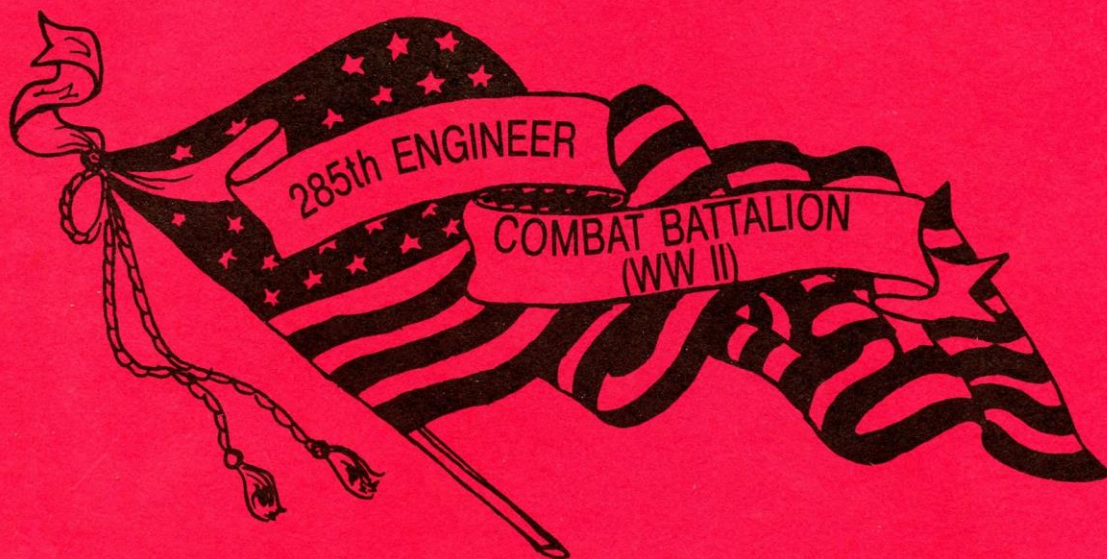


FOURTH REUNION OF THE



CAMPAIGNS
ARDENNES-ALSACE CENTRAL EUROPE RHINELAND

HELD AT
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
4-8 OCTOBER 1990

**TO ALL MEMBERS
OF THE
285th ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
ASSOCIATION (WWII)**

OUR FOURTH REUNION WAS HELD FROM 4 TO 8 OCTOBER 1990 AT THE SHERATON-CENTURY CENTER HOTEL IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. A LIST OF THE ATTENDEES IS INCLUDED IN THIS MEMORY BOOK. WE SAT FOR PORTRAITS, GATHERED FOR COMPANY PICTURES AND AT TIMES WERE SURPRISED BY THE WANDERING CANDID CAMERAMAN! MOST OF THE RESULTS ARE IN THESE PAGES. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR BOOK!

AS PLANNED, WE TOURED OKLAHOMA CITY AND VISITED THE 45TH INF. DIVISION MUSEUM. LATER, WE WENT TO THE FAMOUS NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME. ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT WAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PICK OUR FAVORITE HORSES AT REMINGTON PARK. SOME WON -- MANY LOST!

MOST WILL AGREE THAT WITH EACH REUNION THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP ARE STRENGTHENED AND THAT VETERANS -- AND THEIR FAMILIES -- EAGERLY LOOK FORWARD TO THESE HAPPY SOCIAL EVENTS EACH YEAR.

AN ELECTION WAS HELD DURING THE SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING. THE BELOW-NAMED OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE POSTS. WE WILL STRIVE TO FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE AIMS OF OUR ASSOCIATION. WE APPRECIATE THE TRUST PLACED IN US AND LOOK FORWARD TO INCREASING THE CAMARADERIE AMONG OUR MEMBERS DURING THE COMING YEAR AND PARTICULARLY AT OUR ANNUAL REUNIONS.

--- YOUR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT----JOHN T. CARRIG
SECRETARY---WALTER R. MAXWELL

TREASURER ---WILLIAM F. NEKERVIS
PROGRAMS-----DALE A. DILLER



IN MEMORIAM

OPENING CEREMONY AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

HELD FRIDAY, 5 OCT 90
AT THE 45TH INFANTRY DIVISION MUSEUM

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

...LED BY WILLIAM F. NEKERVIS, CO A.

II. INVOCATION

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER HERE IN FELLOWSHIP TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO OUR COMRADES WHO DIED IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.

WE REMEMBER NOW THE DECEASED SOLDIERS OF BOTH OUR OWN 285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION AND THE DECEASED SOLDIERS OF OUR HOST UNIT, THE 45TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

WE ASK YOUR BLESSING ON EACH OF US HERE PRESENT AND ON THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE WITH US AT THIS TIME. WE ARE THANKFUL THAT OUR EFFORTS, HOWEVER SEEMINGLY SMALL, WERE IN A GOOD CAUSE.

WE PRAY FOR ALL IN THE ARMED SERVICES TODAY. DEFEND THEM WITH YOUR HEAVENLY GRACE; GIVE THEM A SENSE OF YOUR PRESENCE WHEREVER THEY MAY BE.

THIS WE ASK IN YOUR NAME, AMEN.

...READ BY ASHWELL B. HARWARD, HQ CO.
PRAYER BY REV. LESLIE R. MILES, CO A,
AND FIRST READ BY HIM AT FT. KNOX AT THE
THIRD REUNION MEMORIAL SERVICE.

LIST OF ATTENDEES AT OUR FOURTH REUNION 4-8 OCT 90

| <u>COMPANY</u> | <u>FIRST NAME</u> | <u>INIT</u> | <u>LAST NAME</u> | <u>COMPANION</u> | <u>CITY</u> | <u>STATE</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| A | JAMES | B. | DUTTON | MONA | OKLAHOMA CITY | OK |
| A | PERCY | B. | ELLINGTON | MARTHA | TULSA | OK |
| A | ARTHUR | A. | GOODRICH | PEGGY | RAVENNA | OH |
| A | FRED | D. | HUNT | MAXINE | FAYETTEVILLE | AR |
| A | LESTER | E. | JOHNSON | IRENE | GLYNDON | MN |
| A | LE ROY | F. | KOHL | RADA | WATONGA | OK |
| A | JAMES | C. | LOVELADY | | TULSA | OK |
| A | I. J. | | MOAD | GERRY | GUTHRIE | OK |
| A | WILLIAM | F. | NEKERVIS | FLORENCE | MIDLAND | MI |
| A | GEORGE | H. | NICHOLS | MAXINE | WAVERLY | MI |
| A | CHESTER | A. | STONE | RUBY | ALVA | OK |
| | | | & GUEST: | THELMA (DAUGHTER) | | |
| A | HARRY | M. | YOUNG | MARY | WESTVILLE | NJ |
| B | HENRY | | BIALY | | AKRON | OH |
| B | JOHN | T. | CARRIG | | MALVERNE | NY |
| B | JOHN | E. | CIRCLE | CHARLOTTE | WORTHINGTON | OH |
| B | JAMES | E. | COWARD | STELLA | PICAYUNE | MS |
| B | ROBERT | A. | DRENNAN | GRACE | INDIANAPOLIS | IN |
| B | JAMES | F. | GALLAWAY | CLARA | MULHALL | OK |
| B | FRANK | | HATCH | JESSIE | OKLAHOMA CITY | OK |
| B | WALTER | R. | MAXWELL | KATHLEEN | SPRINGFIELD | PA |
| B | HAROLD | | OGLESBY | DOLORES | HATFIELD | AR |
| B | NORMAN | H. | REED | NELL | NASHVILLE | AR |
| B | RICHARD | E. | TUCKER | | KERNERSVILLE | NC |
| B | GEORGE | D. | TUMAN | OLETA | LONG BEACH | CA |
| B | BRICE | G. | VENABLE | SUE | TULSA | OK |
| | | | & GUEST: | AMY (DAUGHTER) | | |
| C | LAWRENCE | | ARNESON | ELEANOR | KAMIAH | ID |
| C | | | & GUEST: | NORMA COOKE | | |
| C | ARTHUR | W. | CAMPBELL | FLORENCE | GREENVILLE | SC |
| C | PAUL | M. | CHIKOS | | LOGAN | WV |
| C | GLENN | B. | COLE | LEONA | CHOUTEAU | OK |
| C | JACK | R. | COX | VIVIAN | TAHLEQUAH | OK |
| C | JOHN | O. | FISHER | JUANITA | HARLINGEN | TX |
| C | JOHN | A. | HATTNER | | OSWEGO | IL |
| C | BILL | | HEFNER | | LEBANON | OR |
| C | DALE | T. | JAYNES | HEDY | DIAMOND CITY | AR |
| C | EVERETTE | B. | NEEL | MILDRED | PETERSTOWN | WV |
| C | WOODROW | | O'DELL | EVA | OKLAHOMA CITY | OK |
| | | | & GUEST: | MARIE O'DELL | | |
| C | MICHAEL | | PARISH | JANET | SPRING HILL | FL |
| C | JOHN | W. | RISON | OPAL | HUBER HEIGHTS | OH |
| C | LYMAN | H. | ROBERTSON | JEAN | ATLANTA | GA |
| C | GILBERT | H. | TRELOAR | LOUISE | MONROEVILLE | PA |
| C | ARTHUR | O. | WHITE | WANDA | KELLYVILLE | OK |
| H&S | JOHN | R. | BRAATZ | CLARICE | WAUPUN | WI |
| H&S | DALE | A. | DILLER | CHIC | ST. LOUIS | MO |
| H&S | FOY | R. | HARRIS | | BEDFORD | TX |
| H&S | ASHWELL | B. | HARWARD | ELEANOR | RAEFORD | NC |
| H&S | GERALD | W. | KIRKPATRICK | WANDA | BOISE | ID |
| H&S | RALPH | | LAIRD | DOTTY | PLEASANTON | CA |
| H&S | PAUL | L. | MOOSE | GEORGIA | OKLAHOMA CITY | OK |
| H&S | HOWARD | W. | ROUSH | REBA | DUNCAN | OK |
| H&S | SHERMAN | A. | SMITH | BETTY | BURLINGTON | IA |
| H&S | FRED | H. | ZAHN | ROSIE VENABLE | OKLAHOMA CITY | OK |



The City of
OKLAHOMA CITY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Ronald J. Norick

WELCOME!

285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION ASSOCIATION, WWII

On behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma City, I extend a sincere welcome to the reunion of the 285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION ASSOCIATION. You are meeting during a period when Oklahoma City is progressing rapidly in cultural and economic growth.

The pioneer spirit that gave birth to Oklahoma City, more than 100 years ago, is still at work today building a "New West"...a city eager to share its heritage and future.

We are excited that the 285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION ASSOCIATION has the opportunity to explore the old and the new, and to share true Western hospitality in Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald J. Norick".

Ronald J. Norick
Mayor

NOTE: THIS OFFICIAL LETTER OF WELCOME WAS READ
DURING OUR FOURTH REUNION WHICH WAS HELD
FROM 4 TO 8 OCTOBER 1990 IN OKLAHOMA CITY,

HISTORICAL MILESTONES




**Sheraton Century Center
Hotel & Towers**
BROADWAY at MAIN
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73102



SITE OF REUNION NO. FOUR . . . 4-8 OCT 90

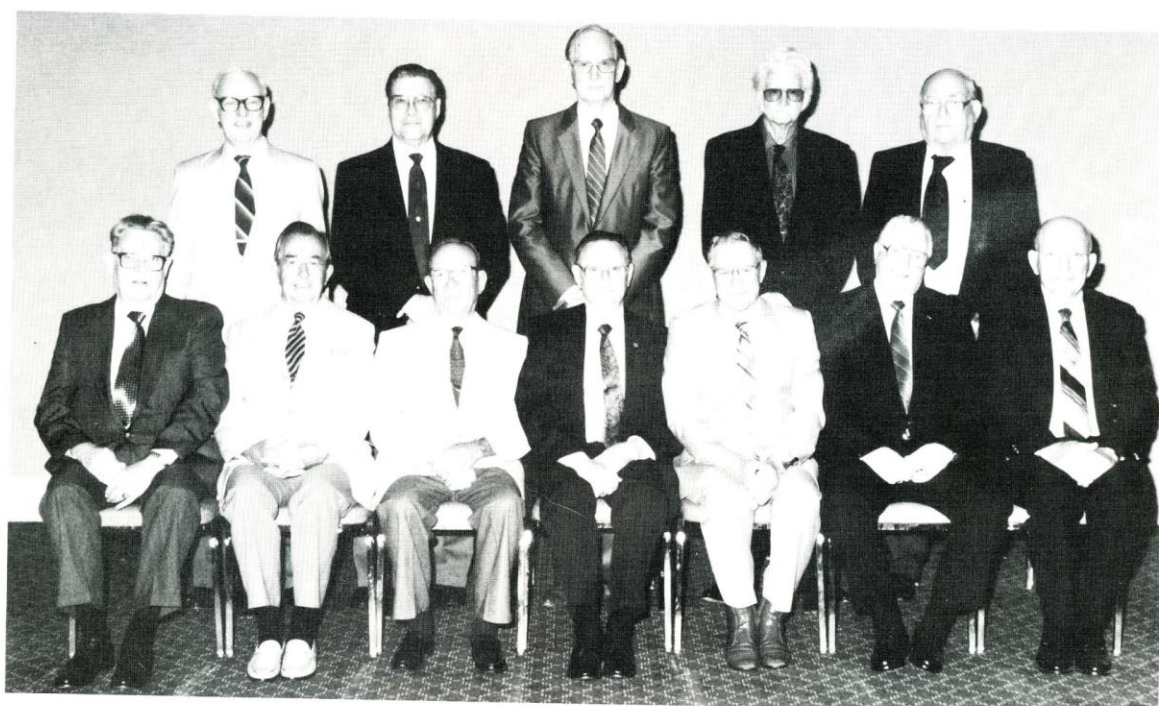


OUR BIRTHPLACE: 285TH ECB WAS ACTIVATED HERE ON 17 DEC 43

VALIANT PATTON VETERANS



HEADMOST HQ. CO.



AGGRESSIVE A CO.

VALIANT PATTON VETERANS



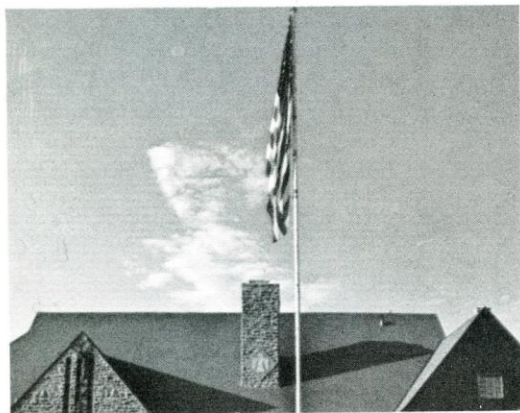
BATTLING B CO.



COURAGEOUS C CO.

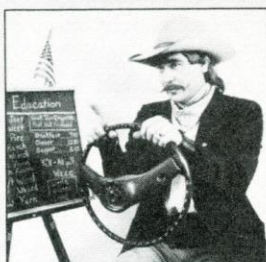


THE
45th
INFANTRY
DIVISION MUSEUM



CAPTAIN JACK

HUMORIST
"OKIE" EDUCATOR



Captain Jack Parker presents a captivating performance blending humor and history in just the right proportions to appeal to any and all audiences.

Oklahoma City

1990

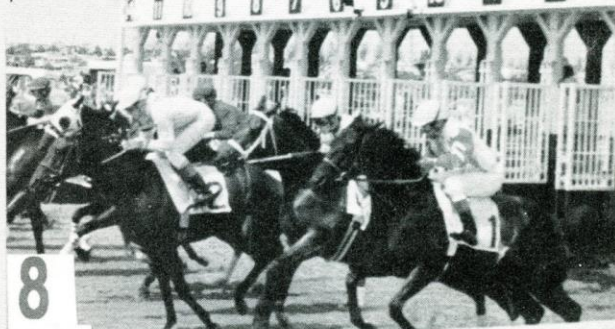
Calendar of Events

FOURTH REUNION

285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION!!



REMINGTON PARK



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Claiming
285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION REUNION PURSE
Purse \$5,000 (Plus \$750 from the Oklahoma Bred Program if eligible). Fillies, Three Years Old, Weight, 122 lbs. Non-winners of two races since September 7, allowed 2 lbs. Arace since then 4 lbs. Two races since August 17, 6 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000, for each \$1,000 to \$8,000 2 lbs. (Races where entered for \$7,500 or less not considered in allowances).

National Cowboy Hall of Fame



LAWRENCE & ELEANOR ARNESON
HENRY BIALY
JOHN & CLARICE BRAATZ
ARTHUR & FLORENCE CAMPBELL



JOHN T. CARRIG
PAUL M. CHIKOS
JOHN & CHARLOTTE CIRCLE
GLENN & LEONA COLE



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JACK & VIVIAN COX
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I. J. & GERRY MOAD
EVERETTE & MILDRED NEEL
WILLIAM & FLORENCE NEKERVIS



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HAROLD & DOLORES OGLESBY
MICHAEL & JANET PARISH



NORMAN & NELL REED
JOHN & OPAL RISON
LYMAN & JEAN ROBERTSON
HAROLD & REBA ROUSH





SHERMAN & BETTY SMITH
CHESTER, RUBY & THELMA STONE
GILBERT & LOUISE TRELOAR
RICHARD E. TUCKER



GEORGE & OLETA TUMAN
BRICE, SUE & AMY VENABLE
ARTHUR & WANDA WHITE
HARRY & MARY YOUNG



FRED ZAHN & ROSIE VENABLE
GEORGE & GEORGIENNA CHIOCCA
DONALD & DOLORES WILHELM



COME TO WILLIAMSBURG IN
1991!

THE HOTEL GAVE US ONLY ONE WAITER . . .

FRED HUNT, PEGGY & ART GOODRICH



HAROLD OGLESBY & JOHN HATTNER

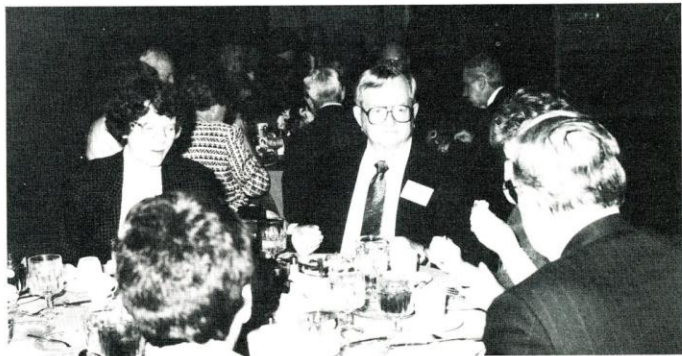
THE ROUSH'S, ROSIE VENABLE & FRED ZAHN
THE STONE FAMILY AND FOY R. HARRIS



I. J. MOAD & JIM GALLAWAY

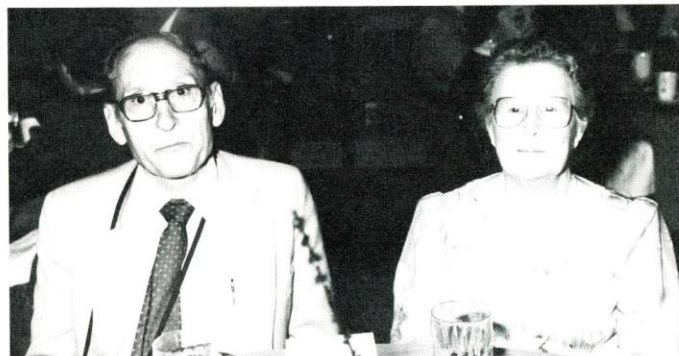
SO SOME DINED VERY MUCH LATER . . .

GRACE & BOB DRENNAN



LOVELADY, THE OGLESBY'S, HATTNER, COLE
AND YOUNG.

FRANK AND JESSIE HATCH



THE DUTTON'S, HATCH'S & THE MOAD'S.

WITH MINOR DELAY, IT ENDED QUITE WELL.

R. LAIRD & G. KIRKPATRICK



DILLERS, PARKER, BIALY, TUCKER AND THE
VENABLE FAMILY.

CAMPBELLS, ROBERTSONS, TRELOARS AND
THE PARISH'S



GALLAWAYS, DUTTONS & MOADS

AS WE APPLAUDED PARKER'S "OKIE SOFT SELL"!

CARRIG, HARWARDS & LAIRDS



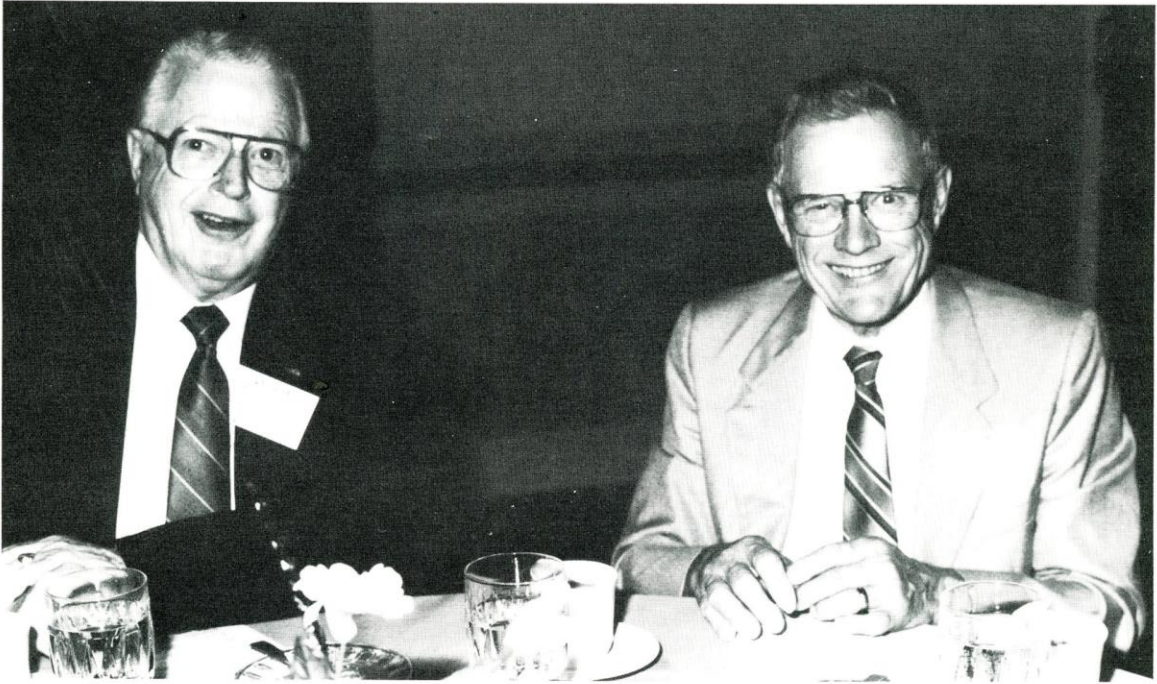
O'DELL FAMILY, NORMA COOKE, ELEANOR ARNESON & THE NEALS.

RADA & LEROY KOHL AND GEORGE & MAXINE NICHOLS



CAPT JACK PARKER, HENRY BIALY AND RICHARD TUCKER

DID WALT SAY "SMILE"?



GEORGE NICHOLS & LESTER JOHNSON



MAXINE & FRED HUNT



"GOOD TO THE LAST SHOT"
—BY W. MAXWELL.