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The Thirty-fourth Annual meeting of New York State Aerie was held in the meeting room of the beautiful and modern home of Lockport Aerie 825, and was called to order by State President William H. Mostyn at 11:00 A. M.

Short remarks of welcome to the State Aerie were made by Brother Gailor, Mayor of Lockport, Brother Jesse Read, Niagara County Clerk, and Brother Edward Murtaugh, Postmaster of Lockport. Each extended the hospitality of the entire city of Lockport to the delegates and friends during the convention. Brother Frank Woolk, General Chairman of the Lockport Convention Committee, made a few remarks welcoming the delegates in behalf of Lockport Aerie.

State President Mostyn responded to the welcoming remarks in behalf of the State Aerie. After which, the first session of the State Aerie was opened in regular form.

Roll call of officers showed all State officers present with the exceptions of State Inside Guard Thomas A. Miller, who was absent because of illness in his family. The State President appointed Aaron Siegler as State Inside Guard to fill the vacancy during the session.

The State President requested that any member desiring to speak during the session, would arise and give his name and the number of his Aerie.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Raymond McCarthy, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented a preliminary report of the committee showing a total of 58 delegates and 17 Delegates-at-Large in attendance at this opening session. A complete list of the delegates was read by Brother McCarthy. The State President ordered the report of the committee received and the committee continued.

SESSION COMMITTEES

The following session committees were appointed by State President Mostyn:

Credentials

Ray McCarthy, Chairman	Rochester Aerie	52
Arthur W. Jennings	Elmira Aerie	941
Angelo Monte	Tarrytown Aerie	1042
William Melinger	Buffalo Aerie	46
Sam Andrews	Montreal Aerie	2130

Laws

Charles G. Maraldo, Chairman	Staten Island Aerie	543
Joseph Bear	Olean Aerie	616
Harvey Crook	Flushing Aerie	583
Judge John Kelly	New Syracuse Aerie	053
Donald A. Tollotson	Jamestown Aerie	2145

Resolutions

J. Clarence Hennelly, Chairman	Fort Johnson Aerie	1575
Franz Stawitsky	Tonowandas Aerie	1411
Jay D. Cronk	Ossining Aerie	1545
Peter Nielsen	Niagara Falls Aerie	88
Harold J. McCabe	Lockport Aerie	825

Ritualistic

Joseph Cassidy, Chairman	Bay Ridge Aerie	1924
Alfred W. Lane	New Yorkers Aerie	0473
Charles J. Dolzen	Schenectady Aerie	514
Edmund Sullivan	Ithaca Aerie	1253
Archie Cummings	Gloversville Aerie	482

Grievances and Appeals

Raymond R. Barber, Chairman	Ithaca Aerie	1253
Aaron Seigler	Staten Island Aerie	543
George J. Miller	Crown City Aerie	2191
William C. Conrow	Endicott Aerie	2269
Charles Dietz	Flushing Aerie	583

Parade

Edward Cairns, Chairman	Washington Heights Aerie	1117
A. L. ShROUT	Port Chester Aerie	1166
Bernard Sweeney	Rochester Aerie	52
Ray Lewis	Auburn Aerie	96
Joseph Larkin	Batavia Aerie	2348

Press

Frank WOOD, Chairman	Lockport Aerie	825
Charles Roy Pendleton	College Point Aerie	2065
Conrad Waag	Long Island City Aerie	1509
H. A. Buckingham	Watertown Aerie	782
Arthur M. Shaw	Chenango Valley Aerie	2119

Good of the Order

William B. Hutchinson, Chairman	Past State President
Michael H. Sweeney	Past State President
John J. Shortell	Past State President
A. B. Leonard	Past State President
William H. Alf	Past State President

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION

The proceedings of the 1939 State Aerie session, having been printed and distributed to each delegate in attendance at the last session; to each Aerie in the State; and made available to each member at this session, the reading of the same was dispensed with on the motion by State Chaplain Wolf, seconded by Brother Crook of Aerie 583.

COMMUNICATIONS

A telegram from Brother Thomas A. Miller, State Inside Guard, was received stating that he was unable to attend the State Convention due to the serious illness of his mother, and wishing all the State officers and delegates a successful and harmonious convention.

The following telegram was received from Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering: "Please give the delegates assembled my best wishes for a successful convention. This year Eagledom has fully justified its existence; the Organization department has made an amazing record; by their achievements, subordinate Aeries have won the respect and approval of their respective communities; and more and more, Social Welfare Legislation is embodying Eagle principles of social justice. Let us hold steadfast to our ideals and make this Fraternity an even more important factor in our national life."

The following telegram was received from Brother Conrad H. Mann, Managing Organizer: "This order has again set the pace in the field of

Fraternalism with 123,000 new members. Every year for the last four, we have added better than 100,000. At the same time, we have held our losses to the lowest possible minimum in view of national and international conditions. It has been a phenomenal record. Credit is largely due to the capable, aggressive and honest leadership provided within a great majority of subordinate Aeries and also by those who have accepted their responsibilities as State officers as real leaders should. Your State has played a great part in bringing this record about and I want to convey my appreciation to all in attendance at this session and my best wishes for years to come. Again I urge that in all deliberation, you give the matter of holding down delinquencies the closest possible attention. Sorry I can not be with you in person, but you can rest assured I am with you in spirit."

The following telegram was received from Samuel B. Dicker, Mayor of Rochester: "Rochester would be honored in welcoming the Fraternal Order of Eagles, State Aerie. We shall look with anticipation to a fair decision for "America's Friendliest City."

Acknowledgments of expression of sympathy of the State Aerie were received from the family of the late Francis A. Mentzinger and from the family of the late Henry Mostyn.

The following communication from Conrad H. Mann, Chief Auditor, was read and on motion by State Secretary, seconded by Brother A. L. ShROUT of Aerie 1166 was ordered spread in full upon the minutes of this session.

July 6, 1939.

W. A. Neafie, State Secretary,
New York State Aerie, F.O.E.,
Valhalla, New York.

In re—amendments to New York State Aerie Laws.

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of June 17, 1939, enclosing four copies of four proposed amendments to the New York State Aerie Laws.

First Amendment

The first amendment amends Section 7 of Article 2 by inserting the name of an additional Aerie in the Eastern District and the names of two additional Aeries in the Western District. This is duly approved.

Second Amendment

The amendment to Section 12 of Article 8 is not very carefully drawn, and I have amended the Section so that the same will read as follows:

"Each Aerie shall mail to the State Secretary the said semi-annual report properly and completely filled out as soon as possible after the last regular meeting of the Aerie in November and May of each year, and on the failure of any Aerie so to do before December 31st in the case of the November 30th report, or by the 10th day of June prior to the convening of the State Aerie Session in the case of the May 31st report, it shall be fined in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00). Excepting, however, if any Aerie notifies the State Secretary under seal of the Aerie before the final date for filing said report, setting forth the reason why it is impossible to submit its report within the specified time, the said fine may be remitted by the State President if in his discretion such delay seems reasonable. But the State Aerie, by a majority vote, may authorize the seating of a representative of any such delinquent Aerie, with full privileges. The failure of any Aerie to file the semi-annual report within the time herein specified shall be reported to the Grand Worthy President.

"Any Aerie that shall not pay any assessment levied by resolution of

the State Aerie within three (3) months from the time that said assessment shall become due, shall be fined ten dollars (\$10.00) in addition to the assessment due, and such action shall be reported to the Grand Worthy President."

In other words, I have eliminated the sentence "But no representative of any Aerie so fined shall be entitled to a seat or a vote, or hold office in the State Aerie until such fine shall have been paid or remitted, or by a vote of the State Aerie upon acceptance of a reasonable excuse, said excuse to be presented to the State Aerie in convention assembled and a majority vote had in the premises, permitting the seating of the delegates of such delinquent Aerie or Aeries" and substituted therefore the words "But the State Aerie, by a majority vote, may authorize the seating of a representative of any such delinquent Aerie, with full privileges."

As so amended, this resolution or amendment is approved.

Third Amendment

I am unable to approve of the proposed amendment to Section 1 of Article 18 of the laws of the New York State Aerie and I am fully convinced that the original Section 1 of Article 18 should never have been approved. It has always been considered essential that the general set-up, including committees, of a State Aerie, should be in conformity with the set-up and arrangement in the Grand Aerie. It is very clear that the provisions of this Section arranging for a continuously growing committee will some day be very awkward and more than likely unable to properly and conveniently carry out its intended functions.

Therefore, I am amending Section 1 of Article 18 of the laws of the New York State Aerie so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. The State President shall appoint a Committee to be known as the Committee on Good of the Order, consisting of five members, all of whom shall be Past State Presidents."

Fourth Amendment

I am approving of the amendment to Section 9 of Article 2 of the Laws of the New York State Aerie, with the exception that I am substituting for the word "revoked," which has been erroneously used, the word "repealed."

A copy of the amendments, as modified and approved by the Chief Auditor, goes forward to you herewith for your files.

Likewise I am sending a copy of this letter, together with a copy of the amendments, to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Worthy President, for their files.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

CONRAD H. MANN,
Chief Auditor.

Letters of acknowledgment of resolutions adopted at the 1939 State Aerie session were received and read from Conrad H. Mann, Managing Organizer; W. M. Symon, Assistant to Managing Organizer; Grand Worthy President Dr. Fred C. Dilly; and Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering, Managing Editor of the Eagle Magazine.

A bound volume of letters from several divisions of the city Government of Rochester, together with other interesting data and information, was received inviting the State Aerie to hold its 1942 session in that city. On motion by the State Secretary, seconded by the State Treasurer, this communication was ordered filed for the present and to be referred at the proper time to the special Good of the Order Committee on arrangements for the 1942 State Aerie session.

At this point the State President requested Past State President Mahoney to occupy his station.

REPORT OF STATE PRESIDENT

State President William H. Mostyn presented the following report which was received, ordered printed in the proceedings and referred to the Good of the Order Committee on motion by Past State President Maraldo, seconded by Brother Siegler of Aerie 543 and carried by a rising vote:

In fulfillment of my responsibility as your State President the following report is submitted to you of the work and progress of the New York State Aerie during the past year. First I want to again express my thanks and gratitude for the honor of serving you and for the ideal support and cooperation that has been extended to me during my term of office. Any success that I may have had is due in a great measure to your splendid assistance. This fine fraternal spirit is reflected in the substantial progress made by those Aeries who have taken our slogan, "EVERY MEMBER OWES AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER TO HIS AERIE EACH YEAR" in a serious vein. The fraternal year 1939-1940 will not be remembered by reason of any outstanding numerical increases but by way of comparison you may be interested to know that the State quota, including Montreal and Toronto, was set at 3,547 new members. 3,350 is the total number of new members initiated which means that we failed to reach our goal by the small number of 197. However, an encouraging sign is that 22 subordinate Aeries went over the top, a decided increase over the previous year.

I would be extremely ungrateful if I failed to express my deep appreciation to our great leader and Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann for the many constructive suggestions and assistance he gave during the year. Shortly after returning from the convention Brother Mann made known that he was entertaining a certain ambition for New York State and promised to visit Rochester Aerie at an early date. In keeping with that promise he was the principal speaker at a State President's Class in my honor Sunday, October 22nd, which was attended by practically every State officer and delegations from 20 subordinate Aeries. Brother Mann delivered a splendid address in his own inimitable style and the largest crowd that ever attended a meeting in Aerie 52 was on hand to greet him. It was a marvelous demonstration and proved very conclusive that the Eagles of New York are capable of doing big things.

Following Brother Mann's visit the Eagles of New York State were given an opportunity of hearing Brother William Symon, his very capable assistant. He gave a most instructive discourse before 96 representatives from 18 subordinate Aeries located in the Northwestern section of the State. Brother Symon outlined the workings of the Quota Plan and also gave valuable information on how to reduce to a minimum the delinquent problem as it exists in the average Aerie.

In January of last year, through the courtesy of the Managing Organizer, I was privileged to attend a meeting of the Ohio leaders and study the District Plan as it operates in that State. In September of 1939, after discussing the matter with State Organizers John P. Saxer and Charles P. Maraldo, a District Plan was inaugurated in this State as follows:

District No. 1, Edward Cairns—New York City, 40; Bronx, 491; Washington Heights, 543.

District No. 2, Henry Kohaut—New Yonkers, 0473; Tarrytown, 1042; Port Chester, 1166; Vernon, 1031; Ossining, 1545; Middletown, 544.

District No. 3, Mike Wolf—Brooklyn, 393; Bay Ridge, 1924; Williamsburg, 2326.

District No. 4, Harvey Crook—Flushing, 583; College Point, 2065; Long Island, 1509; Rockaway, 1544; Northport, 1815.

District No. 5, William Christiansen—Utica, 97; Schenectady, 514; Gloversville, 782; Fort Johnson, 1575.

District No. 6, William H. Mostyn—New Syracuse, 053; Albany, 96; Geneva, 95; Watertown, 782; Rochester, 752.

District No. 7, Frank Lee—Norwich, 1043; Oneonta, 1260; Bingh-
ampton, 2119; Endicott, 2269; Owego, 2333.

District No. 8, Ralph Lagonegro—Elmira, 941; Ithaca, 1253; Corning,
2299; Cortland, 2191.

District No. 9, R. Leslie McDermott—Buffalo, 46; Niagara Falls, 88;
Lockport, 825; Lackawanna, 2231; Tonawanda, 1411.

District No. 10, Joseph Henrietta—Olean, 616; Jamestown, 2145.
Montreal, 2130, and Toronto, 2299, due to long distance, were not
incorporated in the District Plan.

I am of the opinion that in due time the District Plan can be made to
function very effectively and will produce satisfactory results. I am espe-
cially interested in hearing the reports that will be submitted by the District
leaders at this convention.

During the month of December, Grand Worthy President John A. Abel
visited a number of Aeries in our State and was well received.

During my term of office two new Aeries were instituted, chiefly
through the efforts of Deputy Organizer Guy Horswill, a very capable and
efficient member of Brother Mann's staff. Batavia Aerie 2348, and Hornell
Aerie 2351 are the husky youngsters of our Fraternal family, and both are
showing remarkable progress, with every indication that they will develop
into real substantial units of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

I shall not take your time to explain in detail all the visits I have made
during the year. I am of the opinion that such a report would prove to be
rather tiresome and would take up valuable space that could be used to
greater advantage. However, I do want to say that wherever I went
courteous officers and obliging members were always in readiness, willing
and ready and eager to assist.

I would also mention that due consideration was given to the Aeries
located in the Metropolitan area with the idea of giving added encourage-
ment and help to those Aeries and their leaders two District meetings were
held at the Hotel Edison in New York City. Considerable enthusiasm was
displayed and I trust that future results will prove that it was time well spent.

During my term of office I attempted to visit as many Aeries as I
possibly could, and it is with keen regret that I am forced to admit that
I was unable to visit each and every Aerie. To those Aeries that I was
unable to visit I offer my humble apologies.

During my visits to the various Aeries I endeavored to call attention
to the many abuses existing under our present Old Age Pension Law in
New York State. I would recommend to the delegates here assembled that
this Convention go on record in favor of two amendments which will be
introduced and that the necessary action be taken to have them enacted
into law and become a part of the New York State Old Age Pension Law.

I would indeed be most ungrateful if I did not mention the inspiring
assistance that has been given to me by the members, and, yes, by the
ladies of the Auxiliary of Rochester Aerie. The journey was never too long
or too severe for them. All that I had to do was ask and many volunteers
were ready to assist or accompany me in any undertaking in connection
with the work of the Order. For this I am deeply appreciative.

I also wish to thank the State Officers for their cooperation and it was
encouraging to know that I had their utmost confidence.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that with a great section of the so-called
civilized world engaged in a gigantic struggle for power the need for
fraternalism, and especially the kind of fraternalism as practiced in the
Fraternal Order of Eagles, is now greater than ever.

Speaking before the Canadian Fraternal Association in Toronto recently,
Bishop Renison of Canada pointed out that humanity today has but two
choices; one is conflict and destruction, the other Fraternity and survival.
Unless man can be made to realize that they are essentially brothers and can

be brought to forget racial, national and religious differences, humanity will
be exterminated by the forces of hate and greed. Either men must accept
fraternalism as a fundamental principle or plunge into chaos that may be
the end of civilization, and with this admonition before us, let us resolve to
build up our Order to a point where every man, woman and child will be
conversant with its program and objectives.

And if we pattern our lives along the lines as expressed in the words
of the poet Edwin Markham, I am confident that all will be well with
the world.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. MOSTYN,
State President.

REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY

The following annual report was submitted and read by State Secretary
Neafie, which was received, ordered printed in the proceedings and referred
to the Good of the Order Committee on motion by Brother Glenn of
Schenectady Aerie 514, seconded by State Chaplain Wolf. The motion
was carried by a rising vote.

Lockport, N. Y., June 27, 1940.

To the New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles
in its Thirty-fourth Annual Session assembled.

My Brothers:

In compliance with the Laws of our State Aerie, I beg to submit here-
with for your consideration and action, the annual report of your State
Secretary for the period of our last fiscal year ending June 26, 1940.

Aeries

This office has received official notice from the Grand Aerie of the
institution of three (3) new Aeries in our jurisdiction since the 1939 State
Aerie session as follows:

1—Maple Leaf Aerie 2311 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on July 8,
1938, with 63 members. William Strong as Worthy President and Frank
Stokes as Secretary.

2—Batavia Aerie 2348 at Batavia, N. Y., on November 12, 1939, with
80 members. Claude A. Gunn as Worthy President and Joseph Larkin as
Secretary.

3—Hornell Aerie 2351 at Hornell, N. Y., on February 1, 1940, with
74 members. Arthur Sexsmith as Worthy President and Joseph Mack as
Secretary.

Although the Aerie in Toronto was instituted July 8, 1938, and Batavia
Aerie on November 12, 1939, official notice of these institutions was not
received from the Grand Secretary until May 13, 1940. Therefore, no effort
was made to obtain a semi-annual report from these Aeries until such notice
was received. Nor was an effort made to collect the 1940 P. C. Tax from
either.

Letters of welcome to membership in our State Aerie, together with
an offer of any possible aid in perfecting their organizations, and copies of
the State Aerie Laws, were sent to the Worthy President and Secretary of
each Aerie as soon as the notice of institution was received. Two of these
Aeries certified Delegates to this session.

With these three new Aeries added to our roster there is now a total of 47 Aeries in the jurisdiction, varying in total membership from 53 to 5,996 on December 1, 1939. Of this number two are in good standing according to Section 1 of Article XXI of the State Aerie Laws—Buffalo Aerie 46 and Vernon Aerie 1031.

Transfer of State Aerie Funds

At the 1939 State Aerie session, Brother Henry Kohaut of Yonkers was elected to succeed Brother William Christiansen of Schenectady as State Treasurer. This again necessitated changing the State Aerie Funds to a new depository. After State Treasurer Kohaut selected The First National Bank in Yonkers as the new depository, the State Trustees investigated and approved his selection. The transfer of funds was made under date of October 18, 1939, having been delayed until all outstanding checks had been accounted for and the October 1st accrued interest had been added to the Interest Account.

Because of shortage of funds in the Checking account to meet current expense, due mainly to the failure of Buffalo Aerie to pay its 1939 P. C. Tax to the State Aerie, it has been necessary to transfer \$500.00 on June 17, 1939, and \$300.00 again on October 31, 1939, from the Interest Account to the Checking Account. Both of these transfers were made on the recommendation of the State President and State Secretary, with the approval of the State Trustees.

State Aerie Laws

At the 1939 State Aerie session four (4) resolutions were adopted amending Section 7 of Article 2, Section 12 of Article 8, Section 1 of Article 18 and Section 9 of Article 2 of the State Aerie Laws. These resolutions were submitted to Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann on June 17, 1939 for approval as required by the Grand Aerie Laws. The reply of the Chief Auditor dated July 6, 1939, which you heard read under "Communications," provided several changes in wording and I give herewith each amendment as reworded and approved:

"Be it resolved that Section 7 of Article 2, beginning with the second paragraph thereof on page 6 be amended to read as follows: The following Aeries shall constitute the Eastern District:

Amicus	1043	Oneonta	1260
Bay Ridge	1924	Ossining	1545
Brooklyn	393	Port Chester	1166
Bronx	491	Rockaway Beach	1544
College Point	2065	Schenectady	514
Empire	544	Sound Shore	1815
Flushing	583	Tarrytown	1042
Fort Johnson	1575	Staten Island	543
Gloversville	482	Utica	97
Long Island City	1509	Vernon	1031
Montreal	2130	Washington Heights	1117
New Yonkers	0473	Williamsburg-Brooklyn	2326
New York	40		

The following Aeries shall constitute the Western District:

Auburn	96	New Syracuse	053
Buffalo	46	Niagara Falls	88
Chautauqua	2145	Olean	616
Chenango Valley	2119	Owego	2333
Crown City	2191	Rochester	52
Elmira	941	Steuben	2299
Geneva	95	Tonawandas	1411
Ithaca	1253	Toronto	2311
Lackawanna	2231	Watertown	782
Lockport	825		

Section 12 of Article 8. "Each Aerie shall mail to the State Secretary the said semi-annual report properly and completely filled out as soon as possible after the last regular meeting of the Aerie in November and May of each year, and on the failure of any Aerie so to do before December 31st in the case of the November 30th report, or by the 10th day of June prior to the convening of the State Aerie Session in the case of the May 31st report, it shall be fined in the amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00). Excepting, however, if any Aerie notifies the State Secretary under seal of the Aerie before the final date for filing said report, setting forth the reason why it is impossible to submit its report within the specified time, the said fine may be remitted by the State President if in his discretion such delay seems reasonable. But the State Aerie, by a majority vote, may authorize the seating of a representative of any such delinquent Aerie, with full privileges. The failure of any Aerie to file the semi-annual report within the time herein specified shall be reported to the Grand Worthy President.

Any Aerie that shall not pay any assessment levied by resolution of the State Aerie within three (3) months from the time that said assessment shall become due, shall be fined Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in addition to the assessment due, and such action shall be reported to the Grand Worthy President."

Section 1 of Article 18. "The State President shall appoint a Committee to be known as the Committee on Good of the Order, consisting of five members, all of whom shall be Past State Presidents."

Section 9 of Article 2. "Be it therefore resolved, that Section 9 of Article 2 of the New York State Aerie Laws, be and the same is hereby repealed."

A few Aeries failed to remember that Article II, Section 1 of the State Aerie Laws was amended at the 1938 session, which caused some misunderstanding when they were advised as to the number of Delegates they were entitled to for this session, notwithstanding that the section as amended was read at the last session and appeared in full on page 7 of the 1939 Proceedings. The section as amended changed the method of computing the number of Delegates any Aerie was entitled to in the State Aerie from "number of members on the roll, to number of members on whom per capita tax has been duly paid." In a few instances this change reduced the number of delegates that the Aerie had heretofore considered they were entitled to.

Per Capita Tax

The 1939 State Aerie Per Capita Tax has still not yet been received from Buffalo Aerie 46 in the amount of \$570.70; from Sound Shore Aerie 1815 in the amount of \$11.20; and from Vernon Aerie 1031 in an unknown amount because of the absence of semi-annual reports.

The 1940 State Aerie Per Capita Tax has not yet been received from Buffalo Aerie 46 in the amount of \$509.50 nor from Vernon Aerie 1031. This latter Aerie has paid no State P. C. Tax since January 3, 1935, which was the tax for the year 1934.

Montreal Aerie 2130 paid its 1940 P. C. Tax by check in the amount as prescribed by the State Aerie Laws. But due to the exchange value of Canadian currency, in which the check was payable, in United States currency, the check was discounted by the bank in the amount of \$3.61. The Chief Auditor, Brother Conrad H. Mann, decided, on an inquiry made by Montreal Aerie, that the State Aerie would have to absorb the amount of the exchange discount.

The total amount of Per Capita Tax collected for 1940 is \$1,568.89, and this tax is the only revenue the State Aerie has with which to meet its routine annual expenses, which during the past year was \$344.80 in excess of the tax collected. I believe that further comment by your State Secretary is unnecessary.

Representatives to the Grand Aerie

Prior to the 1939 Grand Aerie Session this office was advised that the Past State President Raymond Barber, elected Representative-at-Large to the Grand Aerie, and Brother Arthur W. Jennings, elected Representative to the Grand Aerie from the Western District, would be unable to attend the session. Accordingly, Past State President Michael Sweeney, the elected alternate for Brother Barber, and Brother Ronald A. Cochran, the elected alternate for Brother Jennings, attended the 1939 Grand Aerie session in their stead.

The State Aerie prizes awarded at the last State Aerie session and furnished by Gloversville Aerie 482, were forwarded to the winners of the various contests in accordance with the decisions of the Ritualistic and Parade Committees, on June 27th.

The Proceedings of the 1939 State Aerie session were printed and mailed on July 21st, a copy being sent to each Representative who had been in attendance at the session; to the Secretary of each Aerie; and to Officers of the Grand Aerie.

During the past fiscal year we have lost 308 of our Brothers by death, including 8 Past Worthy Presidents. A complete roll of our deceased Brothers is attached hereto as a part of this report and will be read during the Memorial Service to be held tomorrow.

Membership

The following is a report of membership results from June 1, to November 30, 1939, as tabulated from the November 30th semi-annual reports of the various Aeries:

Membership, June 1, 1939 (corrected as per November report) 19,475

GAINS		LOSSES	
Initiated	1163	Dropped for N. P. Dues	2159
By Card	4	By Card	4
Reinstated	19	Resigned	26
		Expelled	2
Total Gains	1186	Deceased	142
		Total Losses	2333

Net loss for term 1147
 Membership, November 30, 1939 18328
 Membership subject to Per Capita Tax 16070

During this term of the first six months 14 Aeries made a net gain while 27 Aeries had a net loss of which 14 had a loss of more than 10%. Two Aeries reported no initiations. Those Aeries making over 10% net gain were Owego Aerie 2333, 79.7%; Gloversville Aerie 482, 19.4%, and Endicott Aerie 2269, 14.1%.

The membership activities during the last six months term from December 1, 1939, to May 31, 1940, are shown in the following report with six (6) Aeries not having submitted the May 31st report, these being 1031, 1924, 2119, 2231, 2326, and 2351.

Membership, December 1, 1939, (corrected as per May 31st) report) 18610

GAINS

Initiated	1738
By Card	5
Reinstated	33
Total Gains	1776

LOSSES

Dropped for N. P. Dues	1034
By Card	7
Resigned	36
Expelled	3
Deceased	166

Total Losses 1246

Net Gain for term 530
 Membership, May 31, 1940 19140
 Membership in good standing 17049

During this last six months term 26 Aeries made a net gain while 11 Aeries had a net loss of which 4 had a loss of more than 10%. One Aerie reported no initiations. Those Aeries making over 10% net gain were Batavia 2348, 102.5%; Crown City 2191, 38.%; Tarrytown 1042 37.0%; Staten Island 543, 22.2%; Steuben 2299, 21.5%; Auburn 96, 18.3%; Ithaca 1253, 12.7%; and Syracuse 053, 12.7%.

Following is the total membership results for the entire fiscal year just completed:

GAINS

Initiated	2901
By Card	9
Reinstated	52
Total Gains	2962

LOSSES

Dropped for N. P. Dues	3193
By Card	11
Resigned	62
Expelled	5
Deceased	308

Total Losses 3579

Net Loss 617

During the entire year 18 Aeries made net gains and 21 had net loss.

The Aeries showing best results for the year are as follows:

2333 Owego 63.5%	2065 College Point 15.6%
1042 Tarrytown 38.7%	2269 Endicott 13.5%
482 Gloversville 18.4%	2299 Steuben 11.7%
96 Auburn 18.3%	514 Schenectady 11.5%
053 New Syracuse 17.3%	825 Lockport 10.4%

Submitted herewith as a part of this report are two tables showing the membership activities in detail of each Aerie during each six months terms with a column in the table for the last term showing the percentage loss or gain for the full year period. Also is one table giving the financial data of each Aerie from December 1, 1938, to November 30, 1939.

FINANCIAL DATA
November 30, 1939

Aerie No. Name	Benefits Paid During Year		Liabilities	Net Assets	Net Assets per Member, Tax Paid	P. C. Tax Due for 1939
	Death	Sick				
40 New York	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.00		\$ 1,558.45	\$ 14.04	\$ 11.10
46 Buffalo	7,000.00	10,864.00	302,391.11	1,087,896.90	213.52	509.50
52 Rochester	1,200.00	3,832.00	44,495.83	146,135.91	120.07	121.70
053 New Syracuse		830.50	74.98	952.11	5.37	17.70
88 Niagara Falls	300.00	624.00	8,501.00	32,661.92	111.09	29.46
95 Geneva	150.00		34,170.54	15,645.08	558.75	2.80
96 Auburn	400.00	617.00	350.00	58,037.94	25.68	22.60
97 Utica	200.00	525.00		19,925.15	155.66	12.80
393 Brooklyn	300.00	367.00		4,210.23	33.83	12.40
0473 New Yorkers	50.00	135.00		1,864.16	18.83	9.90
482 Gloversville	700.00	1,216.50	21,729.71	125,382.28	299.24	41.90
491 Bronx	600.00	908.00	1,158.48	8,400.19	51.53	16.30
514 Schenectady	500.00	1,273.00	18,500.00	68,410.33	122.59	55.80
543 Staten Island	100.00	75.00		2,512.76	19.94	12.60
544 Empire	200.00	868.00	300.00	22,267.90	102.61	21.75
583 Flushing	100.00	211.00		11,978.80	61.11	19.60
616 Olean	200.00	473.58	18,435.48	82,666.63	271.58	30.80
782 Watertown	733.50	1,972.00		26,242.90	53.33	49.20
825 Lockport	1,200.00	2,078.00	5,500.00	75,380.36	85.75	87.90
941 Elmira	800.00	650.50	5,177.55	72,313.53	110.11	65.40
1031 Vernon		(No Report)				
1042 Tarrytown	300.00	645.00	34.00	4,215.42	27.55	15.30
1043 Amicus	300.00	816.00	742.00	6,047.82	46.88	12.90
1117 Washington Heights	100.00	353.00		1,372.53	11.73	11.70
1166 Port Chester	200.00	171.00		2,749.51	37.66	7.30
1253 Ithaca	200.00	1,273.00	65,500.00	169,205.11	350.32	48.30
1260 Oneonta	200.00	1,085.00		7,584.64	35.77	21.20
1411 Tonawandas	600.00	1,318.00		45,887.49	93.43	48.90
1509 Long Island City	625.00	750.00	2,431.00	19,566.36	101.37	19.30
1544 Rockaway Beach	800.00	238.00	208.00	3,902.90	18.32	21.30
1545 Ossining	200.00	309.00	2,143.80	9,080.07	98.69	9.20
1575 Fort Johnson	1,000.00	3,470.00	8,810.43	76,404.59	101.06	75.60
1815 Sound Shore		459.00	4,120.00	8,634.13	69.63	12.40
1924 Bay Ridge	300.00	322.00	1,938.84	4,322.21	24.28	17.80
2065 College Point	100.00	120.00		554.58	6.44	8.60
2119 Chenango Valley	200.00	254.70	127.79	4,266.95	25.70	16.60
2130 Montreal	100.00	988.00	357.60	2,749.60	8.98	30.60
2145 Chautauqua	700.00	609.00	3,500.00	10,683.74	37.88	28.20
2191 Crown City	100.00	293.00		6,736.17	110.42	6.10
2231 Lackawanna	100.00	118.20	565.60	457.36	13.06	3.50
2269 Endicott		212.00	995.06	2,549.55	13.34	19.10
2299 Steuben				528.24	11.00	4.80
2326 Williamsburg-Bkln.		70.00		332.84	8.53	3.90
2333 Owego			526.40	1,618.84	12.17	13.30
Totals	\$20,958.50	\$41,495.78	\$552,785.22	\$2,253,895.18		\$1,607.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is a detailed statement of Finances for the fiscal year ending June 25, 1940.

Amount in hands of State Treasurer on June 15, 1939, as per
audit of State Trustees at Gloversville:

Checking Account	\$ 740.23
Interest Account	1,292.77
Total	\$2,033.02

RECEIPTS

Date	From	For	Amount
1939			
June 17	Gloversville Aerie 482, 1939 State Aerie Prize Money		\$ 450.00
	Gloversville Aerie 482, Receipts of S. A. Ball		25.00
Dec. 4	Tonawandas Aerie 1411, 1940 P. C. Tax		47.70
6	New Yorkers Aerie 0473, 1940 P. C. Tax		9.90
	Ithaca Aerie 1253, 1940 P. C. Tax		48.30
	College Point Aerie 2065, 1940 P. C. Tax		8.60
8	Steuben Aerie 2299, 1940 P. C. Tax		4.80
	Niagara Falls Aerie 88, 1940 P. C. Tax		29.40
9	Bronx Aerie 491, 1940 P. C. Tax		16.30
	Ossining Aerie 1545, 1940 P. C. Tax		9.20
11	Rochester Aerie 52, 1940 P. C. Tax		121.70
12	Oneonta Aerie 1260, 1940 P. C. Tax		21.20
13	Fort Johnson Aerie 1575, 1940 P. C. Tax		75.60
	Endicott Aerie 2269, 1940 P. C. Tax		19.10
	Montreal Aerie 2130, 1940 P. C. Tax		30.60
14	Auburn Aerie 96, 1940 P. C. Tax		22.60
	Williamsburg-Brooklyn Aerie 2326, 1940 P. C. Tax		3.90
	Rockaway Beach Aerie 1544, 1940 P. C. Tax		21.30
15	Tarrytown Aerie 1042, 1940 P. C. Tax		15.30
	Amicus Aerie 1043, 1940 P. C. Tax		12.90
	Schenectady Aerie 514, 1940 P. C. Tax		55.80
	Port Chester Aerie 1166, 1940 P. C. Tax		7.30
	Empire Aerie 544, 1940 P. C. Tax		21.70
16	Geneva Aerie 95, 1940 P. C. Tax		2.80
18	Washington Heights Aerie 1117, 1940 P. C. Tax		11.70
	Tonawandas Aerie 1411, Additional 1940 P. C. Tax		1.20
19	Owego Aerie 2333, 1940 P. C. Tax		13.30
20	Utica Aerie 97, 1940 P. C. Tax		12.80
21	Gloversville Aerie 482, 1940 P. C. Tax		41.90
22	Sound Shore Aerie 1815, 1940 P. C. Tax		12.40
23	Long Island City Aerie 1509, 1940 P. C. Tax		19.30
	Lockport Aerie 825, 1940 P. C. Tax		87.90
24	Crown City Aerie 2191, 1940 P. C. Tax		6.10
28	Flushing Aerie 583, 1940 P. C. Tax		19.60
29	Staten Island Aerie 543, 1940 P. C. Tax		12.60
1940			
Jan 2	Olean Aerie 616, 1940 P. C. Tax		30.80
3	New York Aerie 40, 1940 P. C. Tax		11.10
	Chautauqua Aerie 2145, 1940 P. C. Tax		28.20
8	Bay Ridge Aerie 1934, 1940 P. C. Tax		17.80
12	Lackawanna Aerie 2231, 1940 P. C. Tax		3.50
15	Brooklyn Aerie 393, 1940 P. C. Tax		12.40
19	Chenango Valley Aerie 2119, 1940 P. C. Tax		16.60
22	Elmira Aerie 941, 1940 P. C. Tax		65.40

June 24	Watertown Aerie 782, 1940 P. C. Tax	49.20
June 4	New Syracuse Aerie 053, 1940 P. C. Tax	17.70
		<u>\$1,572.50</u>
	Less Canadian Exchange on Montreal Check of	3.61
	Total Actual Receipts	\$1,568.89

RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED

1940 Per Capita Tax (Less Exchange Discount of Montreal Check)	\$1,093.89
Receipts from State Aerie Ball at Gloversville	25.00
1939 State Aerie Prize Money from Gloversville Aerie	450.00
Total Actual Receipts	\$1,568.89

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Paid To	For	Check No.	Amount
1939				
June 17	Raymond R. Barber, Expenses to State Aerie Session		1471	\$ 97.00
	George J. Pentoney, Expenses to State Aerie Session		1472	48.86
	Harry W. Cleveland, Expenses to State Aerie Session		1473	31.36
	M. Monat, Expenses to State Aerie Session		1474	35.60
	Wm. L. Christiansen, Expenses to State Aerie Session		1475	60.20
	W. A. Neafie, Expenses to State Aerie Session		1476	50.74
	John C. Powers (Cred. Comm.), Expenses to State Aerie Session		1477	63.00
	Frank Lee (Ritual Comm.), Expenses to State Aerie Session		1478	21.40
	Raymond R. Barber, Compensation to Grand Aerie		1479	150.00
	Arthur W. Jennings, Compensation to Grand Aerie		1480	75.00
	Daniel Lane, Compensation to Grand Aerie		1481	75.00
	Charles G. Maraldo, Expenses of O. A. P. Comm.		1482	10.00
	John P. Saxer, Expenses on G. of O. Comm.		1483	23.59
	Schenectady Aerie 514, State Aerie Prizes		1484	75.00
	Rochester Aerie 52, State Aerie Prizes		1485	100.00
	Buffalo Aerie 46, State Aerie Prizes		1486	75.00
	British Empire War Veterans, State Aerie Prize		1487	25.00
	Ithaca Aerie 1253, State Aerie Prizes		1488	125.00
	Rochester Aerie 52 Auxiliary, State Aerie Prize		1489	25.00
	Fort Johnson Aerie 1575, State Aerie Prize		1490	15.00
	Leland S. Graves, for Gloversville High School Band, State Aerie Prize		1491	10.00
Aug. 31	The Daily News, Printing Proceedings and Stationery		1493	258.50
	William H. Mostyn, Expenses of Visitations ..		1494	100.00
Nov. 6	William H. Mostyne, Expenses of Visitations ..		1495	100.00
	W. A. Neafie, Salary 1st Quarter and Office Expenses		1496	82.92
20	John S. Parry, Grand Aerie, Premium on Officers Bonds		1497	16.00

Dec. 18	The Daily News, Printing Circular Letter	1498	4.50
	W. A. Neafie, Salary 2nd Quarter and Postage	1499	76.74
1940			
Feb. 13	Charles G. Maraldo, Expenses on G. of O. Comm.	1500	36.50
	William H. Mostyn, Expenses of Visitations ..	1501	300.00
	Charles G. Maraldo, Expenses on G. of O. Comm.	1502	13.20
Mar 11	The Daily News, Printing Stationery for S. Pres.	1503	10.50
	W. A. Neafie, Salary 3rd Quarter and Postage ..	1504	75.99
Apr. 2	The Daily News, Printing Circular Letter re- S. A.	1505	5.50
May 10	Phil J. Love, Florist, Floral Piece (Bro. Mostyn's Father)	1506	10.00
June 15	Henry Kohaut, Salary as State Treasurer	1507	10.00
	Walter A. Neafie, Salary 4th Quarter and Office Expenses	1508	81.59

Total Disbursements by Check	\$2,373.69
Bank Discount on Montreal Check for Per Capita Tax as Deposited, for Canadian Exchange	\$ 3.61
Total Deductions from Receipts in Checking Account	2,377.30

DISBURSEMENTS CLASSIFIED

Expenses of State Officers and Committee Chairmen to 1939 S. A. Session	\$ 408.16
Compensation to Grand Aerie Representatives	300.00
Expenses of State President's Visitations	500.00
Printing and Mailing 1939 S. A. Proceedings	231.14
Routine S. A. Printing, Stationery, Office Postage and Expenses ..	55.10
Premium on Bonds of State Treasurer and State Secretary	16.00
Salaries of State Treasurer and State Secretary	310.00
Additional Expenses for Arranging for the 1939 S. A. Session	23.59
Expenses for Arranging for This Session	59.70
Funeral Floral Piece	10.00

Total Actual S. A. Expense Disbursements	\$1,913.69
State Aerie Prizes at 1939 Session (From Aerie 482)	\$ 450.00
Expenses of Old Age Pension Committee	10.00

Total Disbursements by Check	\$2,373.69
Canadian Exchange on Montreal Per Capita Check	3.61

Actual Deductions from Checking Account	\$2,377.30
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STATEMENT OF EACH FUND IN CHECKING ACCOUNT

General Fund	
Balance in Fund last report	\$ 716.73
Receipts: 1939 State Aerie Prize Money from Gloversville Aerie	\$ 450.00
Receipts from State Aerie Ball at Gloversville	25.00
Transferred from Interest Account	600.00
1940 Per Capita Tax	797.50
Total Receipts	\$1,872.50
Total on hand and received	\$2,589.23

Disbursed: State Aerie Routine Expenses	\$1,413.69
State Aerie Prizes	450.00
Canadian Exchange, Deducted by Bank	3.61
Total Disbursed	\$1,867.30
Balance in Fund this report	721.93
Old Age Pension Fund	
DBalance in Fund last report	\$ 23.52
Receipts: None	
Disbursed: Expenses of O. A. P. Committee	10.00
Balance in Fund last report	\$ 23.52
State President's Fund	
Balance in Fund last report	None
Receipts: From 1940 Per Capita Tax	\$ 300.00
Transfer from Interest Account	200.00
Total Receipts	\$ 500.00
Total on Hand and Received	\$ 500.00
Disbursed: Expenses of State President's Visitations	\$ 500.00
Balance in Fund this report	None
Statement of Interest Account	
Balance in Account last report	\$1,292.77
Receipts: Accrued Interest	9.26
Amount on hand and received	\$1,302.03
Withdrawals: Transferred to Checking Account by authorization of State Trustees	800.00
Balance in Account this report	\$ 502.03
RECAPITULATION	
Total available funds on June 15, 1939	\$2,033.02
Distributed as follows: Checking Account	\$ 740.25
Interest Account	1,292.77
	\$2,033.02
Total amount received from all sources, including Accrued Interest added to Interest Account	\$1,581.76
Total amount on hand and received	\$3,614.78
Total amount expended, including Canadian Exchange on Montreal Check deducted by Bank	2,377.30
Total available funds this report	\$1,237.48
Distributed as follows: Checking Account	\$ 735.45
Interest Account	502.03
	\$1,237.48

CONCLUSION

With the submitting of this report your present State Secretary has had the honor of presenting twenty-two annual reports to this body and is completing a service of twenty-two years in the office to which he was elected at the annual session of 1918 in the city of Geneva. It has indeed been a great honor, deeply appreciated, to have been privileged to continue in the office during this long period and to have had the pleasure to be associated during that time with twenty-one different State Presidents and the large number of State Officers, subordinate Aerie officers and members. Each year, during the last four or five years, I have felt that I must give up the office because of my regular employment, the duties and responsibilities of which have been enormously increased since I accepted the office, but now the time has arrived when I must say that it will be impossible for me to continue as your State Secretary because of lack of time to devote to the work as it should be done, feeling it would be an injustice to myself and an even greater injustice to the State Aerie, to do so. Therefore, my Brothers, this State Aerie session will be my last as your State Secretary. I shall continue to have the welfare of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the State Aerie at heart and hope to be able to devote some small share of my time to the good of the cause.

I want to take this opportunity to express once more my sincere thanks and appreciation to all my good Brothers who have made my tenure of the office of State Secretary possible and so pleasant. I shall always look back upon those years as having produced a host of friendships more precious than anything else in the world.

It has been an especial pleasure to have served in this office during the term of Brother Mostyn as State President, and to him, as well as to Brother State Treasurer Kohaut, the State Trustees, the other State Officers, the Grand Aerie Officers and the subordinate Aerie Officers and Members, I express my deep appreciation for the many courtesies and assistance given me.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. NEAFIE,
State Secretary.

At this point Past State President Maraldo was requested to occupy the station of State President.

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

The following report was submitted by State Treasurer Kohaut and was received, ordered printed and referred to the Good of the Order Committee on motion by State Chaplain Wolf, seconded by State Outside Guard Kanasola.

Lockport, N. Y., June 27, 1940.

To the Officers and Members of New York State Aerie, F. O. E.:
Brothers:

I herewith submit my annual report as State Treasurer for the fiscal year of 1939-1940.

The books have been audited by the Board of State Trustees and have been found correct and in balance with those of the State Secretary.

Amount on hand in checking account June 26, 1940 \$735.45
Amount on hand in interest account June 26, 1940 \$502.03

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Officers of the State Aerie and especially to State President William H. Mostyn, and State Secretary Walter A. Neafie for their courteous cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY KOHAUT,
State Treasurer.

REPORT OF STATE TRUSTEES

Following is the report of the Board of State Trustees submitted by State Trustee Cleveland, which on motion by Brother Cairns of Aerie 1117, seconded by Brother Spaulding of Aerie 1042, was received, ordered spread upon the minutes and referred to the Good of the Order Committee.

Lockport, June 27, 1940.

To the Members of New York State Aerie,
Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Brothers:

We, the Board of State Trustees, in compliance with the duties prescribed for us by the State Aerie Laws, beg to submit herewith the following report for your information and approval:

Because of the shortage of funds in the Checking Account at the close of the 1939 session at Gloversville, your Trustees, before leaving Gloversville, approved the transfer of \$500.00 from the Interest Account to the Checking Account on the recommendation of the State President and State Secretary.

Under date of July 7, 1939, your Trustees were advised by the State Secretary of the selection of The First National Bank in Yonkers by State Treasurer Kohaut as his depository for the State Aerie funds and requested to investigate and report the decision reached as to the standing of this bank. Our investigation disclosed the condition of the bank to be such that the decision was approved unanimously.

Under date of September 14, 1939, was received a communication from the State Secretary stating that the funds in the Checking account was down to \$165.00 with several important items of expense to be met before the 1940 P. C. Tax would be available, and requesting the approval of another \$300.00 transfer from the Interest account to the Checking account as recommended by the State President, State Treasurer and State Secretary. Our approval for this additional transfer was given unanimously.

Since arriving at Lockport for this session, we have examined the accounts and reports of the State Secretary and State Treasurer, carefully checking the entries therein of receipts and expenditures since the last session against the balances as shown in their accounts and their reports as submitted at this session and against the certified bank statement, and beg to report that we find them to be true and correct and in proper order. We find the total amount of money on deposit in The First National Bank in Yonkers in the name of New York State Aerie, F. O. E., to be \$1,237.48 of which amount \$502.03 is in the Interest account and \$735.45 is in the Checking account.

We must call your attention to the present condition of our State Aerie funds and the necessity of immediate action of some kind to strengthen our financial standing.

HARRY W. CLEVELAND
DR. M. MONAT
DENNIS BRODERICK
Board of State Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OLD AGE PENSION AND STABILIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Past State President Maraldo on behalf of the committee on Old Age Pension and Stabilization of Employment, presented the following report, which on motion by Brother Crook of Aerie 583, seconded by Brother Siegler of Aerie 543, was received, ordered printed in the proceedings and referred to the Good of the Order Committee.

Members of the 34th Annual Convention
of the New York State Aerie, F. O. Eagles:

It is with regret that your Committee, this year must report by merely saying "progress." Your committee never met during the year. It would, however, be unwise to assert that even though this was the case, that a watchful eye was not kept on the various laws introduced in the Legislature concerning Security of all kinds for our residents. Many new laws affecting Old Age Pensions in this State were enacted but most of them referred to the administering of the Old Age Pension Law as it now stands.

It seems that in the State of New York Old Age Pensions have become a problem. Mind you we do not mean to infer that we are not satisfied with the Law that was originally ours, but we must, in justice to those many who require the assistance of the State, register our complaint on how the law is being manipulated by those in authority and in whose hands the granting of the Pensions is left. I refer now especially to the County Boards and City Welfare Departments of the State.

It is true that the Federal Government now matches dollar for dollar the amount granted by the State but it is also true that that amount in most cases is cut to the bone. It was the original intention of our Order, that the recipient of this gratuity by the State, and there has never been any doubt that most of the indigent applicants are entitled thereto, that the amount should average around thirty dollars per month for each person. As the matter now stands, we find persons receiving anywhere from \$8 to \$15 or \$25 per month. Just exactly how this is figured out is somewhat of a puzzle to your committee but the amount it would seem depends entirely upon the facts revealed upon a most rigid investigation.

In carrying out the administration of the law, the Social Security Act of August 15th, 1935, is invoked with other rules of the Board or Committee in charge. Applicants for monthly benefits under the Old Age and Survivors Insurance programs are treated alike.

First a variety of documents and official records as a proof of age in connection with the filing of applications is required. There are two classes of proof of age known as primary and secondary evidence. The Board accepts primarily a certified copy of the public Birth Record or certificate of baptism. If this proof is not available, then secondary proof is required. Under this head the family Bible and its records may be applied, affidavits from persons liable to know are requested, industrial records and all other proof as may prove the date of birth of the applicant is absolutely required.

It must be emphasized that the red tape that has been set up in our State for applicants receiving Old Age Pensions is drastic and deplorable. When the Eagles of this State sponsored the Law little did its leaders believe that the day would come when the persons in whose behalf they were working, would be degraded and humiliated beyond reason. The questioning and grilling that one must undergo before he or she becomes eligible for an allowance is beyond explanation.

It is pointed out that before pensions can be granted the recipient must assign any and all earthly possessions of value to the State. Insurance policies, cash, real estate, must all be assigned by proper legal document to the State in order that the State at the time of death of the beneficiary can recover as much if not all of the sums paid during the period of payment.

The Committee is aware of the fact also that before the granting of

pensions every relative of the applicant is subjected to a rigid examination and the chances are that the application will be rejected, and some relative will be directed and ordered to contribute to the support of the applicant from his or her income. It appears that it makes no difference whether the so called relative has a family of his own to support and his income is small, he must sacrifice in his own family and pay the amount prescribed by the Board. This system is considered very unfair because it is a matter of record that in some cases, grandchildren and in-laws have been forced to sacrifice from their incomes and contribute to the upkeep of indigent aged relatives instead of the State making the payment that this order and the law originally intended. This we feel is not a system whereby the poor house would be eliminated. It is bringing the almshouse more into prominence.

In California, where the conditions of the law were somewhat similar, the law has been changed. Straight Pensions are now being paid. No rigid examinations after proof of age and no red tape. The embarrassing questioning has been eliminated and a pension commensurate with the requirements of the old person is paid with a smile.

This Committee can do much to alleviate the suffering of our Old People. There is much room for improvement at our State Capital. The Committee, however, will have to make a careful study of the California law and amendments to our Laws must be made at the coming session of the Legislature. It will require constant attention and much research work. It will be necessary for the Committee appointed for the coming year to keep a watchful eye on the Legislature at Albany. The Public Welfare Law should be carefully studied and amendments thereto should be presented to the Legislature so as to make the law more workable and easier for those involved.

REPORT OF GRAND AERIE REPRESENTATIVES

The following joint report of the three representatives to the 1939 Grand Aerie session was read by Brother Lane of Aerie 0473 and was received and ordered printed on motion by Brother Schneider of Aerie 053, seconded by State Treasurer Kohaut and a vote of thanks was tendered to the Grand Aerie representatives.

To the New York State Aerie,
Fraternal Order of Eagles:

Your delegates, elected at the last State Aerie Session in Gloversville to represent New York State Aerie at the Grand Aerie Session held in Chicago, August 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1939, wish to make the following joint report:

We were on hand August 17, 1939, registered, and received our credentials. The opening meeting was a public one held in the Casino of the Morrison Hotel. In the absence of Mayor Kelly of Chicago, Judge Donahue, his representative, made the address of welcome, which was responded to by Grand Worthy President Dr. Dilly. Brother Hering made the principal address of the evening. It would be useless for us to try to tell you how enthusiastically it was received by all those present, suffice it to say the ovation lasted for some time.

The business Session was presided over by Past Grand Worthy President Brother Grayson. Reports were received from the various committees, as well as the reports of the Grand Aerie Officers. Brother Conrad Mann stated he was going to read his report and requested the delegates to refrain from leaving the meeting unless it was absolutely necessary. He was just two hours and twenty-eight minutes reading it, and there was much food for thought contained therein. It was the most complete report we had ever

had, covering as it did practically everything pertaining to our Order. It was especially interesting to listen to the report on membership and the results of the Quota Plan for the last three years, which were as follows:

1936-1937	Quota Plan initiated	125,847 members
1937-1938	Quota Plan initiated	109,387 members
1938-1939	Quota Plan initiated	105,592 members

Last year 740 Aeries out of 1213 Aeries made their quotas; 160 Aeries came very close to attaining their quotas; 313 Aeries did not try to attain their quotas, consequently their funds have decreased and will continue to decrease in the future. There were 30 new Aeries started during the last year; 22 charters were lifted; 4 consolidations were accomplished; and only 13 areas were not working under the Organization Department. Last year a total of 105,592 members were initiated and a loss of 83,533 members was suffered, leaving a membership as of June 1, 1939, of 593,189 members. We still lead all other fraternal Orders in membership, and Brother Mann stated that if it had not been for the work of the Organization Department, which was started in 1919, the Order today would be but a memory.

At the conclusion of Brother Mann's report, Chairman Grayson of State of the Order Committee presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that the Board of Grand Trustees, be instructed to enter into another five year contract with Brother Mann to be effective upon the expiration of his present contract a year hence."

In accepting, Brother Mann thanked the delegates and assured them that if our members would cooperate and if he were alive in five years, we would have the largest fraternal Order, not only numerically, but also financially. He was applauded for several minutes.

After we had listened to Brother Mann's report, we could not feel otherwise than very proud of having him as our leader. It is regrettable that every member of our Order could not have heard him. It is conceded by all that he is the greatest Fraternalist of our time. He has spent the best years of his life with our Order, and as he has said on many occasions, he has only one thought in mind—"to build our Order to one million members," an objective we believe will be accomplished during the next few years. Too much praise cannot be given to Brother Mann and Brother Hering. They have carried on as our leaders in good times and bad until today our Order is recognized as the leader of all fraternal organizations.

There were many changes in our Laws, the reading of which consumed a great deal of time. No doubt the Secretaries have noticed in our new Constitution.

The attendance at the Session was large. New York State Aerie had 16 representatives.

Saturday morning the Business Session recessed for an hour to listen to Father Flannigan, who is in charge of Boys' Town, located in Nebraska. Brother Mann introduced Father Flannigan. We heard a very fine description of the boys who are entered at Boys' Town and the work being done by them. Father Flannigan thanked the convention for the opportunity of addressing it and praised our Order for the work it is now doing and has done in the past. Brother Mann remarked that he had never assisted Boys' Town but would from now on. Brother Herring presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, endorsing the work of Father Flannigan and stating that the Eagles were endorsing it because it is similar to what they have been doing for years. The Chief Auditor and Board of Grand Trustees were instructed to consider ways and means by which the individual Aeries and members who wished to contribute to this cause, may receive information through the Eagle Magazine. Brother Mann called attention to the Eagle's Memorial Dormitory for boys, which he said would be erected. Probably most of you have read about this project in the newspapers or Eagle Magazine.

The school for auditors and secretaries was held each day during the convention and many of the delegates attended.

There were 200 teams competing in the ritualistic work, the largest number ever registered, and the delegates crowded the hall most of the time to witness the work. Framingham, Massachusetts, Aerie won first prize.

The parade was held Sunday at 12:00 noon. It was one of the finest parades ever held and was a credit to our Order. It took two hours and thirty minutes to pass the reviewing stand.

Sunday we cast our ballots for officers of the Grand Aerie for the 1939-1940 year.

Sunday evening we had a New York State dinner, at which there were 22 present. State President Mostyn presided. All of those present gave short talks and pledged their support to the activities of the Order. Brother Mann was invited in and he assured us that he would give New York State all the cooperation he could and was going to send an organizer to start some new Aeries, which he has since done.

The following resolutions were acted on as follows:

1. Resolution by Brother Maraldo recommending more power be given to the State President was disapproved.
2. Resolution of Rochester Aerie inviting the 1940 Grand Aerie Convention to be held in the East was referred to the Chief Auditor and the Board of Grand Trustees.
3. Resolution of Bay Ridge Aerie relating to a Federal Credit Union was disapproved.
4. Resolution of Ithaca Aerie relating to Youth activities was not acted upon.
5. Resolution of Buffalo Aerie relating to Flag Day was not acted upon.
6. Resolution of Gloversville Aerie proposing special buttons for 35 year members was disapproved.

On Monday, August 20th, reports of various committees were received and the new officers were installed, after which the Session adjourned.

We wish at this time to express our thanks and appreciation to the members of New York State Aerie for selecting us as your delegates, and we trust that this report will meet with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL H. SWEENEY,
Alternate Delegate-at-Large.

DANIEL LAUR,
Delegate Eastern Section.

DONALD A. COCHRAN,
Alternate Delegate Western Section.

THE EAGLES' PLEDGE TO AMERICA

The following Pledge and Resolution, from the pen of Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering, was introduced by Past State President John P. Saxer under the joint sponsorship of State President Mostyn, and Past State Presidents Maraldo and Saxer.

Injustice and hatred have achieved their end. Over there, the fertile fields where grain should be growing are gashed with shell-holes and wet with human blood. The soft clouds of midsummer are pierced with the bullet-like speed of death-dealing planes. And the quiet night shudders with the death-cries of women and children.

Six of the seven primary powers of the world are at war. More men are under arms today than ever before in the history of the world. To build swift instruments of death, the blessings of science have been prostituted. The bones of boys and men who fell a quarter of a century ago have not dissolved into dust; yet over them, this very day, new bodies, distorted and mangled, rot by the roadside or lie twisted and misshapen upon the battlefield.

Ours is a country dedicated to the belief that men have certain inalienable rights. Among these are "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." To bring this Republic into existence, men and women suffered and died. Today, as never before, America is threatened by forces from beyond the seas and by forces from within.

To foreign armies that would desecrate our shores and to their leaders, we say: "America was built by men and women who crossed the seas to escape political and religious persecution. From the forests and rivers, from fertile valleys and plains, they built a nation dedicated to God and to the finest ideals alive in the soul of man. These ideals we hold more precious than life. Deprived of them, we count life not worth living. To our children, to the next generation, we have promised to hand down this heritage of freedom. No matter what the sacrifice, no matter what the suffering, we WILL keep the faith. No foreign army shall invade our continent so long as there are men and women in this country who find inspiration in American history and who deserve the privilege of living under the Stars and Stripes."

To those within our midst who would betray our country, who would seek to surrender the keys of America to those that hate our form of government, covet our wealth, and envy us the happiness that, through the grace of God, has found here its abiding place—to these traitors we say: "Take the first ship to the country whose government you serve. Take your crafty minds and Judas-hearts to the dictators whose slimy gold supports you. Leave forever a country whose blessed soil is too decent to hold your faithless bodies."

For any of this treacherous group who are caught in acts of crimes harmful to our government, we demand immediate and condign punishment. We have witnessed the successful invasion of peaceful countries that had been betrayed and weakened beyond hope of adequate defense by the creatures that, in paragraphs bitter with contempt, future historians will characterize as the "Fifth Column." And having witnessed the deeds of these traitors, we pledge our individual and group strength to the work of exposing their acts, both of omission and of commission, wherever opportunities present themselves to us.

Resolved, to the Governor of our State and to the President of the United States, we pledge, individually, and as a fraternal group that numbers almost three-quarters of a million men and women, our loyalty to the Constitutions of State and Nation. We pledge ourselves to the service of America. And, with the full understanding of what this vow entails, we pledge our willingness to give the priceless gift that men call life so that our children may inherit the blessings of freedom.

We dedicate, in this hour, ourselves and the Fraternal Order of Eagles

to the preservation of America and for what it stands among peace-loving peoples of the world. May God and our fellow-citizens help us keep this vow!

The above Pledge and Resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote, released to the press and the delegates to the 1940 Grand Aerie session urged to support its adoption in that body, as our expression of Eagledom, on motion by Past State President Saxer, seconded by the State Secretary.

Brother Kelly of Aerie 053 requested that a supply of this document be furnished for use of subordinate Aeries throughout the State and he was assured by State President Mostyn that this would be done.

State President Mostyn resumed his station.

Brother Frank A. Woock, General Chairman of the Lockport Convention Committee, at this time made announcements of coming events of interest to the delegates. He also announced that the Banquet for the delegates and ladies would be held this evening at 7:30 P. M. at the Eagles Club. He announced that each night they had arranged for a special dance band and a floor show for each evening. He urged the delegates to patronize the club as much as possible and stated that complete meals could be served at any time.

The Chairman of the Credential Committee announced that the committee would be in session from 5:00 P. M. until time for the Banquet and again at 9:00 A. M. in the morning.

At this time the State President introduced Grand Worthy Vice-President Charles P. McCann, who was welcomed enthusiastically and made a few brief remarks. Brother McCann will be unable to attend other sessions of this State Aerie Convention as he must attend the New Jersey State session convening tomorrow.

Past State President Maraldo moved that a telegram of greetings and best wishes for a successful State Aerie session be sent to the New Jersey State Aerie. The motion was seconded by State Chaplain Wolf and carried.

The State President then introduced Past Grand Worthy President Charles Guenther of Pittsburgh, who gave a very interesting and all too short address which was greatly enjoyed by the members. He expressed, in behalf of the Grand Aerie, the appreciation of that body for the work accomplished by the State Aeries. He congratulated the State officers for their splendid reports. In this connection he stated that although the report submitted by the Grand Aerie Representatives today was a splendid report, in his opinion, this report was superfluous since it was given nearly one year after the Grand Aerie session and the information contained in the report had been made available to every Aerie in the jurisdiction. He dwelt in some length in defense of Grand Aerie mandates, many of which call criticism from members of the Order and explained the reasons why many of these mandates were necessary. He recommended a closer cooperation among officers of the Aeries, especially to Aeries having social rooms and urged more frequent meetings of the officers to study their individual requirements. Brother Guenther especially requested that each Aerie make a special summer effort for new members during the months of June, July and August in honor of the Grand Aerie's Forty-second Anniversary and suggested forty-second anniversary classes made up of candidates brought in on the basis of our slogan, "Every member owes at least one new member to his Aerie."

He also spoke briefly about Boys' Town, where the Fraternal Order of Eagles will have an Eagle building which will cost \$135,000 (dollars) and which will be dedicated in the near future. He explained that it was the desire of the Order that this building be paid for by small contributions from every Eagle in the country, as a monument to the Order. However, no donations are requested where such donations would be a hardship to any member.

Brother Guenther is also leaving our State Aerie session tonight to attend the New Jersey State session.

State President Mostyn urged the session committees appointees to take their duties seriously and to give careful consideration to the matters that would be referred to their committee. He asked that anyone who would not be able to devote their time to the duties of their committee to be good enough to so advise him and he would relieve him from them. He also announced Memorial Services at 3:00 P. M. and the Ritualistic Contest to be held tomorrow. He urged that the delegates attend each of these services.

Just before adjourning the delegates renewed their pledge of allegiance to the flag of their country, led by Past State President Maraldo.

The session adjourned at 2:00 P. M. until 10:00 A. M. on Friday.

Banquet

At 8:00 P. M., Thursday evening, the delegates, ladies and guests to the number of about 350, gathered in the Banquet Hall of the Lockport Aerie Club rooms, where they were served with a very fine turkey banquet dinner as guests of Lockport Aerie. The banquet opened by the singing of "God Bless America." During the dinner there was music by a two-piece orchestra. Past State President John P. Saxer of Buffalo, as toastmaster, introduced State President William H. Mostyn and Grand Worthy Vice President Charles McCann as the only two speakers. The State officers were introduced individually but made no remarks. At the conclusion of the banquet and speech making, the Benediction was pronounced by the Reverend Stephen Palmer of Lockport, and the banquet closed with the singing of "America," led by State Vice President Leslie McDermott.

SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 28, 1940

The State Aerie reconvened for its second session at 10:15 A. M. with State President Mostyn presiding.

The first order of business was the holding of the Memorial Service for our Brothers who have died during the past year. The services were carried out in Ritualistic form, with State President Mostyn acting as Worthy President, Past State President Leonard acting as Past Worthy President, State Chaplain Wolf acting as Worthy Chaplain, Brother Carney of Lockport Aerie 825 acting as Worthy Vice President and State Secretary Neafe acting as Secretary. The following is the list of deceased in whose memory these services were held:

DECEASED

40 NEW YORK

Edward Messenzehl
P. H. Sullivan
John Murtha
Ralph Hitz
Charles Eckholme
Ellis Anderson

46 BUFFALO

Carl H. Henning
Frank Ryan
A. Killinger
L. J. Ward
Henry Naylor
J. F. Wolfier
F. A. Lehmann
F. Domedion
H. Goetz
F. W. Speidel
J. C. Witzel
Wm. F. Stewart
Louis B. Hart

Archie Baker
Paul Worlenski
Jul Goettleman
J. J. Crowley
Geo. A. Mias
Wm. Otto
M. T. Sullivan
Wm. A. Eckert
C. B. Runyan
Gustave Hoffman
B. J. Kelley
A. Wishman
John A. Troidl
S. Gerber
C. Bock
Al. G. Smith
M. J. Lougue
J. D. Cousins
Wm. Tegler
John Kiener
J. Bernback
E. E. VanHorn
Daniel Quattlarder

Thos. A. Witkowski
Thos. Kelly
V. Giallilla
John J. Kina
Robert Metz
R. L. Joyce
C. J. Fetes
W. J. Patton
W. H. Ryan
Frank Glaser
F. E. Morrett
A. G. Enders
Charles L. Leary
J. E. Kennedy
George E. Richardson
Harry Davis
William Garner
M. W. Haimerl
J. C. Paxton
M. Kehl
A. J. Post
Allen Speich
Theodore Dzygun

Dr. W. M. Ross
William Sawyer
Philip Koch
Thomas E. Walsh
J. Bernhardt
J. F. Donovan
J. F. Suttner
H. S. Lichtenstein
J. B. McCaughney
R. F. Kling
Gust Eckert
C. A. Bundrock
H. Blumenstein
N. Dougherty
James Kimmitt
J. S. VanScoter
A. M. Reibold
A. T. Smith
H. J. Schwartzott
William F. Stackman
William E. Church
Asa Eggleston
L. W. Huetter
T. H. Hurley
A. Link
James Holtz
L. Shuttleworth
Ferd. Koepfella
John E. Pickup
L. W. McFarland
George Townsend
W. R. Jackson
Richard Morris
W. Kryszak
F. H. Harrison
Anthony Lush
R. Guastaferrro
J. J. McNerney
William Dingman
Daniel J. Starkey
S. Sasala
John Kunz
William Brown
Sol. Feldman

52 ROCHESTER
Wm. J. Gallaher
Simon Schyve
Harry K. Jones
Harold T. Johnson
William J. Ross
Charles W. Rowe
John W. Lofthouse
Wm. W. Phillips
John W. McMahon
Leo J. Travis
Emil Boshart
Arthur A. Becker
Isadore Schooner
Joseph Zapf
Fred S. Casey
Wm. T. Sherman
Frank E. Warth
Albert Campe
Nathan Sherman
Joseph W. Fanning
P.W.P. James C. Booker

88 NIAGARA FALLS
William Burgess
David McMillen
Elton L. Tryon
Albert Miller
Dr. W. L. Draper
Charles R. Graeger
Frank Denslinger
William Filiatreault
Kenneth Thomas
August Weber

95 GENEVA
E. C. Anoble

96 AUBURN
P.W.P. Andrew Kraus
J. P. Doyle
D. H. Perkins
Daniel Polaski
F. A. Brennan
J. J. Considine
E. L. Fitzsimin
C. A. Carpenter
M. A. Donovan

97 UTICA
John G. Longley
Robert J. Bates
Raymond Clark
Charles Williamson

393 BROOKLYN
Thomas Sherlock
Michael Wallace

0473 NEW YONKERS
Gustave C. Robinson

482 GLOVERSVILLE
Albert Main
Albert Martin
W. W. Rohde
P.W.P. Van Angus
John Jones

491 BRONX
Samuel Levinson
John Tinsley
Fred C. Bridgers
Patrick J. Hughes
P.W.P. Edward W. Curley
Henry C. VonGerichten

514 SCHENECTADY
Clark Wineman
William Woods
Frank Friel
P.W.P. L. M. McGinley
Albert Tree
James Barrett
Louis H. Stolz
C. H. Shayne

543 STATEN ISLAND
Joseph Dickescheid

544 EMPIRE
B. B. Rockwell
H. Waizenegger
W. Langan
Jas. Gibbons
John Gier
John Rockey
H. L. Decker
F. C. Gray
N. W. Wood
G. H. Blanchard

583 FLUSHING
John A. Lemmo
George Gieger

616 OLEAN
Bernard Edel
Matt Mikolich
Conrad Keisel
John Fitzgerald
James Rogers
Charles J. Raymond

782 WATERTOWN
James Guy Carroll
A. R. Waterman
Louis Alexander
Frank J. Fodey
C. H. Backus
Charles Beeman
Frank Carpenter
N. A. Thompson
Joseph J. Kraemer
George Wilson
A. A. Byrnes
C. H. Scheetz

825 LOCKPORT
Robert Fisher
Wm. McLaughlin
J. Gordon Hutchinson
William Dow
J. Edward Bush
William Colbey
Albert C. Doyle
Albert N. Brown

941 ELMIRA
Robert B. Lewis
John L. Murray
Thos. A. Wickham
Paul Fortuna
Frank Mirich
P.W.P. Edward J. McDonald
Jerry J. Lundergan
Grover C. Darrow
Hon. J. C. Lynch
James W. Marlow
Elmer E. Grow
Thomas J. Crowe
P. H. McInerney
George Gaiser

1042 TARRYTOWN
Michael Touhey
John S. Winkles
John Scribano
Henry J. Logan

1043 AMICUS
O. W. Foster
Donald Perry
Edward Tollman
Dudley Johnson
U. E. May
Thomas F. Fern

1117 WASHINGTON HGTS.
Albert Stone

1166 PORT CHESTER
Conrad Pracht

1253 ITHACA
John Toomey
August Wise
Michael Kellar
William F. Martin
William Browne
John Quigley

1260 ONEONTA
Moon Melvin
Ralph Wyckoff
Mathew Spencer

1411 TONAWANDAS
Herman Hahn
Fred C. Leverenz
Jos. Heimgartner
Thomas Chance
Adolph Green
Max Grohman
Frank E. Regent
B. N. Mago

1509 LONG ISLAND CITY
Lorenz Benz
Frank Cosgrove
Frank Driml

1544 ROCKAWAY BEACH
S. Mulholland
J. Fearherson
H. Schultze
Wm. Goerke
A. Wedinyer
William Reib
L. Miller
J. Barth
O. Hofquitz

1545 OSSINING
George V. Hanf
Peter Lickona
James B. Cranston

1575 FORT JOHNSON
Alfred De Gilio
Dominic Kralovic
Simon S. Stata
Louis Noel
John Smullen
William F. Fogarty
James Galligan
Earl W. Snyder
Domiano Sariaino
Walter C. Wright
Albert Warren
Reuben B. Ynan
Henry J. Neuhaus

1815 SOUND SHORE
Carl Frisch

1924 BAY RIDGE
Chris Carr
Thomas Bates

2055 COLLEGE POINT
John Hubenick

2119 CHENANGO VALLEY
Felix Crawley
Walter Fyler

2130 MONTREAL
L. A. Kirby
C. Griffin
G. B. Whitlock
C. V. Scordos

2145 CHAUTAUQUA
Harry Irwin
Irving A. Dobmeier
Charles F. Lawson
Herbert A. Hall
Anthony J. Reusch
Gust A. Peterson

2191 CROWN CITY
James Costello
P.W.P. H. W. Sherman

2231 LACKAWANNA
P.W.P. Carl Hoepfinger
Edward Owens

2269 ENDICOTT
Glenn D. Williams

2299 STEUBEN
Joseph Stonham

2333 OWEGO
Andrew Austin

At the close of the Memorial Services, the State Aerie resumed its business session after prayer and the opening ceremonies.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Chairman McCarthy of the Committee on Credentials made a supplementary report showing 12 additional representatives had been given their credentials since their last report. The report was accepted and committee continued.

The minutes of yesterday's session was read by State Secretary Neafie and approved as read.

A communication was received from Past State President Walter E. McGrath wishing our State Aerie a successful convention, regards to officers and delegates attending at Lockport and expressing regrets for being unable to attend.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS

Past State President Maraldo, Chairman of the Committee on Laws, presented several amendments to present State Aerie Laws for their first reading. Brother Williams of Aerie 46 expressed opposition to the report of this committee, taking the attitude that revision of State By-Laws was not a duty of the Committee on Laws but should be referred to a special committee on By-Laws. The State President permitted the Chairman to continue reading the resolutions as prepared, there being no action taken on any presented.

Past State President Barber, Chairman of Grievances and Appeal Committee, reported verbally that the committee had had no matters reported for their consideration at this time.

Brother Hennelly, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported that the committee had nothing to report at this time, and would meet in Room 55 at State Aerie Headquarters at 3:00 P. M. today. He invited anyone interested to meet with the committee.

The State President announced that he had appointed Edmund Sullivan of Aerie 1253 a member of the Ritualistic Committee, in place of Joseph Sheridan of Aerie 2351, who had not yet arrived in Lockport.

Under the order of business "Good of the Order," Past State President Leonard gave a few remarks concerning the New York State Old Age Pension Law. He gave a resume of the efforts put forth by the Fraternal Order of Eagles in getting the Laws placed upon the State Statute books. He cited several conditions of which he had personal knowledge, so bad and entirely contrary to the intentions of the Eagles when working for this Law that it was absolutely necessary that this committee be continued for the purpose of working for Amendments to the Law so that humanity would not have to be pauperized in order to obtain pensions to which they were entitled. He felt that the way the present law was working it was a disgrace to the State of New York.

Brother Andrews of Montreal Aerie 2130 made a few remarks to clarify certain rumors, which he understood were in circulation, to the effect that visitors were not desired in Canada and wished to say that visitors are always welcome and that Montreal would be glad to entertain the State Aerie in 1942. State President Mostyn replied that he knew that the city of Montreal would be a most desirable place for holding the State Aerie session and although Aerie 52 had hoped to entertain the State Aerie that year, he was sure that they would be willing to forego that pleasure in behalf of Aerie 2130, should the Committee on Arrangements at that time decide in favor of Montreal.

NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS

The nomination of officers resulted as follows:

For the office of State President: R. Leslie McDermott of Lockport Aerie 825 was nominated by Brother Wock of Aerie 825, the nomination being seconded by Past State President Saxer.

For the office of State President: William H. Mostyn of Rochester Aerie 52 was nominated by Past State President Mahoney, the nomination being seconded by Past State President Maraldo and Past State President Leonard.

For the office of State Vice-President: Michael Wolf of Brooklyn Aerie 393 was nominated by Brother Cairns of Aerie 1117, the nomination being seconded by Brother Crook of Aerie 583.

For the office of State Chaplain: William L. Christiansen of Schenectady Aerie 514 was nominated by Brother Glenn of Aerie 514, the nomination being seconded by Brother Dolzen of Aerie 514, Past State President Saxer and Past State President Mahoney.

For the office of State Secretary: Charles G. Maraldo of Staten Island Aerie 543 was nominated by State Secretary Neafie, the nomination being seconded by Brother Siegler of Aerie 543.

For the office of State Conductor: Henry Kohaut of New York Aerie 0473 was nominated by Brother Lane of Aerie 0473, the nomination being seconded by Past State President Maraldo.

For the office of State Inside Guard: Joseph Kanasola of New Syracuse Aerie 053 was nominated by Brother Schneider of Aerie 053, the nomination being seconded by Brother Judge Kelly of Aerie 053 and Past State President Mahoney.

For the office of State Outside Guard: Harvey J. Crook of Flushing Aerie 583 was nominated by Brother Hannelley of Aerie 1575, the nomination being seconded by Brother Siegler of Aerie 543 and Brother Dietz of Aerie 583.

For the office of State Trustee for three years in place of Harry W. Cleveland: Walter A. Neafie of Ossining Aerie 1545 was nominated by Past State President Leonard, the nomination being seconded by Past State President Mahoney.

For the office of State Trustee for three years in place of Harry W. Cleveland: John Williams of Buffalo Aerie 46 was nominated by Brother Boyle of Aerie 46, the nomination being seconded by Brother Schart of Aerie 46.

There being no further nominations for any of the above offices, the State President declared the nominations closed until the next session.

The State President then appointed the following Tellers of Election: Judge John Kelly of Aerie 053, Leo Martin of Aerie 514 and Edward M. Kamas of Aerie 941.

At this point, the session was given over to matters on Organization. Brother Saxer, State Organizer for the Eastern District of the State, made a verbal report on the work done by the various Aeries during the year, in the way of obtaining their individual quotas as assigned by the Grand Aerie. He stated that the results were attained by having active officers and real workers and that where Aeries failed to make their quotas, in many cases, it could be traced to the fact that the Aerie did not have active officers or workers. He felt that the results obtained this year, however, were an improvement over last year and that New York State Aerie was on the upward trend. He predicted that fifty per cent more Aeries would reach their quotas next year regardless of election of officers and that we should go on next year as loyal Eagles, each and every one working for the best interest of our Order and our goal of one million members. He promised that the State would have new Aeries during the year and asked any member who felt that he could be instrumental in helping to institute a new Aerie in a city near him to communicate with him.

Brother Maraldo, State Organizer for the Southern Section of the State, also made a verbal report on the results obtained and the conditions prevailing in the lower section of the State. He paid his compliments to the Aeries in his territory that had reached their quotas and thanked all those who had in any way taken part in the activities. He then spoke briefly on the matter of Father Flannigan's Boys' Home, enlarging on the remarks made by previous speakers on this subject. Brother Saxer also spoke on this subject stating that about seventy thousand dollars had already been subscribed for the new Eagle building and urged that special effort be made during the next few months to help make up the deficiency. Brother Saxer also spoke briefly on the matter of delinquency and stated that keeping members in the Aerie was, in his mind, even more important than making the quota assigned. He urged that this matter be given special consideration by the Aerie officers.

State President Mostyn thanked the members for the close attention given to the speakers during the discussion of Organization and stated that it should be remembered that no one person can produce the results that cooperation and harmony can produce. He had hoped that during the discussion of Organization the District Plan would be mentioned and explained, but because of both lack of time and pressure of business he would not go into this matter at this time. He asked that all members rededicate themselves to the goal set by our great leader, Conrad H. Mann.

Past State President Maraldo made a motion that twenty-five dollars be contributed from the funds of the State Aerie to Father Flannigan's Boys' Town. The motion was seconded by Brother Siegler of Aerie 543 and State Chaplain Wolf and carried unanimously.

State President Mostyn announced that the exemplification of the ritual would take place at 4 P. M.

After prayer by the State Chaplain, the session adjourned at 2:30 P. M. until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

THIRD SESSION
Saturday, June 29, 1940

The final session of the 34th annual meeting of New York State Aerie was called to order by State President Mostyn at 10:10 A. M. and opened in regular form. Password was taken and the State Aerie Credentials were examined by the State Conductor and Chaplain.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The following final report of the Committee on Credentials was submitted by Chairman McCarthy, showing that 6 additional delegates had been given session credentials since their last report. On motion by Brother Blessing of Aerie 514, seconded by Brother Crook of Aerie 583, the report was received, ordered spread upon the proceedings and made the roll call of the session.

Lockport, June 26, 1940.

To the New York State Aerie, F. O. E.,
 assembled in its Thirty-fourth Annual Session.

Brothers:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully submits the following report: The committee convened for its first session on Thursday, June 27, 1940, at 9 A. M. at Eagle Club and will be in session at various times during the sessions as necessary, for the purpose of examining the Credential Certificates and Membership Cards of the Brothers presenting themselves for admittance to the State Aerie sessions; comparing the Certificates with the list of certified Representatives as certified to the State Secretary by the various Aeries; and have satisfied ourselves that each Brother to whom a Session Credential has been issued by this committee is a qualified elected member of the State Aerie, according to our State Aerie Laws, and entitled to a voice and vote at this 1940 State Aerie Session. We also present the following information pertaining to representation at this session:

Number of Aeries in the Jurisdiction of this State Aerie	47
Total entitled representation of all Aeries	112
Number of Aeries certifying Delegates to session	42
Number of Delegates Certified to State Secretary	102
Number of Delegates-at-Large in State Aerie	27
Number of Delegates Registered with this committee	77
Number of Delegates-at-Large registered with this committee	20
Total number of Representatives registered	97
Number of Delegates-at-Large registered who are also a Delegate of their Aerie	2

Following is the name of each Representative in attendance at this State Session to whom has been issued a Session Credential by this committee:

Delegates-at-Large

Junior Past State President	Raymond R. Barber
State President	William H. Mostyn
State Vice-President	R. Leslie McDermott
State Chaplain	Michael H. Wolf
State Secretary	Walter A. Neafie
State Treasurer	Henry Kohaut
State Conductor	William L. Christiansen
State Inside Guard (Acting)	Aaron Siegler
State Outside Guard	Joseph Kanasola

State Trustees:	Harry W. Cleveland Dr. M. Monat Dennis Broderick
Past State Presidents:	William B. Hutchinson William H. Alf Albert B. Leonard Ernest J. Mahoney John P. Saxer John J. Shortell Charles G. Maraldo
Representatives to Grand Aerie:	Daniel Lane Ronald A. Cochran

Delegates

Aerie No.	Name	Delegate
40	New York	(Not represented)
46	Buffalo	John Williams Norman Mabley William Melinger Harry Granger Vincent Scharf Percy Brown Paul Hornquist Charles F. Boyle
52	Rochester	Ernest Updike Bernard Sweeney Harold Searchfield Raymond McCarthy
053	New Syracuse	Otto F. Schneider Judge John D. Kelly
88	Niagara Falls	Peter B. Nielsen John F. Stewmiller
95	Geneva	Albert B. Leonard, P.S.P.
96	Auburn	Ray F. Lewis William Scollin
97	Utica	Edward A. Dumka
393	Brooklyn	Michael Wolf, State Chaplain
0473	New Yonkers	Alfred W. Lane Thomas F. Kiley
482	Gloversville	Lawrence Shue Arch Cummings Gerald Schlexer
491	Bronx	(None certified)
514	Schenectady	Charles J. Dolzen Leo Martin James J. Glenn Clarence Blessing
543	Staten Island	Aaron Siegler (Acting Inside Guard) Joseph Garofalo
583	Flushing	Charles Dietz Harvey J. Crook
616	Olean	Joseph M. Bear Joseph P. Henriette L. P. Chesner
782	Watertown	H. A. Buckingham James V. Mooney James J. Corbett

825	Lockport	Dennis Carney Harold J. McCabe Paul M. Ayers Frank A. Woock
941	Elmira	Edward M. Kamas Charles A. Hughes
1042	Tarrytown	Angelo Monte John S. Spaulding
1031	Vernon	(None certified)
1043	Amicus	(Not represented)
1117	Washington Heights	Edward Cairns
1166	Port Chester	Samuel J. Provino Anton L. Shrout
1253	Ithaca	Edward Swansen Edmund Sullivan Glenn Griffin
1260	Oneonta	D. D. Brown Harry Woodin
1411	Tonawandas	James A. Kydd Franz Stawitsky George A. Zimmerman
1509	Long Island City	(Not represented)
1544	Rockaway Beach	(Not represented)
1545	Ossining	Jay D. Cronk George L. Smith
1575	Fort Johnson	Charles M. Johannes I. Clarence Hennelly Carl Schnipp Thomas J. Keaveney
1815	Sound Shore	(None certified)
1924	Bay Ridge	Joseph Cassidy
2065	College Point	Charles R. Pendleton
2119	Chenango Valley	Joseph T. Horney C. Jones
2130	Montreal	S. Andrews
2145	Chautauqua	Donald A. Tillotson Gust Gisslin
2191	Crown City	Paul J. Gleason Ernest Pace
2231	Lackawanna	(Not represented)
2269	Endicott	William C. Conrow Harvey L. Wood
2311	Maple Leaf (Toronto)	John O'Loughlin
2326	Williamsburg Brooklyn	(None certified)
2333	Owego	(None certified)
2348	Batavia	William G. Inglis Joseph Larkin
2351	Hornell	(Not represented)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS

Past State President Maraldo, Chairman of the Committee on Laws, reported that the committee had considered the matter of resolutions on the changes of the State Aerie Laws, as read at yesterday's session and had decided to withdraw the resolutions. As no other resolutions pertaining to the Laws had been submitted to the committee, there was nothing further to report. The committee was discharged with thanks.

A motion was made by Past State President Maraldo, seconded by Brother Williams of Aerie 46, that the incoming State President appoint a special By-Law Committee to function during the coming year, to consider

and present at the next State Aerie session such amendments to the State Aerie Laws as they deem advisable. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeal reported that there had been nothing presented for their consideration and had no report to make. The committee was discharged with a vote of thanks.

At this time, Past State President Maraldo assumed the station of State President.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Brother Hennelly, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, reported that in addition to the resolutions that the committee was about to present they had also considered the resolution adopted at our opening session, pertaining to the Eagles' Pledge to America, and wanted to say that his committee had most heartily concurred in and approved this resolution.

Resolution

Whereas, the problem of unemployment still is a big factor to contend with in this Nation and

Whereas, since the beginning of the present war in Europe there have been subversive interests at work throughout the Nation trying to spread the gospel and teachings of the totalitarian Governments and trying to impress that Dictatorship in this Country might serve the purpose well, and

Whereas, these anti-governmental agencies can make much progress by injecting themselves into the masses of the unemployed and spread propaganda to the end that unrest will prevail and finally take hold within the ranks of those who are hungry and unable to make a living at either a living or saving wage.

Be It Resolved, Therefore, that the Fraternal Order of Eagles of New York go on record as recommending to the Leaders of our Nation, that unemployment be made to go hand in hand with other problems of defense and that we do all in our power to alleviate the sufferings of the many unemployed so as to satisfy them and not make them fall victims to this malicious propaganda of the poisoned minds and so that they will live in keeping with the spirit of Americanism that we want to prevail in this Country.

Submitted by Gloversville Aerie.

The above Law was approved by the committee and unanimously adopted on motion by Chairman Hennelly, seconded by Brother Williams of Aerie 46.

Resolution

The following resolution, presented by Chairman Hennelly, was also approved by the committee and unanimously adopted on his motion, seconded by Brother Kiley of Aerie 0473.

Whereas, once again this year the Fraternal Order of Eagles has established a record in membership increase of more than 120,000 new members and

Whereas, this feat can be attributed to the good work done by the Leaders and the individual members of the subordinate Aeries, and

Whereas, we are not unmindful of the splendid assistance given the individual Aeries by the Organization Department and its capable Leader, Our Managing Organizer, Conrad H. Mann, and

Whereas, this convention would be very ungrateful if it did not spread on the record of this convention the fact that the efforts lent us by Conrad H. Mann and his subordinates alleviated the task of accomplishing what was done in this State and in the Nation,

Be It Resolved, Therefore, that we, the members of the New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, by a rising vote, express our gratitude

and appreciation to Conrad H. Mann, Managing Organizer and pledge ourselves to go back to our Aeries and double our efforts for the coming year in order that the quota of the subordinate Aeries will be made and in order that we may come back next year proud of the fact that for 1940-41 we made the goal for our State.

Resolutions Committee.

Resolution

Chairman Hennelly also submitted the following resolution, which had the approval of the committee and was also unanimously adopted on his motion, which was seconded by Brother Scharf of Aerie 46.

Whereas, during the past year, the finances of the subordinate Aeries of our State and the conduct of business transacted therein has been maintained at the highest standard, and

Whereas, the Chief Auditor, through his subordinates, assigned to examine the records of the Aeries and to assist the financial officers, is responsible for this fine condition of affairs in the State of New York, and

Whereas, we are appreciative of the fact that many sacrifices are made by Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann to give us the services he has rendered in New York,

Be It Resolved, Therefore, that New York State Aerie, in convention assembled, convey to Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann our sincere thanks and solicit his assistance during the year 1940-41, and we trust that his health may be spared for many years to come so that our Aerie may enjoy the Blessings of his immense wealth of knowledge of the affairs of our Order.

Resolutions Committee.

Brother Stawitsky of Aerie 1411, a member of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted on his motion, seconded by Brother Shrout of Aerie 1166.

Resolution

Whereas, during the past year we have been assisted in our great work by the presence in various Aeries by Grand Aerie Officers, more especially Grand Worthy President John A. Abel, Grand Worthy Vice President Charles P. McCann and Past Grand Worthy President Charles Guenther and during their visits their lectures and talks were a contribution to the education of our members in learning the fundamentals of our Order,

Be It Resolved, Therefore, that New York State extend thanks to G. W. P. John A. Abel, and to G. W. V. P. Charles P. McCann, and P. G. W. P. Charles Guenther, who appeared at this convention, and all other Grand Aerie Officers who helped make this year a great success in Eagledom.

Resolutions Committee.

Resolution

The following resolution was presented by Brother Stawitsky had the approval of the committee and was unanimously adopted on his motion, seconded by Brother Andrews of Aerie 2130

Whereas, recent events in the European War have made it necessary for the government of the United States of America to adopt a program of National Defense in the prosecution of which all of its citizens must demonstrate absolute loyalty and give full cooperation, and are prohibited from making any alliances with, or showing any sympathy toward totalitarian governments; and

Whereas, we feel that we should be in accord with the attitude taken by the President of the United States in regard to this Nation's attitude toward belligerents, and that there will be no tolerance shown towards

persons who seek to foster alliance or submission to totalitarian governments, and who propagate political theory which is contrary to the Constitution and liberal institutions of the United States,

Be It Resolved, Therefore, that without reservation, all of our Members in the New York State Aerie, which comprises subordinate Aeries of New York State and the Dominion of Canada, do pledge support, even at personal sacrifice, the program of National Defense, so that America may achieve security against any possible attempt to destroy this form of government and the liberties guaranteed by the Democracies of the World, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we stand firmly behind any and all pledges of assistance of whatsoever nature it may be that the President and our Government may offer the Allies in this present conflict.

Submitted by Joseph Garofalo, Staten Island Aerie 543.

Resolution

Whereas, once again the Editor of the Eagle Magazine, P.G.W.P. Frank E. Hering has given to the members of our Order the finest Fraternal Publication whose articles have been inspiring to the members and their families, and

Whereas, the membership of the Order through its columns has been posted at all times as to the condition of the Order and the record being achieved by the different Aeries,

Be It Therefore Resolved, that the New York State Aerie express to Frank E. Hering, Editor of the Eagle Magazine, its sincere appreciation for the splendid contributions he has made to our Order through the columns of the Eagle Magazine and more especially do we wish to commend him on the splendid Resolution prepared by him which was adopted in this Convention, namely, "A Pledge to America."

Resolutions Committee.

The above resolution, having the approval of the Resolutions Committee, was unanimously adopted on motion by Brother Stawitsky, seconded by State Chaplain Wolf.

State President Mostyn resumed his station.

Resolution

The following resolution was approved by the Resolutions Committee and unanimously adopted on motion by Chairman Hennelly, seconded by Brother Schneider of Aerie 053.

Be It Resolved, that the sincere thanks and appreciation of the members of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, assembled in their 1940 convention, be extended to the officers and members of Lockport Aerie 825, to General Chairman Frank Woock and his various committees for the very successful manner in which the convention arrangements were handled, also for their unsparing efforts to make our visit to this city a pleasant one,

Further, that similar thanks be extended to the mayor and other municipal officers of the City of Lockport, to members of the police department for their courteous treatment of our delegates, their families and friends, to the business men and residents generally for the interest shown by them in making our convention a success,

Further, to the officers and members of Aeries in Niagara Falls, Tonawandas and Buffalo for their cooperation by acting as hosts to ladies of the convention on the bus trips taken Thursday and Friday,

And Finally, to the Union Sun and Journal, a daily publication of the City of Lockport for its detailed coverage of activities of our 34th annual session.

As this completed the report of the Resolutions Committee, the committee was discharged with a vote of thanks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER

Past State President Leonard, on behalf of the committee, submitted the following report, which was received and ordered spread upon the proceedings on motion by Brother Leonard, seconded by State Chaplain Wolf.

We have just passed another milestone in the Life and history of the Greatest Fraternal Order ordained. The members of our Order in the Empire State are glad to have been able to contribute to the success attained by our Order nationally.

Under the able leadership of State President William H. Mostyn, who, in every sense cooperated with the representatives of the Grand Aerie and Organization Department, the increase in the rolls of the State for the year is commendable.

This year we have seen installed in the machinery of the State the District Plan which, although not altogether new to the membership, has done splendid work for the assistance of the weaker Aeries. The plan, of course, did not get under way until late in the term and the various individuals appointed did not receive the proper instructions to carry on as was expected of them but after a late start the result that is now a part of the record was astonishingly good.

Following in the footsteps of the plans outlined by the Chief Auditor and Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann, the State President, the State Organizers from both sections of the State and the various District Leaders set out on the task of having each Aerie make its allotted quota for the year. In so doing, the ideals and principles of the Order were more solidly imbedded in the minds of those members who are primarily interested in our Order and the net result as shown by the records of the Organization Department without a doubt do credit to the Leaders in the State.

The quota for the year 1939-40 for the State of New York was set at 3,547 new members to be initiated during the year. This number, of course, included the two Aeries in the Dominion of Canada which are considered part of our State. The total number of candidates initiated for the year was 3,350. We fell short of our allotted quota by only 197 which we consider a marvelous attempt under the conditions existing in the State.

Our State Aerie comprises 47 subordinate Aeries. Of these, 26 Aeries completed their quotas, some even doubling the number assigned and five others received quota certificates from Managing Organizer Conrad Mann on a reduced quota basis because he felt that they had done a good job even though they fell short by a few. The average percentage rating of this State is as follows: In membership 94.5% and in Aerie quotas 66%. A splendid showing and figures that will instill in the membership the desire to go out next year and do a better and more complete job.

State President William H. Mostyn has traveled thousands of miles during his term, visiting Aeries both weak and strong and preaching the gospel of Eagledom and telling of the necessity for the injection of new blood into the veins of all the Aeries. We feel that State President Mostyn has distinguished himself as a Leader and that his name will go down into the history of the State Aerie as having been an outstanding Leader of men.

The State President's report presented here at this convention was most concise and fine. We feel that from the facts contained therein he has done a wonderful job as the State Leader throughout the State. We are convinced also that every member of the Order has been anxious for its upbuilding in this State. State President Mostyn is to be complimented on his splendid report.

Your Committee on Good of the Order once again heard read one of those fine State Secretary's reports. For the many years Brother Neafie has served us, it is noticeable that never a complaint has been registered by this State Aerie as to the splendid manner in which he has performed the duties of his office. It is most gratifying in this State, that no matter

how intelligent the member, he cannot fail to understand the conditions existing in our State after having heard such a splendid piece of work, as a report of Walter Neafie as State Secretary.

It is with regret that Secretary Neafie has expressed a desire to give up his duties in that office. The State Aerie will feel the loss of Brother Neafie and your committee hopes and prays that during our deliberation we may be able to find someone capable enough to perform the task for the future. We wish Brother Neafie luck in his endeavors. We know that he has worked hard in these past years, both in private life and for our Order. Now he seeks a rest. He is justly entitled to it and never shall it be said that we would stand in his way, in order to make his remaining days happy ones. Good Luck, and May God Bless you, Walter Neafie. You carry with you the Best Wishes of every member of the New York State Aerie.

At this time, your committee wishes to express sincere gratitude to the Leaders of our Order for their willing assistance in the State of New York. Conrad H. Mann, as Managing Organizer, has done a splendid job in building up the membership in this State through his capable manner of handling the situation both from his office in Kansas City and through his deputies in this State. Charles G. Maraldo and John P. Saxer. As Chief Auditor, he has brought about real orderliness in the handling of the affairs of the Aerie and though the task was a big one, he has managed to bring about the stability of many Aeries, that otherwise might have faced serious consequences. Frank E. Hering, P.G.W.P., through the medium of the Eagle Magazine, has given us our just share of valuable publicity.

We have had the pleasure during the year of visits from officers from the Grand Aerie. They have been an inspiration and the State Aerie is thankful for the many visits which brought about wonderful results made in this State by Grand Worthy President John A. Abel and Grand Worthy Vice President Charles P. McCann.

The reports of our various committees were commendable.

The Convention City of Lockport was a real host. The local Aerie did much to lend us comfort and pleasure during our stay in this city. Through the efforts of such fine workers as State Vice President R. Leslie McDermott and Frank Wook, the General Chairman of the local committee, we have had one of the most enjoyable and successful conventions of all times. Lockport Aerie is to be complimented for its many kindnesses.

A hearty welcome is extended to the newly instituted Aeries, Hornell No. 2351 and Batavia No. 2348. We wish them success in their respective cities and know that they will always be a credit to the State Aerie and Grand Aerie.

The report of the Committee on Old Age Pensions and Stabilization of Employment convinces us that much work will be required in this pet project in the coming year and we know that the incoming State President will recognize this fact and do all in his power to work out the recommendations made.

We should all become vitally interested in making our quota in this State for the Temple to be erected by our Order in Boys' Town. Everyone knows the amount of effort and work which is being exerted by Father Flannigan in that city to bring about the rehabilitation of hundreds of boys and when Conrad H. Mann pledged himself and the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Chicago last year, he merely wanted to show the world that our Order is still of the humanitarian type and that has a heart. This matter should receive the attention of the members of the subordinate Aeries at all the future meetings until the campaign is concluded.

We are particularly proud to know that this convention adopted a resolution similar to the one introduced in the Indiana State Aerie setting forth "Our Pledge to America." This shows the stand taken in this Order when it comes to defending the principles of our Country.

In closing, we ask each member of this convention to wind up the

affairs of the State Aerie with expediency and tact. That while meditating and whenever possible, you offer a prayer to the Almighty God that the present conflict now ravaging another continent be brought to an end so that we may have peace on earth.

We wish every one a speedy and pleasant trip on your return to your homes and may we all have the pleasure of meeting again next year to discuss our problems and have them treated with consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. HUTCHINSON
WILLIAM H. ALF
A. B. LEONARD
JOHN J. SHORTELL

Past State President Hutchinson was invited by the State President to occupy the station of State President at this point.

REPORT OF RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

Brother Cassidy, Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee, reported on the result of the contest held yesterday afternoon on the exemplification of the ritual. The contests were held in the meeting room of Lockport Aerie and was well attended by delegates and members of the Order. The contest in Class A resulted in Rochester Aerie being awarded 1st prize of \$50.00 with a 93% rating and Fort Johnson Aerie being awarded the 2nd prize of \$25.00 with a rating of 90½%. In Class B, Chautauqua Aerie was awarded 1st prize of \$25.00 with a rating of 58%.

On motion by Past State President Leonard, seconded by Post State President Mahoney, the report of the Ritualistic Committee was received and approved and the State Secretary authorized to draw the necessary checks in payment of the prizes awarded.

On motion by the State Secretary, seconded by Brother Glenn of Aerie 514, the State Secretary was authorized to receive the report of the Parade Committee and issue the necessary checks in payment of the prizes, as awarded by the committee.

Under the Order of Business, Good of the Order, State President Mostyn gave a short and interesting talk on "What Fraternalism Is." He also dwelt on the present Old Age Pension Law citing the amendments adopted in California to improve their Law in that State and felt that every effort should be made in this State to improve our own Law in like manner. He expressed his personal thanks to the convention session committee and also expressed his appreciation for the many courtesies and honors that had been conferred upon him.

At this point, Past State President Alf was invited to occupy the station of State President.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Before proceeding with the election of officers, opportunity was given for further nominations for the various State offices and at this time, William C. Conrow of Aerie 2269 was nominated for the office of State Outside Guard by Brother Wood of Aerie 2269, the nomination being seconded by Brother Gleason of Aerie 2191, after which the nominations were closed on motions duly made and seconded.

Past State President Leonard at this point assumed the station of the State President.

Brother Williams of Aerie 46, who had been nominated yesterday to the office of State Trustee in place of Harry W. Cleveland, withdrew his

name from the list of nominees, with the approval of the nominator and seconder, in favor of State Secretary Neafie.

Balloting on candidates then proceeded and ballots were prepared for the office of State President, which proceeded by secret ballot on roll call, the result being 55 votes cast for President Mostyn and 38 votes for Brother McDermott. The Chair, therefore, declared William H. Mostyn reelected to the office of State President.

On motion by Brother Lane of Aerie 0473, seconded by Brother Spaulding of Aerie 1042, one ballot was cast for all other officers where there was but one candidate and the Chair declared the following officers duly elected:

State Vice President: Michael Wolf, Brooklyn Aerie 393.
State Chaplain: William Christiansen, Schenectady Aerie 514.
State Secretary: Charles G. Maraldo, Staten Island Aerie 543.
State Treasurer: George A. Zimmerman, Tonawandas Aerie 1411.
State Conductor: Henry Kohaut, New Yonkers Aerie 0473.
State Inside Guard: Joseph Kanasola, New Syracuse Aerie 053.
State Trustee for 3 years: Walter A. Neafie, Ossining Aerie 1545.

There being two candidates for the office of State Outside Guard, a roll call ballot was taken which resulted as follows: Harvey Crook, Flushing Aerie 583, received 58 votes and William C. Conrow, Endicott Aerie 219, received 29 votes. The Chair, therefore, declared Brother Crook elected to the office of State Outside Guard.

The tellers were discharged with thanks.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GRAND AERIE

Caucuses were then held by the Eastern and Western Districts for the purpose of nominating representatives to the Grand Aerie, which resulted as follows:

Western District

Representative-at-Large: William H. Mostyn, Rochester Aerie 52.
Alternate Representative-at-Large: Raymond R. Barber, Ithaca Aerie 1253.
Representative: Edmund Sullivan, Ithaca Aerie 1253.
Alternate Representative: Edward M. Kamas, Elmira Aerie 941.

Eastern District

Representative-at-Large: William H. Mostyn, Rochester Aerie 52.
Alternate Representative-at-Large: Raymond R. Barber, Ithaca Aerie 1253.
Representative: J. Clarence Hennelly, Fort Johnson Aerie 1575.
Alternate Representative: Joseph Cassidy, Bay Ridge Aerie 1924.

On motion by State Chaplain Wolf, seconded by Brother Scharf, the selections of the Eastern and Western Districts were approved and adopted as the representatives of New York State Aerie to the 1940 Grand Aerie session.

On motion by Past State President Mahoney, seconded by State Treasurer Kohaut, the sum of \$150.00 was appropriated for the Representative-at-Large and \$75.00 was appropriated to each of the two Representatives as compensation for attending the Grand Aerie session and the State Secretary was authorized to draw the necessary checks therefor.

Past State President Maraldo, in behalf of the Delegates, presented a purse to State President Mostyn as a token of their appreciation for the services rendered by him for the past year.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were installed by Past Grand Trustee and Past Grand State President John P. Saxer with Past State President Mahoney acting as Grand Worthy Conductor.

OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE

State President Mostyn appointed the following Past State Presidents as members of the Old Age Pension and Stabilization of Employment Committee for the coming year: Charles G. Maraldo, Chairman, William F. Mentzinger, William B. Hutchinson, William H. Alf, and Raymond R. Barber.

There being no further business for consideration, the State Aerie closed with prayer at 12:50 P. M. to meet again at such time and place as may be decided upon in accordance with the State Aerie Laws.

REPORT OF THE PARADE COMMITTEE

At 2:30 P. M., a very fine street parade was held in connection with the State Aerie convention and was participated in by many Aeries from various parts of the State, other Fraternal and civic organizations accompanied by several Bands and Drum Corps. The line of march was well decorated and was thronged with a large number of interested spectators.

The following is the report of the parade committee showing the winners and the amount of the various prizes awarded.

The following is the decision of the judges to whom was awarded the prizes as noted:

Largest delegation coming the longest distance, Rochester Aerie 52, prize \$50.00.

Largest Eagle musical unit coming the longest distance, Rochester Aerie 52, prize \$50.00.

Best appearing Eagle Musical Unit, Tonawandas, prize \$25.00.

Best appearing Non-Eagle Musical Unit, Harrison Ladies, prize \$25.00.

Best appearing Non-Eagle Uniformed Unit coming the longest distance, Kiltie Band, prize \$25.00.

Best appearing Drill Team, Rochester, prize \$25.00.

Best appearing Ladies' Auxiliary, Rochester, prize \$25.00.

Best appearing Eagle Unit in line, Ithaca, prize \$25.00.

Best appearing Non-Eagle Unit in line, Wrights Corners, prize \$10.00.

Largest Ladies' Uniformed Unit in line, Moose Ladies, prize \$10.00.

Largest Unit in line, Rochester, prize \$15.00.

Respectively submitted,

PARADE COMMITTEE,

Edward Cairns
Bernard W. Sweeney
Jos. Larkin
A. L. Shrout •
Ray Lewis.

WALTER A. NEAFIE,
State Secretary.

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