

CHAPTER NEWS

SALEM CHAPTER No. 1

Something happened on August 14th last which cancelled our scheduled meeting for that month. Two guesses! However, a few stalwart survivors of the celebration got around to attend our September meeting, eighteen in fact, and we were favored by an interesting talk by Raymond Reeves on his experiences as an infantryman on Bataan, and while held a prisoner by the Japs at Bilabid for over three years. Those who were privileged to hear Mr. Reeves carried home some real conceptions of what real suffering and hardship can be and a deep appreciation of the fortitude our servicemen have shown.

Our Chapter is discussing the question of dues and how best to pay them, and all who are interested—aren't we all—should get out to the meetings to air their views. We've got an election coming up in December with nominations in order for the preceding two meetings; and don't forget, the General Council meets in February next. These matters, along with sundry others, will make our meetings of real interest, and we expect to have a couple of hundred of our members out regularly to voice their approval or disapproval of Association affairs. Have you got a gripe? Of course! So let's get them out in the open at the Chapter meetings.

Miss Mahany, assistant Highway Department librarian, is having a wonderful time on an extended vacation trip to Alaska.

Verne Jones, of the Seabees, is back in "civvies" again and is studiously picking up the threads of his old job with Eddie Clymer, the Highway Department Cost Analyst.

Paul Davies, recently of the Seabees, formerly with the Testing Laboratory, is back in the harness again, this time in Mr. Glaisyer's Department.

Jerry Farrar is reported to be convalescing nicely from his recent serious illness and, although not on the active list as yet, is robust and in fine spirit. We wish him a speedy, full recovery.

Webb Ross is graying rapidly looking after Jerry's duties as a D.M.S. and keeping an eye on his own Division Office duties simultaneously—well, almost. His friends are deeply concerned, but need have no fear as we know Webb will be OK until after hunting season, at least.

We are not unmindful of the State-wide drive and contest for new members, and it is reported we have been recruiting at a rate of fifteen new members a month. That's not bad, but we're going to have to hustle if we win any prize by the closing date, October 31st. Some of the other Chapters have been

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