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The Distaff Side...

By Jerry Wendt, Women's Editor

Twenty-five years ago, on Oct. 11, 1941, to be exact, two women (Mrs. Etta Turnbull and Mrs. Isabelle Wait) entertained a group of women who were meeting to organize a new DAR chapter.

One month later, Nov. 11, 1941, the formal organization meeting was held at Botsford Inn, with an organizing group of 18 members, ten of whom were descendants of the man whose name the chapter bears.

The chapter was confirmed Dec. 17, 1941. The name, John Sackett, was considered quite appropriate for this



SEATED AT THE SPEAKERS TABLE were left to right: Mrs. Harold Eger, State director; Mrs. Jerry Moore, State Second Vice President; and Mrs. James Zeder, State Regent. In the background is the new flag presented to the John Sackett Chapter of the DAR by Nina Sackett and the new regent.

chapter in view of the fact that in Redford, the Sacketts were among the first settlers and played an important part in the development of that town.

Saturday, Nov. 12, the chapter celebrated its Silver Anniversary. It is one of our national pastimes to lampoon anything well known and for years the DAR has been pictured as straight-laced ladies who were a bit stuffy at all and any notion that it might have been was quickly dispelled upon entering the dining room of the Sno-White Restaurant where the anniversary luncheon was held. A group of well-dressed women were seated at the tables which had been centered with white mums.

The speakers' table was beautifully decorated with centerpieces of white flowers and white candles in silver candelabra. A blue booklet with a silver crest marked each place. And the various speakers of the day brought to light a lively and active program the DAR has been carrying on.

Following the devotions and pledge of allegiance to the flag, introduction was made of the many state figures and visitors from other chapters who had come to be present for the occasion.

A new flag was presented to the chapter by Nina Sackett and Mrs. James Zeder, the new state regent.

Some of the achievements racked up by this chapter in the last 25 years included working for the Red Cross during World War II, sponsoring a special project called American History month during which period the chapter

has sponsored Essay contests, and giving American music special consideration in the program.

One of the finest accomplishments the DAR has to its credit has been the establishing of schools in the mountain regions for children who live too far from the main schools to attend. When the students live too far away to attend school without boarding, the DAR arranges boarding facilities for them.

They also bring bookmobiles and musicmobiles to the students who receive their eagerly. It is sometimes the first taste of the outside world and the opportunities that they receive and which inspires many of them to strive for a good education.

Mrs. James Zeder, State Regent, who had just returned from a bus trip to these schools, recounted her adventures in a witty lively style which brought the life of the mountain people to her audience.

One of the schools which is not for underprivileged children is the Lincoln Memorial at the University of Tenn. It has the second largest collection of Lincoln in the U.S.A.

They visited the day schools and boarding schools and were happy with the smiling, well-mannered children they saw. At many of these places, the DAR has set up a craft center, where mountain women can display their crafts of weaving and sewing and earn some money for the students.

The DAR women were welcomed by the people, and many of them came to meet the bus and the mountain women gave evidence of their appreciation by the sumptuous buffet lunches they prepared in honor of the guests.

Life passes at a swift pace these days. But we have a glorious American tradition and one of its most wonderful acts has always been our willingness to help and aid other people.

These dedicated DAR women are seeing to it that our own Americans are receiving their full share of help in obtaining one of the greatest achievements a person can aspire to—being a good American citizen.



A BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED CAKE in white and silver was presented to guests and members at the Silver Anniversary of The John Sackett Chapter of the DAR held Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Sno-White Dining Room. Standing left to right are Mrs. Robert Sigmund (Livonia); Mrs. Walter Sackett (Detroit); and Mrs. Elizabeth Debbier (Livonia).

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THIS TRIO OF SISTERS was present at the Silver Anniversary of the DAR (John Sackett Chapter) Saturday, Nov. 12. Left to right: Mrs. William Markham, New Hudson; Mrs. Urbin Suttin, Plymouth, (seated); and Mrs. Howard Hunt, Plymouth.

Persuasive Sarah

Sarah Joseph Hale, a magazine editor, is credited with having persuaded President Lincoln to proclaim Thanksgiving a national day, according to World Book Encyclopedia.

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Prospective Pledges Attend 'Model Meeting'

Members of Alpha Xi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority met at the home of Mrs. John Galban, Redford, for their November business meeting. The results of the "White Elephant" sale were revealed and announcement that a net profit of \$138.30 was made.

Mrs. Kay Klink, Redford; Mrs. Gladys Pelicon, Livonia; and Mrs. Diane Drendach, Westland; attended the "model meeting" as prospective pledges. Mrs. Mary Pruss, Redford, who is transferring from another chapter was there.

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