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Rear Duke & Perpetual Skipper

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JACK DANIEL'S SPONSORS 37th SACO CONVENTION AT NASHVILLE IN MAY

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Hostess Helena Cooper

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Nashville

May 22-26



Stone Cooper

Thanks to our hosts Stone and Helena, the assistance of Shep Tate and Mayhew Jones and our benefactor, Jack Daniel's Distillery, we certainly enjoyed another great convention in Nashville, Tennessee in May. We especially acknowledge the perseverance of Helena who, under adverse circumstances, never waived "to get the job done" even though her husband, Stone, was stricken with serious illness several weeks before the deadline.

The Sheraton Music City was an ideal spot and what a break in room rates! Southern hospitality was truly exhibited when the Coopers made Jack Daniel's Distillery aware of our forthcoming reunion in Music City. We are most grateful to Mr. Roger E. Barshears, Manager Lynchburg Promotions at the Jack Daniel's Distillery for his most generous offerings to SACO; two cases (24 one-liter



Distillery (located in a "dry" county), a visit to the Hermitage (home of President Andrew Jackson, Grand Ole Opry show, city tour, river cruise and plenty of yarn swapping.

The Saturday night banquet was a first in that country-western was the "dress code." Helena hosted a fun-filled evening awarding hilarious gifts to the best dressed, most authentic and several other categories. Our



L-R: John Waters, Bill Miller, Charlie Sellers, Richard Rutan, Jack Petersen, Bill Hall

bottles) of Jack Daniel's Black Label Tennessee Whiskey, enough cocktail glasses, napkins and stirrers to last the entire convention! I doubt that any SACO convention to date was ever privileged to be so honored and we extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Barshears and the Jack Daniel's establishment for their special recognition of our people.

Events included a live taping of the Ralph Emery Show, tour of Jack Daniel's



guest speaker for the evening was Curt Watson, a former pilot with the Blue Angels

and now the chief test pilot for Federal Express. Mr. Watson favored us with a most interesting film of the Blue Angels. His response to expressions of "precision" and "danger" that was involved in the maneuvers of the Blue Angels was that he felt "safer in the skies than driving home from the airport."



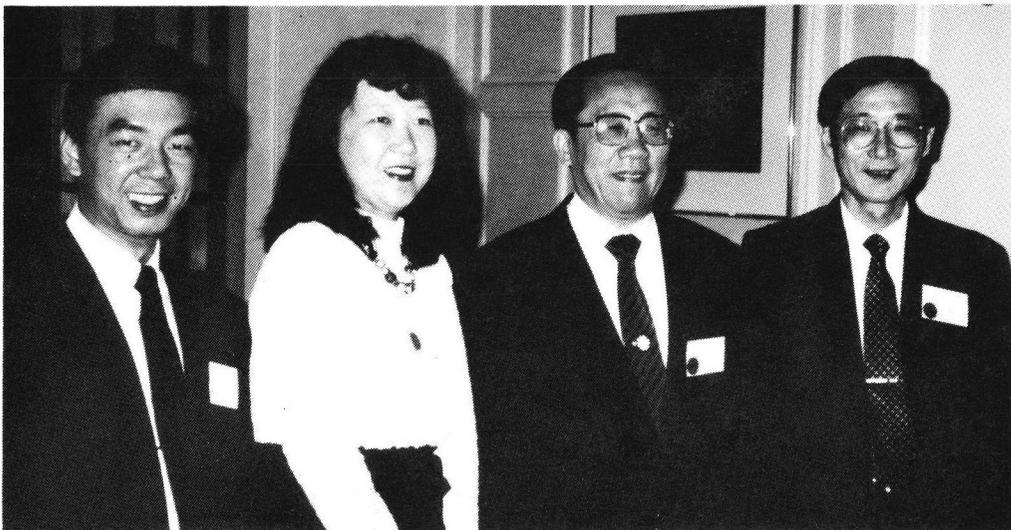
Shep Tate

About 175 enjoyed the banquet (delicious dinner of salmon and filet mignon) and entertainment by the band and Tennessee cloggers. Many SACOs participated in the square dance.

It was interesting to note that those attending this year's convention represented 31 states with California in the lead followed by Florida.

Among those attending this year's reunion were:

Representing the MIB/MND Republic of China:
Major General Fan Chi-yao (Ret.)
Col. Lee Ping-shun
Ms. Chou Shu-hui
Capt. Chang Chang-yueh



Capt. Michael Chang, Ms. Tracey Chou, Gen. Fan & Col. Lee

Others in attendance were as follows:

ALVERSON, Lee & Ruby
BAKER, Willie & Audrey
BARTEE, Bill
BENEDICT, Verne
BLAIR, Willis & Mildred
BOOTH, Bud & Ellen
BRADSHAW, Conrad & Margaret
BROWN, Ken & Lillie
BUCKLESS, Frank & Evelyn
BURKE, Leonard & Ruth
CASAMAJOR, Paul & Martha
CIACCIO, Sal & Marie
CLARKE, Dave & Dorie

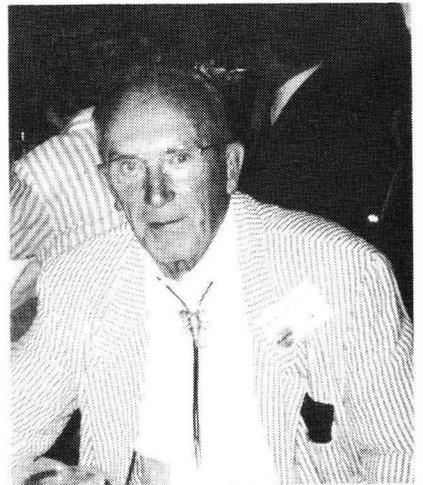


COATS, Gerry & Mary
COFER, Bob & Ida Mae
COLSON, Thomas J.
CONWAY, Mike & Peg
COOPER, Helena & Beth
CURRY, Troy & Doris
DALRYMPLE, Vern & Gloria
DIVELBISS, Carl
DORMER, Buck
EDISS, Al & Missy
ENDE, Ed & Catherine
ERWIN, Silvia
ESTES, James
FELMLY, "Doc" & Peg
FITZGERALD, Joseph
FLEMING, Andy
FINTAK, Leonard & Dolores
GATS, Irene
GILROY, "Slim"
GORDON, Doug
HALL, Bill & Bobbie
HARABIN, George
HATTERMAN, Wayne & Fanny
HILL, Bob & Lola
HORNING, Lorne & Pearl
JAMES, Bill
JONES, John & Elizabeth
JONES, Mayhew & Sara
KARAS, Larry & Georgia
KELLY, Jim
KILLEBREW, Nellie & Dianne
KING, Ray
MASSEY, Bill & Helen
MATICK, Elda
McGRAIL, "Red" & Mary
McKAY, Kenny
McMULLAN, Lloyd & Mark
MILES, Billy
MILES, Charles "C-Going"
MILLER, Bill & Sissy
MILLER, Bob & Mona
MULLEN, Ralph & "Ro"
MURPHY, Jim & Jackie
NELSON, Bernie & Hazel
NICHOLS, Vic & Barbara
O'CONNOR, George & Catherine
OLSEN, Art & Rita
PARKIN, Charles & Marty
PARKS, Dick & Marge
PETERSEN, Jack & Bev
PORTER, Paul
PORTER, Joe & Robbie
POYDA, Mike
PRATHER, Fred & Cindy
PURVIS, Guy
REINER, Tom
RHICARD, Ken & Helen
RITTER, Ben & Betty
ROGERS, Sarah
ROLAK, Chet & Lillian
RUTAN, Richard & Erma
SCARBOROUGH, Joe & Mrs.
SCURLOCK, Hank & Laura
SCHROEDER, Jim & Jerry
SELLERS, Charles & Laura
SHEARER, Jack & June
SIZEMORE, Bob & Arline
TABOR, Nancy
TAO, Frank & Lilyan
TATE, Shep
TRESSLER, Don & Helen
ULANECK, Julius & Helen
WATERS, John & Fran
WATSON, Curt & Nevin
WERWEGE, Jim & Sue
WESKAMP, Wes & Kathryn
WHITE, Bill & Mary
WILCOX, Marlyn & Beverly
WILDING, Art & Glenna
WILLIS, Peg
WILLS, Jack & Bev
WOGAN, Tony & Evelyn

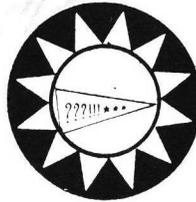
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Tom Reiner



Bev & Jack Wills



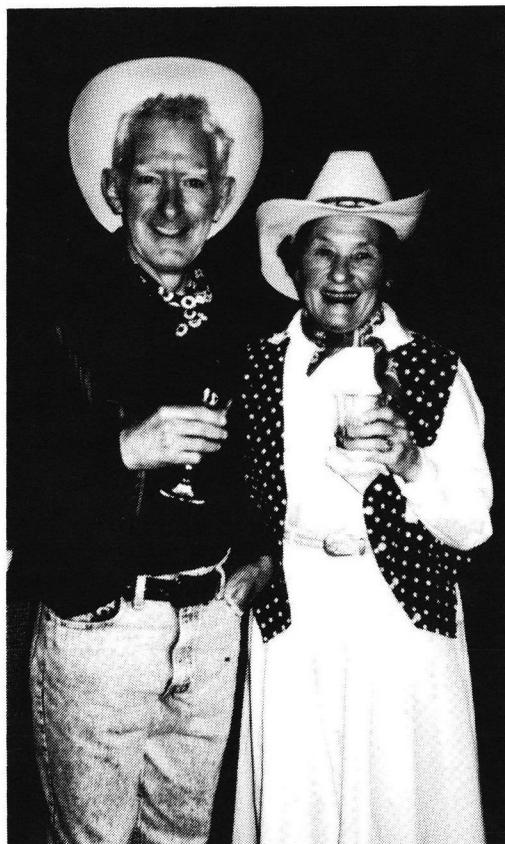
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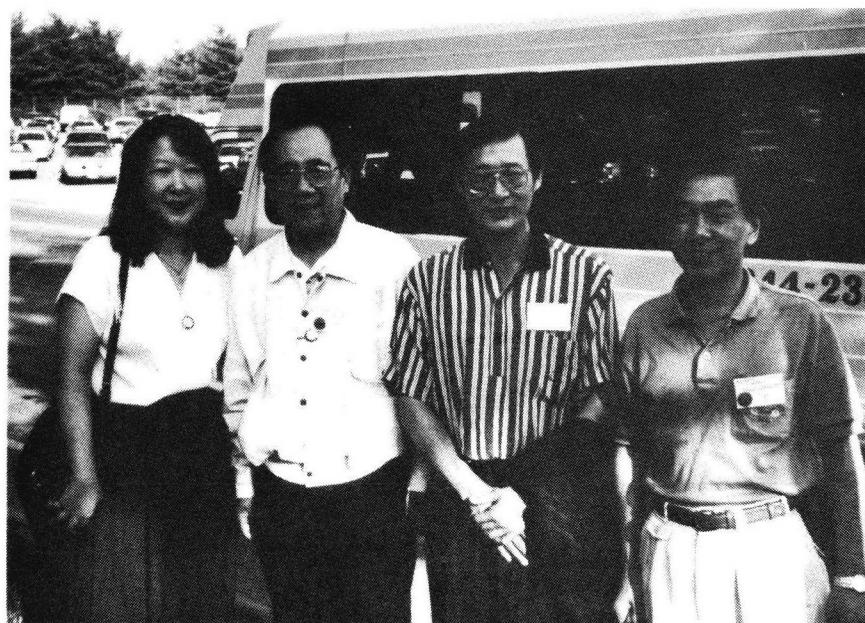
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Bill & Sissy Miller



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Helen Rhicard



Lee Alverson, Verne Benedict



Julius & Helen Ulaneck X



Gloria & Vern Dalrymple



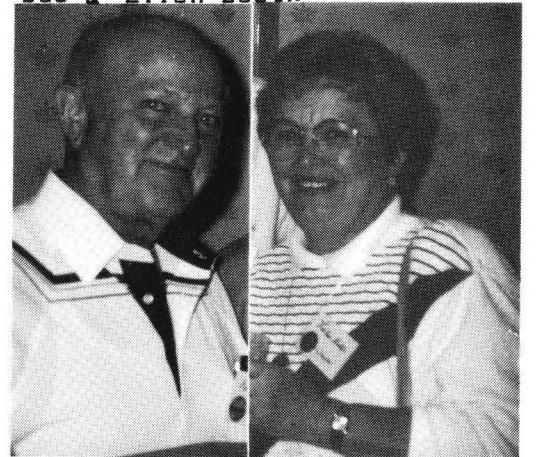
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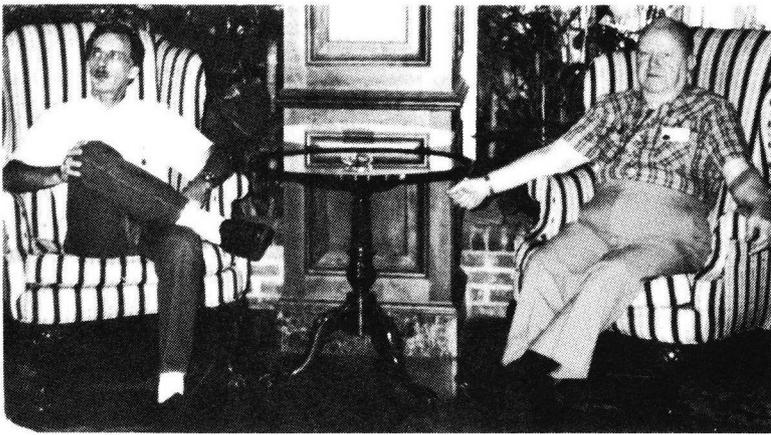
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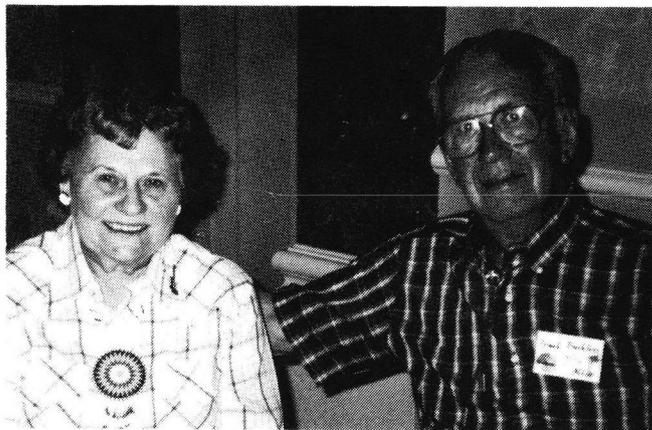
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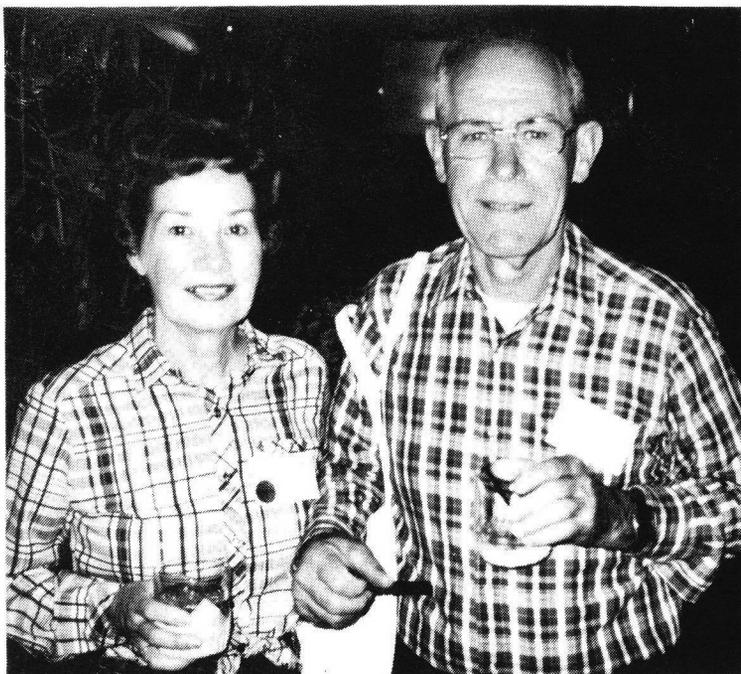
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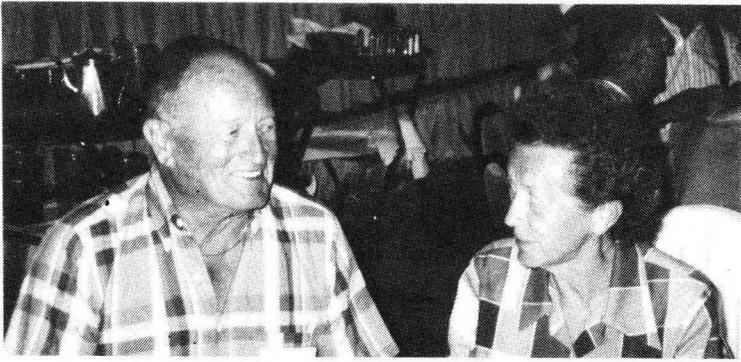
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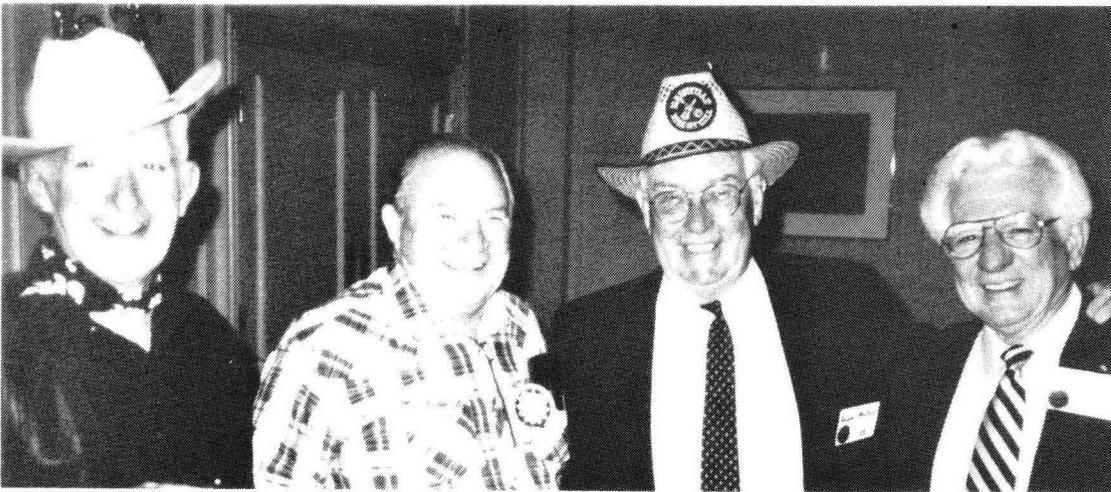
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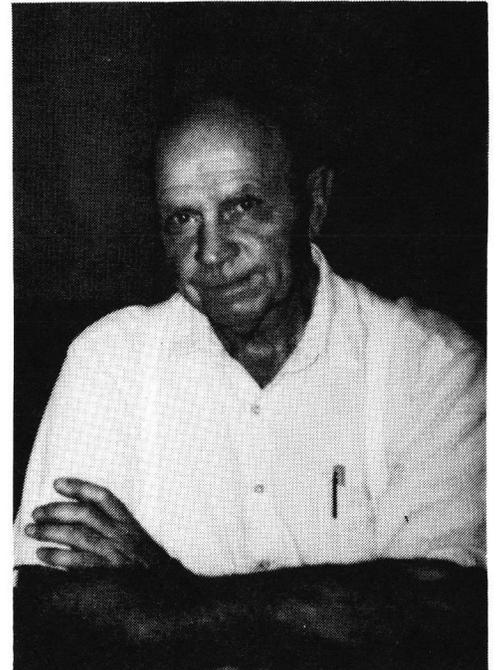
Standing L-R: Verne Benedict, Marilyn Wilcox
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Billy Miles, Lillian Rolak



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Ray King of Scouts & Raiders

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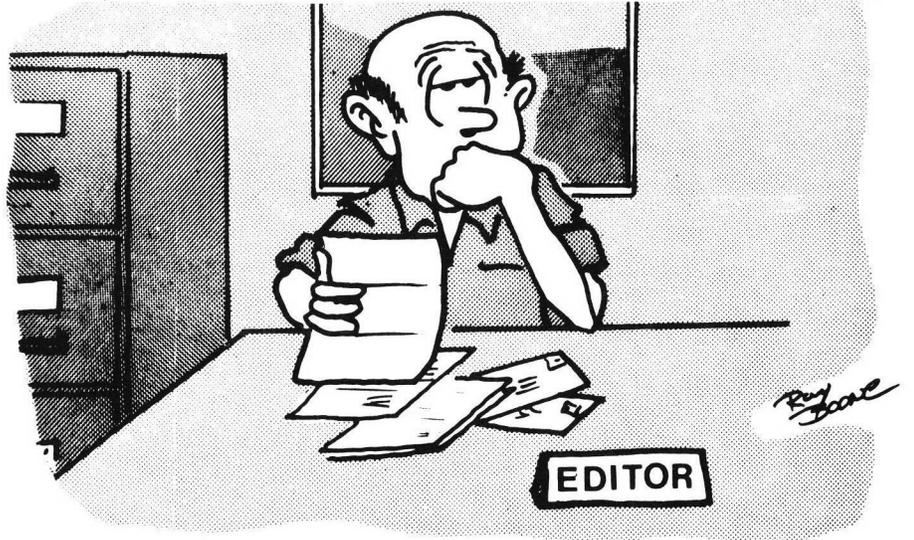


Ken Brown



Ken Rhicard

LETTERS
&
NOTES



28 March 1991

"Thank you so much for sending us a number of copies of Issue No. 5, SACO NEWS.

"This issue is further enriched in contents. It tells so much how our dear SACO friends are doing.

"We are interested in reading everything contained in the publication. I am very much pleased to see my photos are shown. It is my honor and privilege.

"The 37th SACO convention (Nashville) is coming soon. It looks likely that I would be able to attend the convention once again. I hope and I am sure, that you and your mother will be there.

"You have played such an important role in each of the conventions in the past. Of course, I think you will continue to do so.

"With my high admiration for a most successful publication to which you have contributed so much."

Sincerely,
Fan Chi-yao
Major General, (Ret.) ROC Army



(No dateline)

"Well, by golly, I will certainly be sending in my dues on time from now on because we are really enjoying the news letters. I'm mailing my dues as I mail this.

"Having spent a hitch in the pre-Pearl Harbor 1st Cavalry Division (they had horses then, I also belong to the 1st Cavalry organization and receive a bi-monthly newsletter from them called THE SABER.

"It all amounts to the same, but they have a lifetime membership fee and the newsletter costs so much a year.

"They also have a trading post in the paper which sells decals, sweatshirts, caps, belt buckles, etc. with the 1st Cavalry logo.

"I have decided to try to make the 'Nash Bash' - it's been quite a while since shaking you guys' hands in Taiwan." (They were with us in '79)

Best regards,
Marvin Lee
Box 2462
Casper, WY 82602

21 Feb. 1991

"I live in the same town as Tom Clark, WWII Navy diver for underwater demolition. He was a member of SACO in China. I was in OSS in China.

"Tom lent me his copy of Roy Stratton's THE ARMY-NAVY GAME. Unfortunately, while my wife and I were out, our dog got loose and destroyed Tom's book.

"The purpose of this letter is to inquire of you - do you know any place that I can buy THE ARMY-NAVY GAME by Roy Stratton?

"Please reply as soon as you can to:"

George Adams
RD #1, Box 1028
Farmington, ME 04938

(I did answer immediately explaining the book was out of print. . . perhaps one of our readers has an extra copy (or willing to part with his copy)?? Ed.)



4 March 1991

"Thanks very much for sending me copies of the SACO NEWS.

"Glad to receive extra copies as Al's children (6) and 8 grandchildren will appreciate them as a memento.

"Hope someday to attend another convention."

Sincerely,
Emily A. Lewis (widow of Al Lewis, Cdr. USN-Ret.)
5657 Southgrove Drive
Citrus Heights, CA 95610



7 February 1991

"Just a quickie to tell you how much I appreciate your sending those marvelous newsletters; the last arrived while away on a trip. What a shock to open to "Taps" and to find many of our friends have gone to finer lands. Now writing some of their spouses.

"So very sorry to hear of your being on the 'sick list', Erma. Hope you are enjoying very best of health!

"...Am a bit embarrassed (but pleased, and thanks) you gave so much weight to my being wed -

"Love and best wishes to you both."

Vi (Violet Lawlor Carmichael)
4373 Sequoyah Rd.
Oakland, CA 94605



5 March 1991

"First of all, I must thank you for the masterful job on the SACO NEWS. Ellie thanks you for the stamps. She will add them to her collection.

"It is so sad to see so many of our lao peng yu departing. The article about Dr.'Goo' by Earl Colgrove is most interesting. I was the anesthesiolo-

gist and timekeeper on Randolph's operation. I supplied Dr. Goo's operating gown - a white shirt which he wore backwards. ChPhM Deegan was the assistant. Dr. Goo actually had to reopen the wound because of poor drainage. It was left open when we boarded the sampan.

"So, bye for now, Dick; I'll be looking for you and Erma in Nashville. Ellie joins me in giving both of you our love."

Buck (R.L. Dormer)
1083 Bird Lane
Sanibel, FL 33957



4 March 1991
(To Frank Buckless)

"Enclosed find my 1991 dues - another one from Camp 4 - Gobi."

"P.S.: Will try to make the May 1991 reunion. Having problems with cancer of the spine."

Frank Budinscak, Jr.
3517 26th Ave. B
Moline, IL 61265



(Letter to Frank Buckless)

"At 91, I would like to be there with the '91 convention. Healthwise, I can't plan that far ahead.

"I hope you have a very good attendance.

"Warmest regards to the group."

Baudu (Harry J. Baudu)
16215 N. 34 Place
Phoenix, AZ 85032



(To Frank Buckless)
18 March 1991

"Please find enclosed my personal check in the amount of \$20.00 for my 1991 SACO Dues. Certainly enjoyed the SACO NEWS a job well done!"

Don (Donald G. Leberman)
Commander USNR (Ret.)
702 Gasteiger Road
Meadsville, PA 16335



30 March 1991

"Thanks ever so much for the newsletter; have read it over and over. I see where the next reunion is almost in my back door, but have already made arrangements for flying out to Idaho to visit my youngest son and family.

Otherwise I would be delighted to attend.

"Thanks again and may God bless you."

Sincerely,
LuVeda (LuVeda Collins Graham, widow of Horace Glen Graham)
19 S. Vine St.
Indianapolis, IN 46241



5 March 1991

(To Frank Buckless)

"Enclosed is my check for the '91 dues. Please send my card to me. As yet of this date, I have not decided if I will make it to Tennessee.

"Hopefully, I will be able to make it. If not, I know I shall be missing a good time.

Hope the world is treating you all right. Until we meet again, take care."

Harry Romanki
9824 SW Archer Rd.
Gainesville, FL 32608



"First of all, allow me to compliment you on the quality of the most recent issue of 'WHAT THE HELL' (SACD NEWS). I enjoyed it very much. I'm reminded once again of just how small this world can be at times. I note in the 'Taps and Farewell' section, the passing of William Sanford LaSor. You mentioned that he had been a professor of religion at Lafayette College in Easton, PA. Lafayette College is my alma mater, Class of '53.

"Another coincidence - in the Letters and Notes ... a letter from General Al Gray, Marine Corps Commandant, to Bill Sager. Why is this significant? I'm enclosing a clipping from the most recent issue of the 'Lafayette Alumni News' which features Al Gray (an old Lafayette hand)...

Dick Ceremsak
26 Blueberry Lane
Hamilton, MA 01982



"Thanks very much for sending me the latest copy of the SACD newsletter. It is well done and easy to read. It was a pleasant experience reading about some of the group; our Kweilin gang.

"I was not aware that such an association existed. The last I heard was when the information came out about 'THE RICE PADDY NAVY'. I bought the book and kept it for many years before discarding it.

"I received a card from Jack Miller. He suggested I write a 45-year history and send a copy to you. A copy is enclosed.

"Bobbie and I plan to attend the meeting at Nashville. We are driving out and plan to arrive about mid-day Friday...."

Sincerely,

Bill Hall
1202 Pembroke Road
Greensboro, NC 27408

FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF HISTORY FROM BILL HALL AS REQUESTED BY JACK MILLER:

"What a pleasant surprise! During the past four weeks, I have received your card, the SACO newsletter and the Nashville Meeting program.

"Other than a resume, it's been a long time since I've tried to write a personal history. I would be more comfortable filling in the blanks or making an 'x' for 'all or none of the above.'

"So to get started: After you all left Bainbridge Island, I was transferred to Recife, Brazil. Spent three years there and was sent to Charleston, SC for discharge.

"With the 'Ruptured Duck' well in hand and the G.I. Bill, I entered Virginia Tech University. I received a BS degree and Bobbie Starr and I were married soon after graduation. We moved to North Carolina, she to teach school and I had a job with an electric utility. Within the next few years, I changed jobs, we moved some and during this time, Bobbie gave birth to our three children; two girls and a boy. We have been living in Greenboro for thirty years and 25 years ago, I started a business which my son is now operating. I retired two years ago and have been busy since trying to get retired.

"I met Charlie Sellers once in my hometown of Jonesville, Virginia and talked with him one time on the phone. Have now lost contact with Charlie, but would like to say thanks, Charlie, for passing along my address.

"I regret the news about Mr. Hoose (Harned P. Hoose, Commanding Officer in Kweilin) and Charlie Cox.

"Jack, I have tried to get in touch with some of the group through the use of Amateur Radio. I am a licensed operator. My call letters are N4BJH. I have asked amateur operators in several Indiana cities and towns if you were listed in the telephone directory. I have talked with amateurs all over the USA, but could not find anyone of our group.

"As you suggested, I am sending Dick Rutan a copy of this so that if he chooses, to use this as my way of saying hello to several unforgotten friends."

Sincerely,

Bill Hall

(You will note from perusing this issue that Bill made the Nashville convention and was reunited with Sellers and several others of our group. Ed.)



1 June 1991

"Guess I'm still kinda zonked out after the double whammy I've gotten in the last 6 months! ...

"I'm so sorry Evelyn (my sis) and I missed the festivities. Just wasn't meant to be. Paul* just went to sleep 5/21/91. Guess he and his dad figured time for me to have a break!

"Saw the group (Nashville TNN) got a real thrill! Just wish Emery had spent a bit more time interviewing the group. Saw Bill Miller announce the group and saw the banners!

"Still have my gift ticket from Chuck (#1 son). Will save it 'til August. Plan on a short trip to Portland to check on the family home and have a 10-day change of scenery and visit with my cousins and a navy nurse friend.

"Can't remember if I thanked you for the copies of SACO NEWS; passed the extras on to my men. Will continue to send my dues.

"Frank Buckless called me and said the next reunion will be in San Diego. God willing, I can make that one. Will save my allowance. Ha!

"Take care, stay happy and healthy.

As ever,"

Ruth Cox

* Youngest son who had been in a coma for over 5 years.

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MADAME CHIANG RETAINS RESPECT BUT NOT POWER

The following report from Reuters as
appeared in the Orlando Sentinel, Sunday,
March 3, 1991:

(SUBMITTED BY FRAN WATERS)

TAIPEI, Taiwan - Once the first lady of China, Madame Chiang Kai-shek passes her old age quietly in a secluded residence, her aura of power fading as political and social change sweeps Taiwan.

The widow of Chiang Kai-shek still commands respect, particularly among the aging military men and Nationalist Party officials who followed her husband to Taiwan after their defeat in the Chinese civil war.

The last vestiges of her political influence have dwindled as the island moves toward democracy. Even her imperious manner has softened over the years, acquaintances say.

"Some people still tremble in her presence, but she has become gentler, more introspective. She's not quite the intimidating figure she used to be," said a friend who has known her for more than ten years.

"She commands respect but no real practical influence. She is no longer able to turn the respect into power, even if she wanted to do so," said Ting Tin-yu, Director of the Public Opinion Research Foundation, a private body.

Frail and reclusive, Madame Chiang rarely leaves her home in a Taipei suburb, where she is surrounded by servants and bodyguards.

She entertains few visitors although senior government officials pay courtesy calls.

She is about 90. Records in the United States, where she was educated, say she was born in 1897, but some official publications in Taiwan have given her the year as 1901. She has not explained the contradiction.

Madame Chiang was born Soong Mei-ling, a member of a family that gained enormous wealth and power in China. Her sister, Soong Ching-ling, eventually became a vice president of Communist China.

A beautiful woman who captivated many people in the West with impassioned appeals for aid to China in World War II, Madame Chiang influenced policy and strategy as her husband fought Japanese and Chinese Communist armies in the 1930s and 1940s.

After her husband fled to Taiwan in 1949, she helped him set up a government-in-exile, which he headed until his death in 1975. She is still a member of the ruling Nationalist Party's Central Advisory Commission.

Just three years ago, Madame Chiang's reputation remained powerful enough to spark widespread speculation about her political role after the death of President Chiang Ching-kuo, her stepson.

Local newspapers said she tried to prevent the island's first native-born president, Lee Teng-hui, a reformer, from becoming chairman of the Nationalist Party.

Since then, age and democratic reforms have forced the retirement of many conservatives loyal to her.

And, for younger people in Taiwan's increasingly liberal and pluralistic society, Madame Chiang's name does not carry the sense of awe that it once evoked.

"We Chinese respect old people, and we can never forget that she was a symbol of China," said Lin Po-wen, a journalist who has written about Madame Chiang for 20 years.

"But to some extent, she was a symbol of the old China. The world is very different now."

Acquaintances say Madame Chiang, who has no children, spends many hours reading religious books in English. She is a Christian.

She has her hair done and wears elegant silk dresses and jewelry.

She also talks about the past.

"But I don't think she does it in a sad, self-pitying way. She isn't despairing. Her mind is still clear and she can still enjoy life," Lin said.



FOTO FUNNIES



"Now look! You said you wanted a Bloody Mary!"

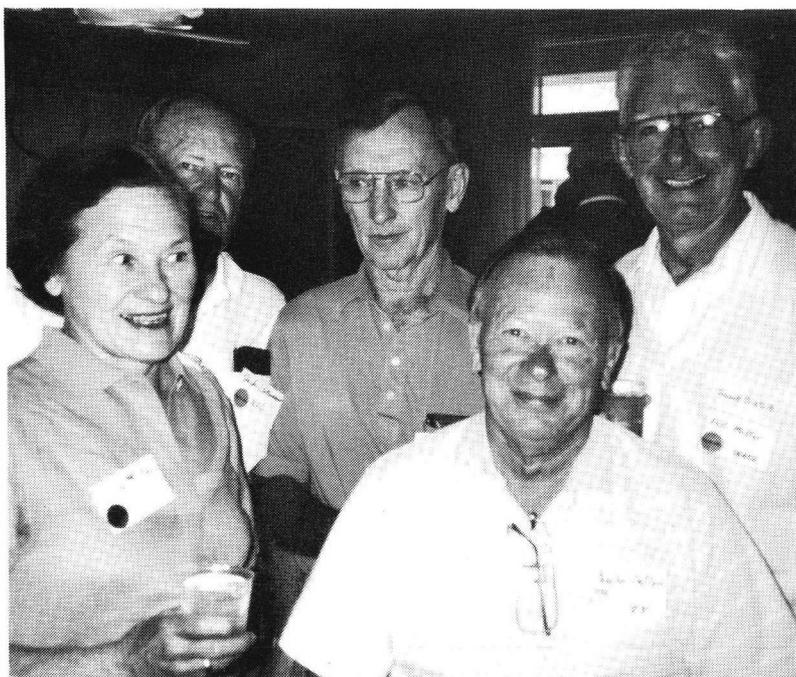
(Bev Petersen)



A CHORUS LINE

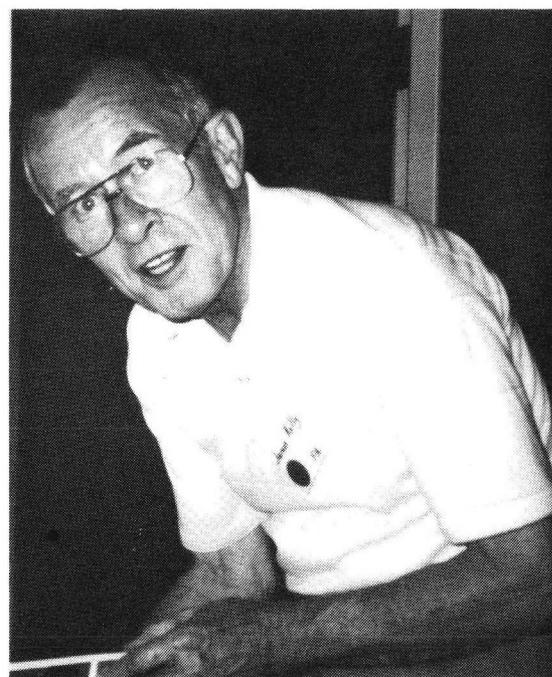
Meet the Nashville SACO-ettes

L-R: Missy Ediss, Kathryn Weskamp, Evelyn Buckless, Sissy Miller, Georgia Karas, Pearl Horning.



"Charlie, is it true; you were quite the ladies' man?"

(Sissy Miller, Jack Petersen, John Waters, Charlie Sellers, Bill Miller)



"Are you serious; you really want another hug?"

(Jim Kelly)



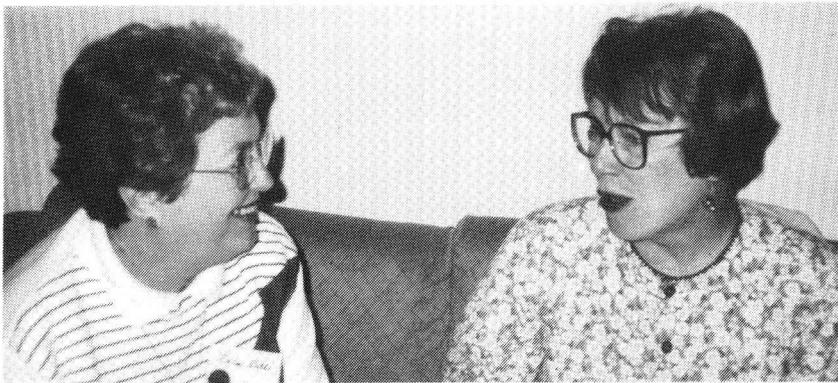
"Your drink? You left it over there by the lamp when you went to the head!"

(Lorne Horning, Mary McGrail)



"God! I wish they'd get this over with! I'm pooped!"

(Lee Alverson, Bill Miller)



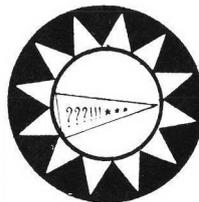
"Lola, you wouldn't believe what your husband just did!"

(Lola Hill, Ellen Booth)



"I don't know what's coming over me, but I like the feeling!"

(Bev & Jack Petersen)



"I don't care what you think! It's my creation and I happen to like it!"

(Mayhew Jones, Billy Miles)



"Marge! I can't believe you did that!"

(Marjorie & Richard Parks)



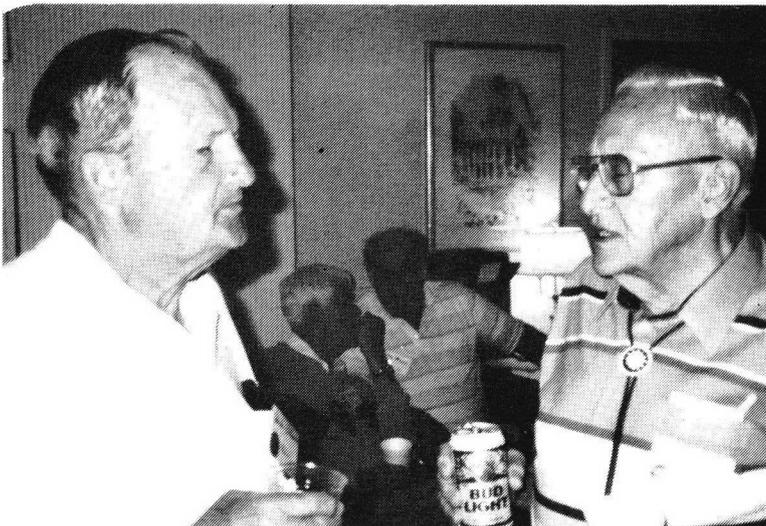
"What do you mean 'Shut up and smile?'
Snap it and move on, Buster!"

(Hazel Nelson, Bill & Sissy Miller,
 Sylvia Erwin)



"Sure I want some salad dressing, but
that's empty; set the damn thing down!"

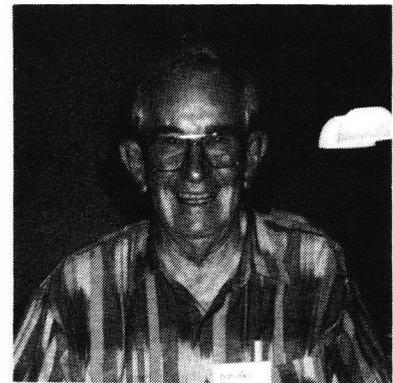
(Marian Baker [Jackie Murphy's sister],
 Verne Benedict)



"Oh, God! Why can't I remember his name?"
"Yeah, I know, I can't either!"

(Jack Petersen, Lorne Horning)

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73's and 88's to all.

WEDDING

COLSON - ROGERS



CUPID VISITS SACO IN NASHVILLE

Bet none of you can top this courtship! Also, bet no one knew Cupid was in the Hospitality Room last May - other than Tom Colson and Sarah Rogers, that is.

This was Tom Colson's first convention. Sarah came to the convention with Bill and Helen Massey (Sarah and Helen are sisters). On May 25th, Sarah and Tom met for the first time. Things "clicked" at a fast pace and Tom and Sarah were wed in Decatur, Georgia on June 20th. The couple are living in New Concord, Ohio where Tom has a realty office.

Tom states his late wife was very ill for many years and died this past January. Sarah lost her husband a little over two years ago. SACO brought them together and evidently Cupid did the rest.

Tom said Bill Massey was one of his best friends and they hadn't seen each other in 45 years. In phone conversation with Tom, he suddenly realized his friend was now his brother-in-law!

Tom and Sarah, we hope to raise our glasses to you in the Hospitality Room in San Diego next June. Look what the first convention did . . . never know what the second one might bring???

Good luck and much happiness to you both . . . always!

NOSTALGIA



THE KWEILIN GANG

L-R: Bill Hall, Harry Day, Jack Lamke, Ed Geary, Johnny Reising, Jim Miller, Charlie Sellers, Richard Rutan, Jack Miller, Byron Richards, Bob Schumacher, Jake Cowan, Bill Ross, Bob Ervin, Carl Altevogt, Charlie Cox and Lt. H.P. Hoose.



Somewhere in China - Kweilin??



*Taken somewhere
in
Columbia "44
Jimp Salzenberg*

Written to Ken and Helen Rhicard:

Memorial Day 1991

"I'll send this to you and perhaps you can add your thoughts and pass both along to the others including those who didn't make it as it may spark their interest for San Diego in '92 (June 1-7).

"...This was my 6th National SACO Convention and I'm happy to say my best ever. My wife told me that because this was her FIRST! It really was a fulfilling time, enhanced by the familiar faces of Red, Bob, Mike (Johnny?) and you and spouses. And just think; we now have His and Hers clocks as a constant reminder of the experience. I was very pleased to observe how much everyone enjoyed our time together and that includes the rest of the SACO brothers...

"Ken, I think we all owe you a vote of thanks for at least the five of us and wives meeting at Nashville. Your germ of an idea two years ago sparked the Camp 4 reunion idea for our two smaller meetings and I feel it has led to a rekindling of more to follow. The old clock is ticking away and for everyone whose eyes read this, I'm urging you give serious consideration to future gatherings of the clan.

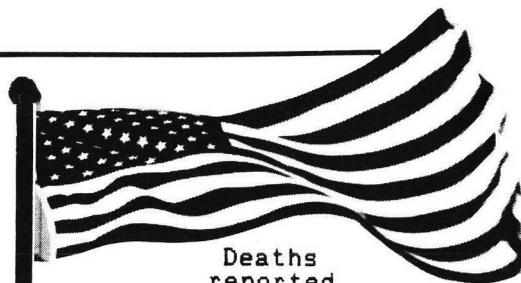
"I don't know the status of the rest of you, but I'm working on June to apply for the Taiwan trip in October. Everyone who has ever been there has encouraged us to GO. I believe we would have a good shot at qualifying as two of the lucky 50 selected. Now all I've got to do is sell my wife on the 15-hour plane trip - the main obstacle. If others of you plan to throw your hat in the ring, let me know.

"Thanks to all of you whose presence added to the enjoyment of the convention. Everyone was most gracious and comported themselves flawlessly. Since this was June's first SACO convention, I think she half expected to see people dangling out of the hotel windows by their heels. Now she's GUNG HO for the next reunion.

"Hope everyone stays healthy till we meet again."

Sincerely,

Jack and June (Shearer)



Deaths reported since last issue

Bowman, R. Adm. George M. 1984
Capt. - Chungking
Eck, Donald L. 1991
GySgt - Camp 2/Nanning/Unit 5
Fedack, Dr. William J. 1991
Lt(jg) - Calcutta/Kunming/Shanghai
Glenn, Jr., William D. 1991
Lt. - Chungking/Camps 1&2/Kunming
Johns, Robert R. 1990
CPhm - Calcutta
Layson, Robert L. 1990
RM2c - Unit 2/Chenyuan/Unit 5/Canton
Lux, Thomas W. 1989
ACRM - Kunming/Szemao/14AF
Miller, Ivor Ray 1988
RM1c - Calcutta/Kienyang/Un.8/Haimen
Reardon, Joseph A. 1987
Lt. - Kunming/Chungking
Rhyne, Dren M. 1991
Ens. - Calcutta/Foochow
Rosche, Alfred P. 1990
Lt. - Camp 2/Kienyang/Calcutta
Shipley, Capt. J.L. 1991
Capt. - Chungking
Stromberg, Dr. Wm. B. 1991
Ens. - Calcutta/Unit 5/Canton
Towne, Paul W. 1991
SK1c - Calcutta
Williams, Kenneth C. 1990
MoMM1c - Calcutta/Foochow

CORRECTION

Page 5 of Issue #5 dated February, 1991 - photo 3rd down on left should have identified Beverly Petersen; not Honora Tovrea. Sincere apology to both ladies. Ed.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who called, wrote, visited Stone in the hospital in Nashville and offered many expressions of concern as well as prayers. It means so much to Stone and me and we really appreciate your kind thoughts. Since the convention, we have moved Stone to a nursing home nearby here in Sparta.

Helena Cooper

THANKS FOR THE PIX

Many thanks to those of you who sent snapshots of the Nashville Convention. It affords an opportunity to sort and select those that will reproduce the best and for that it is greatly appreciated. Hope no one was overlooked and if so, I apologize, but here are those I recall sending photos:
Willie Baker
Bill Bartee
Bud Booth
Sal Ciaccio
Tom Colson
Ruth Cox (from Mo's files)
Bill Hall
Lorne Horning
Bernie Nelson
Ken Rhicard
Chet Rolak



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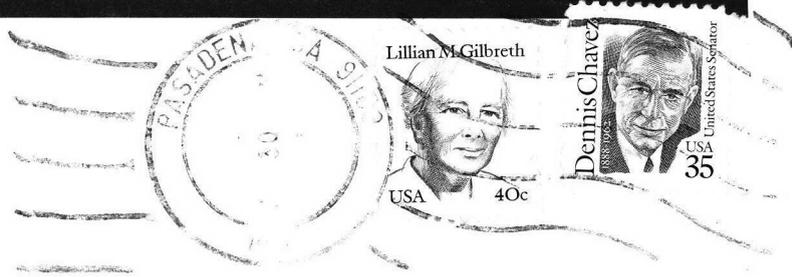
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