

Managers, New Mexico Society, 1968-70; Vice President General, 1970-71. In 1969, he was awarded the Patriot Medal by the New Mexico Society, SAR.

Vice President General J. GALE IDLE of the Central District was born February 16, 1905 near Sidney, Ohio, attended the public schools in that area and received the bachelor of science degree with a major in engineering from Antioch College.



A long time member of Constitution Chapter, SAR, Compatriot Idle has held major chapter offices and served as chairman of its Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest Committee before the National Contest was formed. He is active in the Ohio Society, SAR, having served as chairman of the State Contest Committee for several years, and as Vice President and President. He was a National Trustee, has attended a number of Congresses and is a member of the National Historical Oration Contest Committee. In the Ohio Society, CAR, he is Senior Chairman of the CAR—SAR Committee.

A recent retiree from the Westinghouse Electric Corporation where he worked for 40 years in manufacturing and engineering, he is a Mason, a member of the United Methodist Church, a registered professional engineer in Ohio, an advisory committee chairman for the North Central Ohio Technical Institute, a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), was conference chairman for the 1970 IEEE National Appliance Technical Conference, held in Mansfield, Ohio, and for a number of years has judged exhibits at the local and district school science fairs.

Compatriot Idle resides in Mansfield, Ohio with his wife, Mabel. Their daughter, Marian (Mrs. J. D. Hammond), lives with their two grandchildren in State College, Pennsylvania where Dr. Hammond is a professor at the University.

"The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits."

*Who said this, and when? It was Plato, more than 2300 years ago.*

Vice President General ROYCE N. KENT of the North Mississippi District, was born in Woodbine, Iowa, in 1914 and now resides in Omaha, Nebr. He attended public schools in Iowa and in Omaha as well as the University of Omaha. Mrs. Kent is the former Mary Elizabeth Shaw, a past Senior State President of the CAR and past regent of Omaha Chapter, DAR. The Kents have two children, Allan R., of Framingham, Mass., a design engineer with Digital Equipment Corporation. Allan is a member of Nebr. Society, SAR. Daughter Vivien is Mrs. James Neagle of Boulder, Colo. and mother of grandson Erik. She is past state president of CAR and member of DAR.



Compatriot Kent is a descendant of Abner Hollister and Robert McKee, the latter a Minute Man, is the son and grandson of DAR's, past president of Omaha Chapter SAR, President of the Nebraska Society, SAR, and Senior State Treasurer of the Nebraska CAR.

Compatriot Kent has worked as an engineer for various firms, keeping up his interest in engineering through the Engineers' Club. Now an active printer, he has received the Orent Award (locally) and the Eighth District Outstanding Craftsman Award, both awards given by the International Order of Printing House Craftsman Association. He has served this organization as local president, Eighth District President and on the International Board.

Compatriot Kent's interest in Sea Scouting is of long duration and he is presently serving on the staff of Mid America Council. A member of First Christian Church for many years, he is presently serving as deacon.

He attended the National Congress at both Salt Lake City and Houston.

Vice President General SCOTT E. KELSEY of the South Mississippi District was born in Topeka, Kansas in 1899 near the farm which his great grandfather, Compatriot Dandridge Kelsey, bought near the end of the Civil War. This farm was operated contin-



uously by Kelsey descendants until 1948, when the City of Topeka acquired it by condemnation for the city airport.

Compatriot Kelsey attended Topeka schools and graduated from a 3-year course in the Kansas State School of Agriculture in 1918. He then farmed with his father until 1937, when his father retired and he took over the operation until 1950, at which time he formed a partnership with his 3 sons, farming 700 acres of Kaw Valley land. In 1965, he retired and turned the farm over to his sons.

He was admitted to the SAR in 1962 as a descendant of Thomas Kelsey, a soldier of the American Revolution. In 1968 and 69, he served as President of the Kansas Society, and was awarded the Patriot Medal by the Kansas Society in 1970.

Compatriot Kelsey has been very active in Masonry, having been Master of Topeka Lodge No. 17; head of all area Scottish Rite bodies; Potentate of Arab Temple; and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas (in 1955, when Masonry in Kansas was 100 years old). He is a 33° Mason, and has served as Treasurer of Topeka Consistory for 38 years. Currently, he is president of the Masonic Building Association, and is busy in the construction of a new Masonic Temple.

His 3 sons, Scott W., Samuel G., Richard D., and two of his grandsons, Gaylord D. and Douglas S., are also members of the Kansas Society, SAR, as is his brother, Chester T. Kelsey.

Vice President General LYMAN G. LOUIS of the Pacific Coast District was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1901, and now resides at Seattle, Wash. After acquiring his education in Cincinnati public schools, he entered the ice-making and refrigerating machinery



business with his father, with whom he was associated in the Middle West and Pacific Coast until 1934, when he entered the lithographing and graphic arts field in Seattle. Continuing to gain further knowledge via trade schools and adult education college courses in mechanical engineering, business administration and accounting, he became noted in his profession and traveled throughout America, specializing in refrigeration construction and cold storage installations.