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DR. VEEDER RETIRES AS RED CROSS CHAIRMAN

Dr. Borden S. Veeder recently announced his retirement as chairman of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Red Cross. He will be succeeded by Kenneth H. Bitting, St. Louis investment broker, who served with the Army Air Forces in Europe as chief of personnel on the staff of Gen. Carl A. Spaatz. He held the rank of Colonel. Dr. Veeder in relinquishing the chairmanship which he has held for the last three and a half years, paid tribute to the 300,000 members of the organization in the city and St. Louis county, who, he said, "by their magnificent contributions of work, money and blood have made the chapter outstanding in the United States."

COMMANDER SILBERBERG

Jules V. Silberberg was elected at the August meeting to succeed Gordan Kimbrell as commander of Rouen Post, No. 242. Other officers are: 1st vice commander, Justin J. Jackson; 2nd. vice commander, Frank M. Depke; sergeant at arms, Williard G. McQuoid; Chaplain, Forney F. Dixon; finance officer, Richard J. Sabath; adjutant, William E. Engel; historian, William C. Stack; service officer, Charles Jablonsky.

The installation of officers was held at Garavelli's on October 12 with Edward C. McCuddy presiding. McCuddy is a past commander of Central Memorial Post, No. 154, Wellston. During the meeting Dr. Hugh McCulloch, a former member of Unit 21, outlined the work being done by the American Legion Child Welfare Program. Dr. McCulloch is chief liaison officer of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Legion Child Welfare Division.

Silberberg is a compositor with 26 years on the St. Louis Post Dispatch. He resides with his wife and six children at 4875 Cote Brilliante avenue. If Jules takes the role of commander as seriously as he took his wardmaster job in Unit 21 Rouen Post should have an outstanding year. There may have been better mop jockeys among the wardmasters on the Champs du Courses at Rouen—but Silberberg was the undisputed champion of H line.

ART SCHANUEHL RETURNS TO ST. LOUIS

Arthur E. Schanuel, former top sergeant in Mobile Hospital 4, who for the past year has served as executive secretary of the Indoor Climate Institute of Detroit, has returned to St. Louis to join the Advertising staff of the St. Louis Post Dispatch. We welcome Art back to the old home town where he once served as president of the Advertising Club and commander of St. Louis Post No. 4, American Legion.

Joseph A. Lennon, former assistant circuit attorney of St. Louis and later special attorney to the attorney general of Missouri, was recently named by President Truman to head the Federal Barge Lines. Joe's new headquarters are at 314 N. Broadway in St. Louis.
OUTSTANDING EVENTS

A lot of history has been recorded since the previous edition of the Rouen Post left the press. The Nazis and the Japs have taken the count. Col. Lee Cady, commander of the 21st General Hospital is sporting a Croix de Guerre, Major Lucille Spalding chief nurse of the same outfit has been awarded the Bronze Star, and (this will strain your credulity) Dr. Allan Gilbert recently spent a week of good clean fun in St. Louis and vicinity.

Col. Lee Cady's award was based on exceptional services performed by the 21st General Hospital in handling wounded of the First French Army. We have mislaid the newspaper story containing details of the citation but the following letters from Major General Jacob Devers, Commander of the Sixth Army Corps and the Commanding General of the First French Army are self-explanatory.

HEADQUARTERS
SIXTH ARMY GROUP
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 23

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation.
TO : Colonel Lee D. Cady
Commanding Officer, 21st General Hospital
THRU : Commanding General, Communication Zone ETOUSA, APO 887.
The attached letter is a translation of a letter received from the Commanding General of the First French Army.

It is indeed gratifying to receive such an expression of appreciation, but it is felt that you and your staff have more than earned it through your tireless efforts to administer aid to the sick and wounded.

The excellent work of the 21st General Hospital has not gone without notice and it has been a great credit to the Medical Corps and the Army of the United States.

/s/ Jacob L. Devers,
/t/ JACOB L. DREEVERS,
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

CP, 16 May 1945

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ETAT-MAJOR
1er BUREAU
N) 2414 CH/DC
FROM: General d'Armee de LATTRE de TASSIGNY,
Commander-in-chief, First French Army.
TO : Commanding General, 6th Army Group.
SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation.
Dear General,

In the course of the campaign of France and particularly during the operations in Alsace, a very great number of our wounded were hospitalized in American medical units.
I have heard nothing but praise from French officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers for the whole of the U. S. Medical Corps, for the care it never ceased to extend to them with the utmost generosity and the untiring devotion it always displayed on their behalf.

It is difficult for me to make any distinctions. However, because of the exceptional services they performed for the First French Army, you are requested to convey my thanks and gratitude to Colonels LEE D. CADY, J. G. KNAUER and J. G. STRAHM, Chief Medical Officers of the 21st, 23rd and 46th General Hospitals respectively, as well as all personnel serving under them, for the excellent example of comradeship in arms unfailingly set by them from the first moment that they were called upon to treat the French wounded.

I end, my dear General, in deepest respect and cordial esteem.

/s/ J. de LATTRE

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COLEMAN FRIEDMAN,
WOJG. USA,

Major Spalding was cited for improving the working and living conditions of her charges although frequently operating at a bed capacity of 50 per cent above normal. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Spalding, 6121 Waterman boulevard. Before entering service in Marsh, 1942 she was assistant professor of nursing at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

During the week Dr. Gilbert spent in St. Louis he called a number of former fellow officers but in each case the story was the same. The person called had just left town on vacation. Bill Engel believes the general exodus of doctors from the city was something more than a coincidence. "If you ask me," said William, "I think someone tipped them off that the Arkansas 'Mudbank Noodler' was on his way to St. Louis. And you know the old saying about a hint to the wise being adequate."

In a recent letter from Fayetteville the good doctor accused me of dying on the vine as editor of the Rouen Post, a charge that I am forced to admit is not without justification. However, it grieves me to be taken to task by one whose only efforts to lighten my job as editor have been sporadic contributions unfit for publication. He has apparently never been able to adjust himself to the fact that the Post is sent through the mails.

In answer to Allan's charge of "dying on the vine" I can only say that numerous travel assignments for the Telephone Company's house organ have cut heavily into my spare time during the past six months. In view of this fact I have tried repeatedly to bestow the job of editor on Engel or Jablonsky but to date neither of these characters has shown an inclination to take over. They evidently find it more fun to pan me for failing to get out a paper.

GREETINGS FROM COMRADE TOWNSEND

Dear Bill:

Please change my address on your records from Veterans Administration, Lincoln, Nebraska, to Veterans Administration, Denver, Colorado. I was transferred to Denver in 1942.

Had a letter from old Cal Tilton last Christmas. He is still the Jesse Jones of Pasadena and continues to claim his physical superiority over Costen. Was mighty sorry to read of Pat Byrns passing. Does anyone have the address of Walter (Mike) Brown?

My son, who will be 25 years old this November was graduated from West Point last
June.
If any ex-Rouen folks come to Denver Mrs. Townsend and I will have the latch string out. Say hello to all the gang at the next Rouen Post meeting.

Cheerio
J. B. Townsend

The following story was clipped from the West Palm Beach Post Times and passed on to us by the ever thoughtful Arshav Nushan.

Even the snakes are suffering from the drought. If you don't believe it, ask Charles J. Fox and he will offer the following proof:
While watering his lawn at 909 Andrews avenue Saturday afternoon a four-foot blacksnake wriggled out of the shrubbery onto the grass, stopped and looked longingly at the stream of water.
Mr. Fox took the hint and turned the hose on his visitor. After enjoying a refreshing bath for three or four minutes the blacksnake gave his benefactor a grateful glance, turned and slithered off into the shrubbery again.

It may be that this fantastic story is based on fact; on the other hand it is also possible that the Rabbi is ripe for membership in Alcoholics Anonymous. Fox says it really happened, but even so, I doubt that the snake lingered on the lawn in the hope of getting a cold shower. Recalling my own reaction to the first glimpse of Fox, back in 1917, I am convinced that the reptile was held to the spot by curiosity and amusement.

Incidentally, if I had not read the clipping from the Post-Times I would be inclined to regard this tale as a brain child of Marvin Hamilton. It has a real Hamiltonian flavor.

Dr. Jim Costen spent the latter part of August roughing it at Tee-La-Wucket Ranch 25 miles east of Bayfield, Colorado. I had hoped to join him for at least a week but a drawing assignment to Kansas made it impossible for me to take a vacation until after Labor Day.

"When you get here," wrote Jim, "you will be only a short distance from the south border of Colorado and you will travel almost the length of the Colorado Rockies. The scenery defies description. I may have given you bum steers in the past Bill, but this is a good one. YOU MUST COME."

"The ranch is entirely informal. Everyone wears light flannel shirts, corduroy or khaki pants, and western hats. Some, including the girls, wear blue jeans. A few drug store cowboys, of the Tilton type, go in for fancy togs—elaborate chaps and high heeled cowboy boots. Speaking of Tilton, I tried to lure him out here but he professed to be too busy to get away. He knew that if he came I would expect him to live up to his self-admitted prowess as a bronko buster."

I looked up from my desk one Saturday morning a few weeks ago and who should be standing in the doorway but Howard Harding. Howard's visit was brief—he was enroute from Dallas to a town in Illinois to visit his mother—but he gave me some information on other former members of Unit 21 now living in Texas. Howard Dunham is a real estate man in Dallas, "Massa" Jesse Lasater, living in Naples, is one of the leading lawyers of Morris county and "Doc" Drummond is still employed in the city water department at Wichita Falls. Frank Kneckt lives in San Antonio and Dr. Bert Ball has practiced for years in Fort Worth.

No one seems to know when the 21st General Hospital will return from France. When last heard from the outfit was stationed at Mirecourt, about 30 miles from Nancy.