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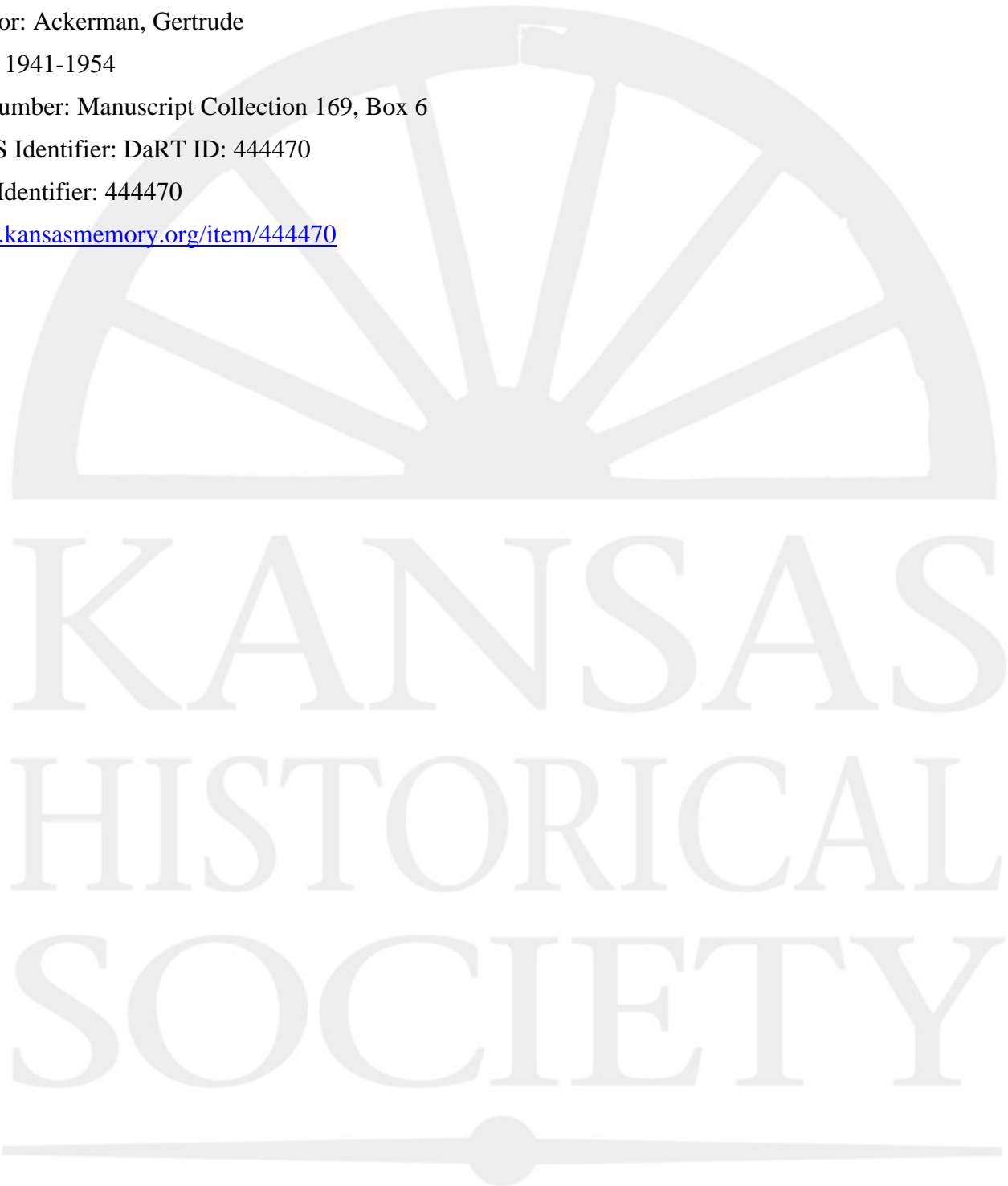
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Equally, the simplification of governmental controls and regulations, and the decentralization of their administration can be brought about if we approach them with the determination to reduce the power in Washington and to make compliance with the law clearly understandable.

Let me also emphasize again that these proposals are not made just for the sake of the men and women who are engaged in small business. They are made for the long term effect upon the whole strength of our free economy and the welfare of all. It is very important to the maintenance of future free big business that there should be strong numerous small business in America. It is very important to the future of Agriculture that there should be to an increased measure decentralized small enterprises throughout the agricultural areas. There should be not only mercantile establishments, but also small processing and manufacturing plants, utilizing agricultural products, preparing goods for local consumption, and playing a part in the development of thriving small communities in the midst of our great agricultural plains, furnishing employment, assisting in supporting the schools and other governmental activities, and contributing to a rounded, enjoyable community life.

Equally is this important to those who labor for the development of jobs and for the maintenance of freedom of capital which is essential if labor is to continue to be free.

I have spotlighted this one policy toward small business this evening, because I consider it to be one of the eight important policies which must be brought to the front in the Republican Party in this interim period.

Let no one underestimate the importance of these decisions of Republican policy. In the tragic wake of war the standards

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of living and the individual freedoms of men have suffered to an extreme degree around the world. The trend is adverse. But if, with ingenuity and initiative and determination, but with a firm adherence to our fundamental concepts, we demonstrate anew the success of our American economic system, a few short years will witness a shift in the worldwide trend toward increased individual freedoms throughout the world. Such a favorable world trend would be the best assurance that future Kansas Days may be held under conditions of peace and well-being for the people of Kansas, and of America, and of the world.

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A Toast to Kansas

Mother Kansas today has reached the age of four score and seven. These years need not be charged against her as in the calendar score of ordinary mortality. For hers has been a realm of the spirit, and through it she has swept from one generation of fulfillment to another with warm and gentle touch. The swiftly passing seasons have failed to damp her innate buoyancy or to stale her "infinite variety." She has been touched with the mark of the ageless—and yet today who among her adoring children can doubt that she is undergoing subtle change?

The pain and grief which harried her in her approach to statehood long ago gave her understanding, the stirring adventures of the pioneer era wrought fortitude in her soul, and the wind and the earthquake and the fire of shattering upheavals have vouchsafed her wisdom. And now, with the imminence of fruitful decades and an enhanced vision of usefulness, has come to pass in her blithesome being the unmistakable presence of a ripening maturity still tinged with the morning's freshness.

The footsteps of the true-hearted have sounded with mighty tread in Mother Kansas' train all the way. Between these valiant followers and her has existed that rare affinity persisting among the particles in a handful of stardust. She has given them a land of sun-lit plains and rolling hills, with fatness in its soil for those who would delve, and they in turn have created from it a citadel of security "whose arc of sky has been darkened by no war hawk." She has tossed to them with bounteous hand the divine favor of the free—and they have grasped it as a chalice. In the main, these sturdy sons have clung to steadfast ways, have not followed after strange gods, have kept their blood lines pure and their eyes on far horizons. Thus, together, they and Mother Kansas come today to another milestone in a changing and tumultuous world.

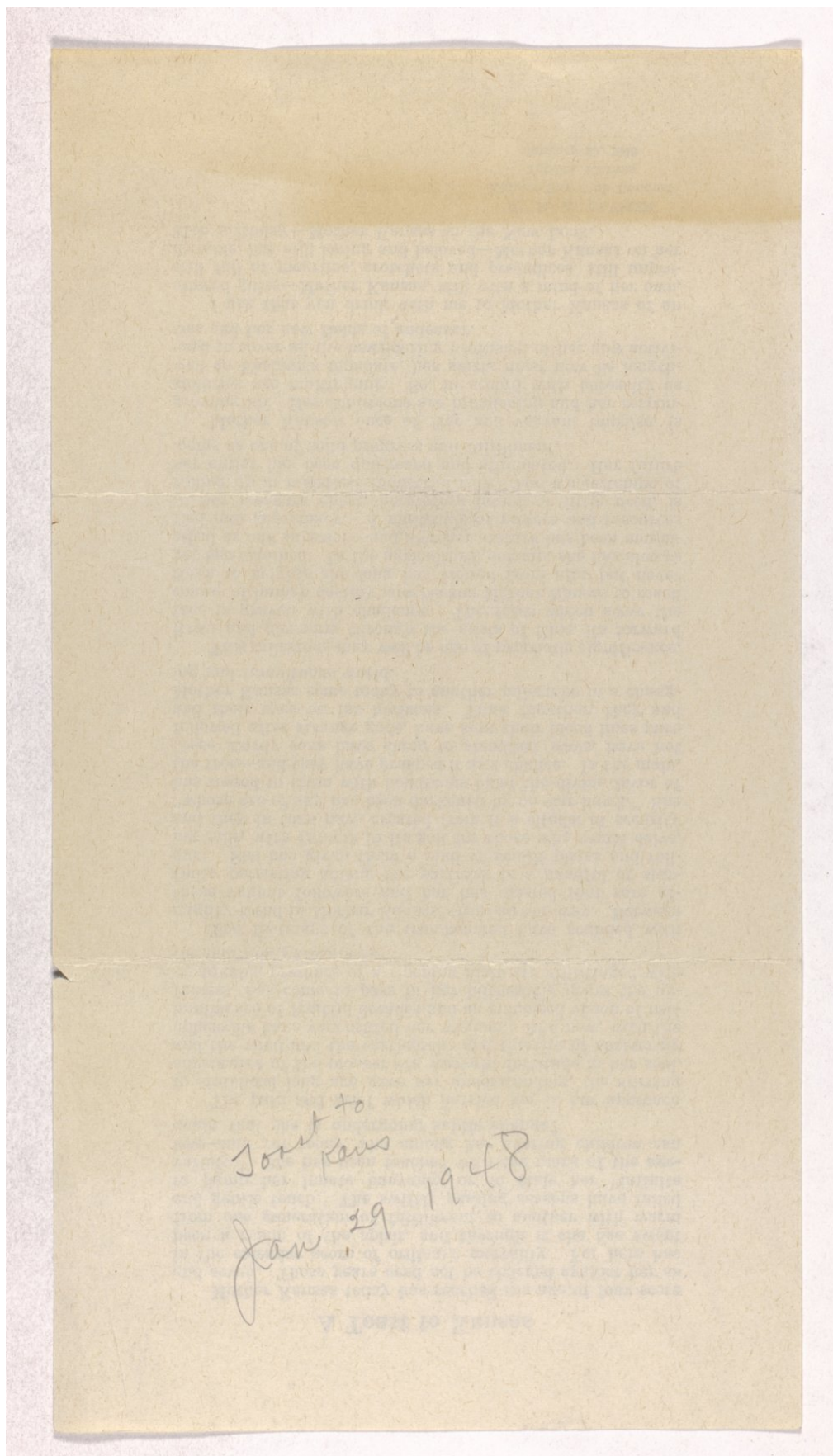
This milestone may well be one of prophetic significance. Erect and gleaming through the mists of time, its forward face is graven with challenge. The fates which sway the course of human destiny now beckon Mother Kansas to reach forth to heights she long has viewed from afar but never yet has attained. In the agricultural domain, she has always stood as one superior—and now her stature has been magnified into supremacy. A multitude of powers and resources in her treasure chest, heretofore latent or little used, is rolling up in resistless industrial tide. The whole tempo of her entity has been quickened and stimulated. Her future looms as one of solid progress and fulfillment.

Mother Kansas, once of free and vagrant impulse, is growing up. Her dominions are broadening and her responsibilities are multiplying. So, in accord with necessity as well as Fashion's mandate, her skirts must now be lengthened to cover all the bewildering profusion of her new activities and her new fields of endeavor.

I ask that you drink with me to Mother Kansas of an altered guise—Mother Kansas, still with a mind of her own, still full of megrims, crotchets and prejudices, still unpredictable, but still loving and beloved—Mother Kansas on her 87th birthday—Mother Kansas in the New Look.

By R. A. CLYMER
Kansas Day Club Banquet
Topeka, Kansas
January 29, 1948

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*Kansas Day Banquet
January 28, 1950
Roy L. Rogers -
Wichita*

A Toast to Kansas

Four years ago and eight thousand miles away, tonight -- my dearest wish was to be back in Kansas. The War was over -- The Atom Bomb had devastated Hiroshima and Nagasaki, strange and alien names, those to Kansas Ears--

Kansas itself had changed from a farmland, isolated from other lands and peoples by two thousand miles of homogenous nation.

Our wheat had gone to feed the free world, our bombers had filled the skies above our enemies. We had left many of our best in foreign lands/

When we came home to the broad open lands of our home state --- and all of us here came home in the truest sense of the phrase for all of us --- men and women, young and old, civilians and servicemen alike -- For all of us were separated physically or mentally from life as we, here in Kansas, have known it for generations...

In the ~~four~~ four and one-half years that have elapsed since the end of the war, we Kansans returned, on the whole, to our traditional way of life. It is a good way of life -- the best in the world.

There are changes it is true. We are no longer a purely farm and ranch state --- we produce a myriad things - from giant bombers to plastic toys in addition to our traditional wheat, cattle and oil. The threat of Atomic War, emphasized by our own great airplanes has destroyed our isolation.

This is not bad. As a young man, I welcome change and one of the things, I think that has made Kansas great is the ability to change.

When I was ~~asked~~ honored by the invitation to make this toast, I asked a number of people who were ^{comparative} new comers, ^{one a} ~~some of them women~~ who came to Kansas only ^{because of} ~~after their~~ marriage to a Kansan, what they liked best about Kansas. One and all -- their unanimous reply was "the people who live here"

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Kansas is a lovely ~~state~~ state - but our praries are cold^{and lonely} in winter
and dry and parched in summer -- however, the people are never cold -- nor are we
a parched people. We prize honesty, industry, freindliness - and all the
ancient virtues both in our personal lives and in our state and national government.
These things have made ys strong and our adherence to them will keep us strong.

I appear before you tonight ~~xxx~~ - a young man -- bu el d in the histroy
of our state. We youngsters kn ow quite a bit about this state of our s. We know
it today becayse we were born and raised in it. We know its history becawse in
loving our state, we have wanted to learn it s background. We have talked to the
old times, and been talked to --on occasion / We have read books, we have travelled
back and forth across the braoad expanse of Kansas. Looking, listening, learning

We have followed the paths ~~where~~ trains and cars now run over the forgotten
bones of buffalo and Indian/

We know this state --- what it has been, what it is now and , what
we hope for it.

B leeding bloody Kansas -- The Kansas of John Brown, -- the state of
Populism -- the first women's suffrage state --- The state of constant attempts and
experiments toward better government. -- in better living and in better DEMOCRACY

For a people able, as we have been in the past to develop so many new
and better things -- for a people able, as we are and have been to change to fit
new times -- new conditions----

For a people able to change and yet to retain the basic fundamental America
principles and way of life for ourselves and our state -- the fu ture can
hold no terrors.

And so, I, as a Young Kansan, propose to all Kansans, young and old
a toast.

I give you, my fellow citizens -- the best of all states -- our own,
our beloved Kansas. *may all our hopes for her be fulfilled & our
fears never come to pass.*

Kansas Day Club



ANNUAL BANQUET



MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

TOPEKA, KANSAS

SATURDAY — JANUARY 28, 1950

6:30 P.M.



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Menu



Tomato Juice

Relish

Pear and Cottage Cheese Salad

Prime Ribs of Beef Au Jus

Snow Flake Potatoes

Green Peas

Ice Cream and Cake

Coffee

Dinner Music — Louis H. Eversole

Program



President Dolph Simons Presiding

Invocation.....DR. EUGENE FRANK
Pastor, First Methodist Church, Topeka

DINNER

President's Welcome
Toast to Kansas.....ROY I. ROGERS, Wichita

Presentation of Painting to Club.....MRS. C. Y. SEMPLE

Music.....A.O.U.W. KEYNOTERS QUARTET,
Newton, Kansas

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

"Victory in '50".....HONORABLE WES ROBERTS,
Chairman, Kansas Republican State Committee

Greetings and Introduction of Speaker
.....HONORABLE FRANK CARLSON,
Governor of Kansas

Address.....HONORABLE EVERETT DIRKSEN

AmericaAUDIENCE

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Officers *Kansas Day Club*



Dolph Simons, Lawrence.....*President*
Mrs. C. Y. Semple, Baxter Springs.....*Vice-President*
Roy N. McCue, Topeka.....*Secretary*

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Mr. Leon Sherwood,
Independence
Mrs. Catherine Tarwater, Howard

Sixth District:

Mr. Dave Ferguson, Jr., Colby
Mrs. Della Rodrick, Lucas



OUR THANKS

To Mrs. C. Y. Semple for the beautiful decorations and to John McCuish
and citizens of Newton for the appearance of the A. O. U. W. Keynoters
Quartet.



**SIXTY-FIRST
ANNUAL BANQUET**



**MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
TOPEKA, KANSAS**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1952

6:30 P. M.



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Menu

TOMATO JUICE

RELISH HEAD LETTUCE SALAD

THOUSAND ISLAND DRESSING

ROAST PRIME RIBS OF BEEF AU JUS

PARSLEY CREAMED POTATOES GREEN BEANS

HARD ROLLS

APPLE PIE AND CHEESE COFFEE



DINNER MUSIC — LOUIS H. EVERSOLE

Special Music

IOLA KIWANIS HILL BILLY BAND

ROSS ARBUCKLE	T. O. CANATSEY
CLIFFORD HARDING	LUCILLE BULLER
ARTHUR B. MENDELL	WESLEY CLENDENEN

Program

PRESIDENT KIRKE W. DALE, *Presiding*

InvocationDR. EUGENE M. FRANK
Pastor, First M. E. Church
Topeka, Kansas

DINNER

MusicIOLA KIWANIS HILL BILLY BAND

President's Welcome

RemarksMRS. WILLIAM BIBY
Vice-President

Toast to KansasPATRICIA BOYD
Phillipsburg

Eulogy to Senator Arthur CapperHONORABLE ROBERT STONE

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

GreetingsHONORABLE HARRY DARBY
National Committeeman from Kansas
HONORABLE C. I. MOYER
Chairman, Republican State Committee

Introduction of SpeakerHONORABLE EDWARD F. ARN
Governor of Kansas

AddressHONORABLE FRED SEATON
United States Senator from Nebraska

Home On The RangeAUDIENCE
Judge Beryl R. Johnson, leading
Honorable Ferd Voiland, Jr., at piano

BenedictionMONSIGNOR E. F. VALLELY

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ROY N. McCUE, *Topeka*.....SECRETARY

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FIRST DISTRICT

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Goff
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Topeka

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Redding
Mrs. Lulu Benton
Wichita

SECOND DISTRICT

Howard Immel
Iola
Miss Frances Ryan
Kansas City

FIFTH DISTRICT

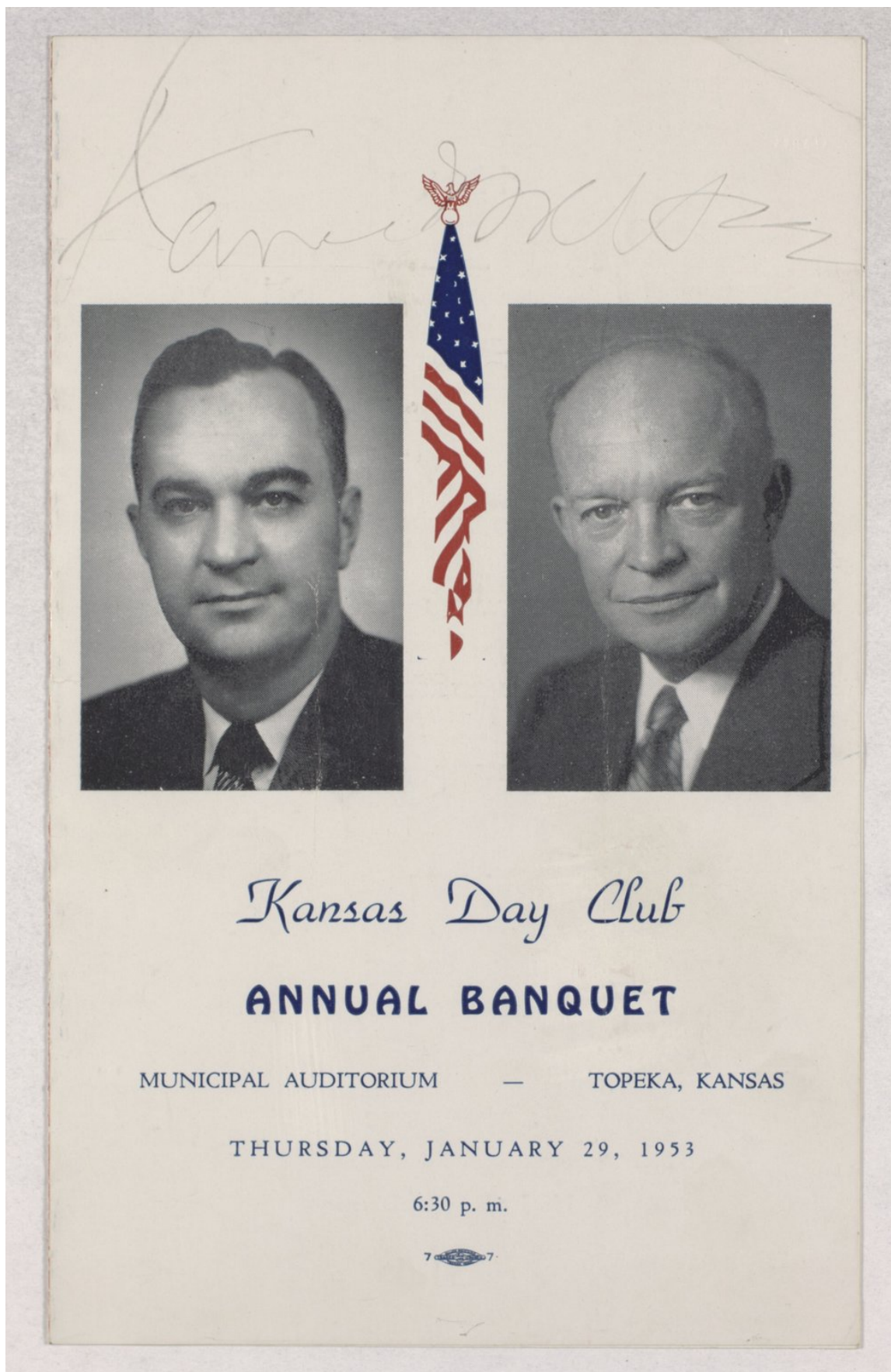
Glee Smith
Larned
Mrs. Della Gobleman
Garden City

THIRD DISTRICT

Merle Lemert
Sedan
Mrs. Zola Favergue
Arma

SIXTH DISTRICT

William N. Tice
Beloit
Mrs. O. O. Osborn
Stockton



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Menu

GRAPE FRUIT SECTIONS

RELISH

HEAD LETTUCE SALAD
with Roquefort Dressing

SMOKED VIRGINIA HAM

CREAMED PARSLEY POTATOES

GREEN BEANS

HARD ROLLS

APPLE PIE WITH CHEESE

COFFEE

DINNER MUSIC

Louis H. Eversole

SPECIAL MUSIC

By Hill City Memorial High School Dinner Band

Mr. Jay Williams, Director

Program

PRESIDENT McDILL "HUCK" BOYD, *Presiding*

Invocation Dr. Orlo Choguill
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Topeka

DINNER

President's Address.

Toast to Kansas Glen L. Tongier
Coffeyville

Remarks Mrs. Frank Belinder
Vice-President, Kansas Day Club

Music Shawnee Serenaders
Judge Roy Bulkley, Dr. Sam A. Chrysler, Chet Fox, Floyd D. Strong

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Greetings: Honorable Frank Carlson
Honorable Edward F. Arn
Honorable C. I. Moyer
Honorable Harry Darby
Honorable Mrs. C. Y. Semple

Introduction of Speaker Senator Andrew F. Schoepel

Address Honorable Karl E. Mundt
United States Senator from South Dakota

God Bless America Audience
Floyd D. Strong, leading
Louis H. Eversole at the Organ

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Kansas Day Club

McDILL "HUCK" BOYD, Phillipsburg President
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ROY N. McCUE, Topeka Secretary

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A WORD OF APPRECIATION

It is not possible to name all of those who have contributed their time and effort to make this program a success, but President Boyd, Mrs. Belinder and all members of the Executive Committee wish to say Thank You for your help.



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



COMPLIMENTS OF

Kansas Day Club

McDILL "HUCK" BOYD, PRESIDENT





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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1953

KANSAS DAY CLUB

McDill "Huck" Boyd, President
Mrs. Frank Belinder, Vice-President
Roy N. McCue, Secretary

BUSINESS MEETING

2:15 p. m., Memorial Hall, Kansas Historical Bldg., 10th and Jackson Streets.

DINNER MEETING

6:30 p. m., Municipal Auditorium.
Honorable Karl Mundt,
United States Senator from South Dakota
Speaker

Tickets \$3.50 (tax included)

PAST PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST

January 29, 1953, 8:30 a. m., Hotel Jayhawk
Walt Nelbarger, Chairman

KANSAS REPUBLICAN VETERANS CLUB

Wayne Ryan, Chairman
Harry O'Riley, Secretary-Treasurer

LUNCHEON MEETING

12:00 noon, January 29, 1953
Municipal Auditorium
Senator Karl Mundt and
Governor Edward F. Arn, Speakers
Tickets \$2.00

KANSAS YOUNG REPUBLICAN RECEPTION

Glee Smith, Chairman
Betty Doherty, Vice Chairman
Florentine Room — Hotel Jayhawk
3:30 to 5:00

BREAKFAST

By
Mr. C. I. Moyer, State Chairman
and
Mrs. O. E. Josserand, State Vice Chairman
Jayhawk Hotel Roof
8:00 a. m., Thursday January 29, 1953.
For
County Chairmen and County Vice Chairmen

KANSAS WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

Mrs. Joe R. Beeler, President
Mrs. Mary J. Gearhart, Secretary
Meeting at Women's Club, 9th and Topeka
10:00 a. m., Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1953.
Luncheon 12:30

Speaker—Mrs. Carol Arth.

Tickets \$1.75

Afternoon session, 2:00 p. m.

FORMAL DINNER AND RECEPTION

By Mrs. Joe R. Beeler, President,
Kansas Women's Republican Club,
for Club Board and Local Presidents
Tuesday Evening, January 27
Hotel Jayhawk

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NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS

(non-partisan)

C. W. Porterfield, President Native Sons

Mrs. Ray S. Pierson, President,
Native Daughters.

Oratorical Contest, January 28, 1953, 2 p. m.

Supreme Court Room, State House

Business Meeting Follows

Annual Banquet

Hotel Jayhawk Roof Garden

Wednesday Evening, 6:15 p. m.

Tickets \$2.75 (tax included)

Speaker—Mr. W. O. Rupe, a former Kansan
Owner of Ames Daily Tribune.

WOMEN'S KANSAS DAY CLUB

(non-partisan)

Mrs. Wilbur M. Ehram, Wichita, President

Reception, Governor's Mansion

Wednesday Evening, January 28, 1953

8:30 to 11:00

Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 29

Women's Club, 9th and Topeka.

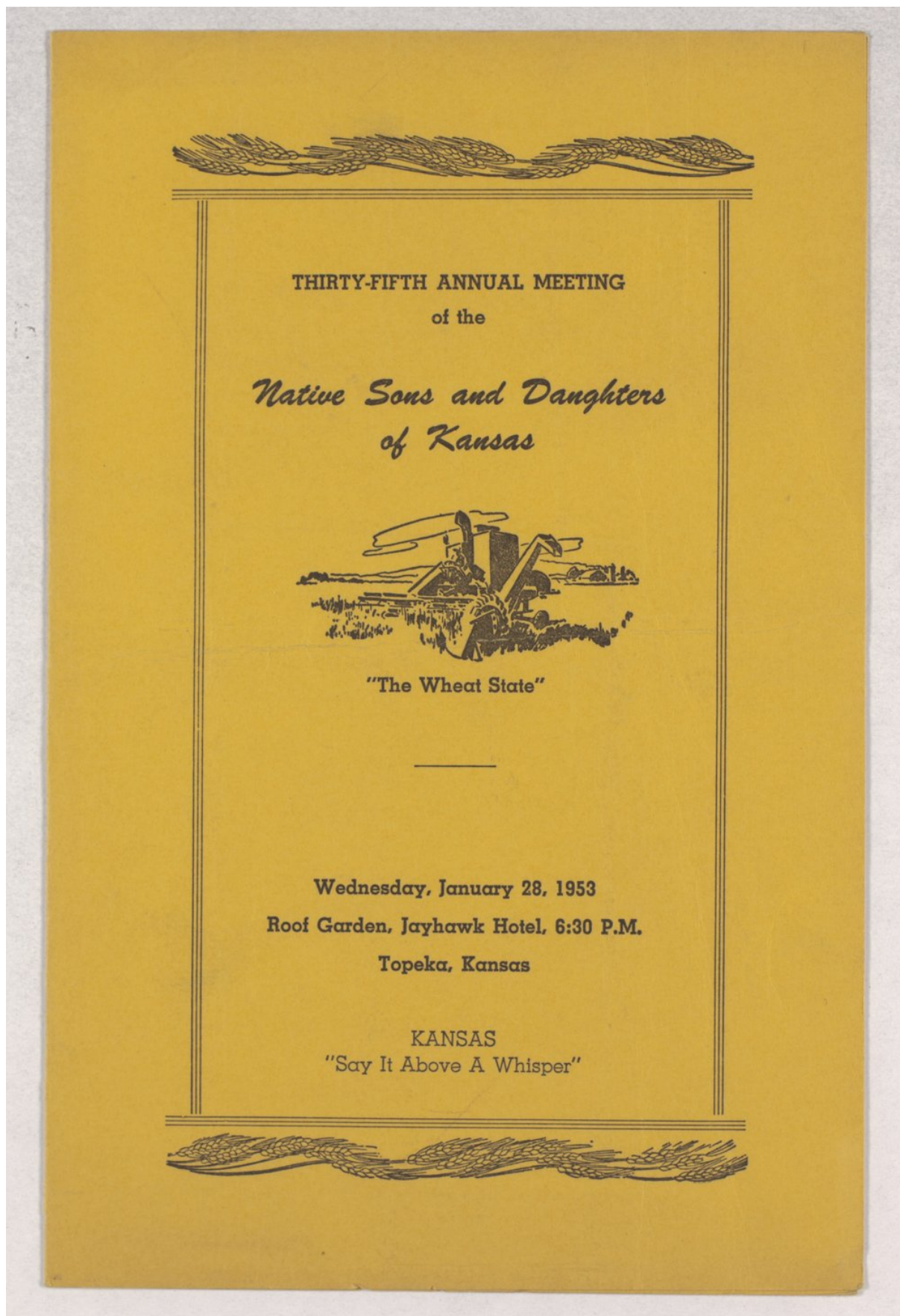
Registration, 9:30 a. m.

Luncheon, 12:30 p. m.

Tickets \$1.75

Afternoon Session, 2:00 p. m.

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SPEECH CONTEST

SUPREME COURT ROOM, 2:00 P.M.

Mrs. Frank Boyd, Contest Chairman
Presiding: Mrs. Ray S. Pierson—Mr. C. W. Porterfield

JUDGES

Mrs. John Mayhew Mr. Bert Mitchner Mr. Perdue Graves

BUSINESS SESSION

NOMINATING COMMITTEES

Native Sons

E. R. Jones W. T. Beck Nyle Miller

Native Daughters

Mrs. C. I. Moyer, Chairman Miss Stella B. Haines Mrs. Frank Haucke
Miss Nannie Bingham

PUBLICITY

Mrs. Ada Montgomery Mrs. Bernice Milne

DECORATIONS

Mrs. C. W. Porterfield

TICKET

Mrs. Ethel Godin, Chairman
Mrs. Carrie Thomas Miss Roberta Hudson

BANQUET PROGRAM

ROOF GARDEN, JAYHAWK HOTEL, 6:30 P.M.

Presiding

Mr. C. W. Porterfield, President Native Sons
Mrs. Ray S. Pierson, President, Native Daughters

Invocation Rev. Ronald E. Terry

Presentation of Honor Guests

Gov. and Mrs. Edward F. Arn
Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Fred Hall
Other Distinguished Guests

Music Mr. Fred Padden
Accompanist—Mrs. Henry Knouft

Address Mr. W. S. Rupe

Speech "Kansans' Responsibility for World Peace"
Winner of Speech Contest

Presentation of Capper Award Mr. Henry S. Blake

Presentation of Awards to Winners of Pioneer
Factual Story Contest Mrs. Frank Boyd

Recognition of Oldest Native Son and Native Daughter Present

Introduction of New Officers



NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF KANSAS

1952 — 1953

NATIVE SONS

C. W. Porterfield, Holton
President
Maurice E. Fager, Topeka
Vice-President
R. A. Clymer, ElDorado
Secretary
G. Clay Baker, Topeka
Treasurer

The Grand Chapter of the Native Sons of Kansas was organized May 8, 1902, and was chartered by the state on May 19, 1902.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS

Mrs. Ray S. Pierson, Burlington
President
Mrs. David McCreath, Lawrence
Vice-President
Mrs. Ethel Godin, Wamego
Secretary
Mrs. Ivan Dayton Jones, Lyons
Treasurer
Mrs. Frank W. Boyd, Mankato
Contest Chairman

The Native Daughters of Kansas was organized and chartered by the state on June 28, 1915.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1902 — *Col. A. S. Johnson, Topeka
1915-1916 —
1916-1917 — *Gov. Arthur Capper, Topeka
1917-1918 — *Gov. Arthur Capper, Topeka
1918-1919 — *Sen. Walter E. Wilson,
Washington
1919-1920 — Sen. J. E. Hilkey, Lyndon
1920-1921 — *Harry W. McAfee, Topeka
1921-1922 — Keith Clevenger, Abilene
1922-1923 — Keith Clevenger, Abilene
1923-1924 — Keith Clevenger, Abilene
1924-1925 — *Earl W. Evans, Wichita
1925-1926 — *Carl P. Bolmar, Topeka
1926-1927 — *Judge Otis Hungate,
Topeka
1927-1928 — *A. E. Crane, Topeka
1928-1929 — C. Benjamin Franklin,
Topeka
1929-1930 — Judge William R. Mitchell,
Beloit
1930-1931 — A. Harry Crane, Topeka
1931-1932 — Ralph Noah, Beloit
1932-1933 — Earl Hatcher, Hill City
1933-1934 — Frank Carlson, Concordia
1934-1935 — *L. E. Wyman, Hutchinson
1935-1936 — Everett E. Steerman,
Emporia
1936-1937 — E. A. Thomas, Topeka
1937-1938 — *A. W. Logan, Quenemo
1938-1939 — C. C. Cogswell, Kingman
1939-1940 — Erle W. Francis, Topeka
1940-1941 — Hart Workman, Topeka
1941-1942 — Bert Mitchner, Hutchinson
1942-1943 — Glenn L. Archer, Densmore
1943-1944 — W. M. Richards, Emporia
1944-1945 — Nyle H. Miller, Topeka
1945-1946 — *Judge Homer Hoch,
Topeka
1946-1947 — Frank Haucke, Florence
1947-1948 — Warren W. Shaw, Topeka
1948-1949 — Wm. T. Beck, Holton
1949-1950 — Wm. Ljungdahl, Menlo
1950-1951 — Guy D. Josseland,
Dodge City
1951-1952 — Edwin F. Jones, Topeka

PAST PRESIDENTS

*Mrs. DeWitte C. Nellis, Topeka
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*Cora Wellhouse Bullard, Tonganoxie
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*Cora Wellhouse Bullard, Tonganoxie
Miss Fern Bauersfeld, Topeka
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Miss Wilhelmina F. Bertsch, Topeka
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*Mrs. Elizabeth Warning Green,
Topeka
Mrs. George Allen, Jr., Topeka
*Dr. Margaret Bostic, Topeka
*Miss Nanon L. Herren, Topeka
Miss Jennie S. Owen, Junction City
Mrs. Etta B. Beavers, Marysville
Mrs. R. C. Guthrie, Marysville
Miss Olive I. Thompson, Kansas City
Miss Stella B. Haines, Augusta
Mrs. Frank W. Boyd, Phillipsburg
Mrs. Frank Kambach, Topeka
Mrs. J. E. Johntz, Abilene
*Miss Margaret Guthrie, Topeka
Mrs. Howard M. Richardson, Pratt
Mrs. Charles H. Benson, Topeka
Mrs. George L. McClenny, Topeka
Mrs. F. S. Hawes, Russell
Mrs. W. H. von der Heiden, Newton
Mrs. John C. Nelson, Topeka
Mrs. C. I. Moyer, Severance
Mrs. Kenneth W. McFarland, Topeka
Mrs. H. H. Ruehmann, Wamego
Mrs. P. A. Pettitt, Paola
Mrs. Thomas H. Norton, Topeka

The Native Sons and the Native Daughters of Kansas first met in joint session to celebrate the state's birthday on January 29, 1918. From that date meetings have been held annually, except during the war year of 1945. *DECEASED

Annual Banquet



MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
TOPEKA, KANSAS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1954
6:30 P. M.



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Menu

FRUIT COCKTAIL

RELISH HEAD LETTUCE SALAD
Roquefort Dressing

ROAST PRIME RIBS OF BEEF
(Fish on Order)

PARSLEY POTATOES CORN

SPICED CRAB APPLE

HARD ROLLS

APPLE PIE WITH CHEESE COFFEE



DINNER MUSIC
LOUIS H. EVERSOLE

SPECIAL DINNER MUSIC
"COUGARAIRES" Mankato High School Dance Band
DONALD McGUIRE, Director

Program

PRESIDENT A. V. "SKIP" WHEAT, *Presiding*

Invocation MONSIGNOR E. F. VALLEY

DINNER

President's Address

Toast to Kansas JULIAN H. ZIMMERMAN
Lawrence

Remarks MRS. FRANK W. BOYD

Music COWBELLE TRIO
Ashland
Mrs. Lowell Randall Mrs. Paul Randall
Mrs. Walter Broadie and Mrs. Del Randall, *Accompanist*

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Greetings: HONORABLE ANDREW F. SCHOEPEL
HONORABLE FRANK CARLSON
HONORABLE ROY W. COX
HONORABLE HARRY DARBY
HONORABLE MRS. C. Y. SEMPLE

Introduction of Speaker HONORABLE EDWARD F. ARN

Address HONORABLE DAN THORNTON
Governor of Colorado

God Bless America AUDIENCE
Judge Beryl R. Johnson, leading
Honorable Ferd Voiland, Jr. at the piano

Kansas Day Club

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Charles E. Schaefer
Topeka

Mrs. Robert Galloway
Marysville

FOURTH DISTRICT

James Putnam
Emporia

Mrs. W. A. Thompson
Burlington

SECOND DISTRICT

Dave McCreath
Lawrence

Mrs. Verne Alden
Wellsville

FIFTH DISTRICT

Cliff Hope, Jr.
Garden City

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Hutchinson

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Sedan

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Foreword.....

Fifty years is an infinitesimal marker along the limitless level of time, but when applied to Kansas political history it represents well over half the years of Jayhawker statehood. A half century of upward struggle and steady progress, with the Republican party usually dominant, for the most part adequate in meeting its responsibilities, and in the main serving the people as only a wholesome medium of political leadership can serve in a great democracy!

To begin a story of Kansas Republicanism fifty years ago, and to trace even the mere outlines of achievement from that day until now, would be an involved, laborious, and almost hopeless effort. The author would doubtless be lost in a maze of seeming contradictions and apparently unrelated details--and yet, these would be necessary to the whole. After all, one can only hint at history. Why not, then, hear from those who helped make history? Why not listen to their words, just as they were spoken when history was being made?

It was with these thoughts in mind that Miss Gertrude Ackerman, whose acquaintance with contemporary Republicanism is second to that of only a few men and perhaps no women, began assembling the principal Kansas Day speeches. She set herself to a task which required endless research and correspondence, and a fine sense of discrimination in selection. She has accomplished what many had hoped would be done, but what no one else had the persistence to complete.

"There were giants in those days," fifty years ago when the Kansas Day Club was organized, and there are giants today whose statures will lengthen as the years advance. You have them

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here within this volume, the dead and the living, coming out of the long past that ends only with yesterday, summoned from their places at the banquet tables that stretch down through the years. They are all here to speak to you, a wise company of those who recognized and paid their tributes to the true worth of the Republican party in the service of a great state in a magnificent nation.

-- Virg Hill

*Virg for look
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TOAST TO KANSAS

I would like to tell you of an English nobleman who came to Kansas to hunt buffalo as a guest of one of our early citizens. While being shown around the capitol building one day, sight-seeing being part of his planned entertainment, he happened to see our state motto, "Ad astra per aspera." A literal translation escaping him for the moment, he inquired as to its meaning. "Duke," our Kansas citizen said, "them there words is Latin, and they mean 'to the stars after a helluva lot of trouble.'"

I don't know whether this Kansas pioneer had in mind such troubles as the early struggle between "free-staters" and "pro-slavists," over the adoption of our Kansas constitution, or whether, perhaps, he was thinking of the famous "battle for the legislature." It may possibly have been the latter for, as many of you know, in 1893, two separate Houses of Representatives claimed election and were separately organized. Each contesting "House" elected its speaker, both speakers occupied the same desk, and, during the night, both slept under the same blanket in the rear of the speaker's desk, each with a gavel clutched in his outstretched hand. With all due apologies to our present speaker, the Hon. Charles Stough, I think we must agree that a House of Representatives having two speakers could have been in this pioneer's mind when he told the Duke that our Kansas motto meant, "to the stars after a helluva lot of trouble."

Of this particular bit of history, which included the breaking down of barricaded doors to the House Chambers and the calling out of several companies of state militia, it has been said, "No other capitol city on earth could have passed through such a scene of conflict without serious loss of life and great destruction to property." Here, neither was suffered.

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More remarkable still is this exciting moment in Kansas history when viewed against the backdrop of death and destruction which had taken place only a few years earlier as a result of the slavery issue and which gave our state the name, "Bleeding Kansas." Certainly, no one here needs more than a mention of such names as John Brown and William Quantrill to recall to memory those violent struggles.

Is it not significant that in this short period of time between the bloody fights over the slavery issue and the later "battle for the legislature," this admixture of New Englanders and Southerners, free-staters and pro-slavists had reached such a point in political maturity that they were able and willing to submit this violent struggle to the Kansas Supreme Court for a peaceful settlement? (And, need I add that by a vote of 2 to 1, the Republican House was seated?)

I do not mean to infer that from a "Bleeding Kansas" of old has emerged a present day Kansas so sophisticated that a "slight" hemorrhage is not yet possible; but, today, this spirit tends more toward an increased blood pressure when things go wrong than to actual close combat. Certainly, with a background which includes such known personages as Wild Bill Hickock and Buffalo Bill Cody, fighting Senator Jimmy Lane and Carrie Nation, we need never fear the danger of oversophistication.

This spirit which moved Kansas pioneers to action is the same spirit which guides Kansas citizens today. It is a spirit which is not only stern and resolute; it is purposeful. To create a state where once was wilderness was a task which confronted all pioneers on the North American continent; but Kansas pioneers were dedicated to an even greater task--to not only create a state where once was wilderness, but, in the face of violent opposition, to create a state which was free. This, they did, and from the seed planted here in Kansas, at that time, grew our present great Republican Party, a fact for which all Kansans can be justly proud.

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Also, it is significant to me that from our bloody beginning emerged a judicial system which included such brilliant judges as David J. Brewer and Rousseau A. Burch; that from this heterogeneous pioneer society came such honored figures as Edgar Lee Masters, John Steuart Curry and Francis Snow; and, also, such Kansans who are remembered more for their deeds than by name, as the doctor in Dodge City who, long ago, led the nation's first drive to abolish the public drinking cup and the scoutmaster in Weir City who made the world's first fly swatter!

These famous Kansans, from whose contributions we have all profited, some known by name, others only by deed, are few, indeed, to the numberless men and women of our state who are worthy of note on an occasion such as this. But, of them all, this can be said: In Kansas, they found the richest of natural resources. Here, they found land ideally located geographically for an industrious, diversified society. In this state, occupying the exact center of the nation, they took what was provided and, together with their fellow man, created a society faithful both to the dignity of the individual and to the obligations of statehood.

This fidelity to ideals, coupled with imagination and purpose, has resulted in outstanding progress. A recent study of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission discloses that, during the ten-year period just ending, Kansas has shown an increase in every category of economic development and production far exceeding the national average. During this ten-year period, per capita income has increased 216%; cash farm income has increased 254%; and manufacturing payrolls have increased 352%. It must be said, Progress in Kansas has been phenomenal!

Now, in the year 1954, we look back upon one hundred years of history, a period which saw Kansas as a territory take the battlefield in a fight for human freedom, and which has seen it, as a state, time and again, answer a "call to arms," when those freedoms were endangered.