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September 27, 1971

Mrs. Charlotte Chichester, Governor  
SW Region, SFA, Inc.  
c/o Soroptimist of Oakland  
Leamington Hotel  
19th and Franklin Streets  
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mrs. Chichester:

Governor Reagan was pleased to prepare the enclosed message to be included in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage of the Soroptimist Club.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Benbrook".

Mrs. Joan Benbrook  
Administrative Assistant

RONALD REAGAN  
GOVERNOR

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I am pleased to extend congratulations and good wishes to the Soroptimist Club on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage.

The outstanding contributions made by the members of this organization through the years demonstrate the talents and ability the women of our state and nation so generously provide in service to the community.

My best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

  
RONALD REAGAN  
Governor

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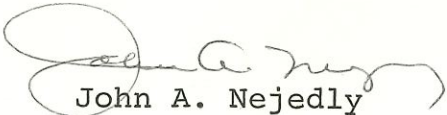
Dear Governor Chichester:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend my congratulations on this 50th anniversary of Soroptimism.

This worthy organization certainly deserves much appreciation for all the good it has accomplished during these years and, I am sure, will continue to accomplish in the future.

Best wishes for a most successful Golden Anniversary Pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

  
John A. Nejedly  
Senator, 7th District

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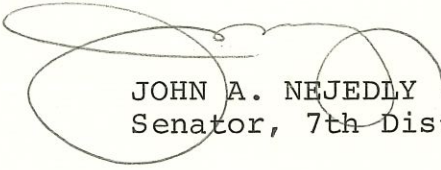
Mrs. Charlotte Chichester, Governor  
Southwestern Region  
c/o Soroptimist Club of Oakland  
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Dear Charlotte:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to join you in celebrating the 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Oakland and dedication in honor of Violet Richardson Ward.

Please extend my sincere best wishes to Mrs. Ward, as I am committed to another event.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN A. NEJEDLY  
Senator, 7th District

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And they don't intend to give up the cruiser "because we have too much invested."

Stewart who claims a back injury prevents him from working, looks over the acre of ground around their New Hope home and says he hasn't put in a vegetable garden because "the weeds would get ahead of us."

He and his family say the surplus commodity program which gives them foodstuffs, including four pounds of butter a month, is inadequate.

Mrs. Stewart says she needs to be on a high-protein diet.

"I keep telling them I need things like lean beef, chicken, eggs and cottage cheese, but they don't pay any attention," Mrs. Stewart charges.

"Instead," she laments, "we're green-beaned to death and my kids don't like oatmeal for breakfast."

Chambers, speaking cautiously, blames the alarming rise in aid to dependent children welfare cases in Owen County on "part of a national trend."

Two years ago only 13 families with a total of 46 children were receiving such benefits and the cost to the taxpayer was \$3,256 for 1969.

Currently, there are 77 families involving 195 children receiving a total of \$9,984 in Owen County—a dilemma that has forced the welfare department to obtain an additional \$37,000 appropriation, bringing their total 1971 budget to \$284,895 for all types of assistance.

Chambers says there are a great many more folks in Owen County who probably qualify for benefits, but "they just don't know about it."

With 3 per cent of the 9,000 Owen County population now on welfare rolls, Chambers says this figure is low compared to the national average of 7 per cent of the population.

One of the more vocal citizens on the subject is Owen Circuit Court Judge William T. Sharp, who says the entire welfare concept is "destroying any incentive for self-sufficiency."

"People are being told they're suckers to be self-sufficient—that it's easier to get a free ride. We're on the wrong track, subsidizing laziness and dependency by making it easy," he declares.

Judge Sharp, utilizing the authority of his office, already has clamped down in cases where he has legal jurisdiction.

Last week, on a petition filed by the welfare department, the four children of Mrs. Margaret Corns of Spencer were made wards of the court and placed in foster homes. Mrs. Corns has left Spencer.

Judge Sharp said Mrs. Corns has been receiving \$205 a month for the children, who were "neglected and getting poor training."

The father of the last child, Judge Sharp said is an 18-year-old serving a term in the Indiana State Youth Center on his conviction for assault and battery with intent to kill on Mrs. Corns' father.

In another case, \$50-a-week support payments being made by the father of five of the 13 children mothered by Mrs. Phyllis Owens of rural Poland were ordered placed in the general fund rather than being given to Mrs. Owens.

The woman, with nine of the children living with her in a trash-littered farmhouse, receives \$355 a month in welfare benefits. She has received at least \$8,000 from the Owen County department since she moved from Marion County several years ago, according to the judge.

Judge Sharp said evidence in court indicated Mrs. Owens was living rent-free in the house although she had told welfare workers she paid \$50 a month rent to the father of the five children, who owned the house.

Spencer druggist Jack Money said welfare recipients "are being counseled by someone to load up on prescriptions if they're about to go off the welfare rolls."

He said a surge of recipients, in recent months, also had become lazier when he wouldn't permit them to put things such as toothpaste and shaving cream on their Medicaid cards.

"Medicaid pays for only medicinal items, but someone has been telling them the government would pay for most any drug store item," he said.

Money said that after Mrs. Rein was informed, the situation was corrected.

New Owen County Welfare Board member Frank Stewart (no relation to the recipient Stewarts) calls the entire welfare program a "form of blackmail by the Federal government."

He adds: "I think there are responsible citizens at both the state and local level, but Federal regulations make it impossible for us to use our own judgment and I, personally, resent being rubber-stamped. It's sheer frustration."

#### SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEROME R. WALDIE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 1971

Mr. WALDIE. Mr. Speaker, on October 3, the Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, a service club for women, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in Oakland, Calif., where the first club was formed on October 3, 1921.

The Soroptimists spread from Oakland to San Francisco and Los Angeles and eventually throughout the entire world.

This outstanding organization has served youth, community, and Nation in many ways. Today those efforts include a most successful scholarship and fellowship program as well as environmental programs.

Members of the Soroptimists also contribute to international understanding and good will by an exchange program and work with such organizations as the United Nations and the American Field Service.

The Soroptimists have always been active in community and public affairs. I am sure, Mr. Speaker, that many of my colleagues in the Congress can cite the many instances where these dedicated women have called on them to vote for vital legislation and worthy programs.

At this 50th anniversary, the Soroptimists will be joined by members of their fellow groups, the Venture Clubs, for young professional women, and the "S" Club and Sigma Society which are high school and college organizations sponsored by the Soroptimists.

The October 3, 1971, celebration in Oakland will be sponsored by the Southwestern Regional Soroptimists, but members and officers from all over the Nation and the world will join in meeting at the birthplace of the organization.

Official hostess for the day will be Charlotte Chichester, governor of southwestern region, from Delano. She will be assisted by the 50th Anniversary Committee, chaired by Julia "Bess" Combs, of Antioch; Dorothy Cox, Modesto; Mary Gianoti, El Cerrito; Mary Ellen George, San Jose; Mayonne Glen, Sacramento;

Ortha Wullong, Oakland; Dottie Locke, Chico; Isabelle Portali, Stockton; and Aimee Luginbuehl of Reno, Nev.

Some of the Soroptimist officials attending: Ethel Lord, president, Soroptimist International Association, Morristown, N.J.; Katherine Stinsen, president, American Federation of the Americas Inc., Arlington, Va.; Eileen Bidwell, SFA president-elect, El Centro, Calif.; Gladys Neale, vice president, SFA, Toronto, Canada; Muriel Morse, past SFA president, Los Angeles; Dora S. Lewis, past SIA president, La Jolla; Mary Ann Foushe, president, Venture Council of the Americas, Ventura, Calif.; Violet Richardson Ward, president of the first Soroptimist Club in the world, Kensington, Calif.; and Loise B. Cushing, founder member, Oakland, Calif.

Mr. Speaker, during the first 50 years of giving service, the Soroptimists have found that "there is no me and thee—it's just we working together."

I believe that to be an outstanding philosophy and I am pleased to congratulate this fine service group on this special occasion.

#### THE CAMPBELL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1931 REUNION

HON. CHARLES J. CARNEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 1971

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, the Campbell Memorial High School class of 1931, of Campbell, Ohio, recently celebrated its 40-year class reunion. The Campbell Memorial class of 1931 had 71 members; 12 members are deceased, and 36 members came from all over the United States to attend the reunion. They traveled from as far away as San Francisco, Calif.

The class of 1931 is a very diverse group of first-generation Americans who were raised in a steel mill town during the depression. Despite the hardships of the depression, 32 members of the group, all from working-class families, managed to graduate from college.

Among the members of the class are: one medical doctor, one podiatrist, one high school principal, one grammar school principal, nine teachers, three druggists, one statistician, one college professor, two nurses, one hospital administrator, two engineers—one of whom is bridge engineer for the State of California—two bankers, one Congressman, one machine shop owner, five prominent small businessmen, one tax accountant, three former prizefighters, one retired fire chief, and, most important of all, many housewives raising fine families of future outstanding Americans.

The Campbell Memorial High School class of 1931 is composed of both Negro and white, including 18 different ethnic groups. They are self-respecting Americans who proved that the American dream is possible for people who have the intelligence, the spirit, and the will to make the dream a reality.

A list of members follow:

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1931

John Banks (Deceased), Nurmi Caggiano, Charles J. Carney, Louis Cegledy (Deceased),

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Office of the City Manager  
Jerome Keithley  
City Manager

September 20, 1971


Mrs. Andrew Gianotti  
Anniversary Committee  
Southwestern Region  
Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, Inc.  
2089 Tapscott Avenue  
El Cerrito, California 94530

Dear Mrs. Gianotti:

I want to thank you for your kind invitation to participate in the Soroptimist October 3 program. Unfortunately I must send you my regrets as I am scheduled to be out of town that weekend.

My best wishes are extended to you and the members of the Southwestern Region, Soroptimist Federation of the Americas. I know your Pilgrimage and Brunch will be most successful.

Sincerely,

  
JEROME KEITHLEY  
City Manager

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA . . .

September 22, 1971

Mrs. Mary Gianotti  
Anniversary Committee  
Soroptimist, SW Region  
2089 Tapscott Avenue  
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Dear Mrs. Gianotti:

This office received a similar request for a proclamation celebrating the Soroptimist Club's 50th Anniversary, October 3, 1971, from Mrs. Bertha Cunliff in her letter dated April 5, 1971. The proclamation was issued and mailed to her on May 7.

As this request seems to be a duplication, I am enclosing a copy of the proclamation and letter received from Mrs. Cunliff for your information. Please advise if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Aboumrad", written in a cursive style.

Dorothy Aboumrad  
Secretary

Encl.