

STATE MANAGERS CONVENED AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



In the above photo, reading from left to right, are, front row: J. R. Sims, Texas; Walter Forbis, Oklahoma; William Tidwell, Arkansas; G. E. McDonald, Arizona; Field Manager Sterling C. Holston, Omaha, Neb.; Assistant Field Manager Talmage E. Newton, Omaha, Neb.; National Director John B. Cobb, Nashville, Tenn.; National Director John N. Cochran, who is also the State Manager of Alabama; T. G. Smoak, City Manager, Richmond, Va., and Evan C. Evans, Kentucky.

Middle row: Jerry Long, New York; Charles Sublett, California; J. P. Miller, Pennsylvania; Willie Robison, Indiana; R. H. Abernathy, Tennessee; Ernest A. Olsen, Illinois; Guy B. Kirk, Nebraska; Nick T. Newberry, North Carolina; Farrar Newberry, Jr., South Carolina; H. H. Gainer, Ohio, and W. H. Grogan, New Jersey.

Back row: J. E. McAbee, Mississippi; Joe B. Brown, Virginia; H. C. Fabian, Georgia; Sam Stigall, Assistant State Manager, Missouri; Ed Kress, Iowa; Spencer Graham, Maryland; W. H. Martin, Florida; Tom Newton, Kansas; H. E. Gordon, West Virginia; R. E. Sigmon, Missouri; E. A. Bowers, New Mexico, and L. A. Richard, Louisiana.

Nashville, Tenn.—Probably the most important Woodmen meeting of the year was the one-day Field Conference held here on June 12. This session was important because of its significant bearing on the future field work of our Society. A new series of up-to-the-minute, streamlined and get-the-job-done Field Man contracts were introduced. Announcement was also made of a new all-inclusive rate book that covers the subject of Woodmen protection from A to Z.

Every State Manager was present, as were Field Managers Holston and Newton, who were brim full of the value to the Society of these new innovations. It was strictly business from start to finish. No frills or furbelows. The only National Officer present not directly connected with the field work was our genial host, National Director John Cobb of Nashville, Tenn. He was a great help in making arrangements and contributed much to the success of the meeting. Only a few minutes were used in opening the meeting and getting down to work. The "Opening Ode" was sung, a prayer for the success of the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a short message was read from President Newberry, who in reality is the actual head of the Field Department and most vitally interested in its success.

The Society has been making wonderful progress. Last year

very substantial net gains were made in membership, insurance in force and in assets. The Field Department is determined that these gains shall continue. The new contracts for Field Men are very attractive and should induce many of our members to become Field Representatives of this great Society. Let us suggest here that if you are interested in this worth-while work, you contact your State Manager.

It was no job at all to "sell" the new contracts and rate book to the State Managers. They were loud in their praise of the progressive, farsighted consideration given the Field Man who goes out and gets members for the Society.

HOLSTON OPENED SESSION

The conference lasted for one full, busy day. Field Manager Holston opened the meeting and alternated with Assistant Field Manager Newton in conducting the day's sessions. The State Managers asked questions until all were familiar with the new program. Everyone present signed a special resolution to President Newberry that he would return to his respective state and put forth his greatest efforts for Woodcraft's growth.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m., with the unanimous opinion that it was one of the best conferences of its kind ever held.

Braden's Address Highlighted Lake Charles Program

Lake Charles, La.—Louisiana Camp No. 1 recently celebrated the 55th anniversary of the founding of our Society and its own 54th anniversary with appropriate ceremonies. Nearly 200 members turned out to greet the guest of honor and principal speaker, National Secretary W. C. Braden of Omaha, Neb., formerly of Lake Charles, who retains his membership in Camp No. 1 and is always given a resounding welcome when he visits his boyhood home. Sovereign Braden's inspiring address was the outstanding feature of the meeting.

Large Class Initiated

Another feature was the impressive initiation of a large class of candidates. Other guest speakers were State Manager J. B. Brown, FIC, and Assistant State Manager L. A. Richard, FIC. Sovereign Alex Hymes, one of the three surviving charter members, gave an interesting history of the Camp and described its first meeting. Camp No. 1, the first Woodmen Camp to be organized in the state, boasts a number of distinguished members. Among these are T. C. Price, who is now Mayor of Lake Charles. He has been Financial Secretary of the Camp for more than 20 years and is now serving his 10th year as Head Adviser. Field Representative E. Pintado, who has held

almost every office in the Camp, has served the unit in the field for more than 22 years. Largely through his loyal and untiring efforts, Camp No. 1 now has a membership of more than 500, one of the largest in the state.

Charter Members Present

The three living charter members—O. L. LeBlanc, S. V. Abrego and Alex Hymes—composed the Reception Committee. In charge of arrangements were J. T. Chavanne, Edwin J. Hachet, E. Pintado, J. L. Perkins, H. R. Bradley, James Witherwax and Frank Battaglia. Directing the initiation were T. C. Price, W. Graham Smith, Harry Hebert, Raymond R. Fleming, H. A. Solomon, Karl Guenther, A. V. Broussard and Frank Darce.

Official Notice to Members in Nation's Service

If you have the War Clause on your certificate, or if you have our special Twenty-Pay Army Officers' certificate, and are in the Army of Occupation in either Africa or Europe, your certificate is now and will be—while you are in such Army of Occupation—in full force and effect.

Impressive Memorial Services for Departed Woodmen

Athens, Ala.—Impressive memorial services for deceased members of Limestone County Woodmen Camps were held here, with Cairo Camp No. 417 as host Camp. Sovereign W. Floyd Hamilton presided. The program opened with the singing of sacred selections by a quartet composed of R. Steelman, J. I. Thomas, Thalcum Turner and Clarence Rose, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Steelman. Sovereign Arthur Stewart gave the invocation, followed by the reading of the memorial ritual by Sovereign Edgar S. Parsons. Sovereign Thomas M. Lock impressively recited the poem, "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud?"

Cochran Delivered Address

The memorial address was delivered by State Manager J. N. Cochran, FIC, also a National Director of our Society. He paid eloquent tribute to the memory of the members who had passed on. The benediction was given by Consul Commander J. M. Hawkins of Westmoreland Camp No. 689. Field Man M. G. Grisham and Financial Secretary G. C. Tucker of Cairo Camp were in charge of the meeting.

The joint memorial service has been held annually by Camps of Limestone County for more than a decade. Ripley Camp No. 514 is scheduled to be host Camp for the 1946 ceremonies.