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Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union  
Veterans of the Civil War



MRS. IDA B. LANGE  
Rutherford, N. J.  
National President, Auxiliary to Sons  
of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The above officers will preside at the meetings of the Sons and Auxiliary at the coming Encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio, the week of August 24, held in conjunction with the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.



CIRCULAR LETTER OF INFORMATION NO. 8

Headquarters of COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

1101 Mercantile Building, Rochester, N. Y.

August 1, 1930.

In this, my last communication as Commander-in-Chief, I wish to take occasion to express my thanks to all my associates, Department Commanders and Past Department Commanders for assistance and cooperation in making my administration successful.

No one who has never been charged with the responsibilities of the office of Commander-in-Chief can imagine the weight of the responsibilities that inhere in this office. They would be beyond anyone's power to bear were it not for the helpful and cheering words of friends and fellow workers.

My gratitude and appreciation are due Commander-in-Chief Edwin J. Foster of the Grand Army of the Republic. It has been a pleasure to know him and to work with him. I should mention also:

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, National President, Mrs. Ida B. Lange; Women's Relief Corps, Natl. Pres., Mrs. Margaret J. L. Bennett; Ladies of the G. A. R., Natl. Pres., Mrs. Cora M. Rowling; Daughters of Union Veterans, Natl. Pres., Miss Grace Hurd; Association of Army Nurses, Natl. Pres., Miss Alice C. Riskey.

All these have been sources of inspiration to me personally. I shall ever cherish their memories in gratitude. All indeed are patriots. Our country should have more like them.

The year has been a pleasurable one for me. The honor of being Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans is one that I shall always cherish with tenderest memories. I sincerely trust that my efforts will register a distinct advance of the principles of our noble Order.

My first official words as Commander-in-Chief were uttered in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. In like manner I wish my last official utterance to express sentiments of helpfulness to them.

May I urge you all to attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Cincinnati during the week of August 24th. As I have before stated there cannot be many more such encampments, so it behooves us all, for the short time that remains, to pay honor to the vanishing host of heroes by attending their National gathering.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

The 49th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is hereby called to convene at Cincinnati, Ohio, at Temporary Headquarters, Hotel Metropole, Tuesday, August 26, 1930, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Membership shall be constituted as follows:

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division (Department) Commanders and Past Department Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and Department Commanders.

Of one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the Encampment.

Its own elective and appointive officers (except members detailed for special duty).

(Section 4: A Department which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments).

Program.

The following program will be observed: Temporary Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Metropole, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sunday, August 24. Monday, August 25—Council-in-Chief meeting at 2 p. m. at

Hotel Metropole, for the transaction of regular business, audit of accounts, etc.

Tuesday, August 26—Encampment session at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.—at Hotel Metropole.

Wednesday, August 27—Parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Official Escort.

Wednesday, August 27—2 p. m. Encampment session—Hotel Metropole.

Hotel Rates.

Rates to apply at the Hotel Metropole, Headquarters Hotel, will be as follows:

\$2.50 per person where three or more are assigned to a room. Where two go to a room the regular rates will prevail—\$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00 and \$7.00 a day.

Rooms according to the rates specified by the applicant will be assigned. When those rooms have all been taken, the next rate will prevail and so on.

In order to take care of the volume of business the greatest portion of rooms have been set aside for three to a room.

Transportation Rates.

Commander-in-Chief Edwin J. Foster of the Grand Army of the Republic announces in General Orders No. 3: "The various passenger associations have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip, certificate plan. Those entitled to reduced rate are: (a) Members of the Grand Army of the Republic. (b) Wives and dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. (c) Widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic. (d) Members and dependent members of the families of the following auxiliary and allied organizations holding conventions in connection with the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic: (1) National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War. (2) Woman's Relief Corps. (3) Ladies of the G. A. R. (4) Daughters of Union Veterans of 1861-1865. (5) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (6) Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Official Form of Application for Certificates for the reduced rate will be made by Department Commanders to the respective Assistant Adjutant-Generals of the Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic.

DUE AND TIMELY NOTICE:

All Departments have been notified of the Reports necessary to be forwarded for representation in the Encampment. There can be no leniency in failure to comply with instructions and the Regulations.

These Reports are: Dep't. Secretary and Treasurer for Quarter ending June 30th, 1930, with per capita tax and Membership Fees—to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Dep't. Patriotic Instructor's Report—to the National Patriotic Instructor—John W. Kennedy, No. 837 Fox St., Denver, Colo.

Dep't. Chaplain's Report—to the National Chaplain—Rev. Ralph Walker, Euclid Avenue and East 18th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

BLANK REPORTS—FORMS:

Department Commanders are directed to forward to all Camps Forms 27 and 28—blank Reports for Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer for the quarter ending September 30th, 1930. All Camp Secretaries and Treasurers should be impressed by Department Officers to send these returns to their respective Department Headquarters on the LAST MEETING NIGHT of the CAMP IN SEPTEMBER.

TIMELY REMINDER:

Camp Commanders are directed to give attention to the provisions of Section 7, Art. 5, Chapter 1, Regulations, Page 17 of the C. & R., relating to "Camp Welfare Committee." During this season of the year, absence of Members from home, vacation period of many, Camps not having regular meetings and little of interest—it will be well for the "Welfare Committee" and Camp Commanders to have active service of such to have all members be prompt in paying dues and Camp Treasurers in touch with all matters of finance affecting members.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES.

- 1, 1862, Chantilly, Va.
2, 1789 Treasury Department established.
3, 1783 Treaty of Versailles (End of Revolution).
5, 1774 First Continental Congress assembled at Carpenters Hall, Philadelphia.
6, 1901 President McKinley assassinated by Leon Czolgosz.
6, 1757 General Marquis de LaFayette, born.

- 9, 1850 California admitted to the Union.
10, 1813 Perry's Lake Erie Victories.
11, 1814 Naval battle of Lake Champlain.
11, 1814 Plattsburg, N. Y., Cumberland Bay.
12, 1926 Nat'l. Broadcasting Co. organized to give radio programs.
12, 1806 Admiral Andrew H. Foote, born.
12-15, 1862 Harpers Ferry, Va., battle.
13, 1813 General John Sedgwick, born.
13, 1847 Chapultepec, Mexico, battle.
14, 1838 Rev. John Harvard, founder of Harvard College, died.
14, 1862 South Mountain, Md., battle.
14, 1818 "Star Spangled Banner," composed by Francis Scott Key.
14-16, 1862 Mumfordsville, Ky., battle.
15, 1789 James Fenimore Cooper, born.
17, 1862 Antietam, Maryland, battle.
17, 1787 U. S. Constitution, adopted.
18, 1793 Cornerstone of Capitol at Washington, D. C.
19, 1864 Sheridan's Ride, Winchester, Va.
19, 1864 Opequon, Va., battle.
19-20, 1863 Chickamauga, Ga., battle.
20, 1776 Delaware adopted State Constitution.
20, 1820 General John F. Reynolds, born.
21, 1846 Battle of Monterey.
22, 1776 Nathan Hale hanged as spy. He said "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."
24, 1789 U. S. Supreme Court established.
25, 1493 Columbus sailed on his second journey to America.
27, 1772 Samuel Adams born.
28, 1822 General Baron von Steinwehr, born.
28, 1864 Chaffin's Farm, Va., battle.
30, 1824 Poplar Spring Church, Va., battle.
30, 1781 Siege of Yorktown, Virginia, began by Americans and French.

NEW CAMPS.

New Camps were instituted and Charters issued since last announcement as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Camp No., Location and Department, Date, No. Members. Includes Camp No. 16 in Yakima, Washington and Camp No. 4 in Springfield, Illinois.

CAMP CHARTERS REVOKED.

Following Camps Disbanded, Dropped, Quarter ending June 30, 1930. Charters were revoked and record will be made by Department Secretaries accordingly:

- California & Pacific—Disbanded: Camp No. 5, Hanford, with 10 members.
Connecticut—Dropped: Camp No. 40, Seymour, with 17 members.
Iowa—Disbanded: Camps Nos. 53, Denison, with 10 members; 68, Belle Plaine, with 13 members; 71, Toledo, with 15 members; 86, Adel, with 17 members; 88, Hampton, with 17 members; 158, Nevada, with 15 members.
New Hampshire—Dropped: Camp No. 5, Webster, with 21 members.
New Jersey—Disbanded: Camp No. 25, Long Branch, with 6 members.

LONE SURVIVOR DRINKS LAST TOAST TO GETTYSBURG DEAD.

The faint scent of garden flowers floated from bouquets at the back of thirty-three crepe-draped chairs as Charles Lockwood, of Stillwater, Minn., on July 21, said farewell to his companions of battle.

Alone at the table with the memories of his Civil War comrades in Company 8, First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, Lockwood recited:

"The camp fire smoulders—ashes fall; The clouds are black against the sky; No tap of drums, no bugle call; My comrades, all, goodbye."

While the last survivor made his toast to the dead, talking picture cameras recorded

the termination of the most famous club of its kind in the world. Spectators crowded the hall just as they had that day in 1861 when Stillwater lads had marched gayly to battle after a farewell dance.

The company went from battle to battle. Bull Run took its toll of lives, but Gettysburg the heaviest blow. The war ended with eighty-nine living of the men who had marched away that Sunday morning.

Then came reunions and celebrations of victories won. On Sept. 17, 1885, thirty-four veterans still were alive. That night they held a celebration. The party was breaking up. One lone bottle of the wine that Louis Hospes had presented for the reunion remained on the table.

"Let's make it a last man's club," some

- Maine—Disbanded: Camps Nos. 79, Buckfield, with 35 members; 87, Bowdoinham, with 10 members.
Pennsylvania—Dropped: Camps Nos. 35, Rockwood, with 7 members; 38, Vandogrift, with 5 members; 82, Tionesta, with 10 members; 194, Frackville, with 5 members.
Vermont—Disbanded: Camp No. 9, Bennington, 10 members.
Wisconsin—Disbanded: Camp No. 20, Lancaster, 20 members.

CAMPS AND MEMBERS IN DEPARTMENTS.

Table with 5 columns: Department, Camps, Members (June 30, 1929), Camps, Members (June 30, 1930). Lists departments from Alabama to Wisconsin with corresponding camp and membership counts.

Total 947 Camps, 43596 Members (1929); 888 Camps, 39633 Members (1930). \*No reports received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 10.

Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1930:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Shows Receipts (Total \$3778.49) and Expenditures (Total \$669.86) for July 1930.

Total Receipts \$3778.49, Total Expenditures \$669.86, Balance July 31, 1930 \$8825.21. Attest: H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary-Treasurer; THEODORE C. CAZEAU, Commander-in-Chief.

one suggested. "The survivor will drink a toast to his comrades."

The idea was agreed. Lockwood, who was not at the reunion, joined the group later in the pledge of fidelity.

The years passed. Only three comrades were living in 1927. They met in the auditorium in Stillwater. The seal on the bottle was broken. The trio joined in a toast to those who had gone on. The wine had turned to vinegar. The bottle was resealed and returned to its place in the First National Bank vault.

Lockwood alone held the last meeting of the club. The records will be closed. Records and bottle will be turned over to the Stillwater Library, where already rests the tattered company flag.

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ROSTER OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF 1929-1930

Commander-in-Chief, Theodore C. Cazeau, 1101 Mercantile Building, Rochester, N. Y. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Park F. Yengling, Bassett Road, Bay Village, Ohio.

Committees of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Legislative Committee: Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Harley V. Speelman, 1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

To Award Prize of One Hundred Dollars to Member suggesting best plan whereby Camps may create and hold the interest of the younger members in the Order:

Past Com.-in-Chief Walter C. Mable, 2227 South 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Committee on Past Com.-in-Chief Shellhouse's Prizes of \$100-\$50-\$20: "Why Am I a Son of Union Veteran?" etc.:

NATIONAL OFFICERS, AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

President, Mrs. Ida B. Lange, 93 Orient Way, Rutherford, N. J.

Vice President, Mrs. Nellie S. P. Clough, Alton, N. H.

Council: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hansen, 105 Oak St., Weenawken, N. J.; Mrs. Aulwilda Esty, 107 Oxford St., Waterville, Me.; Mrs. Fara Ackerman, 639 South Main St., Bangor, Pa.

Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie E. Wilson, 18 East Eighth Ave., Columbus, O.

Secretary, Mrs. Stella B. Owen, 126 Summit Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.

Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Cora Shelton, 414 S. E. First Street, Evansville, Ind.

Chaplain, Mrs. Mary A. Powers, 419 West Thirteenth Street, Winfield, Kan.

Inspector, Mrs. Mary M. Lassar, 138 Baxter St., Rutland, Vermont.

ROSTER OF DEPARTMENTS—1930-1931.

Department Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers, with Addresses.

Alabama & Tennessee—Commander, A. Salter, 2445 3rd Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Secretary-Treasurer, M. D. Friedman, 1237 South 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.

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Ohio—Commander, W. C. Thobaben, 1551 East Boulevard, Cleveland; Secretary-Treasurer, Ed. S. Wilson, 18 East Eighth Ave., Columbus.

Oregon—Commander, E. W. Madison, 417 West H St., Grants Pass; Secretary-Treasurer, C. O. Gosney, P. O. Box 498, Marshfield.

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Wisconsin—Commander, J. Z. Collier, Union Grove; Secretary-Treasurer, C. H. Hudson, 221 North Pinckney St., Madison.

LAST CALL FOR SHELLHOUSE PRIZES.

This issue of The Banner contains the last appeal which will be given through its columns, to the brothers to enter the Shellhouse Prize Contest.

The last date set for receiving these "Best Five Reasons Why I Am a Son of the Union Veterans of the Civil War" is August 20th. This extension will necessitate the working of the committee, long and hard, to give one more chance to enter the contest.

Remember, you may pool your answers. Make them short, concise, and to the point, but Brothers—MAKE THEM. All entries received up to August 20th.

Send replies to Frank C. Huston, Chairman, 314 N. Jefferson St., Knightstown, Ind.

GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

Sunday, August 24th

Morning—Special services in all Cincinnati churches. The members of the G. A. R. and allied orders are invited to attend.

2:00 p. m.—Concert by the Marine Band in one of Cincinnati's public parks. Memorial services by allied orders in the various parks where memorials will be erected.

4:00 p. m.—Meeting of Federated Patriotic Societies, Gibson Hotel.

6:00 p. m.—Banquet by Federated Patriotic Societies, Gibson Hotel.

Monday, August 25th

8:00 p. m.—Public reception at the Cincinnati Music Hall where the members of the G. A. R. and allied orders will be welcomed to the city by the Honorable Nicholas Longworth, Governor Myers Y. Cooper, Mayor Russell Wilson, and prominent Cincinnatians, and at which time the Marine Corps Band will play at intervals.

Tuesday, August 26th

No special feature of entertainment arranged other than afternoon and evening concerts by the Marine Corps Band.

Day left open for luncheons and dinners of the various orders.

Wednesday, August 27th

10:00 a. m.—The Parade will take place. Afternoon—Concert by Marine Corps Band.

8:00 p. m.—Campfire honoring the Commander-in-Chief by allied orders, to be held at the Cincinnati Music Hall. Also, selections by Marine Corps Band.

Thursday, August 28th

Only feature of entertainment arranged for this day is afternoon and evening concerts by the Marine Corps Band.

Day left open for business sessions.

Friday, August 29th—Grant Day

10:00 a. m.—Boat trip to Point Pleasant, birthplace of General U. S. Grant, returning to the city at 4:00 p. m. Col. U. S. Grant, III, will be the Officer of the Day.

6:30 p. m.—The Citizens Committee of Cincinnati will tender a dinner to the outgoing and incoming national officers of the G. A. R. and allied orders. Col. U. S. Grant, III, will be the guest of honor.

Note—Each day sight-seeing trips will be arranged at 10:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. for the delegates and visitors, and complimentary tickets will be available at the information desk in the lobbies of the headquarters hotels.

ATTENTION ENCAMPMENT VISITORS.

All Encampment visitors are asked by the local committee to place after their names, when registering at the hotels, the letters G. A. R., denoting you have come to Cincinnati because of the Encampment being held in that city. All visitors are also asked to register at the main committee's headquarters, ground floor of the Union Central Life Insurance Annex, corner Vine and Fourth Streets.

The big day of the whole Encampment is Friday, the 29th, when the boat trip to Grant's homestead at Point Pleasant will be taken. The number that will be able to go on this is limited, due to the boat capacity, which is 3,800. There will be a special registration desk for those that desire to take this trip and registration must be made by Wednesday night, not later than midnight. It is the question that the first 3,800 who register will be the ones that will be able to take the trip. On this boat trip a hot dinner will be served on the way going up and hot broth and crackers, on the way down so that the inner man of our guests will be properly taken care of. The boat leaves Cincinnati at 9:00 in the morning and returns not later than 4:00 in the evening which will give the members of all organizations and their guests ample opportunity of taking their trains that night.

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

The idea of this organization was conceived by Past Com.-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Gen'l. Clarendon E. Adams, as a "step in the right direction."

The first Conference was held in Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 18, 1920.

Representation: Grand Army of the Republic—Wm. A. Ketcham, Com.-in-Chief; Daniel M. Hall, Sr. Vice; Clarendon E. Adams, Past Com.-in-Chief; Washington M. Gardner, Past Com.-in-Chief.

Woman's Relief Corps: Abbie Lynch, National President; Eliza Brown Daggett, Sec'y.; Inez J. Bender.

Ladies of the Grand Army: Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, President; Mrs. Grace Seebers. Daughters of Veterans: Clara G. Yengling, President; Hallie L. Everts.

Sons of Veterans: Harry D. Sisson, Com.-in-Chief; Horace H. Hammer, Nat'l. Sec'y.

Aux. to Sons of Veterans: Mary L. Tredo, President; Margaret C. Palmer.

At this first meeting "Service" was chosen as the watch-word—Service to the Grand Army of the Republic,—Service to Country,—Service to the various organizations.

Knowing that "in unity there is strength" all present realized that the future of such a Federation would be great; while perhaps not so much needed, with the visible presence of the Grand Army still with us, all too soon this influence will be but a memory; then the Federation will be a necessity: then the combined efforts will be necessary to put through legislation that would be of vital importance to our "Boys in Blue."

It will take the combined efforts of the Federation to make the youth of our United States realize what these vallant men did for them and their country. Then we will need this Federation to keep this great Grand Army family as one.

The meetings are held annually at the same time and place as the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied bodies, on the day preceding the formal opening of the Encampment proper, and are termed Conferences. Membership consists of the Grand Army of the Republic; Womans Relief Corps; Ladies of the Grand Army; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Voting membership; Sitting National Heads of the above Organizations; Past National Heads; sitting National Secy., Treas. and Patriotic Instructors; founders of the Federation; Past Officers of the Society who served a full term in office in the Federation, and one delegate from each Organization federated. All representatives to be in good standing in their Organizations. Any members of the Federated Organizations may attend the meetings. The Federation is no way one for profit, the dues are a subscription of \$25.00 from each National body upon call, but not for more than once annually.

The organization of State and local units is urged, to conform co-relatively to the National Organization. Where State branches exist they may be represented by one delegate to the National Conference and local units are in no way subservient to the National and State organizations.

It has been found advantageous to State and local Units to have as officers, a President, 1st. and 2nd. Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, each officer representing one of the allied organizations; no one organization holding the same office two years in succession. Annual dues \$5.00. Dept. to meet at the same time as the annual Department Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, and local Units meeting quarterly. These are from the By-Laws of several organized Depts. and local Units, and are merely suggestions, for the Federation must in no way supplant or conflict with the regular activities of the various organizations.

State and local Units will serve as a "clearing house" of Patriotism for the allied Orders—promote a greater unity of purpose, harmony in methods, and solidarity of action, thus being of greater service not only to their individual organizations but to the communities at large.

Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic—"what magic words—what they represent." Five separate bodies of men and women united under the valiant men of '61 to '65—loyal patriotic and true—proud of their heritage—willing to put aside all petty jealousies; that through their combined efforts, bigger, more worth-while things may be accomplished that will make the Nation realize that the Grand Army of the Republic and all for which it stands is not a losing proposition, but that through the Federation the Grand Army of the Republic will live forever, not only as a memory, not only in the hearts of the members of the allied Organizations, but as an invisible presence to the people of these United States; that the objects and purposes of the Grand Army will ever live.

Let every Department form a State Federation and every City and Town a local Unit.

Officers of National Federation 1929-1930: President, Mrs. Blanche Beverstock; Past Nat. Pres. S. of U. V. Auxiliary, Keene, N. H.

Vice President, Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, Ladies of the Grand Army, Dubuque, Iowa. Secy.-Treas. Grace L. Johnson, Vice Pres. Federation, 645 Oakwood Ave., Toledo, O.

Annual meeting will be held in Hotel Gibson, main ball room, at 4 p. m., Sunday, Aug. 24th. Banquet at 6 p. m., same hotel, \$2.00 per plate. All members of allied organizations may attend meeting and banquet. Banquet reservations must be sent by Aug. 10th, to Grace L. Johnson, 646 Oakwood avenue, Toledo, O.

NATIONAL AIDES, W. R. C.

Of the 2010 National Aides appointed by our National President the past year, but 605 have reported and of this number there are only 35 winning prizes. The reports received have been encouraging enough to offset the balance; for while the gain in membership has not been what we had hoped when the prizes were offered, the varied work performed has been of much benefit to the organization at large.

Report after report brings such a splendid record of Child Welfare, Americanization and Patriotic work; of scholarships; work for the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic; and what seemed so wonderful was the fact that some are paying the dues of sister members who otherwise would have been dropped. We do not often stop to consider that sometimes a member dropped would and does prize most loyally her membership in the Womans Relief Corps, but the past year has been a hard one financially, and something must be given up. Little acts of kindness help so much along the way, and several Aides have been giving this matter their personal attention.

An Aide to a superior officer is a worker, and only those that prove worthy should have the honor of the appointment.

When the Aides appointed by our National President, Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, meet in Cincinnati in August, we hope there will be such a goodly number present to greet her that her heart will be warmed with the thought of their loyalty, and may they ever be ready to assist in any way to prove their ability to serve the Organization we love—the Womans Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.—Kate G. Raynor, Hdqrs. Senior Aide, Nat'l. Woman's Relief Corps.

Junior Clubs—Life Insurance of W. E. C.

No better investment can be made—no better dividends declared—than are derived from Junior Clubs.

If each Corps in this great United States would sponsor a Junior Club, it would operate as a "paid up policy," in the character and development of the womanhood of the future.

The premium today would be a small financial obligation and the moral support of the Corps, the unselfish time of a few willing workers who will not consider it

a sacrifice to give of their time and patience to organize a Club and supervise its activities. Its maturity will be the future of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Woman's Relief Corps must not pass into historical memory with the Grand Army of the Republic.

The formation of Junior Clubs is the possibility of its good work going on forever.

Where there is a Corps, even though small in membership, there should be one loyal woman who can see that future possibility and say in her heart "Here am I."

She will be surprised to find how easy it is to get ten girls interested. They in turn will tell their friends and how happy that Corps member will be when she gathers together such a group of young girls, who represent the future motherhood and womanhood of America. There comes an appeal from such a group for training. They are eager to know more about our Flag and its origin. They need training in so many ways that come through the medium of a Junior Club. Is it not worth while to know how to preside over a meeting, write minutes, keep books and handle money? Isn't it worth while for them to stand before a meeting and make a speech?

And when the Advisors plan her entertainments in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Woman's Relief Corps, she will be surprised to find wonderful talent in music, art and literature among her girls. She will find singers, dancers, readers and good performers for plays. She will find, too, that the greatest joy of all will be the privilege of carrying a Flag. In some cases a silk Flag, Bible or gavel come as gifts from the Post or Corps, and often it is money for the purchase of their Rituals and supplies for their Secretary and Treasurer.

Other members of the Corps will become interested and want to work with the Advisor. Think of the many parties, dinners, hikes, picnic suppers, camping trips and drives that can be arranged for them. How they will work for them. How willing to do their share when we get women who will consider it is their duty to give them that joy and pleasure. They are girls of such tender age, so precious, so innocent of life's problems and responsibilities that they must meet sooner or later. Surely it is worth our time and labor to aid in the development that will prepare them for the life before them.

We should realize that the experiences we give them, and the training they receive from us, will bring joy and gladness to them.

It will give them strength and instinct to see and recognize the dangers that bring grief. It is a duty to equip them with such knowledge of life, that their pathway may be safe, as they travel toward the setting sun.

What woman would not be happy to know she had changed the course of one single life which might have taken the wrong path when she reached the deciding point. The work of training these young girls is a duty and a responsibility.

While we are giving them the Patriotic Instruction we are also molding their lives;

**NEXT ISSUE ENCAMPMENT NUMBER.**

The next (September) issue of The Banner will contain a resume of the Cincinnati Encampment. Some of the salient features of the Officers' reports, together with the reports of Committees, legislation enacted, etc., insofar as it is possible to procure, will appear there. Because of the space required for this purpose Camp news will be curtailed.

A little news from each Department is expected and space will be provided therefor, but items must be short and snappy, and anything of length delayed until the October issue.

Camp Correspondents will please take notice of above; also please remember that you are expected to have your Department represented in the October number.

making of them women of whom we may be justly proud; better prepared to take up our burdens where we must lay them down. We are teaching them greater love and respect for the men who gave us this great Republic in which to live and enjoy the blessings of a free people, and preserved for us the greatest Flag the world has ever known.

My great desire is that this work may continue to grow until its power will be felt all over this great Nation. It is difficult for all of our members even to see its advantages and they are just a little slow to recognize in it any thing worth while. While I am in charge of the work I am glad to be of assistance in any way I can. I consider my time is now being given to the biggest thing I have ever undertaken. I am ready to answer all letters of inquiry that may come to my desk. I have literature ready for circulation to any one that is interested in seeing a Club formed in their locality.

Be a booster for Junior Clubs.—Edna E. Pauley, Chairman National Junior Clubs, 1032 Olney St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

**WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.**

An event that is to be nation-wide and participated in by states, organizations and the people generally, is to commence on February 22, 1932, and to continue until Thanksgiving Day of that year, in honor of the anniversary of the birth of the Father of our Country—George Washington. Already commissions have been appointed or created by acts of Legislature in many states, and plans are under way for this greatest of celebrations in our history.

Lieut. Col. U. S. Grant, 3rd, a prominent member of our order, is an associate director of the bicentennial commission, and many other prominent men in the state and nation are interested in and aiding in arrangements for this great event.

One of the plans of the Washington, D. C., commission is to try and have all organizations hold their national conventions in Washington in 1932, and devote part of its program to the commemoration of George Washington.

There is food for thought in all this and it is none too early for our own order to formulate some plans to participate with the other organizations, and the nation as a whole in this patriotic celebration.

**MARYLAND**

John R. Wells, Correspondent, 1319 Spring Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The members of Cushing Camp are pleased at the honor conferred upon Past Camp Com. Albert E. Westraer, who was recently elected President of the Columbia Heights Citizens Association of Washington. Other active members of this Association are Com. William B. Wells, Past Dept. Com. J. Clinton Eliatt, a Past President of the Association, and Past Camp Com. Fredrik A. Fernald.

As the first Friday of July was July 4th, no meeting of Cushing Camp was held on that date.

The Dept. Press Correspondent would appreciate receiving news items from the various Camps in the Department. In spite of the fact that the Dept. Commander has urged, by letter and in the General Orders, that each Camp communicate with the Press Correspondent, only one Camp has seen fit to send in any news. The item sent in was carefully edited and inserted in the July issue. Please consider this an appeal for each Camp to send its news not later than the 25th of the month to the address given at head of this column.

**RHODE ISLAND**

Storrs T. Richmond, Correspondent, 75 Broadway, Providence.

Let us think of some of the things that are going to happen soon.

In September the Button's outing. Another one of those events no loyal Button should miss.

October will be here soon and then for State elections. Line the good men up and put them in, and then support them with honest zeal.

Time is closing in on us Sons and every man should do his own recruiting to make the Organization grow stronger doubly as fast as the Grand Army of the Republic becomes weaker. The former can be done, the latter cannot be prevented.

Past Dept. Commanders are just as welcome at Headquarters now as they were when they were Commanders. The right to visit 47 Washington St. has not been taken away from them. They are not only welcome but they are needed.

Most of the Camps carried the meetings through the summer period. All Camps will flag G. A. R. graves again in November. To make the work lighter for the members who have done this work for years some of those who have not helped should experience the pleasure found in doing this job and come out this fall and help.

A grand time, with fine sports handled by Senior and McCurdy. A most beautiful day. A very palatable dinner of clams and other products of the shore farm and bay was enjoyed at the annual outing at Doby's Grove, July 26. Good prizes, enjoyable games, pretty women and girls, men with open purses and lots of other things made the annual outing a success.

Westerly sends news to me for The Banner. At the time of its arrival it was belated. We are sorry. However the Camp is taking new members occasionally and that is good news that is never old.

One of our up-state workers for the Order was at the Outing, and for those that know him his appearance was a welcome one. We old timers remember Elmer Jillson from Woonsocket. Come in at Headquarters some time, Elmer.

Brother Carr at the head of the Good of the Order Committee is showing speed and efficiency.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

W. C. Mable, Press Correspondent, 667 North 12th St., Philadelphia.

**Department Commander's Appeal**

Sixty-nine years have passed since the beginning of our long and bloody Civil War. The members of this department, in common with millions of our fellow citizens throughout the length and breadth of the land, annually gather in peaceful spots to testify with speech and song, with silent tears and fragrant flowers, our appreciation of what they did.

The surviving soldiers of the Civil War are rapidly passing away. They are making their last march, moving steadily on to the silent portals of the West.

While their steps are less springy, and their eyes have lost their luster, their patriotism and their devotion to our national ideals and institutions is still as unyielding as in the days of '61-'65.

I, as Commander of this great Department, hereby wish to extend my official greetings to each officer and member of the Department. Upon each of us has fallen the high and solemn obligation of unselfish devotion to our country and to the comrades of the Civil War. With clean minds, strong hearts, let us march on with a consciousness of strength of purpose that laughs at opposition. May this year bring to each Camp, as well as to each officer and member, that peace, prosperity and happiness that should be the just share of those who have served their country and helped to further the great principles of our noble organization.

Let us prove to the survivors of that once powerful group of men, and to the world at large, that we, their sons and grandsons, will leave nothing undone to prove to them that the citizens of this great nation which they preserved are not lacking in gratitude, and will never cease to cherish the memory of their noble deeds.

The story which our fathers have so long kept before the school children of our land must continue to be told by their sons and grandsons. This story is a wonderful narrative, which never fails to thrill the heart of every true American.

My appeal to the officers and the members of each Camp in the Pennsylvania Department is that we may have concerted action under unified leadership, that we may increase our membership and multiply our influence for good in every community; that as we approach each succeeding Memorial Day, the memory of our father's services and sacrifices may be kept before the school children by us, their sons, whose lives have been made livable by the nobility and heroism of those who have died.

If you think you are beaten you are;  
If you think you dare not you don't;  
If you would like to win, but you think you can't,  
It's almost a cinch you won't.  
If you think you are outclassed, you are;  
You've got to think high to rise;  
You've got to be sure of yourself  
If you'd ever win a prize.

For life's battles are not always won  
By the stronger or faster man;  
But sooner or later, the man who wins,  
Is the man who thinks he can.

To baffle the above though down to a few words, let me say "If we think we can, we can. If we think we can't we're canned."

—J. H. Wentzell.

**On To Cincinnati**

Special Grand Army Headquarter's cars of Pullman sleepers, coach, combination car and diner attached to train No. 75, which will

leave Philadelphia, Broad Street Station, Pennsylvania Railroad, Saturday, August 23, at 1:15 p. m., standard time, and will arrive at Cincinnati, Sunday, August 24, at 7:45 a. m. The round trip fare from Philadelphia is \$23.77; lower berth, one way, \$7.50; upper berth, one way, \$6.00.

Those desiring berths in sleeping cars will notify the Assistant Adjutant General, Samuel P. Town, Room 340, City Hall, Philadelphia, not later than July 31.

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**Cincinnati via E. & O. T. R.**

Quite a number of the Pennsylvania delegation are arranging to go to Cincinnati over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Special Pullman sleeper will be attached to the National Limited.

Leave Philadelphia, Sunday, August 24th, 3:23 p. m.

Leave Washington, D. C., 6:30 p. m.

Arrive Cincinnati, Monday, 8:50 a. m.

Railroad fare, round trip, \$23.77.

Lower berth, one way — \$7.50.

Upper berth, one way — \$6.00.

Those desiring berths in sleeping cars should notify Dept. Sec. McGirr, 667 North 12th Street, Philadelphia, not later than August 15th.

We have reason to believe that the delegations from New Jersey, Maryland, and possibly New York will accompany us from Washington, D. C.

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**Bring Uniforms**

It is hoped that all brothers from Pennsylvania attending the Encampment will bring their blue uniforms in order that we may parade as an escort to the Grand Army.

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**Rally Association at Willow Grove**

On Sunday, July 13th, the Rally Association of Philadelphia entertained the brothers and sisters from the Lehigh Valley Association at a picnic, which was in every way one of the most successful ever given by our organization.

The Reserve turned out splendidly and much interest was manifested in the Competitive Drills and Dress Parade.

It was indeed a treat to have with us Dept. Com. Wentzel, and Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, Sister Nellie Wentzel.

The affair was such a wonderful success that arrangements are already under way for the celebration to be held next year.

The Past Commanders' and Presidents' Association of South Central Pennsylvania held their monthly meeting in Carlisle on Saturday evening, June 28th, in G. A. R. hall.

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**Monthly Meeting at Carlisle**

There were over one hundred in attendance. The meeting was called to order by the President, Brother Peck Garver, of Middletown. The following Camps and Auxiliaries were present: 15, Harrisburg; 19, Lancaster; 50, Carlisle; 87, Middletown; 112, Gettysburg; 157, Palmyra.

There were three members of the local G. A. R. present and two visitors. The members of Capt. Colwell Post 201, G. A. R., were: Commander Snyder, Adjutant Albright, and Quartermaster Duncan.

Comrade J. Palmer, from Iowa, who is living here now, was a visitor, and Comrade Samuel W. Sigmund, of Lock Haven, Pa., another visitor. Comrade Sigmund was stationed at Carlisle Barracks at the beginning of the Civil War, and was a member of Company F, 87th P. V.

After the regular meeting adjourned there was juvenile entertainment. A recitation by Sr. Vice Thompson's daughter, "The Little Bronze Button;" "The Making of the American Flag;" which was a playlet by these

grand-children of Civil War Veterans; also a Dutch song by two sisters from Palmyra.

By this time Mess Call sounded and Qrtm. J. I. White and his able assistants served a very palatable repast.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem, to meet in New Oxford, in July.

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**Camp 236, Philadelphia**

Camp 236, together with Post 55, G. A. R., and Ladies Auxiliary, attended church services at the Bridesburg M. E. Church on the Sunday before Memorial Day. A very interesting sermon was delivered by the Rev. Boughey.

Together with Post 55, the Camp turned out on Memorial Day at nine o'clock and proceeded to St. Joackins Cemetery and three other cemeteries in Bridesburg.

We assembled again at two o'clock together with Post and Auxiliary, and also Spanish War Veterans, British War Veterans, French World War Veterans, Boy Scouts, and Frankford Post 211, American Legion with their champion Bugle Corps, and proceeded to North Cedar Hill Cemetery, where services were held at the Soldiers' Monument.

The Camp announces with regret the death of Past Com. George J. Lutes, who passed away on Memorial Day, May 30, 1930. He also served as 1st. Lieutenant of Company L, First Regiment S. V. R. He will long be remembered by his many friends throughout the department.

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**Visitations**

Department Commander Wentzel, accompanied by many brothers from Philadelphia, visited Camps at Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton during the week of July 13th.

He was well received and we trust received inspiration to go back into the western end of the Department and help the brothers in that end of the state start an organization along the lines of the Lehigh Valley Association.

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**Camp 200, Philadelphia**

Thursday evening, June 26th, the members of Camp 200 and Auxiliary 200 held a reception in honor of Wm. R. McGirr, Department Secretary; Sister Marie Seipp, Department Treasurer of the Auxiliary, E. J. Prittle, Chief of Staff; and Walter C. Mable, Asst. Department Secretary, upon their election and appointment at New Castle.

Owing to the unusually heavy rain storm which started about 7:30 p. m., many of those on their way to the reception were marooned in trolleys, autos, busses and in divers other ways, but still we had a wonderful crowd and indeed a wonderful time.

Col. Samuel P. Town and the missus were with us and we included Sam in our list of those to be honored, it being his steenth appointment as Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Pennsylvania.

Ernie Steubing's Serenaders supplied the music and our kids kept them going continuously after the banquet was over.

The excursion to Wildwood, under the auspices of Camp 200 will probably be a matter of history by the time this issue of The Banner reaches you. Everything has been done to make the affair bigger than ever before and if Mr. Weatherman is kind to us we know that an enjoyable time was had by all.

In connection with this excursion we want to thank Past Com.-in-Chief Sam Horn for his contribution of 1000 Dixie Balloons which will be used in the various beach sports.

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**More Babies**

Camp 200, during the past month has received from Posts 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, their several valuable collections of War Relics and Battle

**CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC**

John W. Teed, Publicity Secretary, 235 East Third Street, Long Beach.

**District No. 1.**

District No. 1 held its regular meeting July 19, at Santa Cruz in the I. O. O. F. hall. All officers were present except the Patriotic Instructor, who was ill. The district had as its guest of honor, six comrades of the G. A. R. from San Jose and Santa Cruz; Dept. Pres. Mary Mathews of the Aux. and six of her staff; Dept. Com. Eugene C. Somerby and four of his staff, in addition to representatives from 9 Camps and 11 Auxiliaries. There

Flags. Several of the brothers of the Camp are working many evenings each week renovating the basement in order that we may rearrange the first floor and basement displays.

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**Camp 19, Lancaster**

Saturday, July 12th, Camp 19, their Auxiliary and Company "L", S. V. R., held their third annual picnic at Rocky Springs Park, and to say the least it was a great success. There were about 200 of the Boys and Girls present, and we played the old games which we played when we were "just kids."

Miss Martha Sprenger, Patriotic Instructor for the Auxiliary, acted as Mistress of Ceremonies and had charge of the games, and the real fun was when they had the "marshmallow" eating contest. One of the brothers swallowed the string just as he got the marshmallow to his mouth, and because it tickled his throat, he laughed and of course lost the prize.

At six o'clock all sat down to supper, and what a supper! Sister Rote just knows how to do things, especially when it comes to seeing that all are fed. At the first table 142 sat down, and at the second about 60. As our honored guests we had the members of Posts 84 and 405, the oldest Comrade present being John Graybill, who is in his 89th year, and remarked that he was going to stay as long as any of the rest.

At 8:30 p. m. the largest pavillion was cleared of the tables and then the fun began, when "Ye Olde Time Dancing" was indulged in and continued until a late hour.

The picnic was such a success that the Auxiliary at its meeting held Wednesday evening appointed a committee to prepare for the next annual picnic, one year hence.

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**Camp 65, McClure**

The Bean Soup Home Coming Celebration was started by the G. A. R. in 1891 as a reunion of the Boys in Blue. The preparation was made for one Kettle of Soup to be distributed among the Boys as guests of Capt. Michael Smith Post G. A. R. So successful was the first reunion of this kind that immediate plans were laid for another Reunion. The novelty of the event made it grow each year until 1900 when the Sons of Veterans took over the task of entertaining the Boys in Blue and their friends. Last year more than fifty 34-gallon kettles of the toothsome soup were served, requiring in manufacture, 1300 lbs. of beef, 1500 pounds of crackers and 1300 pounds of beans.

Many attractions are on the grounds and plans are being made for a larger event each year.

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**Major Klosterman Passes On**

We regret to announce the death of P. C. George W. Klosterman, of Camp 299.

Brother Klosterman will be remembered by the old-timers for his wonderful work as Major of the Philadelphia Battalion, S. V. R.

were also present Past Commanders-in-Chief Barrows and Bowley.

Patriotic addresses were made by Bros. Barrows, Bowley, Bonney and Somerby, which were enjoyed by everyone. On suggestion of Dept. Com. Somerby all Sons present submitted one reason why he was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. From these a committee, under the chairmanship of Bro. Bowley, selected the five best as District 1 entry into the contest. A luncheon was served by the Daughters of the Union Veterans of Alice Baker tent No. 33. During the afternoon session, Comrade Storey of San Jose, favored the assembly with several verses of poetry of his own composition. A vote of thanks was extended to Gen. Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and its Auxiliary for their efforts in securing a meeting place and arrangement.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p. m. out of respect to the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland, Sergeant General Hopkins of the G. A. R. and Brothers Morrison and Keeloy of Modesto Camp No. 19, all of whom have passed on since the last District Meeting. The balance of the day was spent on the beach.

Most of those present expect to be present at the next meeting with Fresno Camp No. 17, on Oct. 19.—John H. Cobbe, Dist. Press Cor.

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**Camp No. 10.**

Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp, with the assistance of Emily R. Jewell Tent No. 15 and Anna Etheridge Tent No. 55, Daughters of Union Veterans, celebrated Flag Day with an elaborate program including a pageant of the American Flag from first European colonists to date. The flags were loaned for the occasion by Long Beach Lodge No. 888, B. P. O. Elks. Senator Frank F. Merriam, a member of Lawton Camp, gave a Flag Day address and refreshments were served by the Daughters. Dept. Com. Somerby, with Dept. Sec.-Treas. C. F. Kier, of Pasadena, were present and introduced as was Com. John W. Teed, of Lawton Camp, the new Dept. Publicity Secretary, who was introduced by Dept. Com. Somerby; all were honored guests. Eleven comrades of Long Beach Post No. 181, G. A. R. were guests of honor.

Lawton Camp has taken on new life and initiated five new members since January. Several applications are en route pending completion of war records. Also some re-statements coming in next month.

No. 10 has cooperated with the G. A. R. in their Memorial Day parade and Post activities. Barney Brown of Long Beach Post No. 181, is a member of Lawton Camp by his father also being a G. A. R. veteran.

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**Past Commanders of Southern California.**  
The entire membership of the Past Commanders' Association of Southern California was ordered out in full uniform for the purpose of presenting a beautiful flag to General W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 at Los Angeles, the evening of July 21st, which was the regular meeting of that Camp.

After the completion of business the Auxiliary was escorted into the roof in large numbers and the presentation followed. The Past Commanders marched into the room in military order and formed a semicircle around the altar. The flag was carried by Jr. Past Pres. W. E. McCampbell, and the presentation was made by Pres. Eugene C. Somerby, who is also Dept. Comd. this year. After an impressive tribute to the Flag by Brother Somerby it was accepted for the Camp by Brother Barret in a very able manner.

Under good of the order short talks were made by Presidents of two Daughters of

**MINNESOTA**

H. B. Mathews, Commander, Brookings, S. D.

The Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of this department was held in Minneapolis on June 13-14. Not so many were present as was expected but a pleasant and a profitable time was had by those that did attend. We believe that an added inspiration was given to each one of them to go home and do a little more and a little harder work for the organization than they have done in the past.

The Minneapolis sons and sisters extended their cordiality in every way. No better place could have been found for holding the sessions than at the Elks' Building. Of course the meeting of the Auxiliary at the same time made the Encampment much pleasanter than it would have been without them.

Com. Storms made an excellent presiding officer and he showed in many ways his deep interest in the organization.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Com. H. B. Mathews, Camp 2, Brookings, S. D.

Sr. Vice-Comd. V. G. Payne, Camp 1, St. Paul, Minn.

Jr. Vice Com., H. Welling, Camp 2, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Pat. Inst. T. P. Gleason, Camp 8, Minneapolis, Minn.

Treasurer, W. E. Ruffcorn, Camp 4, Stacy, Minn.

Sec., H. H. Hoy, Camp 2, Brookings, S. D.

Chap., E. J. Storms, Camp 8, Minneapolis, Minn.

It was voted to hold the next annual Encampment in St. Paul. Why miss these good times? Make up your mind now that you will attend and we feel sure that you will be able to arrange your affairs so that you may do so.

A very fine time was had at the banquet. Brother A. L. Jones from our new Camp at Robinsdale acted as toastmaster and if he is a sample, the new Camp will soon be one of the strongest in membership and influence. Special numbers were provided — past and present officers of the Sons and Auxiliary responded, and we were especially fortunate in having as our guests the National Presidents of the Auxiliary and the Daughters.

Union Veterans Tents and the President of Rosecrans Auxiliary, Sister Wilson. The assemblage was especially honored by the presence of Dept. Com. Madison of the Department of Oregon who is visiting in Los Angeles. He is from Grants Pass, Oregon. Short talks were given by both Department Commanders after which refreshments were served. The flag was presented to the Camp having the best percentage of attendance at the Association Meetings for a period of fifteen months. Rosecrans Camp received 34 per cent, Stephen Jackson No. 3, 28 per cent, and Santa Anna No. 12, 23 per cent.

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**Camp 7, Pasadena.**

Gen. Phil Kearney Camp and its Auxiliary tendered an elaborate reception to the newly elected Dept. Officers, including their own Eugene C. Somerby, Department Commander. More than 200 persons were present. Dept. officers of the Aux. were also invited guests.

Pasadena has been overjoyed this year to have several Dept. Officers in Camp 7, these include Commander, Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Aide. Its Aux. also claims the Dept. President, Secretary and Chief of Staff.

**NEW YORK**

Nell D. Cranmer, Dept. Press Correspondent, Brownlow Building, Elmira.

**Dept. Commander Barnard's Message**

Skies are brighter than in many days for the New York Dept. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This significant statement has abundant proof. The fine new Camp of nearly seventy-five members at Crown Point is indicative of the trend of the times. Large class initiations by Samuel King Camp of Troy, Fort Stanwix Camp of Rome and James Hall Camp of Jamestown lend additional weight.

The new administration is markedly grateful for the above mentioned heritage left it by Past Department Com. Waterman and his co-workers. With such a flying start the good work must go on to even greater heights.

Brothers, numerical strength is vital to the success of our organization. We need it when we seek successful legislative action at Albany or Washington. We should have it available when called on to escort our fathers in local department or national parades; in placing of flags on the graves of departed heroes; and in many other forms of service we are called upon to render the Grand Army of the Republic.

Your Dept. Commander does not plan any short spectacular drive, but he does call on every member of the New York Department, from Commander-in-Chief down to the last private in the rear rank, to recruit membership. How it will hearten and inspire not only the new administration but the entire membership to record a gain for the new quarter just ahead. Neither summer time or vacation season can stop us. The hour is always here when candidates for our order may be found. The Dept. Commander throws out the challenge to join him in this long crusade — a crusade comparable in many respects in the goal to be attained, to those daring ventures of the Middle Ages. We are not trying to rescue the Holy Sepulchre from the hands of the infidel horde, but we are striving to win the large number of eligibles in the Empire State from the army captained by Old General Indifference. Awake you who are asleep at the post and join our ranks.

Your Dept. Commander does not ask you to accomplish what he is not willing personally to do, as on the first day upon arriving home he secured a new member for his Camp. Making a strenuous effort to hold our present membership, even adding as small as one new member in each Camp, will mean a net gain of a hundred in the Department. Each member adding one member would result in a gain of 4,000. Brethren think on these things and then act to join those who are already giving yeoman service. Of course be careful to recruit only those who at all times and under all circumstances will be a credit to our noble organization.

Those intending to go to the National Encampment must make their own reservations. Attention is called to this great gathering of the G. A. R. and allied bodies at Cincinnati, August 26-29. Full details will be given in the next General Order.

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**Camp 42, Troy**

King Camp, under the able leadership of Com. Charles L. Sharp will soon muster four new members. Griswold-McConche Post G. A. R., now numbers three members, one of whom is able to be out. Com. LeMon is also a member of King Camp.

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**Camp 4, Lackawanna.**

Sister Sarah J. Ehrmann, wife of Com. C. J. Ehrmann, is a candidate for National Pres.

of the Ladies of the G. A. R. She organized the two Camps of Sons as well as ten Circles of the Ladies of the G. A. R. She is a Past Dept. Pres. and Past Nat'l. Secretary and Past Nat'l Junior Vice Pres. of her organization. She received medals for her work during the World War from Poland, France and the United States.

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**Camp 11, Auburn**

Thirty members of Seward Camp and Auxiliary attended the Encampment at Jamestown, making the trip by bus. They were proud over the selection of Henry W. Oliver as a member of the Dep't. Council.

The officers of the Aux received warm praise for their exemplification of the ritualistic work at the Encampment.

The camp is arranging for a big picnic of the allied orders in Auburn at Enna Jettick Park. A fund has been started to charter a bus in which to attend the next Encampment.

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**Burdick Camp Honor Dept. Com. Barnard**

One hundred and twenty-five members of allied orders of the G. A. R. gave a testimonial dinner to Fred C. Barnard of Ithaca, recently elected Dept. Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Byron Spaulding was the only surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic able to attend, while the remainder of the throng of friends of Mr. Barnard included members of the Sons of Union Veterans, the Auxiliary to the Sons, the Daughters of Veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies of the G. A. R.

A. S. Miller, Past Commander of the Sons acted as toastmaster, while C. F. Cowles, Secretary of Camp 40, presented Mr. Barnard a pen and pencil set from his fellow members.

I. N. Griffin, Commander of Camp 40, emphasized the fact that one has to be born to this particular order.

Mrs. Charles Wheatin spoke for the Auxiliary and pledged its support. She congratulated Mrs. Barnard as well and presented her a huge bouquet of roses from the women's order.

Merton Genung furnished musical entertainment with three harmonica solos. The dinner was served by members of the women's organizations. During the evening plans were also discussed for a larger entertainment to be held in the near future.

Department Commander Barnard responded with an inspiring talk.

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**Camp 77, Elmira.**

The committee in charge of making new maps of all Civil War Veteran's graves in Woodlawn Cemetery has finished its work in the Cemetery, after spending many hours of time. The maps will now be traced and later blue-printed. Past Dept. Com. N. D. Cranmer is chairman of the committee, while Past Com. W. G. Fudge has done yeoman work in the drawing of the maps. Com. Edwin Staples and others assisted greatly. A card index record has been made as complete as possible of the records of the 1000 and more veterans buried at Woodlawn. The new maps will greatly facilitate the placing of flags on the graves.

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**Camp 28, Brooklyn.**

Martin Short Camp attended the service for the unknown sailor dead at Fort Hamilton Park June 8. The program included addresses by Past Dept. Com. G. A. R. William Patton Griffith, George Wibecan and Alfred E. Gilchrist. George H. Eberhardt presided. Music was furnished by the L. H. Birer drum, fife and bugle corps. A firing squad

from the U. S. S. Rochester assisted. The invocation was given by Rev. Harry C. Kilne of the English Lutheran Church of the Reformation and the benediction by the Rev. Casper A. Hufner, C. M., of St. John's College. The Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliaries strewn flowers upon the waters.

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**Camp 79, Woodhaven.**

Something doing in John Eisenman Camp, all members are on the jump, and as a result we report one initiation, one obligated, and two more to be initiated at our next meeting. If our efforts meet with success, we expect to add a large number of former members of a dropped Camp to our roll. We have a committee at work and good progress is reported.

It is with the greatest pleasure, that we report that Past Camp Com. Howard W. Bunker, has become the father of a bouncing baby son, that arrived on June 21st. Mrs. H. W. Bunker was Miss Kalsor, and is at present the President of Dupont Auxiliary.

The Committee in charge of the 50th anniversary of our Parent Post, the Louis M. Hamilton, No. 152, reports that the affair was a rousing success in all ways, and the same can be said for the reception and ball, given by the Central Body.

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**King's County Memorial and Executive Committee.**

Delegates from six camps were present at the meeting June 17 and Pres. Edward E. Cohen was in the chair. All committees reported progress. Further meetings will be suspended until September 16.

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**Southern Tier Association.**

The Southern Tier Association, S. U. V., convening at Ovid July 26, voted unanimously to admit to membership the Auxiliaries of the District. A delightful dinner was served in the parlors of the M. E. Church by Ovid Auxiliary. Calvin L. Vincent, Sr. Vice Dept. Com. G. A. R., and Comrade Francis M. Brown, both of Elmira, were guests of honor, the former celebrating his birthday anniversary. Comrade Vincent was presented a box of cigars by Ovid Auxiliary, Past Dept. Com. Neil Cranmer making the speech. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burnham, of Elmira, were felicitated on their sixth wedding anniversary.

Dept. Com. Fred C. Barnard, of Ithaca, gave the address of the evening. Others gave short talks. President George Yeomans, of Binghamton, was in the chair.

The invitation to hold the October meeting at Binghamton was unanimously accepted. Charles F. Gould, of Vestal, and Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans gave musical numbers.

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**Camp 40, Ithaca.**

Major D. W. Burdick Camp has plans well under way for a dinner and reception in honor of Dept. Com. F. C. Barnard to be held Sept. 20 in the Savings Bank Auditorium. An invitation has been sent to every Camp, Auxiliary, Tent, Circle and Corps in the state to attend. The Department heads of all the allied bodies will extend greetings. Past Dept. Com. Cranmer, of Elmira, will be toastmaster.

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**Camp 5, Vestal.**

P. C. Charles F. Gould has recovered from an operation which involved a six weeks' sojourn in the hospital. He was able to resume his duties as Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Tier Association at the meeting in Ovid.

Purpose is one thing very necessary for success. Every man who gets anywhere in life has set for himself a goal, has established a purpose that is worthy of intense effort. And he is never satisfied until he achieves it.

INDIANA

MICHIGAN

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

C. Close, Press Cor., 602 E. Washington Street, Fort Wayne.

Having been appointed Correspondent for Dept. of Ind., you are urged to send me the "dope" early and often. We may have to boil it down at times, but we will get in the salient points at any rate. Now—lots have it! Camp 171, Fort Wayne. Dr. E. D. Smith, of local camp was elected Dept. Comd. at the recent Encamp. at Wabash, and was given a reception and banquet on the evening of July 11. A fine dinner was served at 6:30 p. m. by the Aux. under the direction of Sis. Davis, who is an expert kitchen engineer. Indiana's "Grand Old Man" of the G. A. R.—Col. D. N. Foster, 90 years young made the felicitations speech. Community singing and entertainment specialties were other features. As they used to say in the old boiler plate weeklies: "A good time was had by all."

Camp 40, Martinsville. Comd. Smith made his first visit to this Camp on July 18th, and it turned out to be a real event. Bro. Geo. Dewey, as chairman of the Invitation Com., literally invited the whole Dept. and the response was a gratifying surprise. Representatives came from Fort Wayne, Richmond, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Princeton, etc. Especially were we happy to greet G. A. R. Dept. Comd. James Kilmartin of Princeton and Dept. Aux. Pres. Sadie Stevens of Richmond. Both made some felicitous remarks, while Comrade Henninger of Indianapolis made a dramatic appeal to the Sons to "carry on." Comd. Smith took occasion to announce his appointments. The principal address was made by Bro. Frank Houston in his own inimitable manner.

Five new members were admitted to the Camp, by the long form, the Comd.'s charge being given by Past Dept. Comd. Scull of Princeton, and who was most impressive. The meeting was preceded by a fried chicken banquet, served by the Aux., and you may be sure was not by any means the least part of the evening. Bro. Charles Ellis acted as toastmaster, and everybody made responses, mostly gastronomical, however.

Camp 82, Terre Haute. A moonlight boat-ride on the old Wabash River was held on Monday, July 21. This excursion is an annual affair of the local Camp, but at the Martinsville banquet, Mrs. Rickart, of Terre Haute, invited all present to come too.

Camp 23, Richmond. Sec.-Treas. Roy Babylon and Dept. Pres. Sadie Stevens have already set the wheels in motion toward organizing a Camp and Aux. at Newcastle, where the 1931 Dept. Encamp. will be held. Get set for the Nat'l. Encamp. Indiana must make a good showing.

Once more—send in your dope!

Camp 223, Princeton.

The regular meeting of Johnny Butler Camp, held Monday evening, July 7, brought out a large number. Dept. Com. James Kilmartin of the G. A. R., and Past Dept. Com. A. W. McDaniels of the Sons, of Valparaiso, Ind., were introduced to the Camp as guests of honor and given seats at the Commander's station.

A team composed of former officers of the Camp exemplified the ritualistic work of the organization for three candidates: William Archer, of Montrose, Col.; Carl M. Gray, of Petersburg, and Peter J. Burns, of Vincennes. A large delegation of Pike Camp, at Petersburg, attended the meeting in company with Mr. Gray, who will be a member of Pike Camp.

Mr. Archer was made an honorary member of the local Camp. The local G. A. R. Post was named after his father, Will Archer, who was a Lieutenant in Co. A, 80th Ind. Vol. Mr.

Francis E. Hall, Correspondent, 129 Summer Ave., N. W. Grand Rapids.

Perle L. Fouch of Allegan, elected to head the Sons at Pontiac at the last Encampment, has no war record. He was just recovering from typhoid fever when the boys were going to Cuba and the Philippines in 1898, but he is, however, a Son of a Union Veteran. He was born at Burnips Corners, Allegan County, March 30, 1875, and was educated in the schools of Michigan and Indiana. He was admitted to the bar of Michigan, Dec. 6, 1897, and went back to Allegan immediately and began the practice of law. He has continued as a lawyer since that time and emphatically states that he expects to spend his life in offices there.

Aside from his affiliations with various patriotic organizations, he has been honored at various times in politics. He was elected to the Michigan legislature in 1906 and 1910. Before that he was Circuit Court Commissioner from 1900 to 1906. He was Prosecuting Attorney for Allegan four years from 1915 to 1919. He was a member of the City Council in 1923 and 24 and since that time has been City Attorney. He is now serving his sixth year in that capacity. He has also been Circuit Court Commissioner the past six years.

Fouch is now serving his fourth term as Commander of Gen. Elisha Mix Camp No. 11, located in Allegan. At the State Encampment in 1927, at Benton Harbor, he was elected a member of the Dept. Council, Jr. Vice Commander in 1928, being selected at Kalamazoo, elected as Sr. Vice at Bay City in 1929, and honored as Commander at Pontiac in 1930; also selected as Dept. Counselor for the Michigan Auxiliary.

This year he is serving as Lieut. Colonel of the Allegan County Soldiers and Sailors Association and he acted as Colonel of the same organization last year.

Perle is an outstanding figure in Allegan's patriotic celebrations each year. He almost always arranges the program and spends much time and effort in putting things across.

Commanders Estabrook and Fouch Honored.

A reception and banquet honoring Albert C. Estabrook, Dept. Commander of the G. A. R., and Perle L. Fouch, Dept. Commander of the Sons, both of Allegan, was held in the church parlors of the Federated Church on July 12, by the Auxiliary, assisted by the W. R. C. This event was attended by an actual count of 226, including officers of the state patriotic societies and of Allegan.

New Commander Begins Visits.

Dept. Com. Fouch being in Jackson on July 18 on business with Dept. Sec. Robert E. French, his visit falling on Austin Blair Camp night, the members of Betsy Ross Tent served ice cream and wafers following the meeting. Com. Fouch was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Helen Fouch Reed.

A very enjoyable picnic by the Betsy Ross Tent and Austin Blair Camp was held at Pleasant Lake. The table was loaded with everything good to eat and about 7 o'clock a hungry crowd sat down to satisfy the inner man. Following the repast, games, bathing and dancing occupied the time until a late hour.

Archer was killed at the battle of Resacca, Ga.

At the close of the business, several were called on for talks. Dept. Com. Kilmartin urged the local patriotic organizations to put forth every effort to make this the best year in the history of the G. A. R.

G. M. Wright, Dept. Press Correspondent, 714 Main St., Cedar Falls, Ia.

Dr. Marcus E. Brown, Commander of General Hancock Camp No. 89, Sioux City, Iowa, died at his home on the afternoon of June 14. His death, which was sudden and unexpected, was a shock to his friends in Sioux City as well as to the members of the Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans. With the organization of the Camp at Sioux City last March, Dr. Brown was chosen as the first Commander and was actively interested in the organization from the first. The sympathy of the Department of Iowa is extended to the family in their time of sorrow. His widow, Clara Nesbitt-Brown, was at the time of the death of her husband in Los Angeles, because of ill health. A sister of Dr. Brown, Blanche A. Brown, lived with him and kept his home.

Dr. Brown, who was sixty-one years of age, was born on a farm near Iowa Falls. For a number of years he was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, and at the close of his employment was a locomotive engineer. He left their service to study osteopathy and at the time of his death was engaged in that profession in Sioux City.

Dr. Brown was interested in all matters of civic betterments in his home city, and was a member of a number of lodges and clubs. He was also a member of the First Congregational Church, and services were held from that church in Sioux City.

WASHINGTON

F. S. Tremain, Dept. Press Correspondent, W2420 Boone Ave., Spokane, Wash.

Department Encampment.

A very successful Dept. Encampment closed at Yakima June 18. The following officers were duly elected and installed:

Com., Ralph B. Richardson, Bellingham; Sr. Vice, A. D. O'Kelley, Yakima; Jr. Vice, A. W. Kingsley, Seattle; Treas., J. K. Burchette, Bellingham; Council, S. W. Usher, Leon W. Hammond, R. E. Mansfield; Delegate to National, Leon W. Hammond.

The following staff officers have been appointed: Sec., Roy Neble, Bellingham; Pat. Inst., W. S. Jones, Bremerton; Counselor, W. J. Milroy, Olympia; Chap., Floyd Levee, Tacoma; Organizer, W. G. Eads; Press Correspondent, F. S. Tremain, Spokane.

A feature of the Encampment was the institution of a new robust Camp at Yakima. Bro. Geo. S. Whitmore, P. D. Com. of the Maryland Dept., gave valuable assistance in the organization and institution of this addition to our ranks.

Owing to the absence of Dept. Com. T. H. Little, Past Dept. Com. S. W. Usher presided at the Encampment.

Ida B. Lange came all the way from the East to attend this Encampment. She is the National President of our Auxiliary. Sister Lange accompanied Past Dept. Pres. Catharine Hammond and Past Dept. Sec. Leon W. Hammond, where she spent three days in Everett before going to Eugene, Ore., to attend the Oregon Dept. Encampment. On Sunday Brother and Sister Hammond took Sister Lange on a trip to Mt. Baker, showing real western hospitality by driving 325 miles on this trip.

The Dept. affairs are in excellent condition. Dept. Commander Ralph Richardson is the son of Comrade Willis Richardson, who was Dept. Com. of the Grand Army of the Republic last year, and from whom the Camp at Bellingham was named. Bro. R. Richardson is a real live wire and it is predicted he will make a good showing during the coming year.

N. J. Hougland, Press Correspondent, 1070 East 152nd Street, Cleveland.

IN MEMORIAM

Carmi J. Tryon, Akron, Camp 27. Austin E. Foltz, Akron, Camp 27. Brother Allman, Alliance, Camp 91.

The following officers were elected and installed at the 48th annual Encampment of the Ohio Department, held at Lorain, Ohio, June 24-26:

Com., W. C. Thobaben, Camp 466, 1551 East Boulevard, Cleveland. Sr. Vice, C. H. Weber, Camp 1, Columbus. Jr. Vice, A. E. Hess, Camp 91, Alliance. Sec.-Treas., Ed. S. Wilson, Camp 1, Columbus. Council: C. C. Shotts, Camp 21, Lancaster; W. C. Winall, Camp 100, Cincinnati; Wm. Thompson, Camp 16, Minford.

The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

Pat. Inst., A. G. Gibbons, Camp 250; Mt. Vernon. Chap., Rev. O. C. Kramer, Camp 15, Wooster. Insp., C. J. Waterman, Camp 78, Willoughby. Press Cor., Nelson Hougland, Camp 59, Cleveland. Counselor, Custer Snyder, Camp 344, Lorain. Organizer, W. G. Meyers, Camp 27, Akron. Further appointments will appear in the following issue.

Having been elected Dept. Commander and realizing that the only means of reaching a great many of the membership is through this column, I wish to take this opportunity to greet all of the members of the Ohio Department and pledge to you the best efforts of your Commander and his entire staff throughout the ensuing year.

Only through the efforts of every brother can our organization aspire to the position to which we are rightfully entitled.

We fully realize that it is impossible for some to attend the meetings of their Camp, or to participate in its several activities, but you can at least find some little service that you can render, through the securing of a new member or some similar duty, which it is your privilege to perform.

Will you make an effort to do this, so that it can be said that you have done what you could?

Any suggestions or criticisms for the betterment of our Order will be welcomed and will receive the earnest consideration of your officers.—W. C. Thobaben, Dept. Com.

District No. 3.

District No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliaries, met for an evening picnic supper and business session at 6:00 p. m. July 16, with members present from Alliance, Canton, New Philadelphia, Carrollton, Dover and Minerva, their belag 109 present in all.

The Alliance Drum Corps entertained with patriotic numbers. This Drum Corps has been selected as the official Drum Corps of the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve Corps of Ohio. It was mustered into the Reserve Corps at Alliance on the evening of July 21.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. John Burkhardt of Canton, at 8:00 p. m. Several Dept. officers were present: A. E. Hess of Alliance, Jr. Vice; Mrs. Florence Dessinger of New Philadelphia, Aux. Pat. Inst., and Bro. Ruff of Camp 466, Cleveland, who brought greetings from Dept. Com. Thobaben.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Pres., Mrs. Verne Rhodes, Alliance; Vice Pres., Lester Cook, Minerva; Sec., Mrs. Nellie Frost, Alliance; Treas., Mrs. Cree

Pooler, Carrollton; Pat. Inst., William Tennis, Canton; Chap., Mrs. Ona Hess, Alliance; Press Cor., Geo. M. Van Derkar, Alliance.

Stirring remarks urging the teaching of patriotism and citizenship were made by Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Hess, Mrs. William Tennis and Mrs. Cree Pooler. Comrade A. E. Hawkins of Alliance gave an original poem entitled the "Old Grand Army Boys."

The next meeting will be held at Carrollton at 7:30 p. m. Friday evening, Sept. 12.

District No. 5.

On Sunday, July 20, the Fifth District followed their practice of years, by meeting for an all day picnic and this year it was held at Summerland Beach Park, on Buckeye Lake.

It was an extremely hot day, which we know kept some from venturing forth, but about 75 had arrived by noon, with well filled baskets and empty stomachs. A transfer was made which left all in a better mood, even though some were less comfortable. After dinner a few more arrived from Lancaster, swelling the crowd to perhaps 100.

A large number spent several hours bathing and had one grand frolic.

We were surprised and honored by the appearance of our Dept. Commander, W. C. Thobaben, who journeyed 170 miles from Cleveland, bringing with him Mrs. Thobaben and the children, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hougland, the new Dept. Press Correspondent, also from Cleveland.

The next surprise was the appearance of Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, Sister Seville Hutton, from Cincinnati, with her husband and Dept. Secretary, Alma D. Dehner.

We did miss the Selz's from Dayton, for they seldom miss. Another guest was Mrs. Emma Hancock from Mansfield, who brought her husband along.

Of course the Nat'l Treasurer, Sister Carrie E. Wilson of Columbus was there, but she belongs to our outfit, and not a guest, also Ed. Wilson, Dept. Sec.-Treas., and Clarence Weber, Sr Vice Dept. Commander, of Columbus.

Those who missed seeing the swimming quartette, Velva Farmer, Carrie Wilson, Lo Weber and Zetta Shrieve in action, missed something, and need not give themselves a pat on the back. Zetta excels at floating and indulged in it for hours. Jonas Shrieves and Clarence Weber watched their wives from the shore, not joining the "marine parade" for some unexplained reason.

District No. 11.

District No. 11 held their summer meeting at Marshville Saturday, July 12. Dept. Com. W. C. Thobaben was present also 60 members of the Camp and Auxiliaries. The local Auxiliary furnished a fine supper and music was furnished by a local orchestra. A patriotic address was given by Mr. Galehouse.

Akron Camp No. 27.

Last week our Drum Corps and about 30 members of the Camp and Auxiliary and three members of the G. A. R. (oldest 91 years) called on Comrade S. A. McCoy to remind him that he was 82 years young. He is the youngest member of Buckley Post and is one of the two surviving members of Buckley Post's famous Drum Corps. Comrade McCoy brought out his bass drum and showed the "kids" a trick or two in beating a drum.

Akron Camp has lost two valued members by death recently, Carmi J. Tryon, a charter member and Austin E. Foltz, who saw service in the west years ago in some of the Indian campaigns.

Brough Camp No. 59.

Our Camp was very active in Memorial Day work, taking care of the decorating of the

George R. Foster, Press Correspondent, Milford, N. H.

Reception to Department Commander.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Lebanon gave a reception June 26 in honor of Leon Howard of that town, Dept. Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans at Memorial Hall, with a large attendance.

In the receiving line were Dept. Com. Howard, the W. R. C. President, Jennie Plummer; Dept. Junior Vice Com. Charles O. Smith of East Jaffrey; Past Dept. Pres. Clara H. Eaton, of Lebanon, Dept. Chap. Darrold E. Whitney of Keene, Past Dept. Sec. Minnie S. Hadley of Lebanon, Dept. Sec.-Treas. Jackson Carr of Hillsboro, Dept. Pat. Inst. Carl Pier of Lebanon, Dept. Deputy Inspector Charles Sidney Richardson of Claremont.

graves of Comrades of the Civil War at four cemeteries; there were nearly 250 graves.

Our Commander, Brother Filgie, was severely injured in an automobile accident; we are glad however to report that he is convalescing as rapidly as possible.

Willoughby Camp No. 78.

National Chaplain Rev. Ralph W. Walker, of the Euclid Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, was the speaker for our Memorial Day services. The American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and Boy Scouts assisted the Sons and Daughters in the arrangements, and parade, which was said to be the largest ever held here. There were nearly 1000 in the line of march.

For publicity purposes the front page of the May Banner was framed and placed in the window of one of the local banks where the original order creating "Memorial Day" was read by a great many who passed that way.

The stone pliers have been completed for the "Memorial Gates" to our cemetery and we hope in the near future to be able to tell you that the entire work, of placing the gates and bronze tablets is finished. This work has been sponsored by Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and other local organizations.

We are now planning a joint picnic with the local Tent of the Daughters, who are always willing to assist our Camp in any way.

Camp 91, Alliance.

We are most happy and honored that our brother, A. E. Hess, was elected Dept. Jr. Vice Commander of Ohio; also that our brother, Geo. Waller, has been appointed Adjutant to Brother Park F. Yengling of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, with the rank of Captain. Our Drum Corps has been made the official musical organization of the Ohio Sons of Veterans Reserve Corps.

We wish to thank the many Brothers of the Ohio Dept. who complimented our Degree Team for their work at the Lorain Encampment.

We are greatly depressed over the death of Brother Allman, who has passed to the Great Beyond.

Our Camp is very proud of the fact that it is one of the largest, if not the largest in the Ohio Dept., although the population of our city is only about 25,000.

Press Correspondent's Note.

All news for the next issue of The Banner must reach the Correspondent on or before Aug. 23, due to the meeting of National Encampment at Cincinnati week of August 25. [Make items short as September issue of The Banner will be Encampment number, and Camp news will have to make room for news of that event.—Ed.]

## MASSACHUSETTS

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164 Sea Street, Quincy.

## Sons and Auxiliary Outing.

A brilliant, cloudless, blue sky with old ocean as calm as a mill pond, Fieldston never was better equipped for an outing than the one held there the 12th of July by the Plymouth County Sons and Aux. Many brought their lunches and enjoyed eating on the beach while others took advantage of the dinner served in the hotel where the dining room is an immense open air veranda overlooking Cape Cod Bay. The notice advised bringing the children for it was a marvellous place for them to play. Evidently the Sons and Aux. members followed this suggestion and the youngsters added to the fun. Sports and bathing occupied most of the time. The details were well planned and carried out.

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## Camps 14 and 56, Cambridge.

Camps 14, 56 and 61 acted as hosts to their many visiting friends and guests on June 25, when Cambridge observed the Tercentenary celebration. The Camps of Greater Boston had been invited to participate. We wish to thank all those who helped to make it a success.

P. C. Frank F. Johnson impersonated Abraham Lincoln and Sister Nellie McEnery of Tent 4 took the part of Mrs. Lincoln on a beautifully decorated float furnished by the Daughters of Tent 4.

At the close of the meeting of June 27th, Henry Noble Conden Camp, with their Auxiliary, enjoyed a social evening with a basket luncheon and poetry party. Sister Florence Dodd acted as auctioneer. After much deliberation by the judges prizes were awarded to Bro. Charles Stevens and Sister Helen Stevens for their unique costumes.

Bros. of Camp 61 visited many of the social and patriotic gatherings held in Greater Boston during the month of June. Among the places visited were Woburn, Melrose, Revere, Dorchester, Hyde Park and the Cambridge Elks Flag Day exercises.

A word of commendation must be given the Elks for the splendid manner in which they observed Flag Day, and we feel it would be well for any brother to visit such exercises.

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## Camp 69, Framingham.

Camp 69 had representatives of 14 Camps, together with G. A. R. Comrades, Daughters of American Revolution, and friends at a big open meeting June 24. Dept. Com. Appleton and Dist. Com. Maynard, Dept. Pres. of the Aux. Pearl S. Safford were among the distinguished guests. A splendid program was given under the direction of Dist. Com. Taylor and Past Com. Chipman. The traveling gavel was presented to Com. Heath by Senior Vice Com. Foster of Camp 71, Northboro. In accepting it Com. Heath said that Camp 69 would in due time present it to Camp 30 of Dorchester. A traveling gavel was also presented Sis. Gregory, Pres. of the Aux., by Sis. Lucy Warner of the Northboro Aux. This will undoubtedly go to the Aux. affiliated with Camp 30.

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## Camp 94, Marlboro.

June 30 a handsome American flag was presented to Robin Hill Chapel, Marlboro, by F. C. Curtis Camp 94. Com. Loring J. Taylor of the Camp made the presentation speech. A member of the John A. Rawlins Post of the G. A. R., who attended school in the building years ago, took part in the ceremony. Services are held each year in the chapel the Sunday before Decoration Day and four graves in the small cemetery decorated.

## Camp 10, Mansfield.

A committee of 12 members of Nelson Gardner Camp sponsored their third celebration of July 4th this year. The event was financed by public subscription to the amount of approximately \$600. The program consisted of a decorated auto parade led by four members of the G. A. R., covering a 20 mile route, with silver cups awarded as prizes. Next there were two hours of miscellaneous sports for children, with suitable prizes. In the evening was a two hour concert by the Atlantic National Bank Band of Boston interspersed with vocal solos by the chairman of the committee and a short oration by State Senator Holmes. Last but not least was a beautiful display of fireworks. The event was witnessed by 4000 people. The celebrations are growing larger every year, the committee considering added features for 1931.

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## Collingwood Camp, Plymouth.

Delegations from this town went to the Fildston outing of the County Association July 12. The 17th the Camp initiated one and re-instated one. Will hold meetings during summer as there are many visitors in Plymouth at this season. Rather warm some evenings but the hall is comfortable.

Aug. 9 the Camp will be represented at the Department outing at Nantasket.

Plans are being made for a big Button parade in Plymouth the third Saturday of September, the 21th.

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## F. C. Curtis Camp, Marlboro.

This Camp had the honor of receiving a visit from Commander-in-Chief Edwija J. Foster the 21st. The meeting was open to the Veterans Council and many allied organizations nearby were represented. At the session of the Camp two candidates were initiated. Camp Com. Loring Taylor presided. He also acted as chairman of the open meeting attended by the Veterans Council and citizens. The Sons Quartette gave an entertainment. Com.-in-Chief Foster spoke briefly, saying "I am glad to witness the initiation of new members into the Sons of Union Veterans Camp here. We look to you men to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a poor type of citizen, whose father fought in the Civil War, if he doesn't join the Sons of Veterans." It was stated that the membership of the organization is now making gains.

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## A Soldier's Diary.

Brother Walter Meehan of Jamaica Plains sends copy of a diary kept by D. C. M., giving a word picture of experiences in a Southern prison. It is not cheerful reading, and if records like the one sent by Brother Meehan could be printed frequently in every paper in the world it would do more to promote peace than all the conferences ever held.

When the man marches away to war he does not take into consideration the possibility of being captured and kept for months in a prison not fit for hogs. Bunching 35 to 40 thousand men inside a stockade with only the crudest provision for their care and the poorest of rations is war at its worst. However every war has resulted in this same condition.

Unfortunately there is not space in The Banner to reproduce the diary. The writer depicts his experiences and one day appears to be just a little worse than the previous one if such could be possible. Sherman told what war was in three words. Army prison camps are the deepest note in Sherman's remarks.

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## Norfolk County Association.

At a recent meeting of the Norfolk County Association, held with Camp 161 in Holbrook, the following officers were elected: Pres., J. F.

## OREGON

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The Ninth Annual Encampment of the Oregon Department was held, in conjunction with the 49th Encampment of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Eugene, June 24th, 25th and 26th. Our Encampment was markedly interesting and harmonious. Much constructive work was done.

The following officers were elected and installed: Dept. Com., E. W. Madison, Camp 10, Grant's Pass; Sr. Vice, C. A. Williams, Camp 4, Portland; Jr. Vice, Glenn L. Adams, Camp 6, Salem; Council, H. L. Howe, Camp 14, Hood River; Chas. Fessenden, Camp 6, Salem; and S. P. Olin, Camp 4, Portland; Sec'y-Treas., C. O. Gosney, Camp 3, Marshfield; Pat. Ins., C. A. Howard, State House, Salem; Chap., G. R. Stover, Camp 6, 385 Belmont, Salem; Press Cor., L. C. McShane, Camp 6, 445 Oxford, Salem; Coun., Past Dept. Com. J. F. Burkhardt; H. L. Howe, Hood River, Chief of Staff.

## Legislation

That each Camp pay into the Department during the ensuing year the sum of 25 cents per member per quarter, the same to be used for organization work.

Recommending amendment to the Constitution, as to order of business of Department Encampments, permitting the transaction of New Business and Good of the Order after the election of officers.

Fixing the date of convening of the Encampment as the day preceding the Parade and limiting the duration of the Encampment to two days.

That all Camps of this Department be named for the city in which they are located or for some nationally known Civil War hero.

Opposing the erection of monuments, commemorating the service of Confederate officers, by the Congress of the United States. The Secretary was instructed to write a protest to our Senators and Congressmen.

To sponsor a movement to erect on the State House grounds a fitting and proper monument to the Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Department Commander was instructed to appoint a committee to formulate plans and to bring this matter to the attention of our next Legislature with view to securing an adequate appropriation from the State.

To revise and re-codify the By-Laws of Oregon Department.

Eugene entertained the Encampment royally and gave hearty support to the parade. It looks favorable for a Sons Camp at Eugene in the near future. Every Son in the State should feel encouraged as a result of the constructive work done the past year and at the Eugene Encampment.

Skehan, Canton; Vice Pres., Peter Frazer, Attleboro; Sec., Earl Young, Avon; Treas., Edward Kent, Holbrook; Guide, Henry Eldridge, Attleboro; Pat. Inst., F. J. Call, South Braintree; Press Cor., R. E. Pooler, Stoughton.

This Association came into life through the Norfolk County G. A. R. Association session held in Avon in March, 1930. They started with six members, two of whom were Comrades of the G. A. R. They now have a membership of 50.

June 10 the Association met with Camp 133 of Attleboro. The 18th they were guests of the Norfolk County G. A. R. Association. Next meeting Sept. 12 with Camp 32, South Braintree.

## ILLINOIS

W. C. Gullett, Press Correspondent,  
605 E. Maple St., Canton.

## National Encampment Data.

The Forty-ninth (49th) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will convene at Cincinnati, Ohio, at Temporary Headquarters, Hotel Metropole, Aug. 24 to 30, 1930.

If you cannot make satisfactory arrangements with management of Hotel Metropole, write to New Gibson Hotel, which is one of the finest and largest hotels in Cincinnati.

Comrade William R. Wright, Chief of Transportation, Department of Illinois, recommends the Big Four Route out of Chicago as a desirable route to the National Encampment at Cincinnati.

There will be no special trains out of Chicago, but special cars in sufficient numbers will be operated for the exclusive use of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and allied organizations.

I herewith quote below schedules of the best trains, which are equipped with all steel coaches, parlor cars and sleeping cars. Diner attached to day trains:

Leave Chicago: 10:40 a. m.; 1:00 p. m.; 9:45 p. m.; 11:40 p. m.

Arrive at Cincinnati: 7:00 p. m.; 9:50 p. m.; 6:50 a. m.; 8:25 a. m.

Special reduced rates of one way for the round trip will prevail, thus the fare from Chicago will be \$10.26, and the regular one way fare from other points. Tickets on sale August 21 to 27, inclusive, final return limit October 1, 1930.

Tickets will be sold on the certificate plan and all members of our order desiring to take advantage of the low rates will communicate with Dept. Secretary Allan S. Holbrook, Dwight, Ill., or your Commander, M. G. Slocum, 127 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, who will furnish you with certificates for yourself and family.

It is the earnest desire of your Dept. Commander that all the Delegates, Alternates, Past Dept. Commanders, all Dept. Officers and other members of our order may attend the National Encampment.

It will be an inspiration to all and we will be honoring the memory of our fathers and the survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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## Camp 29, Bloomington.

During the month the Auxiliary held a garden party at the home of the Auxiliary President. During the evening the Illinois Soldiers' Orphans' Home Band entertained and the lighting effects for the pools and rock gardens were beautiful. The party was a success, the Sons helping to make it so.

The Sons and Auxiliary are taking steps to send the McLean County Fife and Drum Corps to the Cincinnati Encampment.

Jubilee night was held July 31, it being arranged for by a committee from all the affiliated orders. The honored guests were Mrs. Emma Daiger, Dept. Pres. Ladies of G. A. R.; Lester F. Stewart, Dept. Jr. Vice Com.; Comrade J. H. Judy, G. A. R. Dept. Pat. Inst.; Mrs. Alta Stewart, Aux. Dept. Council Member. City notables were present and the affair was a huge success.

All the affiliated orders are working together harmoniously, they being mindful of their one object—to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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## Send Us the News.

Dept. Com. Slocum has honored me by asking me to again become Dept. Press Correspondent, a position I have held under sev-

## NEW JERSEY

Benjamin Stinson, Correspondent, 517 Broadway, Paterson.

## Camp 1, Hoboken

After sending out notices for the meeting, a few additions to the old guard attended the meeting which turned out to be very interesting, in spite of the heat and a storm coming on. A report of the delegates to the Asbury Park Encampment was read. Harry Lowe, an 11th hour candidate for Council, was defeated by a few votes and he may decide to make a canvass for Dept. Jr. Vice next year, although Bro. Lambert of Trenton is entitled to the office after the fine run he made this year.

Brother R. Ruppert, one of our oldest members, died recently. We must seriously realize that we must do our utmost to interest the younger generation in our Order if it is to be perpetuated.

Several of our brothers will go to the National Encampment at Cincinnati to help Brother Fred Hansen's candidacy for another term on the Council.

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## Garfield Camp No. 4.

On Thursday evening, June 10, Garfield Camp initiated one more candidate, namely Freeholder Walter Carson of Trenton. Brother Carson is expected to become one of our ac-

cepted. I cannot make this department of The Banner what it ought to be without the active co-operation of the Camps of the Department. If your Camp has not yet selected a Camp Press Correspondent see to it that one is selected at your next meeting and then see to it that he not only supplies the local papers with news of your Camp activities but sends reports to the Department Press Correspondent as well. Send news intended for The Banner to W. C. Gullett, 605 East Maple Street, Canton, Ill., to reach me by the 25th of the month.

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## Church Services for Veterans.

Dept. Color Bearer Thos. L. Beem, who is also Adjutant of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, has arranged for a church service for Civil War Veterans and members of the allied orders, to be held in the Calvary M. E. Church, Seventy-eighth and Morgan Streets, Chicago, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Aug. 17. Comrade J. L. Albritton, Past Department Chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic, will deliver the sermon. On that occasion the members of Woman's Relief Corps No. 136 will present Comrade Albritton with a flag. Autos to carry the veterans and others will assemble at the Field House in Ogden Park from 9:30 to 10 o'clock. Arriving at the church, drum corps will play outside until time for the services. Dept. Com. Slocum will assist in the services.

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## Canton to Have Fish Fry.

Canton Camp, 10, will celebrate its fourteenth anniversary with a fish fry at Copperas Creek Locks, on the Illinois river, Saturday afternoon, Aug. 30. This Camp was instituted Aug. 29, 1916, and for a number of years has been one of the leading Camps of the Department. Camp Thrush of Peoria will be asked to join in the festivities.

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## Hats Off to Cooper.

Sr. Vice Com. Frank Cooper of Camp 8, Chicago, recently endeared himself to the Daughters of Tent 5, by making several trips with his auto to take the "girls" home during a heavy rainstorm that broke in full force just before the close of their meeting.

tive members. We also have three more applications awaiting final action. Everything points to a very active summer for us, instead of the usual slump that is looked for during the warm weather.

The Camp members were very much pleased to hear that Garfield Camp was favored at the Encampment to the extent of having the offices of Dept. Commander and Dept. Secretary-Treasurer to be given to Brother Harrison M. Williams and Brother John L. Reeger.

The Camp is planning for a doggie roast which will be held in the near future, the date to be announced later.

We have also developed a crop of golfers since the new fad has made its appearance. We are ready to challenge any Camp in the Department, and will arrange to meet the Camp accepting the challenge at a location half way between Trenton and the particular town accepting the challenge.

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## Camp 8, Paterson.

The last meeting in June two recruits were mustered into the fellowship of Camp 8, and Camp Com. Benjamin F. Hook has several prospects that have promised to join the ranks in the early fall.

Just a word about the new members. Charles Dougherty is the son of one of the charter members of Farragut Post, No. 28, and Alton Ritter is the son of August Ritter of the same Post. Father Ritter was the Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day parade this year and is in his eighty-sixth year.

July 7 the Auxiliary tendered a reception to the newly elected and appointive officers chosen at Asbury Park the month previous and proved a most enjoyable function. Two members of the Camp were thus honored this year with the concluding sessions: George N. Bell as Jr. Vice Commander, and Benjamin Stinson was selected as Press Correspondent. Auxiliary No. 3 was most highly honored in the selection of Mrs. George N. Bell as Vice President and Mrs. Mollie Hammer as Correspondent.

Camp 8 records the progress of some of its members in recent weeks. Charles E. Ludwig, son of Brother George Ludwig, received his diploma as a Public Accountant from the State of New Jersey. Brother Ludwig has a bright future before him, he is very prominent in the P. O. S. of A. and his pen is ever active along patriotic lines. Brother Elias N. Van Arsdale dedicated an Estey organ and at the same time observed fourteen years of service as pastor of the North Paterson Reformed Church. Benjamin Stinson, this year's State Correspondent, is ever active with his pen, in the capacity of Secretary and Correspondent of the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church. Frank Parker was succeeded as Chaplain of the Department by Brother William Lockhart of Cape May. Brother Parker is the long term efficient Treasurer of the Camp. Brother Rev. Orle M. Demcott observed his 17th anniversary as pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, and Brother Herman Porter Williams, for five years pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, resigned and becomes the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Westwood. We hope he will be true to his soldier standing and get in touch with another patriotic organization near his present labors.

Friday evening, June 11, the Good and Welfare Committee served ice cold watermelons, and awaiting in the ante rooms were a goodly number of the greatest Auxiliary in the world (No. 3) ready to help enjoy the luscious fruit.

At the battle of Cannae during the Punic wars the Romans were practically annihilated, and the loss of citizens was perhaps greater than in any other defeat that befell the republic. The field army numbered 85,000.

WISCONSIN

Herbert S. Siggelko, 22 N. Carroll St., Madison; E. S. McKay, 473 Cass St., Milwaukee, Department Press Correspondents.

"MAKE IT ONE THOUSAND OR MORE!"

Explanation.

The undersigned is an optimist. He sees nothing but doughnut, no hole in it. Whenever he looks at a setting hen he sees a yard full of chicks. At the head of this column has appeared "2000 and more," meaning thereby that we wanted that many members at the end of the particular administration. Now we are moderate and "1000 or more" appears.

Dept. Organizer Kremer has called on us a couple of times and he has laid such comprehensive plans and talked so much about S. U. V. Camps almost ready to hatch out and methods of getting in recruits, and we know his ability to line up so well, if he will be able to give it time and attention, that we now turn prophet for a moment and predict we will have 1000 or more by June of next year. If we don't have we want the Dept. Organizer to treat us to malted milk at the Encampment—vanilla flavor. If we do have 1000 or more we want him to treat anyway. Brethren, make up your minds to reach 1000 or more, and work for it. Our Order is as great a secular order as any in existence. Boost it! —H. S. S.

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On to Cincinnati!

The G. A. R. Encampment at Cincinnati will begin Aug. 24. It is one of the very few remaining G. A. R. Encampments. Every brother who can possibly do so should go. The run from Wisconsin is not so very far, a day to two days by auto will get you there and the roads are splendid.

Lumber up the old bus and meet us at the National Encampment. On to Cincinnati! —H. S. S.

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Madison Camp Visited.

Despite the fact that the weather is hot and vacation season is on, this Camp meets twice monthly. A goodly percentage of the membership attends.

Our Camp has been highly honored in that Dept. Com. Collier visited us, first Camp he visited aside from his own, of course. We tried to entertain him in proper style. Dept. Com. Collier, a cut of whom and a real write-up we hope to give in some issue of The Banner, is a very sincere Brother and is a person who wants to play the game fairly. He offered good remarks but he did stress the need of harmony and the necessity of getting behind and co-operating with officers elected.

Dept. Org. Kremer, P. D. C., also visited this Camp, of which he was long a member and the first Camp with which he became affiliated when mustered. His remarks centered largely about the proposed plan for Camps to increase membership by allowing a portion of the muster fee to such as bring in members, the members of affiliated orders to also receive such percentage. This plan will doubtless be widely adopted and has been tried by our Camp. We expect much from Brother Kremer. He has said that he is going to take off coat, vest, and even unbutton his shirt, and hop to it. Yes, make it at least 1000 or more.—H. S. S.

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Organization Fund.

Some years ago the undersigned succeeded in putting through a resolution at a Dept. Encampment in accordance with the terms of which a percentage of all muster fees paid by those who were charter members of a new Camp was placed in the organization fund. A good deal of work was done under that plan

VERMONT

S. F. Bradford, Dept. Press Correspondent, 79 North St., Rutland, Vt.

The 48th annual Encampment of the Sons was held at St. Albans in connection with those of the G. A. R. and other patriotic bodies, June 10, 11 and 12. Notable among the features of the three day convention was the parade on Wednesday followed by the largely attended campfire held in the City Hall.

The following officers were elected at the Encampment: Com., Frank W. Sault, St. Albans; Sr. Vice, C. K. Cameron, Northfield; Jr. Vice, W. W. Farr, St. Johnsbury Center. Council, G. A. LaDuke, Burlington; R. F. Brittan, Northfield, and T. T. Lamphere, North Calais.

Staff appointments were as follows: Pat. Inst., A. C. Braddish, Perkinsville; Chap., F. C. Prentiss, Burlington; Counselor, G. M. Hogan, St. Albans; Organizer, G. T. Brigham, Barre; Press Cor., S. F. Bradford, Rutland.

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G. A. R. Commander Honored.

Lt. C. D. Williams Camp No. 16 and their Auxilliary, of Northfield, tendered a reception to the newly elected Commander of Vt. Dept. G. A. R. Friday evening, June 27, in the Armory Hall. Dept. Com. and Mrs. Holden were assisted in receiving by Comrade Hogan, a Civil War Veteran; W. C. Middlebrook, representing the citizens; H. D. Hall, Camp Com.; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Britan, representing the State Am. Legion and the "Forty and Eight;" Mrs. Eva Hatch, Pres. of the Aux.; Mrs. Ward Jones, Pres. of the Legion Aux.; Past Dept. Com. C. C. Rollins of Barre; Mrs. Rollins, Past Pres. of the Aux.; William Morrill, Vice Com. of the Am. Legion, and Mrs. R. Britan, Dept. Alternate for the Aux.

Mr. Middlebrook, as Chairman, paid high tribute to Com. Holden and extended to him as the honored guest of the evening the hearty congratulations of those present as well as from the citizens of Northfield.

A very pleasing program was carried out consisting of readings and songs, interspersed with selections by the Northfield Cornet Band, and remarks by those representing the various organizations present.

During the evening a telegram from Gov. Weeks brought congratulations from the state of Vermont to Com. Holden. In behalf of Williams Camp and Auxilliary Bro. R. F. Britan presented Com. Holden with a brief case and Mrs. Holden with a red, white and blue bouquet.

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Camp 4, Rutland.

Monday evening, July 14, a uniformed degree team from Camp 4 visited Brandon Camp and put on the initiatory work. A large delegation of the ladies and Sons from Rutland and Middlebury were present, as was Dept. Com. Sault from St. Albans.

The ladies of the Brandon Auxilliary served a splendid supper at 6:30, and after the degree work the visitors all attended the Auxilliary meeting.

and enough money was raised to make it self supporting, or practically so. The Dept. Council now has the matter in hand and has arranged to turn over a certain sum on payments thus made to the Organization Fund. The principle is the same as that formerly laid down but the proportion of fee taken varies from it. In our rather lengthy type written report made at Eau Claire the subscribed recommended the plan, also, likewise suggested that money might be raised through entertainments, movies and slides of a historical, patriotic nature, and the like. Personally we have raised money that way. We must have a fund.—H. S. S.

CONNECTICUT

James D. Hislop, Dept. Press Correspondent, 61 Carmel Street, New Haven, Conn.

Hero and Good Samaritan.

Ire Dutton was born at Stowe, Vt., April 27, 1843. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company E, 13th Wisconsin Volunteers, for service in the Civil War. He was promoted to the rank of Captain. After the war he aided the Government in collecting and burying the bodies of the falling Comrades. He devoted years in assisting Comrades who came out of the War broken in health and unable to earn a living. He settled in Tennessee. Suddenly he entered the Trappist Monastery in Kentucky. He heard of the sacrifices of Rev. Father Damien among the lepers of Molokai Island and joined him there. Three years later Father Damien died. Captain Dutton took up the work. By good care and cleanliness he escaped the dreadful disease. Now, after 44 years of service, this Civil War Veteran is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Calu with eye affliction.

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Camp 1, New Haven.

Nathan Hale Camp has gained one new member by the reinstatement plan and has the pleasure of introducing Brother Omar E. Bennett, an old time member.

Camp 1 has seven members with continuous membership over twenty-five years, and five members over twenty-three years.

Com. R. C. C. Smith, while making arrangements for his vacation, was bit by a spider which nearly cost him his life. After getting well, his wife who was under the doctor's care had a shock which will prevent Smith from visiting Camps.—Jas. D. Hislop, Cor.

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Camp 20, New London.

On June 12 we were favored with many visitors from Camp 6, Dept. of R. I., and Auxilliary. Refreshments were served, dancing was enjoyed, and the cordial feelings existing between the two Camps were further strengthened. The visit was returned one week later.

We take great pleasure in introducing Bros. Geo. Stillman and Edw. McGlavin, initiated since the Dept. Encampment.

Work for the day is drawing near for that class initiation by the Past Dept. Commanders at Meriden, Oct. 11, with Charles L. Upham Camp No. 7, the officers to be all Past Department Commanders.—Camp Cor.

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Camp 26, Derby.

A feature of the June meeting, in keeping with Flag Day, was a tableau which was presented by T. L. Otto of Seymour, who was assisted by four members of the Ansonia Auxilliary. The four ladies unfolded the history of Old Glory with a large American Flag, which was unveiled in the center of the hall. Comrade Morgan Atwater of Admiral Post No. 17, New Haven, told the Comrades of the Post it was the nicest recitation on the Flag they had the pleasure to witness.

Bortrand De Forest, who is in charge of the work of making and listing Veteran's graves, which is being done under the auspices of the Camp, is endeavoring to locate the unmarked grave of a Nathan Mansfield, a Revolutionary War Veteran, who according to records, is buried in Oak Cliff Cemetery.

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Camp 17, New Haven.

The June meeting of Admiral Foote Camp was an interesting one; the work that had been performed on Memorial Day was discussed and plans were made to do even better work next year.

Notice was given the members that Flags will be put on the Veterans' graves again in November.—Wm. J. Thomas, Cor.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Mrs. Ida B. Lange, Nat. Pres., 93 Orient Way, Rutherford, N. J.; Miss Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor., Dwight, Ill.

NOTICE

Following the usual custom the edition of The Banner following the Natl. encampment is considered the Convention Number, this year the September number will be the Convention Number and the two pages in The Banner containing Auxilliary news will in that month contain a report of the natl. convention to be held in Cincinnati, O., the week of Aug. 24.

Aux. and Dept. Press Correspondents are requested to bear this in mind and not send any new items for that month.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking each and every Correspondent for news sent during the year so soon to close. Without your help and co-operation we could have done nothing. Your assistance has been much appreciated.—Loyally yours, Jean M. Thole, Natl. Press Cor.

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NATL. ENCAMPMENT

The Natl. Encampment of the Aux. to the Sons of Union Veterans will be held in conjunction with that of the allied patriotic societies in Cincinnati, O., the week of Aug. 24. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Metropole. All Aux. members who can possibly attend should do so. Railroad rates of one fare for the round trip has been granted, certificate plan.

Natl. Pres. Ida B. Lange will preside at the sessions of the Aux. She has recently returned from an extended western trip during which time she visited practically all of the far western Departments and a number of those situated in the mid-west. Her visits were much appreciated and gave inspiration to the Auxs. and Departs.

Various social events have been planned for the entertainment of those attending the convention at Cincinnati.

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CANDIDATE NAT'L. PRES. W. E. C.

Aux. members will be much interested in the candidacy of Past Natl. Pres. Kate G. Raynor, whose name will be presented at the convention at Cincinnati for the office of Natl. Pres. of the Womens Relief Corps. Sis. Raynor's devotion and love for the work of our order and the W. R. C., as well as that of the allied organizations, and indeed everything that savors of patriotism, is well known and she would make a splendid efficient Natl. Pres. Best wishes for success in her candidacy is hoped for by each and every member of our order.

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CONNECTICUT WINS.

On Jan. 1, 1930, following a custom of several years' standing, your National Chairman made an offer of \$10.00 to the Dept. making the largest contribution per capita to the G. A. R. Memorial Fund.

For the past two years the prize has been won by the Dept. of Connecticut, and we are pleased to announce that they have again crossed the line with a percentage of .094 with Michigan following very closely with .091. The amount has been forwarded to the Nat. Treas. to be placed to the credit of the Connecticut Dept.—Celeste D. Gentieu, National Chairman.

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HONOR ROLL.

The following Sisters have secured five new members: Illinois—M. Yelland, B. Goekler, Fay Partlow, Opal Gustafson, Cora M. Howard. Indiana—

Jessie Wise, Jessie LaDour. California—Mary Mathews. Colorado—A. M. Steinhilber, M. B. Jones. Maryland—C. D. Gentieu, E. May Gentieu. Massachusetts—Ida Hardy. Michigan—Libbie Cornell. Pennsylvania—Ruth Haines. New York—Alice F. Jones. Washington—Elizabeth Snider. Nebraska—Alta Slonecker.

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California.

Ontario. The Aux. No. 18 and Camp celebrated their fifth anniversary May 13 in W. O. W. Hall at a birthday dinner. A color scheme of red, white and blue was used for the table decorations and two handsome birthday cakes graced the board. Aols Podrasnik, G. A. R. Post Comd., for whom our Aux. and Camp is named, was the special guest of honor. Many other prominent guests from the membership of the two orders were present. A delicious chicken dinner was served. A number of the special guests spoke interestingly.

Pasadena. Aux. No. 3 and Camp No. 7 held a delightful reception for Dept. Pres. Mary M. Mathews and Dept. Comd. Eugene Somerby and their staffs, in Patriotic Hall, where a large crowd assembled. An interesting program of music and readings was given. Expressions of gratitude were made to Sisters Daisy Kerr and Ida Hansen, chairman, for the success of the evening.

Fresno. Aux. No. 6 has elected Mrs. Joseph Pickens as Patriotic Instructor to fill the place of Sis. Stull, who has moved to Redding. Sis Ina Cobbe was installed as Chaplain to fill the unexpired term of Mary Brooks, who resigned on account of ill health. The Aux. donated \$5 toward the flag which was dedicated July 4 to the memory of fallen soldiers of the nation and to mark the geographical center of Calif., which is Fresno. The Aux. observed Flag day in an appropriate way. A number of the Sons were present and refreshments were served.

Los Angeles. Rosecrans Aux. No. 2 had the honor of entertaining Natl. Pres. Ida B. Lange on May 19 at a pot-luck dinner held in Patriotic Hall, followed by a joint reception by the Aux. and Camp. Guests at the reception besides Natl. Pres. Lange included Dept. Pres. Mary M. Mathews and staff, Past Natl. Pres. Mamie M. Deems, who is now Dept. Dist. Aide No. 2, and Dept. Special Aide Nina Wilson; Dept. Comd. Eugene E. Somerby, Dept. S. V. Comd. Fred I. Dunster; Dept. Secy. C. F. Kler, and Past Comd.-in-Chief P. A. Barrows, all of the S. of U. V. also were honored guests. A short program was given, including an original poem by Treas. Mary Young, dedicated to our Natl. Pres. Natl. Pres. Lange was the recipient of many gifts. Punch and cake was served. Our Aux. and Camp observed Memorial and Decoration days and also Flag Day in an appropriate way.—Margaret Cooke, Dept. Press Cor.

Massachusetts.

Abington—Aux. 67 recently entertained the blind residents of the town, five of the nine attending the function in G. A. R. hall. A supper, social and dance was given; besides the blind residents, many of the Dept. officers of the Aux. and Sons were present. The entertaining of the blind is certainly worthwhile work for giving a few hours of happiness to sightless ones is surely "casting bread upon the water."

Wakefield—Aux. 13 held a penny auction and social at their first meeting in June. The annual Memorial service was held jointly with Camp 34, the Auxilliary ritual service being used. The Aux. voted to assist the W. R. C. No. 69 in preparing their annual Memorial Day dinner. Delegates were appointed by the Pres., Mrs. Mary L. Warren, to visit the schools at their Memorial exercises. The Pres., Mrs. Warren, attended the reception tendered

to Mrs. Annie Santos, Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in Dorchester.

West Bridgewater—Aux. 62 held their 6th annual roll call in May and nineteen sisters responded. A splendid supper was served and a large birthday cake made by one of the sisters was the centerpiece on the table, which was decorated with pink streamers and bouquets of yellow Jonquils. A program and meeting followed.—Bernice Barnes, Dept. Press Cor.

Maryland.

Wilmington, Del.—Aux. 2 held a rummage sale which netted \$20. We initiated two new members in May. We observed Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day appropriately. At our June meeting Flag Day was celebrated by readings. Since our meeting, Death has entered the homes of the Sisters. Bro. Alfred Denney died June 21, the result of a fall while at work, and Comrade Pierre Gentieu, who suffered a stroke, answered his last roll call on June 22. Military funerals were held for each, Wednesday, the 25th.

Washington, D. C.—Aux. 4 participated in the exercises at the Grant Statue in Botanical Gardens in commemoration of the Birthday of General Grant, April 27, and also participated in the Massing of the Colors at the National Cathedral on May 26. On Memorial Day, the Aux. assisted the Camp in the exercises held at Holy Rood and Oak Hill Cemeteries. On June 1, Cushing Camp and Aux. assisted with the Memorial exercises held in the National Cemetery at Alexandria, Va. The Camp and Aux. feel that a great honor has been conferred upon them in that the Dept. Com. and the Dept. Pres. of the Aux. are members of this Camp and Aux. On June 21 the Camp and Aux. gave a reception in honor of these newly elected officers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Davis, Takoma Park, D. C. A delightful program was rendered and Com. Taylor, and Sis. Bergner, Dept. Pres., received the congratulations and good wishes of all present.—Rama Niemeyer, Dept. Press Cor., 213 High St., Hagerstown, Md.

New Jersey.

Our annual Encampment was held at Asbury Park June 18-20. All Dept. officers were present, three Past Nat. Presidents, 16 Past Dept. Presidents, and 126 delegates, a representative gathering. Past Dept. Pres. Mary L. Loewenstein, of New York, represented most acceptably our Nat. Pres. Ida B. Lange. Past Nat. Pres. Katie E. Carr, Anna E. Keena, P. D. Chief-of-Staff Clara Gallagher, P. D. Pres. Sally Thompson, Mrs. Anna Seaman and Mrs. Richards, of Pa.; Past Nat. Pres. Mayme E. Dwyer, Nat. Aux. Counselor Bro. Julius Isaacs and Sis. Rose Isaacs, of New York, were our honored guests and helped to make our sessions more enjoyable. Nat. Sec. Stella Brooks Owen, Past Nat. Pres. Molly D. Hammar, Mary L. Trede and Elizabeth Hansen were also guests of the Dept. at the reception and banquet.

Dept. Pres. Katherine Bolan read a splendid and most interesting report. Sister Bolan was loved and respected by her entire Dept. and gave a year of unstinted effort to further our better interests. Her report closed with "Her Will," a most delightful document in which was given to us all the good things we can ever hope to have, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. All Dept. officers were highly commended for the reports submitted, special praise being bestowed upon Dept. Chief-of-Staff Mary Carnay who so successfully raised a large sum to carry on organization work, and who also carried out so splendidly the plans for the reception, dinner and dance and to Dept. Pat. Inst. Virginia Knowles whose patriotic work will be an incentive to her successor. Sis. Knowles also succeeded in raising several hundred dollars for use in patriotic work. Books of Dept. Sec. Katharine Bolan, Jr., and Dept. Treas. Alwina Gerhardt

were models of their kind and won for them both heartiest praise. With Past Dept. Pres. Hattie Wymbs in charge, the D. P. P. exemplified the ritualistic work most acceptably. In her charming way, Nat. Sec. Stella Owen presented Sis. Wymbs with a gift of gold—a token from the Past Dept. Presidents.

Thursday evening the Dept. tendered a reception to the Dept. officers of both organizations; this was followed by a delightful dinner at which the Dept. Com. Bro. Edgar, Dept. Pres. Katherine Bolan, Nat. Rep. Mary L. Loewenstein, and all visiting Auxiliaries were guests. Short speeches were given by Dept. and Past Nat. Officers after which several members of Aux. No. 2, Union City, put on a clever and screamingly funny stunt. Dancing followed. Friday's sessions were full of interest, and we were highly honored to receive several members of the New Jersey Dept. of the G. A. R., who were accompanied by their Com.-in-Chief, Comrade Edwin J. Foster, of Mass. Com.-in-Chief Foster gave us one of his kindly interesting talks as did the other Comrades. The usual committees were received from the Allied Orders. A committee of Past Dept. Coms., headed by Bro. Theodore Jones, made a happy break in routine business. They also brought to us Past Com.-in-Chief Walter Mable, who gave us one of his characteristic talks and Nat. Council Bro. Fred Hansen, who spoke to us in his usual earnest way.

In behalf of the Encampment, Sis. Molly Hammer presented Dept. Pres. Bolan with a very lovely diamond ring, a gift well bestowed. Sis. Bolan received many other gifts from sisters of the Dept.

Resolutions were adopted forwarding the sum of \$100 to the Nat. Pat. Inst. Cora Shelton for her flag fund; \$100 to Nat. Chief-of-Staff Cora Swartz for her organization fund. One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for entertaining the veteran guests at the Kearney and Vineland Homes; the usual amount—\$50—was tendered to the G. A. R. Dept. and specially appointed convention officers were remembered as usual. Election of officers resulted as follows:

Dept. Pres., Elizabeth Sparks, Pedricktown; V. P., Amy Bell, Paterson; Sec., Leona Dolbow, Penns Grove; Treas., Arda Roberts, Penns Grove; Council: Katherine Bolan, Orange; Ruth Daly, Elizabeth; Margaret Corb, Nutley; Chap., Frances Simons, Union City; Pat. Inst., Sara Peak, Atlantic City; Insp., Edna Lamber, Trenton; I. & I. Of., Margaret Donohue, Montclair; Press Cor., Molly D. Hammer, Reading, Pa.; Chief-of-Staff, Mary Stout, Mercerville; Per. Aide, Anna Layman, Penns Grove; Counselor, Joseph Layman, Penns Grove. These officers were installed by Past Nat. Pres. Elizabeth Hansen—Molly D. Hammer, Dept. Press Cor.; 1353 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, Pa.

#### New York.

The Dept. Encamp. of the Aux. to S. U. V. was held in Jamestown in June and was a wonderful convention from beginning to end. Dept. Pres. Eunice M. Goodrich presided most ably at all the sessions. She had a splendid year and made a fine record. The following Dept. officers were elected, appointed and installed: Dept. Pres., Mary Kryger, Maspeth, L. I.; V. P., Mae Taggart, Batavia; Sec., Emma M. Travers, Brooklyn; Treas., Nellie Stone, Jamestown; Council: Eunice M. Goodrich, Syracuse; Eda J. Klingler, Rochester; Lottie Barrett, Elmira. Pat. Inst., Kathleen Graulich, Peekskill; Chap., Susie Smith, Schoenectady; Insp., Charlotte M. Bailey, Green Island; I. & I. Of., Maud Halpin, Long Island City; Press Cor., Alice Birkle, Port Richmond; Chief-of-Staff, Agnes Synder, Rensselaer; Counselor, Isidore Lang, N. Y. City.

Syracuse—Aux. 25 together with other allied organizations made wreaths at the State Armory and attended G. A. R. services at Uni-

versity M. E. Church on Memorial Day. Lilly Post 66 celebrated their 16th anniversary with a dinner at the Yates Hotel and Sons who have held offices for several years were presented with gifts by the Pres. of the Aux.

Brooklyn, Aux. 51—Past Pres. and Past Dept. Press Cor. Sis. Emma Travers, having been appointed Dept. Sec. to Dept. Pres. Kryger, was honored by a reception on the night of June 10. Our Pres. congratulated her and wished her success in her new endeavors. Sis. Travers after regaining her composure expressed her gratitude to the assembled guests and also gave a brief resume of her wonderful trip to the convention at Jamestown. Several gifts were presented and accepted with deep appreciation.

Port Richmond—Aux. 26 tendered Sis. Alice E. Birkle with a miscellaneous shower, which was largely attended, and many beautiful gifts were presented her. By the time this paper is received Sis. Birkle will have changed her name through marriage to Sis. Alice Smith, 154 Park Ave., Port Richmond, S. I., and she is our new Dept. Press Correspondent.

#### Pennsylvania.

The 47 annual encampment of Penna. Dept. Aux. to S. U. V. was held at New Castle, June 17 to 19. Dept. Pres. Clara Samuels of Aux. 28 of Allentown presided. All Dept. officers were present.

We had a very pleasant encamp. and while we did not organize any new aux., we showed a very prosperous year's work. All dept. officers gave very splendid reports. We exchanged fraternal greetings with all allied organizations.

We were most happy to have with us Past Natl. Pres. Maymo Dwyer, who represented the Natl. organization and who conveyed to us the greetings of the Natl. also her personal greetings and complimented our Dept. on our progress.

We also had with us our faithful friend and Sister, Past Natl. Pres. Molly Hammer, whose kind and loving words are always an inspiration to us all.

Past Natl. Pres. Libbie Meis, our efficient Dept. Treas. and co-worker for thirty years, resigned her office on account of poor health.

The Dept. presented Sis. Meis with a gift of gold as a token of love and appreciation.

The following Dept. officers were installed by Past Natl. Pres. Sister Anna F. Keene:

Dept. Pres: Nellie Wentzel, Uniontown; Vice Pres.: Jennie Lightcap, Philadelphia; Council: Irene Eoute, Mt. Carmel, Mary Smith, Philadelphia, Mabel Richards, Oil City; P. I., Bertha Dougherty, New Castle; Chap., May Frankenfield, Nazareth; Inspec., Bertha Oehmler, Pittsburg; I. and I. Of., Annie Davenport, Williamsport; Treasurer, Marie Seipp, Philadelphia; Sec'y, Ida Belle Wallace, Uniontown; Chief of Staff, Ethel Marshall, Hazelton; Press Cor., Mabel Burger, Philadelphia. Many gifts of love and appreciation were presented during the session.

Encampment closed to meet in Lancaster in 1931.

Aux. No. 4, Philadelphia, was highly honored by the appointment of Mabel Burger as Dept. Press Cor., and in appreciation of the same, the Aux. tendered a surprise reception on her return home from the New Castle convention, at the Hall on June 25th, which the Dept. Officers and a very large number of members attended. Sis. Burger was presented with a substantial gift of gold by the members for which she was thankful and assured them that during her term of office she would endeavor to uphold the duties to the best of her ability.

Lancaster—Aux. 19 held their first social of the year on Feb. 19 in the form of a Lincoln and Washington Birthday Program, which consisted of the singing of patriotic songs, recitations, reading, and addresses. May 20

our second anniversary was celebrated with a banquet at Hotel Brunswick. It was presided over by the Pres., and the toastmistress was Martha E. Sprenger. A very delightful program was given to approximately 105 persons present. The program was interspersed with the singing of patriotic and community songs and a song for the Aux. composed by the Sec. was introduced at this time as a surprise to all. The Pres. was also presented with a bouquet of roses from her quartette. A check was also presented to Bro. Aument for the price of a uniform for the Reserve. We have taken in nineteen new members since the Nat. Encamp. at Portland and are busy assisting the Camp purchasing suits for the Reserves and Drum Corps which is being organized.

Phila. Aux. 200 on June 26th, held a joint reception with Camp No. 200, in honor of our Dept. Officers: Marie K. Seipp, Aux. Dept. Treas., Wm. R. McGirr, Dept. Sec., Walter C. Mable, Asst. Secy., and Edwin Prittle, Dept. Chief of Staff. Aux. 200 is very proud of Sis. Seipp and know she will try and fill her duties as capably as did her successor, Sis. Libbie Meis, who resigned on account of ill health. After spending a very happy time with our guests, we served a lovely banquet.—Mrs. Mabel R. Burger, Dept. Press Cor., 5116 Ranstead St., Philadelphia.

#### Washington.

The ninth Annual Encamp. of the Dept. of Washington, Aux. to S. of U. V. was held in Yakima June 16, 17, and 18, with Catharine Hammond, Dept. Pres. presiding. Our Natl. Pres., Sis. Ida B. Lange, was in session with us and enjoyed by everyone. The mem<sup>s</sup> the Aux. and Sons met with the mem<sup>s</sup> the members of the G. A. R. in a body.

The Natl. Pres. led the Aux. in the parade on Wednesday afternoon.

One accomplishment of the Encamp. was the organization of Lincoln Camp in Yakima with every promise of an Aux. soon.

Mrs. Stella Egbert, of Bellingham, was elected Pres. of the Aux. and Ralph Richardson, of the same city, Dept. Com. of the Sons. Following the Encamp., the Natl. Pres. was the guest for three days of the Hammonds in Everett. A trip to Mt. Baker Natl. Park was an enjoyable feature of Sister Lange's visit while in Washington.

#### Wisconsin.

The 17th annual convention of the Aux. to the S. U. V., Wis. Dept., was held in Eau Claire, June 9-12, at the same time that the conventions of the allied patriotic organizations were held. Our convention was a success in every way. Dept. Pres. Daisy M. Scott presiding most graciously at all the business sessions. The following officers were elected for the new year: Dept. Pres., Mrs. Adella Schatz, Plymouth; V. P., Antoinette Cook, Racine; Council: Daisy Scott, Madison; Minnie Groth, Madison; Mable McIntyre, Beloit. Treas., Theresa Staff, Sheboygan; Pat. Inst., Minnie Barrows, Eau Claire; Chap., Edith Roby, Superior; Insp., Nellie Smith, Sheboygan; I. & I. Of., Helen Miller, Janesville; Press Cor., Sarah Scoville, LaCrosse; Chief-of-Staff, Amanda Flemmer, LaCrosse; Counselor, Com. Collier, Union Grove; Sec., Clara Koebel, Plymouth.

LaCrosse—Our Aux. is getting along splendidly. We have nice meetings and entertainments and card parties every two weeks. We work together and have made quite a sum of money which we hope to put to some good use.

Milwaukee—To help some of the members of the Death Benefit of the organization to keep up their payments, Aux. 4 gave a dinner and card party July 24. They will also hold their annual picnic at Cushing Memorial Park on Aug. 17. A special car has been chartered to take all to the Park from Milwaukee.—Sarah Scoville, Dept. Press Cor., 1620 Jackson St., LaCrosse, Wis.