easter prayer of St Gregory by Verna Stevenson.

It was reported that Annt Aldridge is now living in Ottawa.

Meeting was closed in regular form.

Verna Stevenson, Sec.