

*Celebration Day,  
Saturday,  
January 30,  
1943*

# Texas State Committee for the Celebration of the *President's Birthday*

JANUARY 30, 1943

Texas Headquarters: 221 Cotton Exchange Building

Dallas, Texas, January 26, 1943.

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My dear Colonel Carter:

The campaign for the promotion of the Celebration of the President's Birthday is nearing its end. It has progressed thus far with increasingly gratifying results in organization, preparation, and projected program.

Beginning two weeks late, by reason of conditions wholly beyond control, we are now functioning through two hundred twenty-one county organizations - two more than we had established one year ago today.

We are, therefore, induced to believe that, if some of the remote and sparsely populated counties, on whose organization we are yet at work, are responding without formal report to us, it may be disclosed ultimately that our state-wide organization comprises a larger number of county units than ever before. We are but seven counties short of the grand total of last year, which was the largest in history, achieved over a longer organizing period and without the severe competition of the war effort now enveloping the country; and if the record is repeated, we should find, by the end of the week, that these seven counties and perhaps a few more are organized and at work.

The progress of our promotional effort has revealed several gratifying conditions. The popular mind in Texas is more sensitive to the importance of a sustained and expanded program for infantile paralysis relief, and is more alert, I think, to its responsibilities for it. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is deeply rooted in our field of public charity. Its Chapters - more than a hundred of them - are continuously active and steadily broadening the base of their usefulness.

The introduction of new and simpler methods of treating the disease, demonstrations of which have been given before many of our people, is awakening a new hope, approaching a conviction,

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that this dire threat to normal childhood will be eventually controlled. The spirit of eager, resolute, and practical cooperation to that end is more pronounced and manifestly more widely diffused among our people than ever in the past.

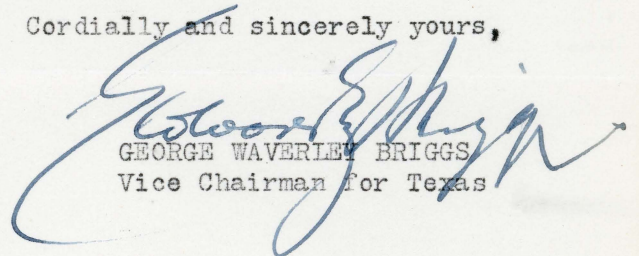
Intensifying this fervor, in the burning desire to express, in any undertaking associated with the war effort, the quickened sense of patriotism and loyalty to America in her severest trial, So often have we been inspired here in State Headquarters by sentiments akin to those expressed by one to whom we sent an invitation to serve as chairman for his county:

"Having just lost my boy in Navy Fighter Plane, I am glad to do all I can for the good causes we have in America."

Under every standard of appraisal, therefore, our labors have been stimulating, satisfying, and compensatory in abundant measure through the consciousness that an exemplary cause is being steadily advanced toward its greater destiny.

On behalf of the officers of the National Foundation, Mr. Clayton, the members of our staff here, and myself, I tender an expression of grateful appreciation for the sponsorship which you have so generously accorded the movement and for the encouragement given to us personally in our effort to launch and sustain it. Your identification with its purposes and your commendation of the means by which we are seeking to achieve them have been of untold benefit to the undertaking and to us. Truly, therefore, and profoundly, we acknowledge our debt of gratitude.

Cordially and sincerely yours,



GEORGE WAVERLEY BRIGGS  
Vice Chairman for Texas

Colonel Amon G. Carter, Member,  
The Texas State Committee for the  
Celebration of the President's Birthday,  
"Fort Worth Star Telegram,"  
Fort Worth, Texas.

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