

# Historical shade cast on elm

Agua Fria Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, focused on conservation during two events Tuesday to commemorate the chapter's 30th anniversary in Sun City.

One hundred people attended a program in Memorial Park of Bell Recreation Center, where two Texas Ebony trees were dedicated.

Caroline Thomas, charter club coordinator for Recreation Centers of Sun City, responded to an address by Ellanore McKenna, Aqua Fria's conservation chairman.

During a luncheon in Union Hills Country Club, Mrs. Luther A. Glenn Sr., honorary Arizona regent, presented national medals for conservation to foresters at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff.

Medal recipients, Dr. Donald E. Wommack and Bradford R. Blake, were honored for their work in extending the life of an historic American elm.

A rare descendant of the American elm under which Gen. George Washington called the Conti-

mental Army on July 3, 1775, stands in front of Old Main at NAU.

Wommack, professor of forestry at NAU, is credited for sustaining the elm's heritage.

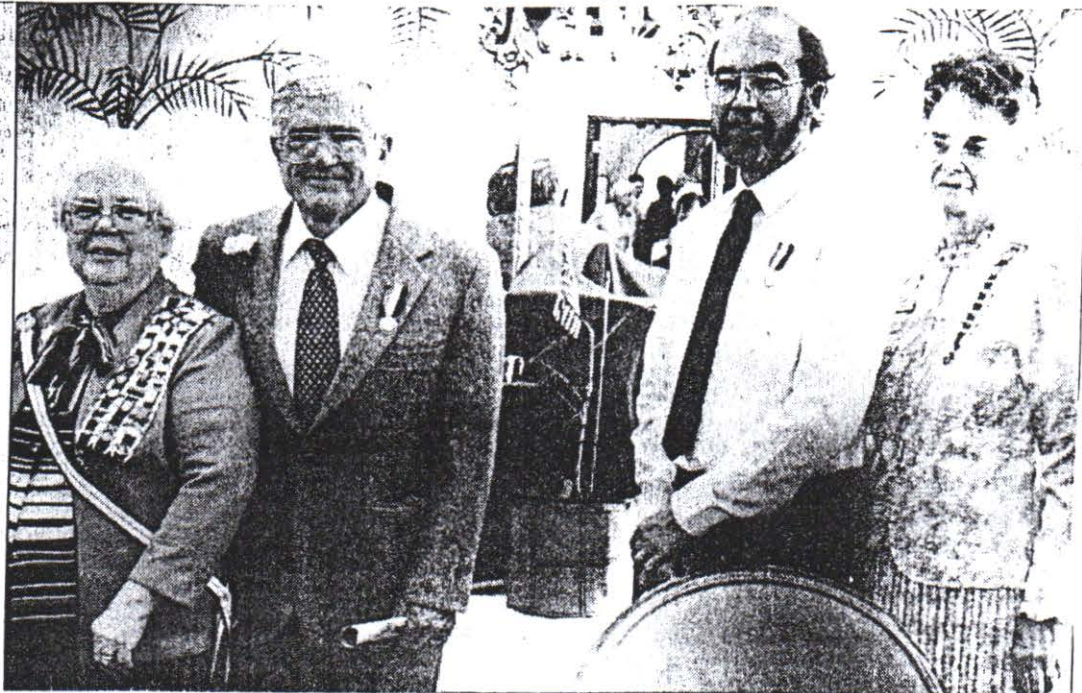
Blake, Wommack's former student and manager of NAU's new Research Greenhouses, is working to extend the life of the elm.

When the original Washington elm was cut down in 1923 because of old age and disease, slips were taken to Harvard University Arboretum in an effort to perpetuate its historic roots, Wommack said. Slips also were sent to various universities. One, planted at NAU, has survived, although the elm's heritage was forgotten after a dedication marker disappeared, Wommack said.

When research began in 1985 to restore Old Main, Wommack pointed out the importance of the "unknown elm" in front of the building.

In 1987, Mrs. Glenn, then an Arizona regent, established a DAR bronze marker at a ceremony rededicating the elm.

Mrs. Luther A. Glenn Sr., left and Mrs. Lee Tiffin honor Donald Wommack and Bradford Blake for their work in extending the life of an historic American elm.





# Local DAR To Sponsor 4th Of July Bell Ringing

"Ring the Bells for Freedom," a nationally conducted project aimed at restoring the significance of Independence Day on the American calendar of holidays, will be sponsored in Youngtown and Sun City by the

Agua Fria Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Maude Wallace, chapter regent, announced that the "Ring the Bells" project will be co-chaired by Mrs. Marion

Uber of Youngtown and Mrs. Cora Chestnut of Sun City.

The program will consist of bell-ringing for 4 minutes starting at noon on the Fourth of July.

MRS. WALLACE said Tom Austin, Sun City activities coordinator, agreed to have Town Hall carillons play a patriotic tune during the period and that Youngtown Community Church would ring its bells. She said the new Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church also would sound its bells if they are installed in time.

"All churches, clubs, and individuals are invited to participate," Mrs. Wallace said. "Those individuals who don't have bells can listen."

"INDEPENDENCE Day has become just another holiday, a day off for laboring people. We no longer have political speeches in the park, picnics with fried chicken and pink lemonade, or even motoring trips on the grand scale of days gone by because of traffic hazards. The bell-ringing project is one way in which we can give special recognition to this day."

The DAR chapter Tuesday held its last meeting until next October. With the start of its new year in the fall, the group plans to work on doubling its membership for the second straight year. In March the Agua Fria chapter received a certificate for showing the biggest membership increase of any DAR chapter in the nation.

## Ring-The-Bells-For-Freedom



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## National Bell Ringing On July Fourth To Be Sponsored Here By Local D.A.R.

Bells will ring throughout the United States on July 4, led by the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

Under the sponsorship of the Agua Fria Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sun City, Youngtown and surrounding communities will join in this Ring the Bells for Freedom project.

Mrs. H. G. Wallace, head of the local chapter, in announcing that her group will participate, called on all clubs and organizations to join in what she said is an effort to perpetuate the memory of the men and women who won American Independence.

A committee of her chapter is working now to induce other groups to follow the lead of the

type of bell owned by individuals.

Bell ringing here will take place precisely at 11 a.m., which allowing for the difference in time, is when the Liberty Bell will begin ringing in Philadelphia.

The campaign has received official recognition in Arizona with the signing by Gov. Paul Fannin of a joint resolution of the state

Six hundred persons attend open house of new Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church . . . Sun City post office advances from second to first class . . . Fourth of July celebrated with participation in nationwide bell-ringing sponsored by Agua Fria Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution . . . Youngtown council names three-man water board (Otto A. Rissman, T. Parker Lathrop, Ezra Ward) . . . Rev. Finley Reid becomes new pastor of Youngtown Community church . . . Paul Waltz takes offices as president of Sun City-Youngtown Rotary club . . . Sun City merchants add merchandise prizes to weekly drawings . . . Sun City Civic Association reports treasury and membership at all-time high . . . Harvey Shaw, Dina Rees Evans "merge" their writing talents with wedding . . . Youngtown approves tentative budget of \$56,814, an increase of \$15,527 over previous year.



## Among Our Organizations

# Daughters Of American Revolution Never Retire

By ELIZABETH ALLWOOD

Not in two such active communities as Sun City and Youngtown, Arizona at any rate. With a combined population of over 7500, it was inevitable that women of the D.A.R., dedicated to its aims and purposes in the states and towns from which they migrated, would soon band together to found a local chapter.

Mrs. H. Glenn Wallace and her husband moved to 10531 Connecticut, Sun City, from Kansas City, Missouri where she had been active in the Elizabeth Benton Chapter.

She soon discovered a neighbor, Mrs. Pauline Grosman, living at 10509 Connecticut, from Havre de Gras, Maryland where she belonged to the Gov. Wm. Paca Chapter.

And the two of them got their heads together to plan the organization of a new Chapter that would include both Sun City and Youngtown as the hub of a large surrounding area, embracing Glendale on one side, Litchfield and Avondale on another and reaching as far west as Wickenburg should women from these communities wish to join its ranks.

They recognized that theirs would be an unique Chapter, likely the first of its kind in America, to embrace an all-retirement area.

In the November, 1962 issue of The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Wallace authored an article entitled "A Chapter in a Retirement Community—Why Not?"

In it, she relates the potentialities of both Youngtown and Sun City with their community centers, facilities for arts and crafts, physical activities and cultural pursuits, their fine churches of various denominations; and

the high status of their citizens, drawn from professional, business, military, artist and artisan ranks representing 41 states and a number of foreign countries.

Mrs. Wallace tells of the luncheon meeting on Nov. 14, 1961 when fourteen organizing members, transferred or reinstated from 12 different states, met and organized the Agua Fria Chapter of Arizona, approved by the National Board in the following month.

She explains the adoption of the name "Agua Fria" for the river that once provided cooling water for Arizona pioneers and, though dry today left its heritage of rich soil to provide fram lands that now, through scientific irrigation, grow diversified crops to feed the nation and give employment to thousands of men and women.

Founding members at the luncheon included eight from Sun City and four from Youngtown.

Those from Sun City were Eryllynne Bronniche, former Regent of the John Prescott Chapter in Minnesota; Bea Dana, former Regent of the Sundial Chapter in Iowa; Cora Chestnut from the Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter in Indiana; Cora Ferrell, former Regent of the Martha Washington Chapter in Iowa; Gertrude Shane, Organizing Regent, from Saguache Chapter in Colorado; Angie Woodruff from the San Bernardino Chapter in California; also, of course, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Grossman.

From Youngtown there were Harriet Evans, formerly with the Mary Chilton Chapter in South Dakota; Sara Rood from the Racine Chapter in Wisconsin and formerly Wisconsin State Treasurer; Marian Uber from the Greysolon Delhut Chapter in Minnesota; and Helen Weedman from the Shining Mountain Chapter in Montana.

Mrs. H. G. Wallace was elected Regent and still retains the office.

Today, little more than a year after adoption of its charter, membership in the Agua Fria Chapter has grown to 36 and it plans to participate fully in the

National Society's program.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Washington, D. C. in 1890, incorporated under laws of the District of Columbia in 1891 and granted a charter by the U.S. Congress, signed by President Grover Cleveland in 1896. Purposes of the D.A.R. inculcate in hearts and minds of its members—

"Faith of Our Fathers";

The Constitution of the United States;

A True Republican Form of Government;

"States Rights" as Instituted by the Constitution;

Economy in National Spending;

Outlawing the Communist Party;

Keeping the United States Strong Militarily and Sound Economically;

Old-Fashioned Patriotism;

**"MOST OF ALL—WE ARE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!"**

Raymond L. Hatcher, Public Relations Director for the National Society's Magazine, relates in one of its issues: "Since its founding, the Society has written a positive record—constructive, practical and progressive. Throughout its 72 years, the byword of the NSDAR has been "Onward" in an ever broadening devotion to the historical, educational and patriotic endeavors set forth by its founders;

"There is no negative approach to the DAR story. Even where apathy exists, there is no negative feeling toward freedom and justice. But the existence of all depends upon positive thought and positive action. . .

"There is no illusive plot to unfold. There was no such plot involved in the Declaration of Independence; it was a positive declaration of the intent of men to remain free. . ."

Threefold aims of the NSDAR, as originally adopted, are as strongly advocated today. They are—

1. To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence. Names and records of these men and women are sought for and compiled, their graves marked and monuments erected. . .

2. To promote education is of prime importance. The National Society owns and operates fully two schools—The Kate Duncan Smith D.A.R. School at Grant, Alabama and the Tamasee D.A.R. School in O'Conee County, South Carolina. These two schools together serve yearly over 1000 pupils who likely would not otherwise get an education. To eleven other schools in underprivileged areas, D.A.R. contribute in excess of \$350,000 yearly.

3. To foster true patriotism and love of country. This is promoted through the D.A.R. "Good Citizenship" training for girls and boys in public schools. Essay contests are conducted with a "Girl of the Year Good Citizen" award conferred upon a student from the senior high school class in each chapter area. She is selected

for her qualities of Dependability, Leadership, Service and Patriotism. Top winner in the state receives a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, second winner a \$25 Bond.

Citizenship training is promoted for the foreign born who apply for naturalization. Some chapters hold meetings to acquaint applicants with the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States and rules governing the American Flag. They are taught the responsibilities they are expected to assume as good citizens of the United States.

Of special interest to residents of our Southwest, D.A.R. aid to American Indians is coordinated through the American Indian Committee. Over \$100,000 was given in 1962 in scholarships and clothing to Bacone Indian College in Muskogee, Oklahoma and to St. Mary's School for Indian Girls at Springfield, South Dakota. The Indian is also urged to help himself and given aid in the buying and selling of his beautiful handcraft.

And so the new and still small Agua Fria Chapter of Arizona has its work all laid out for it—not only to preserve the priceless heritage bequeathed to all members of the D.A.R. but to make sure that, in Arizona as in all other 49 States of the Union, there shall stand firmly that freedom without which there can be no "liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

Mrs. H. G. Wallace, Regent for Agua Fria Chapter, is eager to have D.A.R. members in the sister communities of Sun City and Youngtown, who have not affiliated, to contact her or come to meetings and present themselves for memberships; also to assist anyone who would like to trace her ancestry to a member of the American Revolution and become eligible for membership in the D.A.R.



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## A CHAPTER IN A RETIREMENT COMMUNITY—WHY NOT?

By Mrs. H. G. Wallace  
Regent, Agua Fria Chapter, Arizona

Just a few miles northwest of Phoenix, Ariz., a dry riverbed winds through what was once desert ranchland. This river was not always dry. Once its cool, clear water was a blessing to trappers, explorers, adventurers—the pioneers of Arizona. The Spaniards called it Agua Fria River, which means cool water. Today, through irrigation, the area of the Agua Fria is rich farm land. The beautiful fields of cotton, alfalfa, grain, melons, and numerous wonderful vegetables give employment to many and help supply food to our Nation. This is the location of two new towns for retired people. And this is the location of the new DAR Chapter—Agua Fria—here in the Valley of the Sun.

Youngtown, on the banks of the Agua Fria, population about 1600, had its beginning about 6 years ago. Sun City, a Del Webb Corporation development, now in its third year, has more than 5500 population. Youngtown has a community center; Sun City has two. These buildings are equipped with auditoriums, kitchens, stages, dressing rooms, arts and crafts material, and clubrooms. Sun City has two swimming pools, outdoor facilities for lawn bowling, horse shoes, shuffleboard, golf, and riding stables near by. The residents of both towns are from various walks of life—retired ministers, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, teachers, military personnel, nurses, farmers, ranchers, musicians, etc. Churches represent many denominations.

With all the area has to offer, my neighbor, Mrs. Harold Grossman, and I found we missed the work and associations of our DAR chapters. Believing there must be others who felt as we did, we placed a notice in our local paper, *The News-Sun*, asking all who were interested in a chapter here to telephone me. The response was most gratifying.

To understand the need of a chapter here, one should know something of the people. Sun Citians come from 41 States and 4 foreign countries. More than 70 clubs have been formed, as well as civic and social organizations. These groups

share in friendliness and companionship, while enjoying truly "active" retirement.

Many, both men and women, have retired from very interesting and worthwhile occupations; several are nationally known in their work. Now, in retirement, they still are most active in their pursuit of one or more hobbies and interests in helping others. Patriotism is evidenced in many ways. Having seen, through the years, the changes time has wrought, they are alert to present-day trends. Nearly every house flies the new 50-star United States Flag! In fact, Sun City is becoming known as the "City of Flags".

On November 14, 1961, the Agua Fria Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution was organized and was approved by the National Board December 8, 1961. At this luncheon meeting the following were honored guests: Mrs. H. W. Fritsche, Arizona State Regent; Mrs. D. Edwin Gam-

ble, Vice President General; Mrs. Henry Lawson, State Vice Regent; Mrs. Thomas G. McKesson, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Thomas Navin, DAR Magazine Chairman; and Mrs. R. Emery Nelson, regent of Maricopa Chapter, Phoenix. Mrs. Fritsche presented the chapter with a gavel; and after pronouncing the chapter name, she installed the officers. The other guests spoke briefly. Thus the eighth DAR chapter in Arizona came into being.

The 14 organizing members were transferred or reinstated from 12 different States. Four of them have been chapter regents, and one, Mrs. Anthony M. Rood, was Treasurer of the Wisconsin State DAR. This, no doubt, is unique in the history of new chapters. We think our chapter is the first to be organized in an all-retirement area. We have now doubled our membership, and several others are planning to transfer, reinstate, or become new members.

The organizing members and their former chapters are:

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>State</i>
Erlyne Bronniche (former regent)	John Prescott	Minnesota
Bae Danna (former regent)	Sundial	Iowa
Cora Chestnut	Mary Penrose Wayne	Indiana
Harriet Evans	Mary Chilton	South Dakota
Cora Ferrell (former regent)	Martha Washington	Iowa
Pauline Grossman	Gov. Wm. Paca	Maryland
Theresa Schugt (Maricopa)	Steubenville	Ohio
Bessie Shaw (Maricopa)	Samuel Felt	Michigan
Gertrude Shane (organizing regent)	Saguache	Colorado
Sarah Rood (former Wisconsin State Treasurer) (Maricopa)	Racine	Wisconsin
Marian Uber	Greysolon Del hut	Minnesota
Maud R. Wallace	Elizabeth Benton	Missouri
Helen Weedman	Shining Mountain	Montana
Angie Woodruff	San Bernardino	California

Our December program carried the Christmas theme. At this meeting Mrs. Emery Nelson presented to the new Agua Fria Chapter a United States Flag from the Maricopa Chapter.

Several members had not been very active for a few years. Therefore, at our January meeting, we reviewed *What the Daughters Do*. Also at this meeting we adopted the chapter's bylaws.

Programs for the next 3 months emphasized the three objectives of the National Society. We especially observed American History month, since this is Arizona's semicentennial year. Bert Frieman, executive secretary of the Arizona Historical Society, gave a very interesting and delightful talk on Arizona history. This was most informative for all

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## Retirement Chapter

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members who had so recently adopted Arizona as their State.

The Agua Fria Chapter presented Good Citizen pins to five high school girls, and it was also our honor to present the second State winner with a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond.

The chapter officers gave a tea honoring the new members. We feel the potential of doubling our present membership of 28 within a year is good. We are learning that our adopted State is rich in the history of the Southwest; we feel there is much we can do to carry out the three objectives of our Society.





## DAR Chapter Founded In Youngtown-Sun City

A new chapter, the eighth in Arizona, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has been organized in the Sun City and Youngtown area.

The Agua Fria Chapter is the first known DAR chapter to be organized in a retirement community but membership is not limited to persons in these two cities, but includes the surrounding areas.

Officers of the new chapter are Mmes. H. G. Wallace, regent; S. G. Evans, vice regent; H. S. Weedman, secretary; Anthony M. Rood, treasurer; and Harold Grossman, registrar.

Mrs. H. W. Fritsch, Prescott, state regent, installed the officers. Guest speaker was Mrs. D. Edwin Gamble, Tucson, a national vice president general.

*Cora Lucas Chestnut  
Maion N. Uber  
Sarah D. Rood  
Angie Woodruff.  
Harriet Erace  
Pauline Grossman  
Maud Wallace  
Elymne Brommiche.  
Helax Weedman  
Bessie Shaw  
Gertrude Slone.*

# Nation's First D.A.R. Chapter In Retirement Community Formed

Last May, two neighbors were reminiscing together on life "back home," especially of their Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters.

They felt there must be others who had pleasant memories of their home chapters, too — so Mrs. Harold Grassman and Mrs. H. Glenn Wallace placed a notice in the NEWS-SUN asking all D. A. R. members, and others interested in forming a chapter, to call them.

**THE RESPONSE** was "most gratifying." Mrs. Anthony M. Rood recruited those interested in Youngtown.

The result? On Nov. 14, the Agua Fria Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized.

Honored guests who attended the meeting, preceded by a luncheon at the Lantern Inn, were: Mrs. D. Edwin Gamble, Tucson, national vice president, general of

the society; Mrs. H. W. Fritsche, Prescott, Arizona state regent; Mrs. Henry Lawson, Phoenix, state vice regent; Mrs. Theo. G. McKesson, Phoenix, honorary state regent; Mrs. Thomas Navin, Tucson, state DAR magazine chairman; and Mrs. R. Emery Nelson, regent of the Maricopa Chapter in Phoenix.

**MRS. DANIEL** Holloway, serving as chaplain, opened the meeting with reading of the Scripture. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Mrs. Steven Quayle sang the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Mrs. H. Glenn Wallace was appointed organizing regent by the state regent. Other officers are: Mrs. S. S. Evans, vice regent; Mrs. H. S. Weedman, recording secretary; Mrs. Anthony M. Rood, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Grossman, registrar.

**MRS. H. W. Fritsche** proclaimed the name of the Chapter to be "Agua Fria," and then installed the officers. Mrs. Fritsche presented the Chapter with a gavel, and the Maricopa Chapter is presenting an American Flag to the new group. Mrs. D. Edwin Gamble was guest speaker. The program was concluded with a solo by Mrs. Quayle.

The 14 organizing members of the Chapter are Mmes. H. W.

Bronniche, James M. Chestnut, Forrest Dana, S. S. Evans, T. K. Ferrell, Harold Grossman, Anthony Rood, Harvey Shaw, Walter Slane, H. Glenn Wallace, H. S. Weedman, Arthur Woodruff, Marion Uber, all of Sun City and Youngtown, and Mrs. Edward T. Schugt of Glendale.

**OTHERS PRESENT** were Mrs. Cecil B. Thompson, Mrs. Clifford L. Stone, and Mrs. John Hessler.

The Agua Fria Chapter, first to be organized in a retirement community, becomes the eighth DAR Chapter in Arizona. Membership is not limited to Sun City and Youngtown. An invitation is extended to the surrounding area. The Chapter hopes to form a Junior Membership Committee for those from 18 through 35 years of age from the surrounding community.