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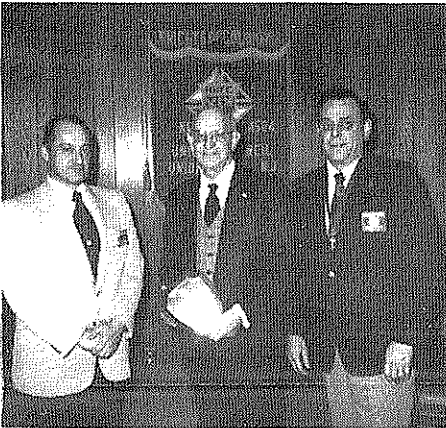


Union Council 4504

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1977 Senior Citizen of the Year

On January 23, 1978 Union Council 4504 honored one of its members, Arthur Guarriello, as the Senior Citizen of the Year for 1977. Art has been very active in the civil defense unit of Union Township and has served as the deputy director for several years. Since retiring he has remained active in C.D. on a volunteer basis.

His dedication and interest in helping in a time of need has brought Art in contact with many of the Town's people over the years. His efforts were noted in a recent and lengthy article in the Union Leader extolling the fine work done by our brother Knight.

Art's wife Virginia and his three daughters and a son-in-law were present at the meeting to share in the honor.

Columbian Club Seeks Bids

The Columbian Club of Union Council 4504 KofC is seeking men who are interested in operating the "Snack Bar" for the 1978 Swim Club Season. Also needed is a man to perform the "Clean-Up" of the Patio and Picnic Areas of the Club's facilities. Interested parties may obtain information relative to the duties and requirements of both jobs and may forward bids to the following Committeemen:

Mr. Joe Bizzaro 688-4726
Mr. Walt Guthreau 686-2418
Mr. Bob Basmadjian 687-2069

Fourth Degree Exemplification

Attention all Third Degree Knights. Interested in becoming a Fourth Degree member of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Assembly? Applications are available through the Faithful Admiral P.F.N. Ray Oakes at 379-2076. The exemplification this year will be held on March 19th.

First Friday

As a special feature of our Chaplain's First Friday Session on March 3, we will present an illustrated lecture relating to a piece of cloth believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus. This cloth, known as the Shroud of Turin, has been studied extensively by serologists, biologists and archeologists. Through normal physical process an image, both frontal and dorsal of the body which reposed in the shroud, can be seen. The body is that of a man about 35 years of age, with a badly lacerated scalp, who has been scourged, crucified and with his right side pierced after death. The body was in the shroud more than 24 hours and less than 72 hours. Somehow, it separated from the shroud without smearing the image on the cloth.

This very interesting lecture will be given by Mr. Caesar Gili who has been a student of the Holy Shroud of Turin for 20 years. His approach is scientific and in complete accord with the Holy Gospels. He is a specialist on the subject and is able to share with others both his critical eye and deep devotion to Christ. He is approved and recommended by the Holy Shroud Guild.

Mass will be celebrated, as usual, at 8:00 p.m. by our Chaplain Father Ed. There will be a short coffee break and the lecture will follow.

Your Committee went to great pains to secure this interesting and inspiring program and we hope you will demonstrate your appreciation and interest by coming out in large numbers. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

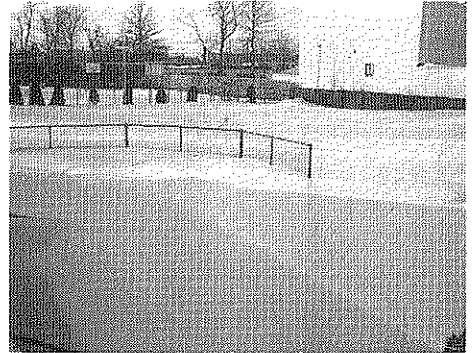
Athletic News & Events

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS . . .

There are still some openings left for those members who want to participate on our K of C Township Softball Team. If you have not yet mailed me your form that appeared in February's Digest, call me, as soon as possible, at 272-7692 to let me know that you are interested in playing and the position you desire. Remember — the cut-off date for any member who wishes to come out for the team is the 25th of this month. Practice sessions for the season will be starting sometime next month.

There are still tickets available for the "Night at the Nets" on Friday night, March 10th to see the New Orleans Jazz against the N. J. Nets at Rutgers gym. This should be a great father-son evening — Adult tickets normally selling for \$8.00 are priced at \$6.00 and for anyone 18 or younger the price is \$4.00. Prizes such as basketballs and pennants shall also be raffled off at halftime. Call me soon so you don't miss out on this event.

Wayne Williams
Athletic Chairman



A sneak peek at what's in store for this year's work parties.

Columbian Swim Club Work Parties to Begin April 1, 1978

The severe winter season has left our Pool in need of an additional effort over and above the normal chores required to ready the pool for the opening of a season. Swim Club President, Jack Killian, and the Board of Governors have been busy planning and estimating the type and cost of work necessary to be completed prior to Pool Opening.

In the Area of General Maintenance are jobs such as: Draining the Pool and Cleaning the Pool sides and bottom, Painting the Pool, Painting the Locker Room Interior and Exterior where necessary, Repairs to the Deck Area; etc. — Major items for 1978 will be the removal of the Wooden Fence adjacent to the Boy's Club and replacing it with a new Chain Link Fence with Aluminum webbing; Detecting and Repairing a Leak in the Pool's Pumping System. These are a few of the total number of items that will have to be accomplished in order to have the pool ready for Opening Day 1978.

In past years the number of men attending a work party averaged about 30 to 40 men. Since our Swim Club operates as a cooperative venture it is necessary that our members volunteer their time to perform this work. The benefits are many, the cost of operating the pool are kept at a low level, the spirit of Fraternalism is put into practice by working side by side with your brother Knights. Are but two of the benefits.

Please come out and work for YOUR CLUB. Work parties will commence on Saturday morning April 1, 1978 and on Wednesday evening when Daylight Saving Time is in effect. THE REWARDS ARE GREAT!

1. Fraternity In Action
2. Personal Satisfaction
3. One Extra Free Guest Privilege per Work Party
4. Invitation to the Swim Club Appreciation Nite for attendance at eight Scheduled Work Parties.

Grand Knights Column

Ken Pinney



A Report on Our Programs

The State Council Knights of Columbus has proposed many programs as a guide, and as an incentive, to help the Councils throughout the state carry out the work of the order. Four programs in each of the categories, council activities, church activities, youth activities, and community activities must be carried out by a council if it is to be eligible for "a seat at the round table" in the State's Program, "A Journey Thru Knighthood."

To this date Union Council #4504 has completed the quota in each of the above categories, thanks to the diligent efforts of the committee chairmen. Henry Mey has reported to me that seven youths from Union have advanced to the Regional Shoot-off in the State Council's Basketball Free-Throw Contest. Winners in this event will advance to the State Finals which will be held in March. We wish them all luck. The Spelling Bee winner of our Council was Denece Paulmenn and she will participate in the County Spelling Bee on March 12 in New Providence.

All of the social events have been well attended and successful financially, thanks to Vince Iannuzzi and his committee. The Valentine's Dance on February 11 was a tremendous hit for all those who attended. The "Big Band" took us back to the 40's and it's nostalgia. The dance was a big success financially and all proceeds will go to Camp Fatima.

Art Weber, brother knights and the Catholic Daughters did an outstanding job on the First Friday Dinner-Mass on February 3. Over 240 were in attendance and all enjoyed the message delivered by Bishop Robert Garner, and the delicious roast beef dinner cooked by Milt Rij and his committee.

Let us not forget our membership chairman, Al Mench. The success of any organization depends upon recruiting new members and to date Al has brought in 70. Keep up the good work Al and you'll hit the century mark.

Please keep in mind the drive to assist the mentally retarded citizens on April 7, 8 and 9. Tom Hornig and Henry Mey can use all the help they can get. Please give them a call and volunteer your services.

Ken Pinney

Christmas Poster Contest

Thirty-five students from St. Michael's School entered the State sponsored Christmas Poster Contest. Council level winners were Lisa Raffa, grade 6 and Michele Parrish, grade 7. They each received an award in the form of a \$25. U.S. Savings Bond.

All participants received a certificate signed by the Grand Knight in recognition for their efforts.

Henry Mey
Family & Youth Activities

Youth Activities

SPELLING BEE

The Council Spelling Bee was held Sunday afternoon, February 12, 1978 at our council home. Eighth grade students from St. Michael's School, Burnet Jr. High and Kawameeh Jr. High participated.

Grand Knight Ken Pinney and council officers Roy Trupiano, Julius Kiss and myself judged the contest.

Denice Paulmenn from Burnet Jr. High School won 1st place.

Steven Kiss from St. Michael's School won 2nd place.

We were pleased with the enthusiasm exhibited by all participants and their parents. On Sunday, March 12th, 1st place winner Denice will enter the County Spelling Bee to be held at Queen of Peace Church, New Providence, N. J.

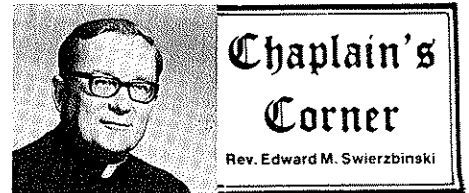
Refreshments were served to all at the conclusion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12 County Spelling Bee
March 25 Easter Egg Hunt



Union Council #4504 1978 Basketball Free-Throw winners. Front row (l-r): Marianne Scaglione, Denise Sadyary and Michael Giordano. Back row (l-r): Deputy Grand Knight Roy Trupiano, Timothy McGeorge, Walter Foster and Youth Activities Chairman Henry Mey.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Just as God's love and mercy are greater than the things that separate us from Him, so too our love and mercy must be greater than the things that separate us from one another. To forgive is to acknowledge that only love can overcome the evil that divides and alienates. To forgive is to acknowledge that only love can heal our wounded relationships with one another. To forgive is to acknowledge that only love can clear away the debris carried over from our past lives. REPENT! We begin by clearing out the debris from the past — anything that separates us from God and one another. Oh God, please take us back!

Forgive my self-righteousness; forgive me all those half hearted efforts to understand the problems of others; forgive me all those times when I was too busy to listen. Oh God, please take me back!

Forgive my being unkind to all other human beings; forgive my using other human beings. Oh God, please take me back!

Forgive our failure to proclaim the Gospel effectively, both in word and in deed. Forgive our not being the salt of the earth and light of the world. Oh God, please take me back!

Forgive us for hiding our commitment to peace and justice under a big basket. Help us, Oh God, not only to forgive but to forget the wrongs committed against us. Please God, help me to come and pray with my brothers and sisters on the First Friday.

Fourth Degree Communion Breakfast

March 12, 1978

St. Theresa's, Kenilworth

9 a.m. Mass

K of C Kenilworth Council

10 a.m. Breakfast

Speaker —

Most Rev. Dominic Marconi

Price —

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Trivia Quiz

1. Name three actors who played Charlie Chan.
2. What was the name of the Indian princess on Howdy Doody?
3. Who was Jack Benny's butler?
4. Name the seven dwarfs.
5. What was the name of Roy Roger's dog?
6. What was the name of the female reporter on Superman?
7. Who did "86" marry?
8. Name Dale Evan's horse!
9. Who played Erma on "My Friend Erma"?
10. What did Alfalfa always want to do?
11. Who used to hang out her window and yell "Yoo Hoo . . . Mrs. Bloom"?
12. What was the name of Mr. Ed's owner?
13. Who was the weather girl who always ended her show with "Have a Happy"?
14. Who was famous for her Westinghouse commercial?
15. Who was the star of the "Texaco Hour"?
16. Who played "Hennessey"?
17. Who played "Zorro"?
18. What private detective did Ann Francis play?
19. Who played Cricket on "Hawaiian Eye"?
20. Who played Crazy Guggenheim on "Jackie Gleason"?

(Answers on back page)

The Battle Hymn of Aging

We reach the age of sixty-five
Our Golden Years are here.
They tell us that the age begins
A happy new career.
For now our Uncle Sam becomes
Our permanent cashier
As we go marching on.

CHORUS

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,
As we go bravely on.

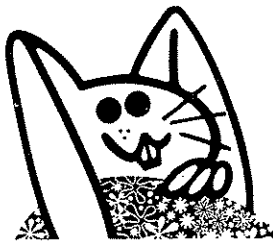
Our Social Security from Baltimore is
sent

We buy a little bit of food and
Maybe pay the rent.
And after that we're stony broke
And left without a cent.
But we go bravely on.

And as for checks from Medicare
Will someone tell us how
They always find some Doctor bills
They sadly disallow
And dental cost, as well we know,
They wholly disavow
But we go bravely on.

We don't know how we make it
As we live from day to day
With income fixed and prices up
There is always more to pay,
So, minding our Arthritis
Let's get on our knees and pray
That we'll go bravely on.

And first of all, let's thank the Lord
That we are still alive.
The dreams we have may still come true
When we are ninety-five
So, please, dear Lord, give us the strength
Our troubles to survive
As we go bravely on.



The Supreme Knight's Report

Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant challenged the state deputies and general agents to advance the order to a new plane of growth and influence as a special tribute to Father Michael McGivney in the wake of the orderwide observance of the 100th anniversary of his priestly ordination. The challenge was delivered at a two day membership seminar held in Atlanta, Georgia. In opening the session, Dechant emphasized that growth is necessary for the vitality of any organization. He then set down goals which he projected could be achieved in the 1978 calendar year. The opportunity Knights have to remold and to better society was keynoted by Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan of Atlanta when he addressed the meeting during a con-celebrated Mass on the opening day. He listed five serious concerns which need the special attention of the knights. These are: the various efforts to mandate government funding of abortions; the campaign to pass "living wills" laws which would initiate the practice of euthanasia; the shortage of priestly and religious vocations; the disintegration of the American family; and the continued precarious position of catholic schools.

Various sessions during the two day meeting covered such topics as the order's new campaign for membership; new council developments; the constant concern for updating the order's ceremonials; the work of the supreme council's vacation committee; the program on writing the history of the order; the concerns of the family-life committee; and the initiatives taken by the order's rosary committee.

BEWARE: Living May Be Hazardous to Your Health

Each of us every day exposes himself to countless risks to his health, some known, many suspected and others yet to be uncovered. The cigarettes we smoke, the alcohol we drink, the diet we eat, the automobiles we drive, even the air we breathe may represent substantial risks. It is safe to say that for most people who engage in risk-taking there are benefits which seem to outweigh the risks. These benefits may consist of nothing more or less than the satisfaction of some basic urge, but I suspect that "we can no more eliminate smoking, drinking or gluttony by appealing to a desire for 'good health' than we can eliminate lust by declaring sex immoral." There are a number of thoughtful physicians who have decided that at least for them, smoking is preferable to not smoking. As smokers who have tried to stop smoking can attest, quitting carries it's own substantial risks. We **cannot prevent** the common cold by taking Vitamin C or dressing warmly, we **cannot prevent** mental illness by avoiding food additives. The argument here is that we acknowledge our ignorance and stop acting as if we know more than we really do. We are all victimized by unknown causes, by fate or even by ordinary bad luck. **Some individuals** will be reluctant to give up this cherished notion of control over illness and health and will chose to mold their lifestyle **as if** the control were theirs. We should continue our attempts to reduce air and water pollution, prevent drunken driving and so on. **But we cannot and should not presume to be able to calculate the risk — benefit ratio for each member of our society. What we must not allow is for society to make these choices for individuals.**

This article is based on a recent report from Dr. Michael Kramer of the Yale University School of Medicine.

Jim Moran, P.G.K.

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Memories

At the October 27, 1958 meeting Six Point Chairman Weldon Arner reported that a meeting was held at the Highway Branch First State Bank and all budgets were presented by the chairmen.

Catholic Activities Chairman Warren Hehl announced the following coming events: February 15th the Second Annual Day of Recollection; March 15th the Second Annual Father and Son Communion Breakfast; November 2nd a corporate communion in honor of our deceased members and our beloved Pope Pious XII to be held at the 9:05 mass at St. Michael's Church; April 24th thru 26th the Annual Retreat in Long Branch. He noted Retreat Captain Tom Vigliotta would accept partial payments between now and the retreat date for the convenience of the members. G. K. Leary stated he would like to see one third of the membership, approximately 100 members attend.

In the absence of Admissions Chairman Mario Henriques, Bob Browne reported nine applicants were interviewed and seven were accepted. Ten more were to be interviewed shortly.

Membership Chairman Frank Murphy announced a first degree on November 17th, a second degree on December 1st and a major degree at Elizabeth #253 on December 5th. Frank requested the sponsors accompany their candidates to all degrees.

Ben Godesky reported the bowlers would purchase shirts with the Knights of Columbus insignia.

In the absence of Fraternal Activities Chairman, Jim Confroy, Mike Tomko reported discussions were being held concerning the formation of a blood bank for our council. He also reminded the members that the proceeds of the "Beggar's Bowl" go to charity and asked that the members be generous.

Youth Activities Chairman Tom Owens announced a jelly and jam collection for Father Egan's Boys Town would be held in December. He asked for volunteers with station wagons for making deliveries.

Athletic Director John Vegura stated that Union Council will be represented in the Municipal Basketball League and called for all interested members to contact him.

Lecturer Joe Milo spoke on the celebration of the 13th year of Activity of the United Nations and also noted a new insurance plan covering the children of members of the K. of C.

A discussion on the formation of a Columbian Club was held and G.K. Leary stated a special meeting concerning this would be held on Monday, November 3rd.



"Look, Ed, there goes one of those ski nuts!"

K of C Golf Tour

The First Tournament of the 1978 Knights of Columbus Golf Tour will be the Mayflower Open on Saturday, May 13th, at the beautiful Farmstead Country Club in Newton, New Jersey.

Farmstead lies in a valley beautifully set around two lakes in Sussex County, approximately 70 minutes from Union. After you play the course you'll surely agree that it is among the most picturesque golf courses in the state.

Tee off times start at 10:30 a.m. with the cost being greens fees plus \$2.00. The \$2.00 will cover a closest to the pin prize, a longest drive prize, a prize for low net score, and a keg of beer on the 10th tee. The Tournament will be open to 48 golfers, or 12 foursomes. If you are interested please call Gary Guthreau — 686-2418. Directions and carts will be available for everyone and a deposit of half the cost, approximately \$5.00 per person, is requested. You do not need to have a foursome to play, but if you have a foursome so much the better.

K of C Summer Volleyball

The Knights of Columbus volleyball league for the summer of 78 will begin organizing and planning with a general meeting on Wednesday, March 29th at 8 p.m. at the Council Hall. All those members from last year and anyone else, including you newer brothers, are encouraged to attend. However, if you cannot attend this meeting but would still like to play please contact Gary Guthreau — 686-2418 before March 29th so that we have your name when teams are being drawn up. This year our league will have a commissioner to oversee all our operations, Frank Dickerson, Jr.

The K of C league is entering its third year of enjoyment and each year gets better and better. We have gone from three teams in 1976 to six or seven this year. We have always had clean, competitive action with everyone attending playing equally (a league requirement). We also get some very good crowds to play to. Many new friends are made with new brothers getting an excellent opportunity to meet other brother knights. The age requirement is 16 or older. We play on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons from Memorial weekend thru the middle of August. The games are played on our two beautiful courts behind the Council Hall.

Please try to attend this meeting.
Gary Guthreau
Volleyball Chairman

Random Thoughts

Statistics prove that at the age of 70 there are five women to every man. Isn't that the darndest time for a guy to get those odds? . . . many successes win the games by getting off their end zones . . . the biggest family problems are those caused by know-it-all kids and yes-it-all parents . . . we see a lot of free movies on TV we wouldn't pay to see in theatres, which proves Americans don't mind being bored if the price is right . . . sign in a machine shop reads: Girls, if your sweater is too big look out for the machines. If it is too tight look out for the machinists . . . its rough to watch a boy arrive in a \$10,000 sports car to take your daughter to a \$15.00 rock concert while you sit home making payments on a 73 Chevy . . . a budget is what your wife gets along on until she needs money . . . it is said that the world is run by those willing to sit until the end of meetings . . . some women look good in slacks — but that doesn't apply to the bulk of them . . . a teenager getting ready to leave home yelled "I'm out to find adventure, beautiful women, love, excitement and don't anyone try to stop me". His father replied "who's trying to stop you, take me along" . . . If you think you're confused consider Christopher Columbus. He didn't know where he was going, when he got there he didn't know where he was, and when he got back he didn't know where he had been . . . don't ignore the panhandler who asks you for a dime for a cup of coffee. Give it to him. Then follow him and find out where they sell coffee for a dime . . . Now there is a Mona Lisa Cocktail. Two of them and you can't get the silly grin off your face.

Jim Moran P.G.K.

Sign Up for Women's Volley-Ball League

Believe it or not the 1978 Swim Club Volley-Ball Season is not too far away. After a successful opening Season in 1977 we are hoping to attract enough women to field four teams for the 1978 Season. Participants must be at least 16 years old and have a relative who is a member of the KofC i.e. Husband, Brother, etc.

A meeting will be held during the month of April to form teams and acquaint all participants of playing dates and times; rules and regulations. If you wish to participate please fill out the registration form and forward it to:

Art Reinhard
c/o Knights of Columbus
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Insurance and Agency

The Knights of Columbus is the fourth largest fraternal benefit society of well over 100 and ranks 122nd in the amount of insurance in force among approximately 1,800 life insurance companies in North America. Most of these companies write group and industrial insurance, whereas the Knights write only ordinary life. Were we to exclude group and industrial insurance from these statistics, we would rank 74th. This prompts us to "try harder" than our competitors, and indeed we do.

Before our agency force sells insurance to an eligible Catholic male, someone must first sell the order and its membership benefits, of which insurance is but one. He must be convinced that it is wholesome to be a Knight and prudent and farsighted to be an insured Knight. He pays financially for both. His reward in being a Knight is the joy one experiences in helping a person in need. His reward is being an insured Knight is the "sense of security" for his wife and children in death or himself in retirement.

So in a way, our market may be more difficult than that of our competitors since our dollars are more fragmented. In addition to insurance contributions our members also choose to pay council dues. And dollars is the name of the game. The greater the contribution, the greater the dollar amount of coverage. This logic however is not concurred in by your agency force nor by your supreme knight. For long ago I learned from experience that the buying public does not want to buy "price only." This is contrary to what "order takers" and advertising agencies would lead you to believe.

Price is actually secondary. The buyer wants quality, durability, security, dependability, responsibility and service. The good car salesman does not sell the car but rather the transportation it provides; the good tractor salesman does not sell increased horsepower, he sells reduced costs in manpower and fuel per acre; the good shoe salesman sells comfort, not leather.

So it is with selling our insurance. The financial strength of your society, its public image, its reputation for good and noble causes instills confidence in our product that has no equal in the insurance industry. When a Brother Knight buys insurance from the Knights of Columbus he knows that he is buying from a Brother Knight. He goes to sleep at night with the confident, secure knowledge that were he not to wake up in the morning, his Brother Knights would provide for his widow and children in accordance with his wishes.

Fortunately for us we have quality and also price. Last year your board of directors introduced a new rate book providing lower contribution rates on

whole-life plans along with other selective plans that should have great sales appeal. At the same time the order increased the dividend scale and raised from 4½% to 5½% the interest to be paid on dividends, half maturities and other monies left on deposit.

These new lower rates, together with increased dividends, place the order in the most competitive position in the marketplace.

Again we can report to you that 1976 was the greatest year for the insurance program in the history of the order.

The director of agencies, John F. O'Brien, together with the director of marketing, Joseph R. Mauro, regional supervisors Earl Zak, Charles Gallatin, Robert O'Brien and Edward Nutter, supervising 88 general agencies and 584 full-time field agents, had issued 41,971 certificates for \$609,739,000, reflecting a 13.49% increase in certificates and 29.61% increase in dollar volume over the previous year.

After all losses were deducted, this performance on their part produced a net increase of 18,716 certificates for \$377,716,000 volume, representing a 57.5% increase in net certificate gain and 49.77% increase in net volume gain over the previous year.

At year end your order had in force 693,363 certificates for \$3,564,651,753 of ordinary life insurance.

As of July 31, 1977, there were 707,133 certificates in force for \$3,830,000,000. It would appear that the \$4 billion mark will be achieved during the month of November of this year, nine months before our target date, which was set for when we meet in New Orleans next year.

ANSWERS

1. Warner Oland, Sydney Toler, J. Carroll Nash; 2. Summerwinterfall-spring; 3. Rochester; 4. Doc, Bashful, Sneezy, Dopey, Sleepy, Happy, Grumpy; 5. Bullet; 6. Lois Lane; 7. 99; 8. Buttercup; 9. Marie Wilson; 10. sing; 11. Molly Goldberg; 12. Wilbur; 13. Carol Reed; 14. Betty Furness; 15. Milton Berle; 16. Jackie Cooper; 17. Guy Madison; 18. Honey West; 19. Connie Stevens; 20. Frank Fontaine.

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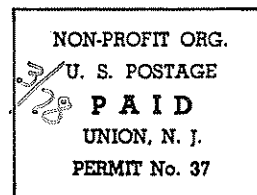
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