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## 106 FAMILY REUNION



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## Membership

Members 1975-76 year — 335

Members 1976-77 year to date — 378

## ADJUTANT'S REPORT

I am gaining strength day by day. Have walked several blocks around the house here, up and down stairs several times a day and walked at the local Mall on Friday. I still have pains at the chest on incision site and I imagine the healing process will take six to twelve months. I have a six week check-up on March 8th. Am on a blood thinner and must get a blood test taken each Wednesday.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your calls, cards and your prayers.

The 106th family have been extremely nice to Lill and me. We shall never, never forget it.

We have one of the greatest groups in the U. S.

Walt Bandurak

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wonder if there's anyone who isn't tired of the long cold winter. It seems like it has been going on forever. It has been an unusually cold and snowy one for this part of Ohio. Cincinnati has broke all kinds of

records for low temperature and amount snow. 25° below zero and over thirty inches of snow in one month is a bit much for here. However spring will arrive and then perhaps the energy crisis will ease up some.

It is difficult to put into words what the loss of Chuck Schoch means to all in the 106th who knew him. When we had our picture taken with he and Sherry on Vincennes Campus last July little did we know. I know that Sherry has the prayers and thoughts of all of us in the 106th.

It was certainly a surprise to hear that our Adjutant, Walt Bandurak required open heart surgery. I have talked to Lil a couple of times and am glad to report that he is coming along well. He is doing a great job for the association.

My father who is pushing 79 years of age was in the hospital last month for a bleeding ulcer. It was the first time he had ever been hospitalized, but he adapted well and is now doing well at home, for which we are thankful.

Hope that everyone is making plans to attend the convention in Elyria. It sounds good if they are all ready for us.

It looks like Doug Coffey is getting a good list for the 1978 cruise. Lets make it a real fun trip.

Bob Walker

## CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

For some time, one of the TV stations in our area has been broadcasting a spot-program called "Speak-Out". The purpose is to permit a listener to air ideas which, though provocative, might be of interest of others.

Several weeks ago, the thought was presented that, perhaps, our citizens might be receptive to changing our National Anthem, replacing The Star Spangled Banner with America, the Beautiful.

I am sure that we, as Golden Lions, having served in the Armed Forces would have varying feelings about such a proposal.

The Star-Spangled Banner, though a bit difficult to sing in one or two places, was surely born in a time perilous for our young country. It does express jubilation at the successful defense of our land. It does

affirm our trust in the Almighty who so often has rescued us in times of need and blessed us with peace. Who among us does not thrill at the sight of the Colors or the sound of the music?

America, the Beautiful, however, was written nearly a century later. The times and setting were different. Our nation was maturing: we were welcoming people from far-off lands, seeking freedom and opportunities for a better life for themselves and their children; we were becoming more prosperous with the fruits of the land; inventions increased; industry grew, education advanced; an awareness of social concern increased; all melding into one. The hymn tells of the beauty of our land and of those who strived over the years to make it great; it gives thanks to the Almighty for his manifold blessings bestowed upon the people and asks God's blessings, mercy and peace in the days to come in the life of the nation.

Both The Star-Spangled Banner and America, the Beautiful describe our land and our heritage, our hopes and dreams, but each in its own way. Perhaps we need to keep the two of them in our hearts and minds, one complementing the other. Rather than supplanting The Star-Spangled Banner, it may be that we should elevate America the Beautiful to equal status.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."

Psalm 127:1

John T. Loveless, Jr.

Chaplain

106th Infantry Division Association, Inc.

### ASSURANCE

On Jan. 19, 1977 I received a note from our Editor John Gallagher, that our Adjutant, Walter Bandurak was being admitted to Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212. He was scheduled for open heart surgery Jan. 21 to replace aortic valve. The operation was postponed to Tuesday Jan. 25. The Editor suggested we send Walt a note to help him during this difficult time. He added that Walt's wife Lillian would be staying with her mother

during Walt's stay in the hospital. He gave the mother's phone number but not the town where she lives.

So I called the number and got the mother. Her name is Mrs. Haddox and she lives in New Brighton, Pa., about 30 miles west of Pittsburgh. Lillian was at the hospital. So I gave her mother a message to pass on to Lillian to take to Walt, before the operation. This is the message: I have a long time close personal friend, a retired Colonel of Field Artillery. In 1936 we soldiered together as Captains. In 1943 he was assigned as my Executive in the Field Artillery of a new division at Camp Shelby Miss. He lives in California and last winter or early spring wrote me that the surgeons found that he has an aortic aneurism, that someday would have to be operated. In November the surgeons decided that the time had come. He entered the hospital on Nov. 8 and was operated on November 15. His operation consisted of the removal of an aortic aneurism and the replacement of a section of the aorta with a dacron tube. He came home from the hospital on November 28th. His wife wrote me on 28 December that he has regained most of his preoperative strength and almost all the weight he wants to recover. I want to emphasize to Walt that this patient, the Colonel, is 82 years old.

L.T.McM.

Maryland - Dec. 16th

Nancy Datte - "Barb" Dahlen



The MARYLAND CHAPTER held its "16 December" gathering on Saturday, 4 December 1976 at the home of "K" and John Loveless in Baltimore.

The weather, though cold, was good and posed no problems on the roads.

As usual, a "Happy Hour" was followed by a buffet dinner. Both were enlivened by tales of army days and after. Many expressed interest in the Reunion in Ohio next July and, especially, in the proposed cruise to Nassau in 1978. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Some familiar faces were missed, but as time marches on we, unfortunately, will have fewer members present.

Those who joined in the festivities were: Austin and Myrtle Byrd, Bill and Barb Dahlen, Charles and Nancy Datte, Alan and Louise Dabson, Neil and Mary Gossom, Oliver Lothrop, Jr., Dr. Mary E. Matthews, Don and Kay Regier, Bud and Kitty Wilkerson, Ray and Kay Kemp, Tom and Althea Zimmerman and John and K Loveless.



**Myrtle Byrd, Louise Dabson, Don Regier**

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### **UPDATE**

Leo P. Kreuser Med.Det./81st Engrs.  
19795 West Julius Heil Drive  
New Berlin, Wisconsin 53151

Semi-retired, worked 23 years for Federal Government. Currently working part time from April thru January. Spend February and March with my wife in either California or Florida. Have a son and Daughter-in-law and two grandchildren living in Orlando, Florida and a daughter & son-in-law and grand-daughter living in Glen-Ellyn, Illinois. Hobbies are loafing and bowling.

George F. **Phillips** Div. Hqs.  
Linden Place  
Uniontown, Pa. 15401

Still employed in School Administration at North Fayette A.V.T.S., Connellsville, Pennsylvania. In contact with Arnold Goldberg (Medical Battalion), Editor, Uniontown Newspaper and Charles Underwood (106th Quartermaster), Radio Station WMBS, Uniontown, Pa.

Col. Kenneth B. **Facey** (Ret.) DHQ-M.P.  
3621 Westhampton Drive  
Augusta, Georgia 30907

Newly married in July, 1976. Anyone coming through the Augusta area, come over for coffee. Would like to hear from former members of the M.P. Platoon. Everyone have a fantastic 1977 and enjoy life as I do.

W. C. **Baker** L/424  
4 Haley Street  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602

Married and have 1 daughter and 1 Grand-daughter.

Anthony **Arminio**, Sr., L/423  
327 Tyler Street  
East Haven, Conn. 06512

Police Commissioner - Town of East Haven. Serving 2nd Term as President, State of Conn. Police Commissioners Association of Conn. Awarded Herbert L. Emanuelson Trophy, American Legion for outstanding Community Service, Dept. of Conn.

William **Hutchinson** SV/591st FA  
Route 2, Bangall Road  
Parish, New York 13131

We have four (4) children. Have been married thirty-four (34) years. I am a foreman for Oswego County Highway Department. I have supervision of ice & snow removal for Western Oswego County. Have about thirty (30) men and one (1) foreman under me. In the summer I do maintenance work, mostly surface treatment of highways.

Lt. COL. William P. **Moon, Jr.** 422nd  
9135 Oakland Circle  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24502

No change. Still retired.

Charles L. **Kirk** Med. Det. 81 Engr.  
Route #3  
Danielsville, Georgia 30633

I work at the University of Ga. I am a life member of Post 4828 VFW, Royston, Georgia. Have two sons married with a boy and a girl each. I still keep in touch with and visit two World War II buddies—one in Texas and one from Chicago. My wife, Margaret, has not worked for the past 2 years.

Mickey **Mosher** L/424  
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Retired. Tax auditor with the IRS...Now preparing tax returns during filing period from January thru April 15th.

Walter M. **Snyder** A/589 FA  
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The years go by far too rapidly. I am still Director of Personnel for the Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland. The job remains challenging and ever-changing.

Emil **Curcione** L-424th (Machine Gun  
26 David Road Squad Leader)  
Cedar Grove, N. J. 07009

I live in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, and have lived here for the last 26 years, in our own home. I have been married for a good 28 years. I am the father of three children, a son, David, 23 years old; and two daughters, Rhonda & Laurelee, Ages 18 and 17. I am the proud grandparent of a lovely baby girl, age 1. I work for the Post Office Garage, in Newark, New Jersey. I do body-fender work,

repairing mail trucks. I hope to retire in about seven years, if all goes well,—with hopes of traveling and camping throughout the United States. I was a soldier in Company L-424th Infantry. I joined the 424th in Camp Atterbury, Indiana, coming from Anti-Aircraft. I remained in Atterbury, Indiana for 4 months before going overseas with the 106th Division. I was a machine gun squad leader. I was with my Company until I was in the "Battle of Cooley", at which time I became a casualty. I spent the following seven (7) months in hospitals (the general and convalescent) in Birmingham, England and in a town outside Paris, France.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bob:

Sorry to have been so late in paying my 1976 dues. It has been a hectic year for me. At 70 years, we must retire as Pastors. Of course, I had been anticipating it. Yet the actuality of it is a shock.

In February, there was the formal retiring. It was touching, at the saying of Farewell at each Mass there was a standing ovation and hand clapping. The next Sunday the introduction of new Pastor.

February 29, 1976 there was a Mass of retirement. Twenty of my Classmates and priest friends concelebrated with me. Afterwards there was a reception and dinner dance at the Marlake Club. The generous praise and inspiring response of my people was amazing. I'll be forever grateful.

Now, I am living with two retired classmates in Duneland Beach, Indiana. Being constantly with many people and action, then, suddenly finding yourself so alone, takes some adjustment.

I am adjusting to a new way of life. Frequently, I help out at St. Jon's on Sundays where I am called the Senior Pastor. Otherwise I am getting use to the leisure life, golfing, traveling, etc. My best regards to all the Senior Citizens of the 106th.

Sincere Regards,  
Edw. T. Boyle

My dear John,

Some one in the 106 Ass'n is doing a v<sup>e</sup> good job. I speak from two points of view, as a business lifelong manager of numerous voluntary organizations, and as the founder of the 106 Ass'n or at least its first Secretary.

What delighted me in this issue was the large number of men I knew. As division CML O I was not the most popular man in the division, and had a section of only four men. Most men feared it and with good reason, particularly the Biological Warfare which was then ultra secret. Thank God it was never used.

Jerome Frankel, glad to see he's still around because if memory serves, after 32 years, he was the first man to join the Association.

And Edward Withee - the clouds of war. I commanded the Edward Withee Recreation area at Eupen for a couple of months, and I didn't learn til years later that he was alive and had stayed at the Center when I was in command and never knew it. What a celebration we could have had.

Speaking of the Withee Center, a nic letter from George Iwamoto who was in the command there.

And I see George Deschanaux listed as a General, when did the promotion occur? He, and his wife Betty were good friends of me and wife Jane.

All best wishes and congratulations.

Herbert B. Livesey Jr.  
formerly DHQ CO CC

Dear John:

I have written previously to the Cub about my personal project as former company clerk for Service Company 424th Infantry and re-establishing addresses of a roster that I had some 30 years ago. At the present time, I am inching towards the up to date names and addresses of 50 men.

In your next printing of The Cub, I would be most happy if you would send me 50 or 60 copies and I will pass them on to everybody that I know at my own cost, hopefully, generating some more membership for you.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,  
Herbert Eidelman

Dear John:

Many thanks for sending me extra copies of **The Cub** which featured me as the cover story. I don't know who sent you the material but I am grateful to them for having done so and to you for having made me the subject of the cover story. It is a first in my life—the first time anything like this has ever happened to me. I have received many honors and awards in my day but will always remember this as one of the highlights of my life.

As for the story itself, don't believe everything you read in the papers! I don't know what I've done to deserve such honors, but I'd be less than human if I didn't stand ten feet tall as they were heaped upon me. The highlight of the day, however, was the speech of my son who spoke for the family. He said all those things that parents like to hear from their children only I had the good fortune to have them said publicly. I was really proud of him.

Thanks again for the coverage and with every good wish to you and yours,

Sincerely,  
Lawrence Gubow

Dear John:

The Christmas season and New Years has come and gone and I trust many and hopefully all of our good members were involved in things they liked to do and enjoyed the blessings of both seasons.

I made a trip to the cold country (so called). What's a Southern boy doing up there? Well, the Schuttes and I had been coaxing each other to come South or go North and I lost. Well anyway, they could not make it here so I went visiting them up in Warren, Mich. They were warm and complete hosts and I appreciated their efforts to keep me warm and entertained.

On the way up I was invited to spend a night with our good President and his wife June. It was a most enjoyable visit and we sat late at the breakfast table next morning savoring the old 106th togetherness.

On leaving Detroit area on Monday I determined to stop by the Virgil Collins' in Nelsonville, Ohio, to whose pretty home I

had been invited several times. After winding around the perimeter of Columbus I got to Lancaster, Ohio and tried to call them. Not reaching them, I checked in at the Holiday Inn and later contacted them. They came down to see me that night and I went by their house and enjoyed a delicious breakfast with them.

After traversing W. Va. and North Carolina I reached my sister's near Charleston, S. C. two days later, where I enjoyed the New Year's eve festivities.

I'm now writing income taxes and waiting for better weather like everybody else. Take care of you and Stella and God Bless.

Sherod Collins

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

After Many years I went through old letters that my husband wrote me while he was in the service. Enclosed is a copy of the letter he wrote giving time and place of the "BATTLE OF THE BULGE".

Sincerely,  
Adele Kucharz

My dear Adele, 21 May 1945

Today is Monday and I am in the best of health and hoping you are the same. I received your recent letter and was glad to hear the same of you. The letter came faster via air-mail then the V-mail.

I have a little time and I thought I would write and tell you what has happened since I left the states.

Do you remember the last phone call I made to you? It came from Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts. We left on the 18th of October. That day we boarded a train and rode through New York City to Pennsylvania station. From there to the Jersey side and back-tracked by ferry to New York on 49th street. There we boarded the ship "Acquatania". We were restricted on the ship for three days. The 21st we set sail and crossed the Atlantic and arrived in Glasgow, Scotland on the 29th. From there we were on a troop train and rode through Scotland to the southern part of England. Our destination was to be the town of Atterbury. We were stationed there for a month. It was raining most of the time.

November 30th. We moved out and unto a L.S.T. which crossed the English channel. It took four days to reach Rouen, France. It was cold, raining and very dreary when we arrived. We didn't stay too long when they moved again.

We entered Belgium and for the next three days we bivouaced in the woods, outside the town of St. Vith. We were stationed there until December 12th and marched to the Siegfried Line. For three days it was quiet. On the 16th all hell broke loose. The jerry's broke through the line and for thirty-six hours they shelled and bombarded us with everything they had. We were ambused from all sides. Most of our company men were killed, or captured. On the night of the 17th we pulled back with what was left of us and for four days and four nights we were trapped on a hill near the town of Berg, Roulan. December 22nd we pulled back again to the town of Maldingen. That was just a one day stand. It got pretty rough on the 23rd. We had no choice but to pull back..We had very little equipment to begin with, much less by this time.

Christmas Eve we were in Harre, Belgium with the Jerry's on our tails. That night (I'll never forget) was bitterly cold and we had traveled all night to get to the town of Mankay and stopped the push. We were positioned in that area for four days, from the 25th Christmas day to the 30th. We pulled back to the town of Warzee, Belgium. There we rested a week in which time we got new men in our company. January 6th we took off for the front again to the town of Aizmont. On the 9th we pushed off and captured four towns. Lavaux, Wance, Espineaus, Enall. After capturing Enall we stayed in that town for three days when the orders came to go on another mission to the town of Deidenberg, located on the outskirts of St. Vith. (remember that was the starting point?). The 26th of January we captured the town of Medell. This was very tough going. We cleared that up and went for a much needed rest in Plaineaveaux, Belgium.

February 6th we went to the front again the Siegfried Line. The fields were filled with mines. We had to proceed with caution. We were bottled here until the 15th of March. From that line we traveled back to St. Quetin, France for three weeks. Our men were exhausted and we needed to sleep and we needed refuge from the hell of war.

On the 9th of April we arrived in Rennes, southern France for two weeks. From there we marched into Germany. That is when we got the word that the "war is over", V.E. day. Needless to say the feeling that came over us.

Soon we will be home.

Johnny will be coming home

Love,

Johnny

Ed: John was member of 424-G Co.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

We note that more and more associate members are appearing within our roster of members, most of these being the wives of our men who were good and faithful members during their lifetimes.

We wish to especially recognize these memberships, to encourage our ladies to maintain not only their memberships but their contacts with the Association and their friends within it.

May they be assured that they are esteemed and loved and that we wish them to attend our reunions and meetings whenever at all possible.

Our Association could not have survived and prospered without the loyal support of our ladies down through the years.

Editors Note: Associate memberships are available at the same rates as regular memberships which includes subscription to the CUB magazine.



A South Side physician died Wednesday in Billings Hospital after he was shot in his auto in a parking lot near his apartment.

A neighbor discovered Dr. Hans Wachtel, 67, chairman of Woodlawn Hospital's obstetrics-gynecology department, slumped in the front seat of his auto across from his residence at 5000 S. East End.

The neighbor, Harry Hyman, said he and Wachtel often took the building elevator down together in the morning, but that Wachtel was a few minutes ahead of him Wednesday. Hyman said he noticed Wachtel sitting in his car as he walked to his own auto.

But after Hyman had started his car and cleared it of snow, he said he saw that Wachtel apparently hadn't moved. He said he walked to Wachtel's car and tapped on the window. When he saw blood, he called the police.

Wachtel, shot twice in the left side of the head near the eye, died two hours later in the hospital, police said.

Area 1 homicide investigators had no clues as to motives. Police said Wachtel was shot at close range through the open front window on the driver's side. Wachtel's empty wallet was found on his person, police said.

Police later determined that Wachtel's money clip, with \$20 to \$30 in it, was missing.

Wachtel had been on the staff of Woodlawn since 1946. He also had a private practice at 1525 E. 53rd.

Survivors include his widow, Lillian; a daughter, Mrs. Susan Levin; and a son, Dr. John Wachtel.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, 1100 E. Hyde Park.

He was a member of the 106th Association.

*Reprint - Chicago Sun Times Feb. 3, 1977.*

A Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated at noon Friday (Feb. 11) in St. Ursula Church, Allison Park, for Charles J. Swider (Swiderski) of Red Coach Road, McCandless, **who died Tuesday (Feb. 8)** in St. John's Hospital, North Side. Burial will be in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Millvale, Shaler Township.

A native of Pittsburgh and an assessor for Allegheny County for the last seven years, **Mr. Swider, 65**, suffered a heart attack while driving on McKnight Rd., enroute to work. Seen standing by his car off the road, Arthur Pitell and Kenneth Kushik who were following in a small truck, stopped and went to his assistance. They drove him to the hospital where he succumbed.

Mr. Swider is survived by his widow Mrs. Helen E. (Kmonk) Swider; two sons, Fr. Gregory, assistant pastor of St. Elizabeth Church, Pleasant Hills, and Charles J., living at home; and one daughter, Corrine of Scott Twp. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Helen Baxa of Coraopolis and Mrs. Bernice Gross of Hampton Twp., and two brothers, Joseph of Perrysville, and Peter of Pittsburgh.

## DO IT NOW

I expect to pass  
through this world  
but once.

Any good thing, therefore,  
that I can do or any kindness

I can show  
to any fellow human being  
let me do it now.

Let me not defer  
nor neglect it;  
for I shall not pass  
this way again.

Stephen Grellet

## MIAMI-BAHAMAS - 1978

July 20 - 23

As much as can be done has been done for hosting the 106th Re-union in Miami-Bahamas in 1978.

Though more than one year away from the time you receive this Cub when making ship reservations and plans this is not early. Making them two years in advance was bad enough but now we need more firm information.

In order to assure the success of getting reservations confirmed for all who are interested a "good faith" deposit on \$75.00 per person will be required to be paid before June 30, 1977. Will all of you who signed up and those who now desire to add their names to my list send \$75.00 to Sherod Collins, Treasurer, 625 Channing Drive N.W. Atlanta, 30318, who will place it in the 106th accounts.

We have reserved all outside rooms which contain two single beds. Some rooms can add an additional upper bunk and some can add two upper bunks so that if families plan to come you must let me know your special needs.

Children 12 years and over pay full fare. Three years and under 12 when accompanied by two adults pay one half the minimum fare. With one adult full room rate. Under three with two adults free. With one adult half the room fare. Singles with two lower beds pay two full fares. If occupying a room with and upper and lower bed pay one and one half fares.

We have already had a personal report from the Chuck Garns who took this trip in January with friends and relatives and had nothing but praise for the trip, the accommodations and the food. They did report that the one armed bandits are just that, they didn't make expenses on board.

Your fullest cooperation is appreciated in getting in your deposits and information required so that by the time we arrive at the Elyria Lorain Convention we can give a fuller report and answer any and all questions you might have.

Doug Coffey

## CRUISE DATES

Thursday, July 20 thru Sunday Night

July 23, 1978 including breakfast

Monday, July 24

\$75.00 deposit per person-fully refundable if circumstances prevent your attendance

## GRANDMOTHERS

A third-grader was asked to write a theme for school on "What is a Grandma?" She wrote:

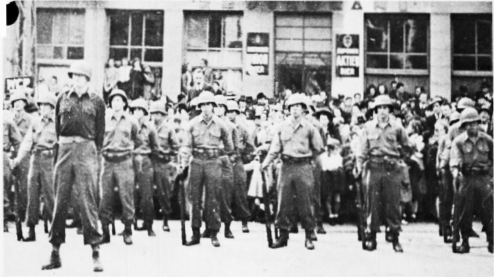
"A Grandma is a lady who has no children of her **own**, so she likes other people's little girls. A Grand**pa** is a **man** Grand**ma**. He goes for walks with boys and talks about fishing and stuff. Grandmas fon't have anything to do except **be** there. Grandmas drive you to the supermarket where the pretend-horse is and they have lots of dimes ready. Or, if they take you **for** walks, they slow down past pretty leaves and caterpillars.

"Grandmas never say, 'Hurry up.' Sometimes Grandmas are fat, but not **too** fat to tie kids' shoes. Grandmas wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums off. They answer questions like, 'Why do dogs hate cats?' and 'How come God isn't married?' When they read to us, they don't skip words or mind if it's the same story again. Everybody should try to have a Grandma, especially if you don't have a TV, because Grandmas are the only grown-ups who have got time."

## DUES

Forward to Adjutant  
or send with  
Reunion Registration

63rd DIVISION REUNION  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
JULY 27 - 31



**Liberation Day — Eupen, Belgium — May 1945**  
 (Photo from George Iwamoto)

### **SLOW ME DOWN, LORD**

*Slow me down, Lord*

*Ease the pounding of my heart by the  
 quieting of my mind.*

*Steady my hurried pace with a vision of  
 the eternal reach of time.*

*Give me, amid the confusion of the day,  
 the calmness of the everlasting hills.*

*Break the tensions of my nerves and  
 muscles with the soothing music of the  
 singing streams that live in my memory.  
 Help me to know the magical, restoring  
 power of sleep.*

*Teach me the art of taking minute  
 vacations—of slowing down to look at a  
 flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to  
 read a few lines from a good book.*

*Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to  
 send my roots deep into the soil of life's  
 enduring values that I may grow toward the  
 stars of my greater destiny.*

### **THE MAKING OF FRIENDS**

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered  
 And nobody helped us along,  
 If each every moment took care of himself  
 And good things went to the strong,  
 If nobody cared just a little for you  
 And nobody thought about me,  
 And we stood alone in the battle of life,  
 What a dreary old world it would be.  
 Life is sweet just because of the friends  
     we have made,  
 And the things which in common we share.  
 We want to live on, not because of ourselves,  
 But because of the people who care.  
 It's giving and doing for somebody else—  
 On that all life's splendor depends,  
 And the joy of this world, when you've  
     summed it all up,  
 Is found in the making of friends!

—Edgar A. Guest

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**Holiday Inn**  
**Rt. 57 - Elyria-Lorain, Ohio**

**THURSDAY, July 21, 1977**

7:00 P.M. Warm-Up Party - Pay Bar - Snacks furnished.

7:00 P.M. Board of Directors Meeting. LAKE ERIE ROOM.

**FRIDAY, July 22, 1977**

9:00 A.M. Depart Holiday Inn for Bus Ride and Tour of Cleveland, Ohio, Luncheon included, also Memorial Service at NORTH RIDGEVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, John Loveless and Rev. Ivan Morrin. Return to Holiday Inn.

6:00 P.M. - Buffet Dinner - Banquet Room. - Pay Bar. Entertainment - Lorain County Banjo Band. Gabfest.

**SATURDAY, July 23, 1977**

12:00 NOON - Ladies Luncheon & Entertainment - CENTENNIAL ROOM.

12:00 NOON - MEN'S Luncheon and General Meeting - WILLARD ROOM.

3:00 P.M. - New Board of Directors Meeting - LAKE ERIE ROOM.

6:30 P.M. - Buffet Banquet, Pay Bar, Live Dancing Music by the SUBURBANITES.

**SUNDAY, July 24, 1977**

8:00 A.M. Buffet Breakfast and farewells. - Banquet Room.

**Room Rates at Holiday Inn - Elyria-Lorain**

1 Person - 1 Bed .....	\$21.00
2 Persons - 1 Bed .....	\$26.00
2 Persons - 2 Beds .....	\$31.00
Hi-Rise Rooms .....	\$35.00
2 BR Suite .....	\$45.00

Please indicate on motel reservation card the number of people and price room & no. of beds you desire. This is important.

Return Room Reservation card along with registration form in enclosed envelope.

Your reunion committee is most anxious to receive your reservation. Will you return it today?