

Minutes Reunion 1983

WOW!

WE BROKE THE RECORD

Bingo

'39 IS NOW BEHIND

Yes Sir! We finally broke our attendance record! It took us only forty-four years to do it! The previous high was the very 1st Reunion in 1939; 153 were present at that eventful occasion at Round Top, Texas, and that figure stood uncontested for forty-four years.

But in July, 1983, we moved only 12 miles down the road to Camp Lone Star at La Grange and set the new record of one hundred and sixty four (164).

Congratulations to all who helped set this new record, your interest and support is indicative of your love and admiration for our great Family Association. Joy! Joy! Joy!

* THE 1983 REUNION REVISITED

Last years' was a great Reunion. It was held at a marvelous place and everyone had a good time. 55 of our members arrived on the Friday, July 15, and kicked-off the Reunion with a festive party, good food and much visitation. Many others straggled in at their leisure on Sat. and Sunday. You couldn't help but notice how relaxed and happy our members were even though it rained every cotton-pickin' minute we were there, Fri. thru Sun. If it ever quit, it wasn't for very long. The rain reminded me of our Ancestral Voices letters in which heavy rains were mentioned in that area of Round Top and La Grange very often. Things sure haven't changed much, have they?

Our members did it all kinds of ways. Some came early and left early, many came early and stayed the duration and many attended the Sunday morning business meeting and lunch only. But no matter when they came or left, all commented how happy they were about the Camp Lone Star facilities and our reception there; the food was fantastic and there was plenty of it. Our Hosts were most congenial, courteous and cooperative and we offer the staff at Camp Lone Star our sincerest appreciation for a very pleasant visit.

The Sunday business meeting began at 10:10 a.m. and was called to order by President Russell Campbell of San Antonio. We pledged allegiance to the flag of our country, were welcomed by Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco, and Phil Meerscheidt gave the visitors response. Robert Hein gave the Treasurer's report and a motion to borrow necessary funds from our Operating Budget to repay all book loans due our members passed unanimously.

Anna Campbell of San Antonio proved to be the eldest present at a robust 94, still spry and mentally alert, youngest was Claten Bechtol, son of Darlyn & Gary Bechtol of Austin, measured in months, and the person who came the farthest to attend was Bruno and Hildegard von Meerscheidt of Germany.

Glenn von Rosenberg rendered a memorial service for all members who passed away since the last Reunion (see June 1983 Newsletter) after which everyone introduced themselves.

Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Tx., our Historian, announced his plans to start work on Vol. III shortly and a motion passed declaring Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, our Jr. Past Historian, an "Historian Emeritus." A suitable plaque is to be presented to Charles W. in the near future.

Camp Lone Star was voted, not unexpectedly the Reunion site for 1984, dates to be July 20, 21 and 22. The Host Committee was to be appointed at a later date and informed by letter from the Secretary.

Officers were elected to serve the Association in '84 & '85. They are: Dr. Dale U. von Rosenberg of Dallas, President; Wm. F. von Rosenberg III of Austin, Vice-Pres.; Phil Meerscheidt of Houston, Secretary; Robert Hein of San Antonio, Treasurer; and Ray von Rosenberg of Taft, Historian.

Eighteen members indicated they were in attendance at the 1st Reunion, 1939, and were well applauded. Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. of San Antonio introduced the speaker for the occasion Kuno von Meerscheidt of Munster, Germany. He had come to attend this Reunion as well as a "mini-Meerscheidt Reunion held the previous Thursday night in San Antonio. He told of his great concern for our Family and how pleased he was to be able to attend. He spoke in German and was translated by his daughter, Hildegard von Meerscheidt, of the same German city.

Three motions were then passed: that we donate a copy of Vol. II and "Ancestral Voices" (Letters) to both libraries at Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin (strange combo) and that we split up our excess copies of Vol. II and store them a third each at the homes of Paul D. Meerscheidt and Robert Hein of San Antonio and Dr. Bruno Ybarra of Austin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. and followed by a hearty noon meal.