



50th
Anniversary

al Association -- Branch 132-V



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GOLDEN JUBILEE

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1959

William Penn Fraternal Association
Branch 132-V

November 14, 1959

South Bend, Ind.



THE WILLIAM PENN HOME and OFFICE

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SOUTH BEND 14, INDIANA



50th Anniversary

This Golden Jubilee Album has been compiled for the purpose of expression of gratitude and sincere appreciation to all those members, both living and dead, who through their broad vision, fraternal love, and tireless efforts through the years, have made William Penn Fraternal Association, Branch 132, one of the most outstanding Fraternal Societies in our community.

It is our sincere wish and hope that the work begun by our forefathers will be undertaken and continued by our loyal members of the William Penn Fraternal Association, Branch 132.

Sincerely and fraternally,

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Frank J. Wukovits, General Chairman



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OCTOBER 14, 1959

MR. FRANK J. WUKOVITS, CHAIRMAN,
50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET COMMITTEE,
BRANCH 132-V, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

DEAR MEMBERS OF BRANCH 132-V:

I CONSIDER IT A SINGULAR PRIVILEGE TO HAVE THE HONOR OF EXTENDING TO YOU, OFFICIALLY AND PERSONALLY, MY WARM AND SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND FELICITATIONS ON THIS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRANCH 132-V, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

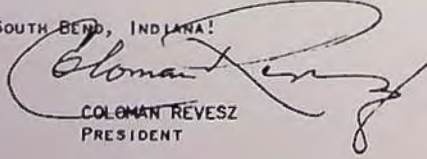
IF WE WERE TO STOP AND REALIZE THAT 50 YEARS IS HALF OF A CENTURY, WE MAY THEN APPRECIATE HOW MUCH COULD HAPPEN IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME--AND MORE IMPORTANT, HOW MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO BRANCH 132-V IN ITS HALF CENTURY OF BEING, ESPECIALLY IN THIS TIME WHEN GREAT CHANGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OFTEN TAKE PLACE IN JUST A FEW YEARS. THE TRUE APPRECIATION OF BRANCH 132-V'S 50 YEARS IS SIGNIFICANTLY FELT BY ITS CHARTER AND LONG-TIME MEMBERS.

THE FRATERNALISM AT BRANCH 132-V IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT; THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SUCCESSES OF THIS GREAT BRANCH ARE FREQUENT; AND THE MANY FINE SERVICES IT HAS GIVEN THE SOUTH BEND AREA HAVE BROUGHT RECOGNITION AND HONOR NOT ONLY TO THE BRANCH BUT TO OUR SOCIETY, ALSO.

CHARITABLE, SOCIAL, CIVIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES REFER TO JUST A FEW OF THE MANY GOOD THINGS BRANCH 132-V HAS DONE AS PART OF THE FORMER VERHOVAY FRATERNAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION AND NOW AS PART OF THE WILLIAM PENN FAMILY. WILLIAM PENN LIFE AT BRANCH 132-V IS AN INSPIRATION TO OTHER BRANCHES FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF FRATERNALISM.

BECAUSE BRANCH 132-V PRACTISES LIVING FRATERNALISM, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT ITS FUTURE IS CONTINUED GROWTH, FINANCIAL STABILITY, AND SUCCESS AFTER SUCCESS.

EVERY BEST WISH TO BRANCH 132-V, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA!


COLOMAN REVESZ
PRESIDENT



EDWARD F. VOORDE
MAYOR

CITY OF SOUTH BEND
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

October 2, 1959

Mr. Frank J. Wukovits, Field Supervisor
William Penn Fraternal Association
1024 West Indiana Avenue
South Bend, Indiana

Dear Mr. Wukovits:

Permit me to extend to your Fraternal Association the official greetings of the City of South Bend on this happy occasion marking the 50th Anniversary of Branch 132. May I also add to these greetings my personal felicitations and best wishes.

As a long standing acquaintance of the purposes and fraternal aims of your organization, and as a member myself for several years, I have had first chance to make observation on the place that the Association has in our Community. Your group has been a strong influence for good in our Community and in the construction and maintenance of your Club home, has made an important physical contribution to our Community.

There are many citizens active in commerce, industrial, political and economic areas of our Community. Many of these citizens have a background of fellowship and training received through the Association. The William Penn Fraternal Association, through its membership, has been a source of cultural, spiritual and patriotic strength.

May we wish for you another half-century of continued prosperity and progress.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Voorde, Mayor
Member William Penn Fraternal Assoc.

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HONORED GUESTS

of

BRANCH 132-V TWENTY-FIVE YEARS or LONGER

Acs, Mate	Horvath, Anthony
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Both, Benjamin	Keresztury, Mrs. Charles
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Csillik, Balazs	Kovach, Mrs. Anthony
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Domonkos, Mrs. Anthony	Lizer, Mrs. Alexander
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Fabiankovics, Mrs. Zsigmond	Marko, Mrs. Paul
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Gombor, Frank	Megyeri, Mrs. Michael
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Halassy, Mrs. Louis	Molnar, Mrs. Anthony
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Hartman, Mrs. Andrew	Molnar, Joseph
Hatala, Andrew	Molnar, Lorincz
Hernicz, John	Mutzl, Mrs. Otto
Hernitz, Louis	Nagy, Anthony
Hesler, Julius	Nagy, Stephen



Joseph Gyarmathy Founder

Mr. Joseph Gyarmathy, as President of St. Anthony's Society in 1909, was instrumental in merging the Society into Verhovay Aid Association, and was the first President of Branch 132.

Nagy, John
Nagy, Louis
Neal, Mrs. Olan
Nemeth, Mrs. Frank
Nemeth, Kalman
Nemeth, Peter
Nyerges, John
Nyers, Amelia
Nyers, Stephen, Sr.
Nyers, Stephen, Jr.
Nyikos, Joseph W.
Olah, Michael
Orosz, Mrs. John
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Pinter, Mrs. Louis
Pocsik, Mrs. Julius
Redling, John
Redling, Daniel
Riba, Boldizsar
Rudik, Mrs. Joseph
Sari, Joseph
Schubert, Mrs. Joseph
Segety, Louis
Simon, Frank
Simon, Joseph
Stuban, Michael

Szabo, Andrew
Szabo, Peter
Szabo, Mrs. Peter
Szakaly, Mrs. Vincent
Szalai, Gracian
Szalai, Mrs. Gracian
Szokolics, Gusztav
Taller, Moricz
Tamandli, Frank
Tamasi, Mrs. Emery
Tamasi, Mrs. Laszlo
Tapolczai, Anthony
Tars, Louis
Tars, Mrs. Louis
Tatay, Mrs. Rudolph
Torma, John
Toth, Joseph
Vaghy, Stephen
Varga, Frank
Varga, Mrs. Frank
Varga, Mrs. George
Varga, Kalman
Varga, Mrs. Kalman
Vass, Laszlo
Vigh, Mrs. Stephen
Vigh, Mrs. John
Zahoran, Michael

History of Branch 132

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There were Hungarian Societies in South Bend before 1909. According to member Joseph Gyarmathy, those working in the plow and farm equipment factory of Oliver, who were engaged in hard physical labor, were not accepted by the Hungarian societies during those times because they were generally regarded as "grinders," meaning, of course, that they would be great risks.

Consequently, the South Bend "grinders" acted in unison and founded their own small Hungarian organization, calling it the St. Anthony Society. Later this group requested admission into the Verhovay Aid Association. The then leaders of the Verhovay extended the hand of welcome to their South Bend Hungarian brethren, accepted them into the society, and gave them equal rights with other verhovay members. Thus was begun the Verhovay of South Bend, Indiana. In May 1909 the number "132" was assigned to the South Bend Verhovay branch, a branch which since that date, fifty years ago, has been a symbol of achievement, progress and fraternalism to the society.

Verhovay Branch 132, South Bend, Indiana, was begun with the following members:

John Abraham, Stephen Ader, Louis Balika, Joseph Bencsics, Ernest Boros, Geza Borsodi, Gregory Gosztola, Joseph Gyarmathy, Joseph Homor, Joseph Horvath, John Horvath, Louis Horvath, Frank Kardos, Peter Kationa, Andrew Kara, Joseph Kis, Michael Kis, Martin Kleva, Stephen Locsmandi, John Lukacs, Joseph Molnar, John Roszipovics, Andrew Tars, Joseph Varga, Joseph-Berta Varga, Joseph Vellner, and Martin Voros.

The records show that 28 Hungarian brethren together participated in laying the foundation stone of the first Hungarian Pillar in South Bend. It is with a note of sadness that we recall here that all 23 Branch 132 founders have departed to their eternal reward.

The foregoing barely gives even an introduction to the half century old Branch 132-V, South Bend, Indiana. It would take a book to give the complete history of this "branch of branches," and we dare say this book would become a William Penn best seller!

A VERHOVAY HOME IS BUILT BY THE SOUTH BEND MEMBERS

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When Branch 132 expanded with the acquisition of the South Bend Sick Benefit and Young People's Society in 1934, under the Verhovay banner, so to speak, there was already appreciable social life at the Kossuth Hall.

As the branch grew larger so did its manifold activities and interests, and top priority on the agenda was the recruiting of more and more new members. Success after success followed.

The Evening of Music program presented December 1936 graphically revealed that the over growing attendances at the Kossuth Hall made it imperative that more space was needed. A plan was drawn up for enlarging the present quarters, but this was not approved by the city. The attempt was made — and failed. It meant that a new home must be built to satisfy the social and cultural needs of a rapidly growing membership brim-full of Verhovay fraternalism. After many lengthy debates and meetings, it was announced that a new Verhovay home would be built for the benefit of the members. With the decision made, the branch, under the guidance of president Stephen Domonkos, entrusted matters to Louis Hertz, Anthony Horvath, Anthony Kovacs, Stephen Nyers, Alexander Szabo and Joseph Varga, and the new plans which were formulated in February 1937 swiftly began taking shape.

This house building committee immediately contacted the Verhovay Home Office to request the necessary loan needed for the erection of the Verhovay Home in South Bend. Naturally, a matter of this import took time to settle, and so the first spade of earth was dug on September 29, 1937. Hereafter Papay and Szabo, builders, worked without cessation to hurry the completion of the project. The big day was July 16, 1938 when the new structure was taken over by Branch 132. The cost was \$74,640.30.

Since July 23, 1938 when the new Verhovay Home actually began operating, it has continually served the interests of the South Bend Membership and area Hungarians, both socially and culturally.

Through the efforts and hard work on the part of the Officers and the members the huge debt owed to the Home Office was liquidated within the short period of seven years. The last installment was made in June, 1945.

Because of the continued increase in membership, and social activities it was decided to build an addition adjoining the original building which consists of offices, social room and storage rooms. This project was started in the spring of 1949, and was completed in September of the same year, at an approximate cost of \$35,000.

At the National convention, on September, 1955, the Rakoczi Aid Association and the Verhovay Fraternal Insurance Association merged and adopted the name, William Penn Fraternal Association.

The now more than twenty year old Home caters to the desires and needs of more than THREE THOUSAND William Penn Branch 132 membership that never ceases to astound the entire society as South Bend keeps alive and burning the torch of William Penn Fraternalism.



OFFICERS — GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

From left to right: John Taller, Trustee; Emil Toth, Controller; John L. Horvath, President; Frank J. Wukovits, Secretary; Joseph Horvath, Vice President; Leslie Baumgartner, Treasurer; and Leslie J. Molnar, Trustee. Missing from the picture is Stephen Nyers, Jr., Trustee.

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Opening.....	Frank J. Wukovits General Chairman
National Anthem.....	Andrew N. Jambor, Sr.
Invocation.....	Rev. Joseph Horvath Pastor, St. Stephen's Church
Toastmaster.....	Frank J. Wukovits
Welcome.....	John L. Horvath President, Branch 132
Address.....	Honorable Edward F. Voorde Mayor of South Bend
Folk Song.....	Kathryn Raymond Lisek
Introduction of guests at the speaker's table.	
Address.....	Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Sabo Pastor, Our Lady of Hungary Church
Folk Song.....	Andrew N. Jambor, Sr.
Principal Address.....	Coleman Revesz National President
Hungarian National Anthem.....	Andrew N. Jambor, Sr.

D a n c i n g

Music by Rudy Rigo's Gypsy Orchestra



GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Sitting from left to right: Mrs. John Hadrick, Louis Hernitz, Mrs. Irma Phillips, John L. Horvath, Frank J. Wukovits, General Chairman; Andrew Jambor, Sr., Mrs. Julia Domonkos, Anton Horvath, Mrs. Joseph Sary. Standing: Leslie Baumgartner, Mrs. Wendel Lukacs, Mrs. Victor Benzur, Frank T. Wiltrout, Mrs. Thomas Arch, Jr., Stephen Mohacsek, Emil Toth, John Toth, Joseph Horvath, Mrs. Louis Czifra, Leslie J. Molnar, Mrs. Julius Egyhazi, Sr., Alex Halasz, Mrs. Frank J. Sabo, John Pecci, Mrs. Anton Horvath and Joseph Karsas. Missing from the picture are: Mrs. David Raymond and Julius Hesler.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
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BRANCH 132-V
FOR 50 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO
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September 27, 1944 - Southern France



Private 1st Class JOSEPH VARGO
July 3, 1944 - Germany



Private JOSEPH SEBOK
November 19, 1944 - Germany



Private FRANK VARGA
September 20, 1944 - Angora Islands



Private EMERY L. MODOS
November 30, 1950 - Korea



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Rev. Stephen Stephenson

Rev. Anthony Molnar

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First row, left to right: Mrs. George Toth, First President; Mrs. Stephen Domonkos, Secretary; Mrs. Frank Heghi, Mrs. Anton Balogh. Back row: Mrs. Stephen Nyers, Sr., Vice President; Mr. Stephen Domonkos, Branch President; Mrs. Joseph Sari and Mrs. Desiderius Benzur, Treasurer. Missing from the picture is Mrs. Fank Nemeth.

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William J. Locks, Sheriff





BRANCH 132 BUILDING COMMITTEE OF 1938

Seated left to right: Anthony Kovach, Stephen Nyers, Sr., Joseph Varga Standing: Anthony Horvath, Alex Szabo and Louis Hertz.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
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BRANCH 132
ON YOUR 50th ANNIVERSARY

Steve J Karras

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George Terruso



FINAL PAYMENT OF MORTGAGE

The mortgage on the Verhovay Home was paid in full in 1945. Serving on the committee were the following: Seated from left to right: Joseph Lacay, Stephen Nyers, Sr., and Frank J. Wukovits; Standing: Stephen Hupka, John L. Horvath and Frank Doka, Sr.

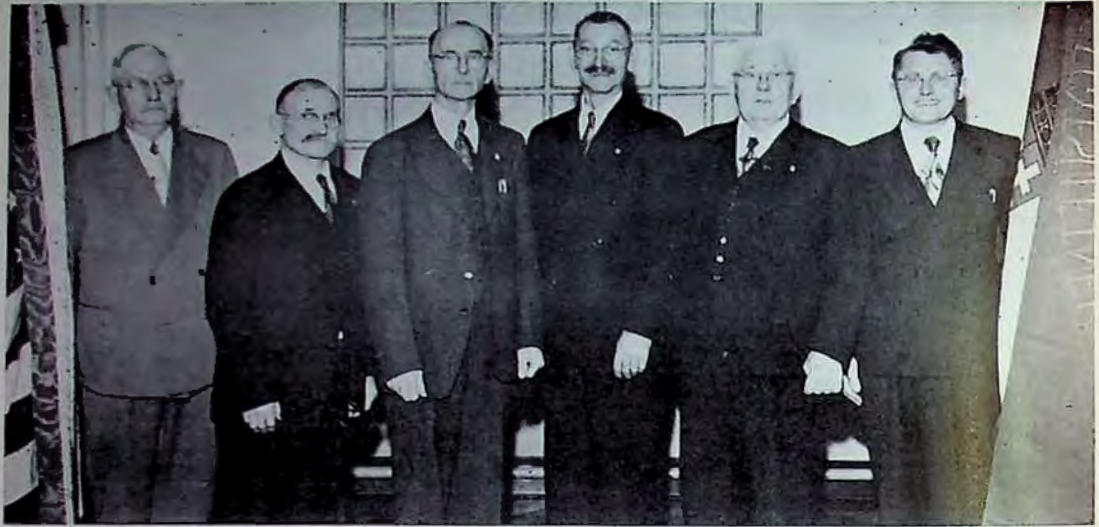
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Left to right: Branch President Frank Balint, John Abraham, Sr., Charter Member; John Benze, National President; Martin Kleva, Charter Member; Stephen Nyers, Sr., Director; and Frank J. Wukovits, Secretary.

*Greetings and Best Wishes
on Your 50th Anniversary*

from

EMERY L. HIRSCHLER

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TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

Picture taken at the testimonial dinner, May 10, 1947, honoring Frank J Wukovits in recognition for outstanding achievements in the promotion of securing members; thus making Branch 132 among the largest in the Association.

Seated: from left to right: National President, John Bencze; honored guest, Frank J. Wukovits and Mrs. Wukovits, and Branch President Stephen Nyers, Sr.

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TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

This picture was taken at a testimonial dinner honoring Mr. Stephen Nyers, Sr., May 21, 1949, for rendering many years of faithful and fruitful service to the Association and Branch 132. On the picture shown are left to right: Colomon Revesz, National Secretary; Frank Balint, Sr., President of Branch 132; Mrs. Stephen Nyers, Sr.; Mr. Stephen Nyers, Sr., honored guest; and Frank J. Wukovits, Branch Secretary.

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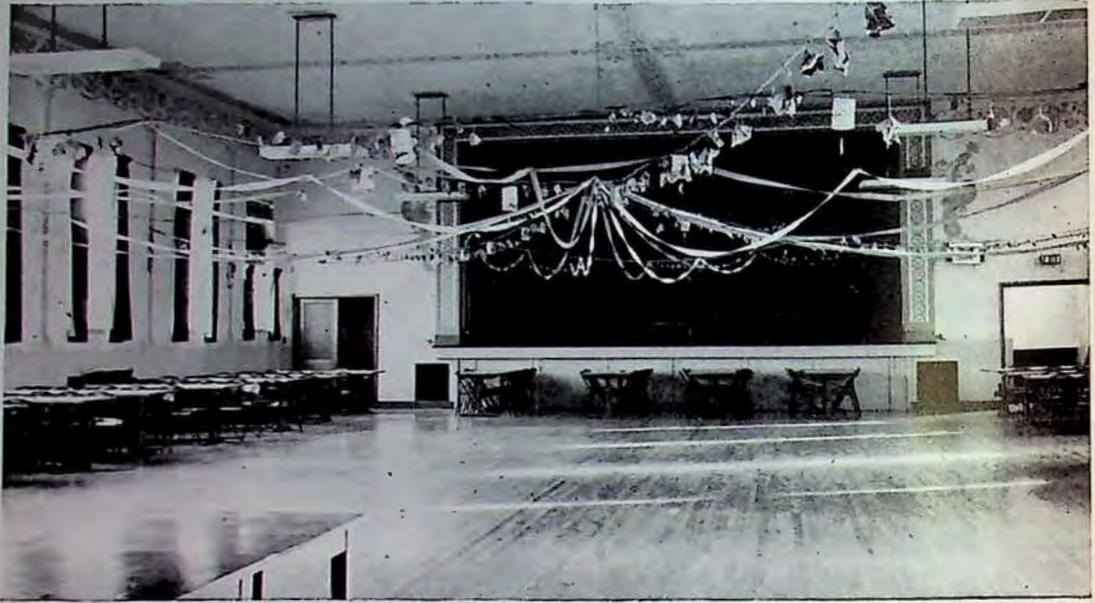
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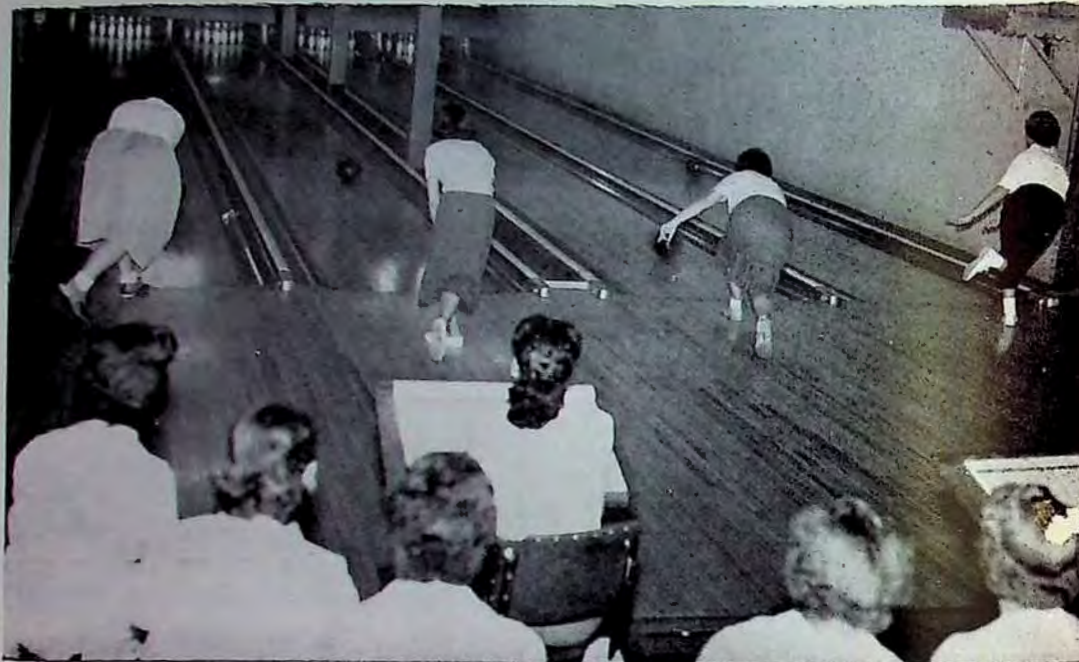
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The local William Penn Home was selected as headquarters for the drive. Frank J. Wukovits, Field Supervisor, served as treasurer of the Relief Committee. The members and the officers of Branch 132-V all worked hand in hand towards the success of this noble drive.

Relief workers shown sorting and packing clothes and other articles are, left to right: Mrs. Joseph Sary, Mrs. Stephen Piacsek, Mrs. Andrew Bikfaldi, Mrs. Julia Domonkos, Mrs. Stephen Nyers, Field Supervisor Frank J. Wukovits, Mrs. Julia Lukacs, and Andrew Jambor President of Branch 132-V. The children are Barbara Koloszar and Nicholas Piacsek.

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Shown in the picture are: Field Supervisor, Frank J. Wukovits, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Felder; Branch President, John L. Horvath; back row, left to right: Auditor, Andrew J. Jambor; Vice President, Joseph Horvath; District Managers, Frank T. Wiltrout and Michael Pinter; and Treasurer, Leslie Baumgartner.

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The William Penn Story

The story of the William Penn Fraternal Association is the story of two great American Hungarian societies, the Verhovay Fraternal Insurance Association and the Rakoczi Aid Association and the many small organizations merging with them over the years.

In a land still strange and new to them, thirteen miners realized that security and strength for mutual aid lay in unity and brotherhood. In Hazelton, Penn. on February 26, 1889, they founded the Verhovay Aid Association.

Two years later the great name of Rakoczi was chosen to identify another American-Hungarian society, the Rakoczi Hungarian Sick and Death Benefit Society of Bridgeport, Conn. founded April 10, 1888, by 18 workers motivated by ideals similar to those of the Verhovay founders.

Hungarians fought in both the American Revolution and Civil War, but mass immigration of Hungarians did not begin until late in the 19th Century. These newcomers soon realized the necessity of organizing and joining groups for mutual aid and protection, social activities and fraternal fellowship.

The desire for greater political freedom and better economic conditions brought more and more people to the United States of America. The membership increased and the fraternal societies grew. Wherever there were Hungarians the formation of new branches was encouraged and aided. The pioneer fraternalist of those early years labored for the love of society rather than monetary rewards, they were builders laying foundations for the future.

There were no grand list of types of insurance policies. The protection offered was death benefit and sick benefit. Social activities had no competition from radio, television, and automobiles.

War years bring changes. So did World War I. The influenza epidemic took more Verhovay and Rakoczi lives than did the conflict itself. Both organizations learned from valuable experience that they must embark on a more business-like program. Without the sacrifices of fraternal life. in order to keep pace with the times.

In 1924 the legal reserve basis was adopted, when the various states inaugurated a close watch on all insurance companies. This significant change meant that the rates had to be increased or the benefits lowered.

The William Penn Story

Naturally there were protests and misunderstandings, but insurance was given a more solid footing for the benefit of all its subscribers.

The depression years beginning in 1929 had their ill effects on both the Verhovay and the Rakoczi, but these two societies managed to keep their heads above water and looked with faith toward a better future. Now the loosely knit field force was organized into an efficient working unit. The branch secretaries were better informed and trained and more full-time organizers were hired.

During World War II, the Verhovay and Rakoczi contributed greatly to the war effort. Members were urged to purchase war savings bonds, and the Verhovay donated a fully equipped ambulance to the Pittsburgh and Detroit Chapters of the Red Cross. Many Verhovay and Rakoczi members made the supreme sacrifice during World War II.

It would take pages to describe all that both societies did in the name of fraternalism, charity and good will. Membership contests, sport programs, bowling tournaments, scholarships, assistance to the aged and the infirm are a few examples. Citizenship booklets, Hungarian-English dictionaries, books, and pamphlets aiding in the rehabilitations of the D.P.'s and the refugees were published.

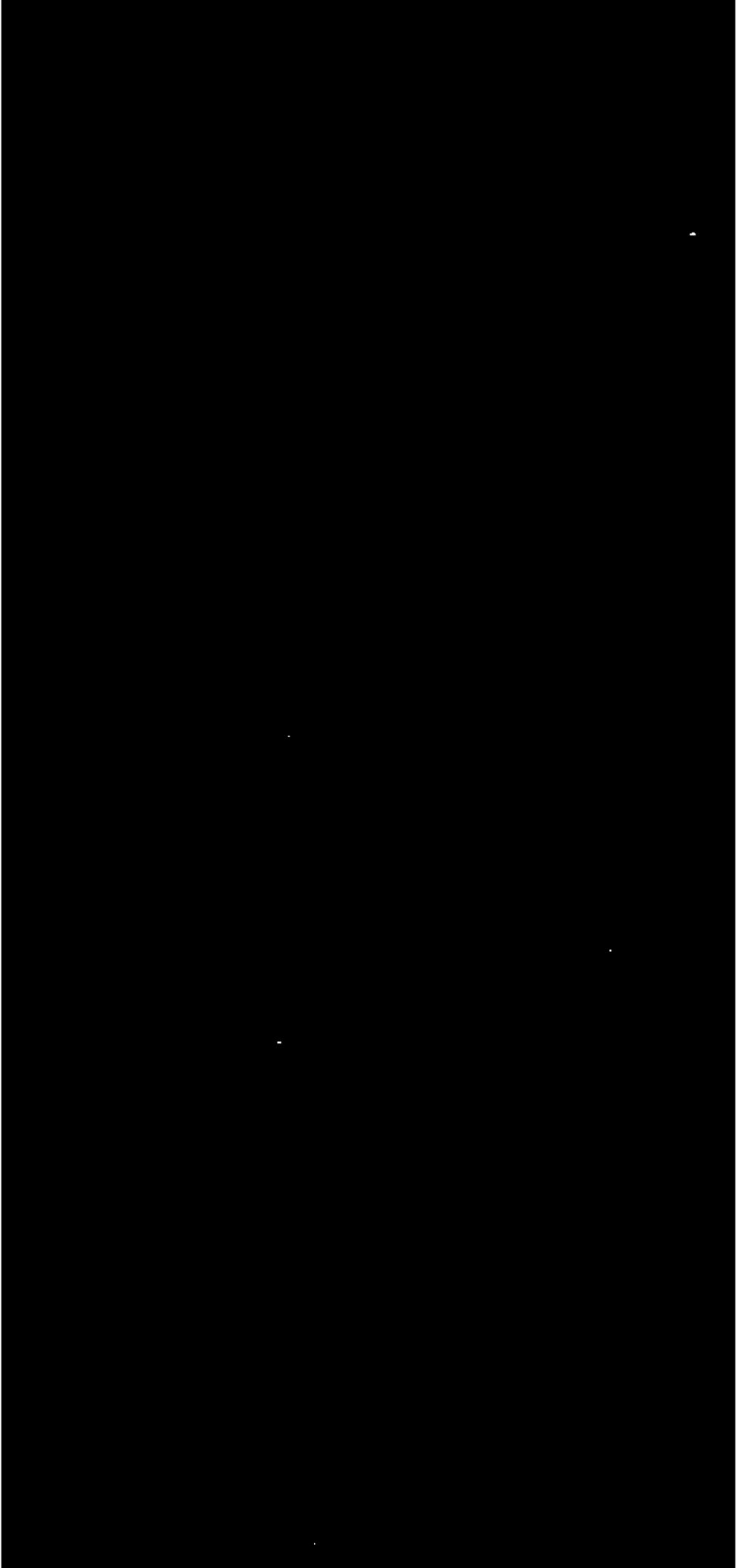
In 1953 the positive beginning of a wonderful dream was initiated. This was the merger talks between the Verhovay and the Rakoczi. At their separate conventions in 1955, the two American-Hungarian societies voted to merge. On October 1, 1955, was born The William Penn Fraternal Association.

The newly merged society immediately inaugurated a program of revitalization. It expanded its field force and introduced a variety of new types of Insurance yielding the utmost in protection and investment.

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Operating under the slogan of "BUSINESS WITH A HEART" the society believes that the road ahead is a successful and prosperous one.



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