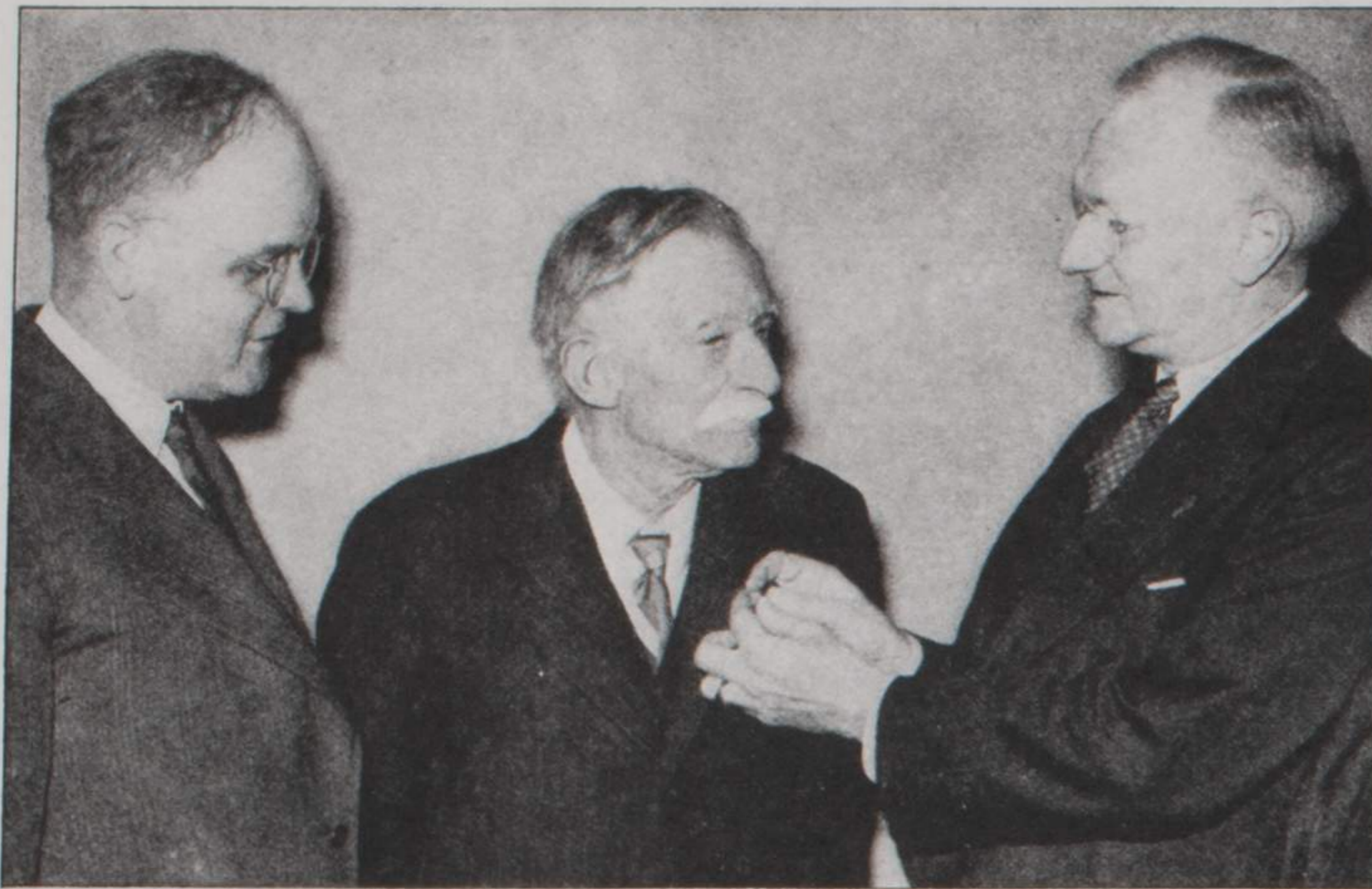


50-Year Gold Service Medal Presented Indiana Sovereign



Judge J. Elmer Peak is shown above pinning a 50-year gold Woodmen service medal on the lapel of Sovereign Charles B. Penfield, Plymouth, Ind., the only living charter member of Fidelity Camp No. 28 of South Bend. National Director William Mooney, Chicago, Ill. (at the left), looks on approvingly.—(Photo courtesy South Bend, Ind., Tribune.)

South Bend, Ind.—Impressive public services, honoring Sovereign Charles B. Penfield, the only living survivor of the group of 16 charter members of Fidelity Camp No. 28 of South Bend, were held here recently by Camp No. 28. The exercises also marked the 50th anniversary of the Camp.

One of the highlights of the program was the presentation of a 50-year gold service medal to Sovereign Penfield by Judge J. Elmer Peak, who lauded the veteran "Chopper" for his long and loyal record of service to Woodcraft. Judge Peak also presented silver 25-year service medals to the following Sovereigns: Edward Ciesolkam, Stanley Cwidak, Bert Dickey, W. Finkenbinder, Boyd Krouse, Leo Kazmierczak, Frank Kasprzak, Casimir Pilarski, John Pulschen, Robert Slates, H. W. Seifert, Stephen Wentland, Alfred Wiemark, Frank Wasielowski and Joseph Swierzynski.

MOONEY WAS MAIN SPEAKER

The principal address, "Fifty Years of Progress," was delivered by National Director William E. Mooney, Chicago, Ill. In his talk, Sovereign Mooney briefly reviewed the growth of our Society in its 53 years of existence and also told of some of the accomplishments of Camp No. 28 in the past 50 years. National Director William E. Ruess, Omaha, Neb., who was to have taken part in the exercises, became ill while en route and stopped in Chicago to receive medical attention, thus preventing his participation.

Other features of the impressive program included the presentation of the U. S. flag, a salute to the flag, singing of the national anthem, invocation by Dr. E. G. Freyer-muth, address of welcome by Willie E. Robison, State Manager of Indiana; response by Mrs. Erma Austin, District Manager of the W. C., and the reading of a brief history of Camp No. 28, which was organized in 1893.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DEPARTED

The remainder of the program included the introduction of eight Past Consul Commanders, memorial service for departed members, including Bruce Thompson, who had served 33 years on the Camp's Board of Auditors, and William Bunbury, who had been Financial Secretary for 28 consecutive years; a drill by the Live Oak team, which was composed of members who served in the early days of Live Oak Grove; presentation of a gift to Sovereign Penfield by Consul Commander Aaron Hughes and entertainment by Miss Helen Cops. The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag closed the excellent program.

WILSON WAS GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Prominent visitors included National Representative Otis Miner of Frankfort, Ind., and H. R. Miller of Detroit, State Manager of Michigan. Sovereign P. O. Wilson was the General Chairman of the festivities. Sovereign Stuart Martin and Frank Fogaras were Chairmen of the Reception Committee.

Vallejo Installed Officers of La Feria Camp

La Feria, Tex.—The installation of officers featured a recent meeting of Noyal Camp No. 3703 of La Feria. Field Representative G. S. Vallejo of Harlingen acted as Installing Officer. The 1943 officers of Noyal Camp are as follows: Antonio Guevara, Consul Commander; Diego Martinez, Adviser Lieutenant; Guadalupe Perez, Banker; Willie Sanchez, Financial Secretary; Manuel Loya, Escort; Marcelo Cavazos, Watchman; Marin

Gonzalez, Sentry; B. Molina, Past Consul Commander; Antonio Flores, Eusebio Martinez and Joaquin Gaona, Auditors. Inspirational Woodcraft talks were made by Sovereigns G. S. Vallejo, Abel Toscano and Manuel Sosa, all of Harlingen. These talks and the impressive ceremonies served to strengthen the determination of the Sovereigns to renew their fraternal activities. Noyal Camp meets every week.

Something for Every Woodman to Do and Every Woodman Doing Something

Phoenix Woodmen Entertained Members of Eight Camps

Phoenix, Ariz.—Sovereigns of Glendale, Mesa, Chandler, Superior, Coolidge, Casa Grande, Wickenburg and Parker journeyed to Phoenix recently, where they were the guests of all the Phoenix Camps. Over 200 enthusiastic members attended the meeting, which featured joint initiatory rites for a large class of candidates. Captain J. R. Day and his drill team, attached to Camp No. 5 of Phoenix, exemplified the floor work. The Uniform Rank unit presented a splendid appearance in new uniforms. Officers presiding over the ceremonies were as follows:

Head Officers Present

John Corbin, Consul Commander; William Chester, Adviser Lieutenant; Cliff Mortenson of Mesa, Banker; William Franklin of Glendale, Financial Secretary; State Treasurer James D. Brush, Head Auditor; Noel McKeean, Auditor; State Manager G. E. McDonald, Head Consul; Richard Goodson, Head Camp Clerk; Jay Shuckhart, Past Consul; John Eager and A. "Art" Kidd.

Parker Candidates Initiated

Deputy Sheriff Jim Washum of Yuma County, who is also Consul Commander of De E. Bradshaw Camp No. 223 of Parker, headed the delegation from Parker. Accompanying Sovereign Jim Washum were 17 new members, who received the "Protection Degree." A floor show concluded the enthusiastic session.

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Georgia Sovereign Seeks Missing Brother

Dear Editor:

I have been a member of the Woodmen since I was 16 years of age and have always enjoyed reading your magazine. Will you please print the following:

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. E. P. or Edward P. Jenkins, formerly of Savannah, Ga., please notify his brother, Hobert M. Pharr, Pine Log, Ga. Jenkins is about 60 years of age, six feet tall, weighs about 180 pounds, has curly hair. He was last heard from about two years ago in Virginia.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly,

HOBERT M. PHARR.

Pine Log, Ga.

State Manager Ernie Olsen to Go Overseas

Sedalia, Mo.—State Manager Ernest A. Olsen of Missouri recently obtained a leave of absence from our Society in order



Sov. Ernie Olsen Red Cross Worker

to serve as a field worker with the American Red Cross. After a period of training in Washington, D. C., Sovereign Olsen will be sent overseas. At a joint meeting of all Kansas City Camps, a resolution was adopted lauding State Manager Olsen's action in enlisting in the humanitarian organization. The resolution also praised the Woodmen national officers for granting the leave of absence. It was drawn up and signed by L. H. Frayling, Dewey Gordon, Samuel Penna, Claude Manlove and Captain George I. Davis of the Uniform Rank.