

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS CHARTERED IN 1899; MEMBERSHIP TOTALS 357

### Organization Is Thriving One And An Active Group.

Protection Camp No. 1911, Royal Neighbors of America, in Mount Pulaski, was chartered Nov. 24, 1899.

Charter members were: August Bartels, Mary J. Bartels, Bertha Bicknell, Eliza J. Dawson, Leannah Dawson, S. C. Dawson, Mary E. Huffman, Adelia Laughery, Warren Lincoln, Mary G. Rigg, Dr. James R. Rigg, Anna Schuler, John Schuler, Helen E. Ralston, Minnie Smedley, Thos. H. Smedley, Dollie West, C. E. West, Elizabeth R. Zah, Emma Zah. Dollie West is the only living charter member.

The charter was attested Dec. 11, 1899, by Mrs. E. D. Watt, Supreme Oracle; and, Minnie Fielder, Supreme Recorder.

#### 1961 OFFICERS

Mae Robinson, Oracle  
Ethel Hutchinson, Past Oracle  
Mabel Pruett, Vice Oracle  
Mary Mier, Chancellor  
Fern Rentmeister, Recorder  
Cora Lipp, Receiver  
Carrie Goddard, Inner Sentinel  
Gerusia Hayes, Outer Sentinel  
Iona Van Fossan, Marshall  
Pearl Riedle, Assistant Marshall  
Fern Stuart, Musician  
Pauline Bertoni, Flag Bearer  
Mino Gruber, Faith  
Ethel Downing, Courage  
Carrie Tendick, Unselfishness  
Ida Shull, Endurance  
Mary Hahn, Modesty.

Holding longest membership as of 1961 in the local camp, are: Dollie West, 62 years; Louise Ey, 57 years; Jennie Birks, 53 years; Carrie Cheek, 53 years; Bertha Foster 53 years; Pearl Kemmer, 52 years; Mary Mier, 53 years; Celia Poffenbarger, 53 years; Grace McDonald, 51 years, and, Mary Schlachter, 50 years.

Protection Camp No. 1911 has a membership of 357 adult mem-

bers and Juveniles.

The history of the Royal Neighbors of America, the largest women's fraternal life insurance society, with legal reserve life insurance for men, women, and children, with National headquarters in Rock Island, Illinois, is a story of steady progress and today the Society ranks among the leaders in fraternal life insurance field.

Founded as a social order on Nov. 28, 1888, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Royal Neighbors of America was chartered as a fraternal benefit society on March 21, 1895. The first subordinate camp, designated as No. 1 was instituted in Council Bluffs on July 3, 1890, and is still in existence.

Establishment of a juvenile department was on March 21, 1918. True fraternalism, exemplified by aid and other activities, is one of the underlying principles of Royal Neighbors of America. In 66 years the Society and its camps have expended several million dollars in fraternal aid. The Fraternal Fund, the Royal Neighbor Home, the camps, the free health service and the Royal Neighbor Home Endowment are the fraternal aid agencies of the Society. These are of benefit to thousands of members annually.

The Royal Neighbor Home, located on a 41-acre site near Davenport, Iowa, is utilized for the care of aged and dependent Royal Neighbors, while direct aid consists of assistance to members in times of accident, adversity, disaster and illness.

The free health service was established in 1927 to enlarge the benefits of Royal Neighbors of America. In 1959 the Society inaugurated its "Help to Hear" project as a fraternal activity, suggesting that Royal Neighbor Camps and individuals throughout the United States interest themselves in the problems of the hearing handicapped.

## Riding Club Is Popular Pastime With All Ages

A group of interested horse lovers held a meeting one evening in March, 1956 at the City Hall, and after a very interesting discussion, the Mt. Pulaski Riding Club was formed. It is a club composed of people who own their own horses or anyone interested in horses. The purpose of the club is to promote good sportsmanship, fellowship, to further the knowledge of horsemanship and to teach and promote the proper care of the animals.

The club meets the third Wednesday of each month, when the business meeting and elections take place and is usually followed by some sort of entertainment and a lunch and social time afterwards.

The first president of our club was the late Herbert Holz, our first secretary, Hilma DePoister; our first treasurer, Virginia Rothwell; and our first ringmaster, Frank Van Fossan. Our first selection of board members were as follows: For a 3-year term, Austin W. Schaffnacker and Leland Simkins; for 2-year terms, Mrs. George Washbond and Mrs. Iona Van Fossan; and, for 1 year, George Washbond and Marjorie Mitchell.

The constitution and by-laws were drawn up and on April 18, 1956, we became known as the Mt. Pulaski Riding Club, Inc. During the past four years, the club has enjoyed many a nice trail ride, potluck supper, old-fashioned cookouts, and an oyster and chilli supper, besides the little snacks on other occasions. The club enjoyed a turkey dinner at Don's Diner this last Christmas and we have an annual chicken fry at the Wilford Scroggin home each year, which is greatly enjoyed by all members.

The club has had a good standing membership since it began, and now has a membership of 41 members. The following people are the present officers and board members:

President: Frank Turley  
Vice-President: Earl Malson  
Secretary-Treasurer: Iona Van Fossan  
Ringmaster: Robert Etherton.

Board members are: Frances McCubbin, Dean Cates, Betty Malson, Wanda Etherton, Leigh Lucas and Karl Bender.

During this past year, the club members were saddened by the loss of two of its very first members, Karl Bender and Herbert Holz, who passed away in the fall of 1960.

The Club extends a welcome to anyone who would like to become a member.

Anyone wishing to join may contact the president or secretary.

## Congratulations



To the Residents of  
A Fine  
Little City

Mount Pulaski has every reason to be proud as it Celebrates its 125th Anniversary. It has come a long way from its early beginnings as a pioneer settlement to the modern residential and commercial city of today. Our hats are off to all those who have helped Mount Pulaski become the fine city it is today!

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## PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION AT GRADE SCHOOL FINE GROUP

### Brought Some Fine, Outstanding Persons to the Community.

The Mount Pulaski Cons. Grade School Parent-Teachers Association formed Thursday, Feb. 26, 1948, has been a very active group and has done many worthwhile projects in cooperation with the school.

A committee composed of Mesdames Herman Wood, Eugene Manes, Katherine Downing, Aden Kuhns, Charles Anderson and Margaret Tierney was appointed.

The following officers were elected:

President: Mrs. Edward Ruwe  
Vice-President: Mrs. William Mitchell  
Secretary: Mrs. Henry Christensen

Treasurer: Mrs. Harold Stoll  
The dues were set at 50 cents and have never been raised.

Among the many worthwhile projects that this energetic organization has sponsored are:

Trophy case, reading table and chairs

Flag and standard  
Band instruments  
Purchase tape recorder  
Ditto machine bought  
Pictures in all rooms

Worked for the new school in helping pass the bond issue.

In 1949 the annual Christmas party for all children of the community was started in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce. In this program some 800 or 900 youngsters are given an outstanding program and treats, at Christmas time, all free. The Chamber of Commerce finances the event while the P-TA arranges and carries it out. Puppet shows and magicians were the most popular programs.

A Safety Program was started in 1952 which resulted in the gates being erected on the street north of the school. This was done through the cooperation of the Tomlinson Trustees, the city

officials and the school paying the cost of same. The Cub Scouts are also sponsored by the P-TA.

Outstanding speakers who have been brought to Mount Pulaski, included: Dr. Preston Bradley, Dr. Nicholas Nyardi, former secretary of Finance in Hungary, Mrs. Billie Davis, then nationally-known lecturer and author of "I Was A Hobo Kid," Ross Ran-

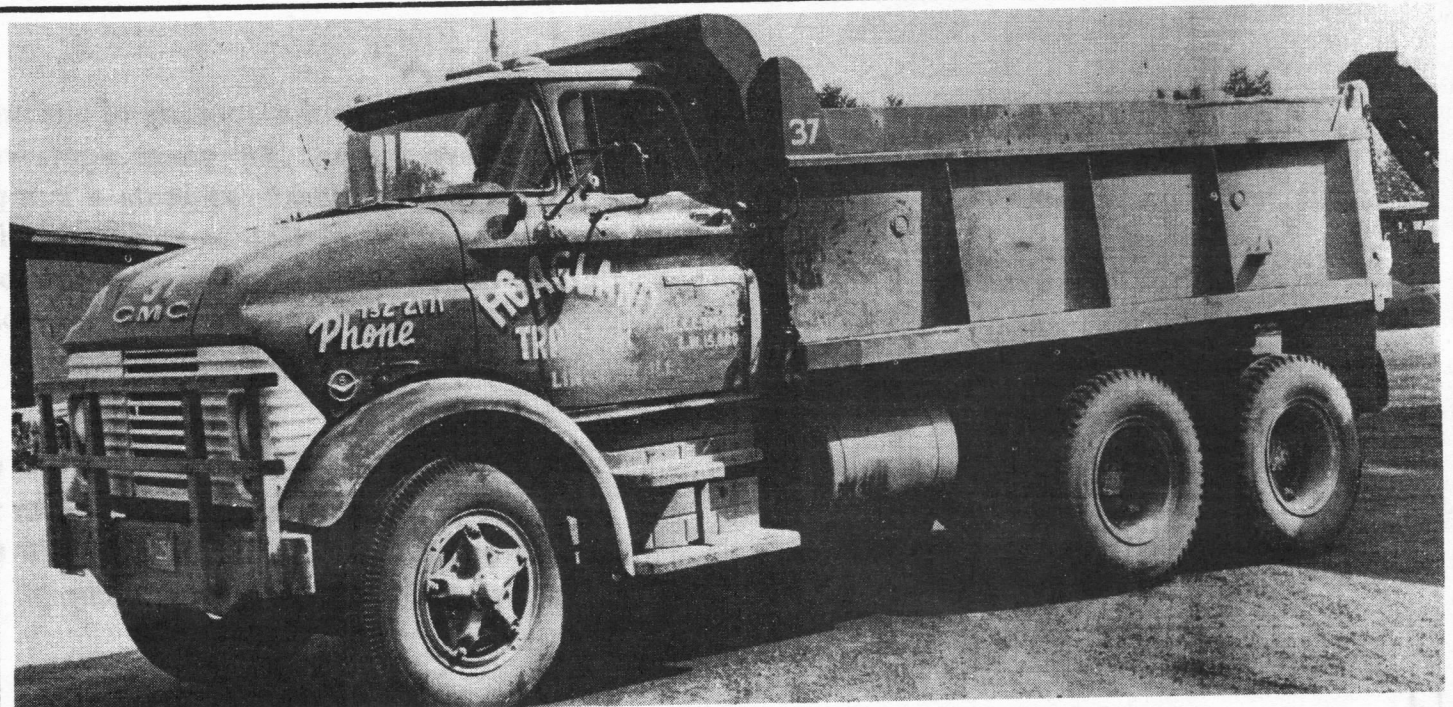
are:

President: Mrs. Emmitt Shellhammer.

Vice-President: Mrs. Wilfred Reeves

Secretary: Mrs. Sheldon Goodman

Treasurer: Mrs. Orville Fulk.



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