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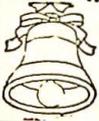
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## Holiday Greetings



From the Commander-in-Chief

As we approach the holiday season it is the hope of the Commander-in-Chief that all the members of our Order will enter into the spirit of Christmas with much cheer and optimism. The spirit of friendship is expressed by the interchange of greeting cards or by gifts of remembrance. Christmas thus is one time during the year when we renew friendships and show our friends the esteem in which we hold them. This splendid spirit should be emulated by the members of our great Organization, founded upon such fine fraternal principles and purposes as is ours. While we remember these friends of ours, let us not forget to include the Veterans or their widows who are still with us, either by a personal visit or a small remembrance. Christmas is a time of the year that seems to transform people and things with a spirit unapproached by any other institution or festival. It makes optimists of everybody.

Then as we enter upon the new year of 1935, let us all carry that same spirit of optimism into our work for the Organization, determined to overcome the obstacles with which we have been confronted during the past few trying years. Our fathers faced conditions equally as bad and overcame them, and so should we.

The new year should be a year of great awakening and activity, and be one of greater prosperity to our Order. This can only be accomplished by the co-operation of the entire membership in whole-heartedly and unitedly exerting itself to that end. Remindful of our heritage, let us be alert to the opportunities that are ours, and prove to our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, that their faith in us has not been misplaced.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 12

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

Office of the Commander-in-Chief
20 Burr Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

December 1, 1934.

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS—C. & R.

Some Dept. Commanders are reported as NOT having promulgated to their Camps the inserts or printed amendments (stickers) to the Regulations—C. & R., as adopted at the 1934 Rochester Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. These were supplied to Departments and Dept. Commanders and Secretaries will see that they are issued to their Camps without further delay.

BONDS—CAMP OFFICERS.

Attention is directed to Chapter 5, General Regulations, Article 1, pages 41-43 of the C. & R., relating to bonds of Camp Officers. This provision must be complied with in all Camps, and it is the duty of the Officers designated to furnish such bonds, and those responsible therefor to see that bonds are furnished.

INSTALLATION REPORTS.

Installing Officers must not delay their Reports of Camp Officers installed—but promptly and without delay forward such Report to Dept. Headquarters. This must be complied with for good business and functioning of Camp Officers. It is to be hoped that such as have been honored and considered reliable to perform the installation ceremonies need not be reminded again of their neglect and delay in sending in these Reports.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

This has been forwarded to all Departments having paid per capita tax and forwarded Reports for Quarter ending September 30, 1934. Same will be furnished to all Camps forwarding Reports and per capita tax (and Installing Officers' Reports) for Quarter ending December 31, 1934. Dept. Commanders are directed to send same with receipt for per capita tax and acknowledgment of Installing Officers' Report.

Camp Commanders will see that only Members in good standing December 31, 1934, receive the new password and countersign—effective January 1, 1935. The present password and countersign will NOT admit a member to a Camp after the new password and countersign is issued.

CAMP SECRETARY—TREASURER REPORTS.

Dept. Commanders will make every effort to secure Reports of Camp Secretary and Treasurer, with per capita tax for Quarter ending December 31, 1934, promptly. Delinquent or dilatory Camp Officers should be communicated with, or Dept. Officers detailed to visit such Camps and procure Reports with tax.

Camp Commanders are directed to see that their Secretary and Treasurer Reports, with per capita tax for said Quarter, are forwarded to Department Headquarters AT THE LAST MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Camp Council Members can readily audit accounts and pass upon books and status of finances and standing of members up to and prior to last meeting of a Camp, and should see that this is done to the end that Reports and per capita tax is forwarded to Dept. Headquarters the last meeting in a Quarter.

EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF FEDERAL TAX.

Relative to payment of Federal tax on tickets of admission to entertainments, incident to raising funds under certain conditions, under date of July 18, 1934, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., rendered a decision (reported by the Legislative Committee of 1933-1934 to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, Rochester, N. Y., 1934):

That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are entitled to exemption from tax on admissions to entertainments, the proceeds of which inure exclusively to its benefit.

Accordingly, tickets of admission to entertainments conducted by Camps, as defined, are exempt from Federal tax. Internal

Revenue Officials should be conferred with, where affairs of this character are conducted by Camps desiring exemption from such tax.

DEATH OF MOTHER OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of Mrs. Mary Frances Heintz, mother of National Counselor Michael G. Heintz, at Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 18, 1934, at the age of 86 years. To Brother Heintz and his family is extended the heartfelt sympathy of the entire organization in this great loss.

OUR AUXILIARY.

It should be as gratifying to all the members of our Organization, as it is to me, to note the very great interest the National President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Sautter, is manifesting in our behalf, besides her sincere desire to build a larger and more active membership in her own organization.

It was my very great pleasure to commend her efforts in a campaign to secure more Auxiliaries and members. I earnestly urge all Dept. Commanders to whom she has written to co-operate with their respective Dept. Presidents and her officers in this very commendable effort. I feel sure that our Organization will benefit a great deal by their work.

In comparing the list of losses of Camps and members and Auxiliaries and members for the past five years, as compiled by Mrs. Sautter, it is to our humiliation to note that ours has been the greater. Let us correct this condition and work with our Auxiliary in stopping these losses, and building up both of our Organizations.

NEW CAMP.

Application for New Camp—No. 7, Pueblo, Colo., Department of Colorado & Wyoming, with fifteen applicants, was approved November 28, 1934.

CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED.

Camps Disbanded and Dropped Quarter ending September 30, 1934, their Charters revoked, and of which Department Secretaries will make record accordingly are:

- Ohio—Dropped Camps No. 35, Kinsman, with.....27 members
104, Piqua, with.....12 members
141, Glouster, with.....13 members

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 3.

Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1934:
Receipts:
October 31, 1934, To Balance .....\$ 172.77
Received for Per Capita Tax (Sept. Quarter, 1934)..\$2215.39
Charter Fees ..... 5.00
Supplies ..... 181.37
Miscellaneous ..... 1.22
Total Receipts ..... \$2402.98
Expenditures:
By General Expenses: Supplies, Subscription The
Banner, October-November, Inc. ....\$ 897.80
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ..... 121.32
Total Expenditures ..... \$1019.12
November 30, 1934, Balance .....\$1556.63

CONSOLIDATED REPORT—NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Standing of Camps and Members, Quarter Ending:
June 30, 1934 September 30, 1934
Departments: Camps Members Camps Members
Alabama & Tennessee ..... 15 250 15 250
California & Pacific ..... 19 569 20 577
Colorado & Wyoming ..... 11 245 11 253
Connecticut ..... 32 1480 32 1442
Illinois ..... 29 884 29 875
Indiana ..... 23 785 28 805
Iowa ..... 17 347 20 348
Kansas ..... 20 380 20 385
Maine ..... 37 1176 37 1111
Maryland ..... 14 473 17 502
Massachusetts ..... 125 5111 125 5010
Michigan ..... 21 540 21 493
Minnesota ..... 10 256 10 256
Missouri ..... 10 301 10 283
\*Nebraska ..... 13 250 23 777
New Hampshire ..... 23 768 26 1006
New Jersey ..... 26 1053 26 3077
New York ..... 83 3099 84 3098
Ohio ..... 73 2170 70 2098

Table with columns for State, Camps, and Members. Includes Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, \*Washington, Wisconsin, Total, \*Nebraska, \*Washington.

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Table with columns for GAIN, LOSS, Camps, and Members. Includes Number in good standing at date of last report, Gained by Organization and Initiation, Gained by Transfer, Gained by Reinstatement from dropped, Aggregate, By Camps Disbanded, By Death, By Honorable Discharge, By Transfer.

Table with columns for By Dropped, By Suspended—Nebraska, Washington, Total Loss, Number in Good Standing, Amount in Department Treasuries, Expended for Relief, Number Members or Families Relieved, Veterans.

Your Commander-in-Chief wishes for every member of our Order a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and on behalf of our entire membership I extend to Commander-in-Chief Stacey, of the G. A. R., and the members of his organization, as well as the heads of the other allied bodies and their members, our sincere, cordial wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By order of
FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
Commander-in-Chief.

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Rev. Arthur M. Soule, National Chaplain,
Harrisville, Rhode Island.

How fast the weeks roll around. It seems as though the letter for this column is hardly mailed to our genial friend, Editor Holbrook, before the same appears in the columns of The Banner, and then it is time to write another. As one brother to another, I am mightily interested in knowing how many of the brothers of our organization read our official organ, The Banner. I know that a goodly per centage of the Department and Camp officers read it carefully, and I also have evidence that the rank and file of the membership reads it, judging from the letters that your National Officers receive.

It may be possible that the great majority of our members do not take the time to read it; if they did we should have a much better and stronger organization than we do. Some brothers that we meet say they never get their copy. I believe that this number is small as compared with the number that does receive it; and furthermore in most instances I wonder if after all it isn't the fault of the brothers who do not receive it. Report the matter to your Camp Secretary, and he in turn will, if the member is in good standing in the Camp, report the name of the brother to the Dept. Secretary, and that officer will report the name to the publisher, and he in turn will see that the name is on the mailing list.

Of course it is possible that copies are lost in the mails, but I have this testimony to bear, that ever since The Banner became the official organ I have had only two or three copies go astray; but I have always been able to get hold of a copy so that I could read the current news.

Those brothers who say they never find anything of interest in The Banner should make a more constructive criticism of the paper, and either write something interesting, or write the editor and suggest what he thinks would make it a better paper. Any progressive editor always welcomes such letters.

Speaking of letters from brothers who read The Banner I have had several this month, but I am going to speak of one in particular in passing. It was from Henry

Dietel, a member of the Dept. of Pennsylvania, now in business at Bennington, Vt.

Brother Dietel writes me that he has been a member of the Order 51 years, which is seven years longer than I have belonged, but perhaps he is that much older than I, for as a matter of fact I joined just as soon as I became of eligible age. He states he has been collecting National and State Encampment badges for 47 years and that he has one from every State except Maine and Rhode Island. I was able to supply him one from my collection that has been kept as a souvenir of the Maine Encampments, and I have put him in touch with the Dept. of Rhode Island in the hope one from Little Rhody can be found for him.

Speaking of reading The Banner I was interested to read in the last issue an item in the Iowa Department news in the Auxiliary section. It told about holding a "kensington" at Waterloo, Iowa. That is a new one on me. I fail to find any clue in the dictionary. Wouldn't it be fine if some one would write an item for The Banner telling about a "kensington." In such ways we get ideas that are helpful. That was also a very interesting item on the Auxiliary pages telling of the observance of the 90th birthday anniversary of Past Nat. Sr. Vice and Past Dept. Com. Oley Nelson, of Slater, Iowa, of the G. A. R., who is also a member of Camp 75 of the Sons. If the number present was correctly printed (1500) it was a wonderful reception tendered this worthy Comrade and brother. Even if it should have read 150 that would be a reception of which any brother should feel justly proud.

In reading the last General Orders of National President Sautter I am sure we must be interested to know that our sisters are getting busy in the direction of organizing eligibles from 10 to 16 into Junior Auxiliaries. When they become 16 years of age they automatically become members of the Senior Organization. We should get busy and do something of the sort in the direction of getting our youngsters into a similar organization, so that when they reach the eligible age for Camp membership they will automatically enter the ranks of our Camps.

Another honor comes to our organization by the choice of one of our California brothers to the office of Governor of that great State. May he prove worthy of the honor

and thus reflect honor and credit on the State which honors him; and may he serve in such a way as to bring honor and credit to himself and the organization of patriots we are or should be proud to be in.

I can't seem to get away from The Banner. I feel we are fortunate in having such a newsy and chatty letter as Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner furnishes us. The contribution of Brother DeForest, of Derby, Conn., headed "O'er the Ramparts" is also a feature I am sure we must all enjoy. I cannot mention all the good things we have to read in The Banner, but while on the subject let me not forget to mention the interesting and inspiring letter from our National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Donaldson of Wisconsin. Neither must I overlook to pay some attention to the October Orders issue by Commander Byron M. Salter of Maine, the Department where I still keep my membership. Brother Salter gives several timely suggestions to Camp officers to aid in making the meetings interesting. Not that they are particularly new but the long list of suggestions he makes should serve as an inspiration to the members of the Camps, and if followed, I am sure will result in much good in the various communities where put into operation. He mentions the fact that a Department Degree Team is being formed and that reminds me of the fact that several of our Departments have such teams and have found them very helpful and useful in building up interest in the Order.

My, but how fast my usual space is being filled. I have no doubt it would be possible to over-run the space but I dislike to ask the privilege, as it is asking too much of the members to read a lengthy letter. However I must not close without mentioning the passing on a few weeks ago of Comrade Frederic A. Burt, of Providence, a Past Dept. Commander and the Dept. Adjutant of the Rhode Island G. A. R. He was 83 years of age, and served enlistments in the Army and Navy in the Civil War. Also there passed on within a few weeks Dr. George B. Peck, 92 years of age, a member of Post 1, of Providence, R. I.

It has been my pleasure during the month to make visitations to several Rhode Island Camps where a cordial welcome has been extended and a mutually good time had by members and your Correspondent.

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Commander-in-Chief's Column

Frank L. Kirchgassner, 20 Burr Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

I have found that it is easy to become indisposed when one overdoes, and that was the condition I found myself in after my return from Chicago, with a severe cold. That accounts for my declination of some invitations that I should like to have accepted, but I followed the doctor's advice and refrained from accepting any invitation that required traveling over night. I have appreciated the receipt of newspaper accounts of many of the events.

I managed, however, to officiate as installing officer for eight Camps, and at nearly all of them there was a large attendance. I want to mention the one at Camp 81, Chelsea, where about 300 people were present. This was brought about no doubt because of the interest manifested by the Camp and its Auxiliary, as well as other veteran organizations, in opposition to the vote of Post 35, G. A. R., to the auction of G. A. R. Hall. An injunction by the Mayor of the city has stopped this for the time being at least, and I hope for all time.

One outstanding occasion was the annual meeting of the Old Timers Association, where 90 members, all with over 25 years

ROSTER OF DEPARTMENTS.

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service, gathered for a real enjoyable time. These brothers certainly put one over on me, presenting me with a gold wrist watch. Another splendid occasion was the annual joy fest of the Post 72 Associates, a band of loyal citizens of Stoughton, who annually deem it a great privilege and honor to fete the remaining members of the G. A. R. If these citizens consider this a privilege and honor, what a lesson of service it should be to those who are descendants of these men.

Another very gracious and thoughtful act was the presentation of a splendid fountain pen set by the sisters of my local Tent of Daughters of Union Veterans, when I attended the annual inspection of Tent 30, with other Brothers of Camp 56.

I also attended the dedication of a Hiker Monument at Chelsea, in honor of the men who enlisted from there in the Spanish War, and was the guest of the local Camp.

Then, too, I had the chance to be present at the meeting of my own Camp, and the meeting of Post 200, G. A. R. Com. Green, who is also Sr. Vice Dept. Commander of the G. A. R., has been my companion on most of my visits, and it is a great inspiration and honor to have him grace these occasions.

On Monday, Nov. 26, in company with Past Com-in-Chief Homan, Past Dept. Com. Weiler, and Past Dept. Com. Quinn, I made a visit to the annual meeting of Camp 50, Hartford, Conn., the home Camp of Kenneth F. Cramer of the Council-in-Chief, and Charles R. Hale, Chairman of Committee on Marking Graves. It was a fine meeting and the occasion was also graced by the presence of Past Com-in-Chief Grant and Allen F. Spink, Dept. Commander of Connecticut.

At the time of signing off this write-up I am making plans to attend the reception to Dept. Com. Charles T. Glines and officers of the Auxiliary at Providence, R. I.

If I can find time from all my other duties of writing and answering letters, I feel sure, if every member will only do a little towards carrying out their obligations, much of good for our organization will be accomplished.

Seize then the minutes as they pass. Live to some purpose, make thy life a gift of use to thee—a joy, a good, a golden hope, a heavenly argosy.—Coleridge.

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O'er the Ramparts

Edited by Dept. S. V. Com. Bertrand O. DeForest, 27 Homestead Ave., Derby, Conn.

Bro. Horace Blake Newton of Santa Rosa, Calif., writes an opinion on a subject, which through senate munitions investigation committee headed by Senator Nye, has commanded the attention of the world. Bro. Newton writes as follows: "What is defensive war? Aiding with arms a law-abiding nation that keeps her treaties, or tries to in good faith, is an act of defense. Any power that invades a nation that tries to keep the peace, is an enemy of the United States, regardless of geographical location. 'He that is able, shall defend as well as respect the rights of his law-abiding neighbor, or through refusal shall lose his own,' is rooted in the law of the universe, as fundamental as anything laid down by Grotius or Blackstone. Under the Kellogg-Briand Pact, there can be but two classes of belligerents; law defenders and law-breakers. Between two such there can be no legal neutrality. A law is a rule of action in the interests of justice. It is enforceable. The Kellogg pact is the law of nations, embodying human rights and American principles. The law of nations is enforceable. It is just as illegal to withhold munitions from law defenders as to furnish them to law-breakers. There are enough nations in the world who believe in maintaining these principles to make the balance of world power impregnable."

While we do not agree in every detail with our good Brother Newton's views, here is food for thought, and we commend his essay to our Camps as subject-matter for debate at some future meeting, when something is needed for the "good of the order" program. \* \* \* \* \*

We have been honored in receiving a very kind letter from Mrs. Malcomb O. Smith, of Hanover, Pa., the former Louise Van der Sloot, who is the sole survivor of that group of people who participated in the dedicatory exercises at Gettysburg, Nov. 19, 1863, when Lincoln delivered his historical address. Mrs. Smith says in part, "I was born, raised and married in Gettysburg, lived there during the Civil War and the battle. My family were musicians and I sang in the choir from 11 years old. I was leading soprano in a church there. A choir was formed to sing for the dedication of the National Cemetery and I was invited to sing. I stood very close to our beloved President Lincoln on the platform. He shook my hand. That evening I was invited to a reception at Judge Willis home and there Mr. Lincoln put his arms around me, took my hand and kissed me, and complimented me on my voice. When he spoke he stood very erect and made very few gestures, spoke as a father speaking to his children. Once seeing that face you would never forget it." We appreciate this story from Mrs. Smith, who is 86 years old, and an actual eye-witness of that great event seventy-one years ago. We feel that she is the most privileged woman in America. Last Memorial Day she sat with President Franklin D. Roosevelt while he delivered an address on the same site.

More members are taking advantage of this column for exchange of thought and

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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I have had a number of stirring experiences since I wrote my column for the November Banner. The first one on the list was a visit to Sheboygan, Wis. Dept. Commander Phipps, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. Donaldson, and I went to Sheboygan on Saturday, Nov. 3, to attend a celebration of Veterans' Night which had been arranged under the auspices of the Sons and the Auxiliary. A number of visitors from other Camps and Auxiliaries were present. An excellent banquet had been prepared and everybody enjoyed it. An elaborate program followed the banquet and a great number of most excellent speakers, singers, and entertainers were heard. The only Civil War Veteran present was Dept. Com. Thaddeus Sherrin of Neenah. His short speech was the outstanding event of the program, when considered from the standpoint of Veterans' Night. He made one statement in the course of his excellent speech that I wish could be written in unfading characters in the heart of every Son and of every Auxiliary member throughout this broad fair land. Comrade Sherrin was speaking of some of the difficulties he encountered just after he had enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War, and he said: "I made up my mind that I was going to like it and I did." This statement, it seemed to me, was the one great highlight of the whole program. It put me in mind of one of the best definitions of an educated person that I have ever learned: "An educated person is one that will do what he ought to do, whether he likes it or not, and will do it at once." We need more of the splendid self-disciplined men of the type of Comrade Sherrin.

St. Paul Camp No. 1 of St. Paul, Minn., did me the great honor to invite me to install the officers of their Camp on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6. We met at the St. Francis Hotel, where we had a fine dinner, after which we went to a large and fine room in the basement of the hotel. There was a good attendance, and we had an excellent time. Dept. Com. Phipps assisted me and acted as Guide. After the installation a fine program was enjoyed. The Camp is greatly handicapped at present because of a lack of a permanent meeting place, but this will soon be remedied and the Sons of Camp No. 1 of St. Paul will be heard from in very favorable terms.

I was present at the celebration of Veterans' Night at Eau Claire but I did not make any address. I was present as a member of the Camp so far as the program was concerned. Two outstanding events should be

ideas. Let's hear from your section this next month. News that a part of this column had been read as a part of a Veterans' Night program in one of the large cities of New England, has been very pleasing to "ye editor." That makes it worth while, for after all, it is your "exhaust valve" for getting that idea out to others. So long, now, and a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year to each and every one of you, wherever you may be.

noted in connection with this celebration. Seven Comrades of the Civil War were present and every one of them had a few words to say. I was honored by being asked to conduct the part of the program in which the Comrades spoke. These Comrades are the living pages of history from whom we should seek every opportunity to learn of the principles for which they fought. A number of the Widows and Wives of Comrades were present and had some fine messages for us. The Auxiliary prepared the banquet. The second outstanding event was the address by the new Camp Patriotic Instructor, Dr. S. R. Davenport. The program at the banquet table was followed by memorial exercises conducted for deceased members of the Camp and for deceased Civil War Veterans who have died during the past year.

The greatest event that I attended was the celebration of Veterans' Night at Minneapolis, Minn., in the G. A. R. Memorial Hall in the Court House in that city. Camp No. 8 conducted one of the finest programs for Veterans' Night that it has ever been my good fortune to attend. The success of the celebration was due very largely to Camp Pat. Inst. Charles Martin, but every member of the Camp is just about as enthusiastic as Charles Martin is, and that is saying a great deal. A dinner was served and this was followed by a varied program. A number of Comrades of the Civil War were present, including two from Eau Claire—Comrades C. H. Henry and J. W. Pepper. I had been invited to give the principal address and I spoke on: "The Menace of Modern Hedonism Considered from the Standpoint of the Sacrifice of the Comrades in the Civil War." A contrast was made between the sufferings and sacrifices of our Fathers and Mothers in the Civil War, who answered to the call of duty, and the present day tendencies to measure the content of worthwhileness in life in terms of pleasure. Again, a great honor was given me. I had charge of that part of the program in which the Comrades, the Widows, and the Wives were called upon to say a few words to the large and highly sympathetic and appreciative audience. Every one rose to his or her feet and gave us something to remember as long as we live. Again, we had the great opportunity to come in contact with living pages of history. Another great honor was bestowed upon me by the Brothers of Camp No. 8. They had spoken to Mayor A. G. Bainbridge about me and that I represented the Commander-in-Chief, Frank L. Kirchgassner, and he sent me a letter which officially welcomed me to the City of Minneapolis. That letter will be one of the most highly treasured events of my experience.

Now, in closing, I wish to say that I do not look for so much activity during December. The Dept. Patriotic Instructors will hear from me this month. I have written personal letters to each Dept. Patriotic Instructor, but I have not heard from all of them yet. Remember, the leaving unanswered a personal letter is a breach of etiquette and no one should be intentionally guilty of such an act. The best of us will forget and all of us will procrastinate. I am giving you all fair warning that I am preparing to write to you all again during this month.

MASSACHUSETTS

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MAKE YOUR QUOTA!

Our Radio Broadcast.

Attention, Brothers, and listen to Station WAAB and the Yankee network. Our programs now go on the air Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:00, but you should watch the papers as the time may be changed.

At the suggestion of the station we have now secured an E. R. A. chorus of 100 voices for our musical programs. Each singer is paid \$3 by the E. R. A. Station WAAB values their time at \$200 for the half hour so the value of the broadcasts is over \$500, though it does not cost the Dept. a penny. We have lately had such speakers as Past Com.-in-Chief Homan; W. S. Youngman, Jr., son of the late Lieut. Governor, and an official of the Western Union Telegraph Co., who spoke on "The Story of the Telegraph in the Civil War."

Each brother and friend can do his part by writing to the station over which they receive the program, giving their appreciation of the same. We are receiving occasional notices of groups hearing the program but far too few comments are coming to us.

Do your part to help build up your Camp and the whole order.

LISTEN and WRITE.

Past Commanders Association.

The Past Coms. Assn. had a very interesting meeting recently in Myers Hall, Tremont Temple.

Dept. Chap. Martin gave an inspiring address; Com.-in-Chief Kirchgassner brought a brief message. Other speakers were Dept. Com. Smith, Dept. Inst. Quinn and Past Com.-in-Chief Homan. A movement was started by Pres. Winchell to perfect a dignified degree for the initiation of new members.

Dec. 22 the Assn. will hold a "Christmas Kids Party" with the Auxillary and Past Pres. Assn. as guests.

A Busy Installing Officer.

One of the most popular installing officers in the Dept. is P. C. Austin E. Stearns of Camp 127, Westboro. This season he has installed the officers of Camp 147, Shrewsbury; Camp 26, Taunton; Camp 127, Westboro; Camp 71, Northboro; Camp 86, Barre; Camp 107, Upton; Camp 43, Berlin; Camp 5, Hudson. At Taunton, Westboro and Barre Dept. Pres. Dean installed the Auxillary. Westboro was especially proud to have their own member as Dept. Pres. for installing officer. At Hudson, Past Nat. Pres. Whitney installed the Auxillary. At Upton the installation was public and the Boy Scouts were invited.

Brother Stearns reports that he had a very pleasant time at each of these places.

Chelsea.

The joint installation of Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Chelsea, and their Auxillary, was on Nov. 19 in G. A. R. Hall. The Camp was installed by Com.-in-Chief Kirchgassner and the Auxillary by Miss Louisa M. Wilcox, formerly a member of the Dept. Council. The officers of the orders are headed by John P. Mitcheson as Commander and Mrs. Mildred T. Olsen as President. Geo. Wm. Kimball entered his 21st year as Secretary-Treasurer. Among the guests were Dept. S. V. Com. Green of the G. A. R.; Albert A. Nickerson, Com. Post 35; Edward J. Rogers, Battery H; Capt. Paul

King, Com. Mass. Dept., Nat. Indian War Veterans; Charles Aplin, representing Mass. Dept. Sons; Mrs. Lena H. Dows, representing the Dept. Auxillary; and representatives of all the local patriotic societies.

Old Timers Night.

The meeting on Nov. 3 was a great success. There were 88 who sat down at supper which was served by Old Timer Tom Holman. There was very little speaking, only Dept. S. V. Com. Green of the G. A. R., Com.-in-Chief Kirchgassner and Dept. Com. Smith being called on. A fine wrist watch was presented to the Com.-in-Chief. Magician Frank Lane furnished much entertainment, and the boys had much talking of their own to do. The meeting was in Post 26 Hall, Roxbury.

If you have belonged to the order 25 years and do not attend these meetings you are losing part of your best times.

Pliny Graves, a charter member of Camp 5, Hudson, was the oldest one there, being 80 years old.

Friendly Relations Committee.

This committee has met and organized with Mrs. Grace Phipps, of Framingham, Chairman; Mrs. Ross, of Fitchberg, Secretary; Louis E. Winchell, of Malden, as Treasurer.

The G. A. R. was represented by Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Greene and all allied organizations were represented. Plans were started for a banquet at Hotel Westminster Dec. 29 with a reception to Dept. Com. Gay of the G. A. R. An entertainment and dancing will be provided for.

Northampton.

George S. Bliss Camp and Auxillary held joint installation ceremonies on Nov. 2 in Temperance Hall, Florence. There was a large number present, guests being there from Amherst, Holyoke, Springfield and Greenfield, as well as from several local patriotic organizations.

Dept. Insp. Mrs. Ursula Shepardson and suite from Amherst installed the Auxillary and P. D. Com. Moran, Jr., with Dept. S. V. Com. Lester W. Knox, officiated for the Sons. The Commander is Levi C. Dayton and the President is Mrs. Nora Dayton. The local paper published a picture of the officers.

Our Last Comrade.

Down the street we marched to the slow beat of the muffled drums. Every face was sad, every eye was dim. This was not the ordinary funeral of a soldier. This was the passing away of our beloved A. G. Bliscoe Post 80, G. A. R., of Westboro. Once the Post had over 230 on its rolls and now—now with the passing of Com. Harris C. Warren, the Post would be but a memory and in a few short years, as those who had known it passed along, it would be but history. Yet no one knows how great its influence may be, for Post 80 exerted its good influence on the community and in that way it will ever live.

Comrade Warren was born in Westboro and spent most of his 88 years here. It is remarkable that at his funeral one of the ministers came from the same neighborhood and as a small boy had known those boys who enlisted from there and had followed their careers from then on.

Comrade Warren enlisted in the 57th Mass. Vol. Inf. in 1863. He was wounded twice at Petersburg, and later was a prisoner in Libby prison for 10 days, when he was exchanged. After the War he spent two years on a whaling cruise and after that he lived in Westboro. He was the first rural free delivery carrier in town.

Full military honors were paid him at his funeral. The American Legion furnished drummers, buglers and a firing squad for which we thank them. The G. A. R. was represented by Dept. S. V. Com. Green. The

stores were closed during the service so all could pay their honor to our dear Comrade.

Camp 1, Lynn.

The officers of this Camp were installed on Nov. 5 by Past Com.-in-Chief Homan, assisted by P. C. Sweet, of Gloucester, as Guide. The Commander is A. J. Booth. Music was furnished by Bro. Putnam and his orchestra. Selections were also given by the Smiths on piano, banjo, guitar and mandolin. Tent 42 served lunch. There was a good attendance with many visitors.

On G. A. R. night the Camp assisted W. R. C. 29 and Tent 42 in fittingly observing the event. A fine banquet was served at 6:30.

We were greatly honored by the presence of Com. Dodge and six other Comrades from Post 5, G. A. R. One of the oldest members of the Post was 92. We also had present the first President and only living charter member of Corps 29, who had been a member for 53 years.

Faithful Member Becomes Commander.

Com. Ernest Lemon, recently installed as Com. of his Camp, gets to his meetings, no matter what the cost. Last winter he worked in the woods from daylight to dark and then walked 14 miles to his meetings through the snow and ice. No matter how low the mercury got it would not stop this brother from getting to the Sons.

We are looking for a big year for Alexander P. Cook Camp 83, Belchertown.

Fiskdale.

The officers of Johnson Camp were installed in an impressive manner at a joint meeting with Post 173, G. A. R. Dept. Inst. Quinn acted as installing officer; with him were Dept. Com. Smith, Dept. S. V. Com. Knox and Dept. Insp. of the Auxillary Mrs. Ursula Shepardson. The Camp was honored by the presence of Com. Shepard of Post 173, G. A. R. Guests were present from Camps 136, Palmer; 146, Brookfield, and 55, Southbridge, and from W. R. C. 130, who also served a chicken pie supper. Com. Kinfield was installed for another term.

Western Mass. Association.

The Association held its regular meeting and annual "Stunt Night" as guests of Geo. S. Bliss Camp 48 and Auxillary 42, in Temperance Hall, Florence, on Oct. 27. Pres. Knox presided. After a most harmonious meeting the stunts were presented by several Camps and Auxillaries. The judges awarded the cup to the Northampton Camp and Auxillary. After the stunts came the usual lunch, which was followed by dancing, with Levi C. Dayton playing the "fiddle."

There were members present from many places, some coming from Adams, Pittsfield and Greenfield, as well as from many nearer places, making a good attendance.

Installation of Officers.

At a meeting of Wellington Camp, Cambridge, held Nov. 20, officers were installed by Sec. Joseph B. Doyle, who had the pleasure of installing his brother as Commander of the Camp. Chaplain Austin served as Installing Guide. The new officers are: Com., Edward C. Doyle; Sr. Vice, Frank I. Turfts; Jr. Vice, Albert F. Robert. After the meeting refreshments were served, and all who attended had a very enjoyable time.

Lines from Leominster.

A well known member of Bennett Camp is Edward H. Nutting, re-elected to serve this District again as State Senator. He is a Past Camp Commander and a veteran member of the order, having been a member ever since 1888. He has served Leominster for many years in various public capacities, was selectman for five years, served twelve years as

NEW YORK

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Western N. Y. P. C. Association.

The Past Commanders' Association of Western New York held their quarterly dinner and meeting at Hannels' Restaurant, Niagara Falls, on Friday evening, October 26. After a brief business session, officers were elected for the ensuing year. A novel feature was the installation which immediately followed, with the outgoing officer installing his successor. The following are the new officers:

Pres., Orion L. Murrell, Cook Camp, Buffalo; 1st. V. Pres., W. B. Stephan, Cook Camp, Buffalo; 2nd V. Pres., W. S. Cole, Fenner Camp, Fredonia; 3rd V. Pres., F. P. Schram, Berry Camp, Niagara Falls; Chap., Jas. C. Leonard, Fenner Camp, Fredonia; Sec.-Treas., Harold R. Sloane, Cook Camp, Buffalo; Press Cor., Fred E. Howe, Berry Camp, Niagara Falls.

The next meeting will be held in Buffalo in January.

Camp 171, Brooklyn.

Koltes Camp has experienced a severe loss in the death of Brother, the Reverend Charles Nelson, Bishop of Long Island, which occurred Oct. 20. The joint installation of Koltes Camp and affiliated Tent of Daughters was held Nov. 21, at 10 Nevens St., Brooklyn.

Camp 60, Rochester.

Comrade Charles Monroe Ellis died recently at the age of 92. He was a Past Dept. Com. of the G. A. R. of the state of Florida.

Past Dept. Pres. Makepeace Goes On.

In the death of Past Dept. Pres. Mate B. Makepeace, of the Auxillary, at Evans Mills recently, Dept. Press Cor. Cranmer as well as others, was profoundly shocked and grieved. She served as Dept. Pres. the same year as he was Dept. Com. (1923-4). He always looked forward to greeting her at succeeding state and national encampments. During her term as Dept. Pres. she gave the finest type of co-operation. Together they attended and addressed many joint meetings of Camps and Auxillaries. He always referred to her as "My President." The Auxillary can ill afford to lose one of her lofty type of character.

Camp 77, Elmira.

One of the mighty pillars in the structure of Baldwin Post No. 6, G. A. R., has fallen in the death of Capt. Frank P. Frost. He was the last of the charter members of 1868, and for many years was Adjutant. His death removes the last of the Commissioned Officers of the 107th N. Y. Vols., and all but one of the survivors of the Regiment. P. D. C. Neil Cranmer has been named Adjutant and Quartermaster in place of Capt. Frost, and P. I. Judson Cole has been appointed Chaplain. The officers of the Post were recently installed by Past Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Nelson Rowe, of Binghamton. Bro. Cranmer was toastmaster at the banquet of the Post and among those responding were P. C.'s Judson Cole, J. Gordon Wilcox, Wilbur G. Fudge and Ira Wood. There are now 14 survivors in the Post.

OREGON

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Camp 14, Hood River.

Our members meet with the only survivor of Canby Post No. 16, Dept. of Oregon, and assist him in carrying on the work of the Post.

The Camp is planning to have special meetings for the winter months in order to keep in touch with the work that will be left for us to do by the G. A. R.

Newly elected officers of the Camp are: Com., Capt. Lee Roy Wood; Sr. Vice, W. B. Rivers; Jr. Vice, Earl H. Goddard; Sec., John Beardsley; Treas., F. E. Loop.

EVERY MEMBER WIN A MEMBER

Chaplain, Judson Cole; Guide, George Bahcock; Color Bearer, Truman Vincent; Sec., W. G. Fudge; Treas., Arthur B. Munson; Guard, Stephen Clark; Press Cor., Neil Cranmer.

Bath and Oxford Homes Fund.

Once more the call goes out for the annual gifts for the Veterans at the Bath and Oxford Soldiers' Homes. Only a handful of our "daddies" are now left at Bath, but there are many of their widows and daughters at Oxford.

On Christmas Day and Mother's Day these Homes are visited by representatives of the Camps and Auxillaries and favors and presents are bestowed upon those living there. Will you not help to spread good cheer to those who preserved our nation, and the widows of those who have passed beyond?

Contributions may be sent to Carl Hill, 8 Baird Ave., Binghamton, Chairman of the Dept. Sons Committee, or Mrs. Carrie M. Connel, Chairman, Dept. Aux. Committee, 606 Central Ave., Albany.

Camp 66, Syracuse.

Greetings all, it is about eight years since we graced the pages of The Banner, and mighty happy to be here again.

Sniper Camp, as well as Merriam Camp, were invited to the home of Senior Vice Com.-in-Chief, William Allan Dyer, to meet the Com.-in-Chief, Frank L. Kirchgassner, who was the guest of Bro. Dyer on Sunday, Oct. 28. A most pleasant evening was spent with the head of our beloved organization.

On Nov. 6 General Sniper Camp and its Auxillary held joint installation of officers, where Bro. Dyer officiated as the installing officer. Those installed for the term of 1935 were: Com., George Sherman; Sr. Vice, Roy W. Dolan; Jr. Vice, Frank Brennan; Sec., Edward Walter; Treas., J. Horace Nims; Pat. Inst., William H. Klein; Chap., Merle W. Pabst. Speaking and refreshments concluded the ceremonies of the evening.

Sniper Camp during the 1933-34 term made a 20 per cent gain in membership, and the boys hope to continue along these lines.

Camp 93, Binghamton.

On Nov. 9, Binghamton Camp sponsored an entertainment for the benefit of our Auxillary and the Bartlett Relief Corps. We secured the "Rigsbee Sextette," six talented players and singers of Whitney Point, and put on the concert in the Tabernacle Church on a 50-50 basis. After paying all bills we were able to give to our Auxillary also to the Bartlett Relief Corps the sum of \$17.25 each.

Monday, Nov. 12, at our regular meeting our Auxillary served a fine covered dish luncheon at 6:30, following which our regular meetings took place, and then our joint installation, the installing officer for the Camp and Auxillary being Past Com. Geo. M. Yeomans.

Camp 93 officers are: Com., Fred M. Woodmansee; S. V. C., Fred Lo Vette; J. V. C., Geo. Doolittle; Pat. Inst., Ezra Hamlin; Chap., Geo. H. Lamb; Sec., Carl Hill; Treas., Geo. E. Lord. Initiations take place on nearly every meeting.

Eight Veterans were our guests on Nov. 19, at our Veterans' Night meeting and dinner.

Dept. Com. Hallock Leads On.

The membership drive inaugurated by Dept. Com. Hallock is well under way. Past Dept. Com. William Allan Dyer has been made Chief of Staff and Chairman of Program and Policy. He is assisted by Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Adolph O. Schirrmelster, Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Charles L. Sharp, Dept. Sec.-Treas. Jullus Isaacs, and Special Deputies P. D. C. Fred Barnard and Dept. Pat. Inst. Percy B. Durrell. Willard B. Stephan is in charge of the Buffalo District; P. D. C. Walter S. Beilby, the Rochester District; Carl Hill, the Southern Tier District; Merle W. Pabst, the Central N. Y. District;

Clarence E. Johnson, the Northern District; H. C. Hardin, the Hudson Valley District, and Julius Isaacs, the Metropolitan District.

Dept. Com. Hallock writes: "We must get back our lost members, hold our delinquent ones and get a lot of new ones. Your Dept. Commander is calling on you to do your best. We must go forward—it is unworthy of us to lag. No better field exists than that of grandsons. This is the "lead."

Camp 43, Utica.

Ninety persons witnessed the joint public installation of officers of Winchell Camp 43, and Auxiliary 15, in St. David's Hall Nov. 20. Following the ceremonies Pat. Inst. Frank P. Adley was principal speaker.

Mrs. Clara Burton and her staff from the Herkimer Auxiliary were installing officers for the local Auxiliary, instituting Mrs. Emma Jones as President.

Camp 43 installation followed with these officers: Com., William C. Wright; Sr. Vice, Earl M. Riddell; Jr. Vice, William J. Morris; Sec., Walter E. Braim; Treas., Warren E. Turner; Pat. Inst., Frank P. Adley; Chap., Frank G. Lankton.

Camp 43 presented an American flag to the school of the Blessed Sacrament Church Nov. 23. Pat. Inst. Frank P. Adley made the presentation and Com. Wm. Wright spoke. The students presented a musical program.

Camp 223, Buffalo.

The 71st anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg address was commemorated Nov. 19 with a Veterans' Night dinner in the Y.W.C.A. All surviving Civil War Veterans in Western New York were guests of honor.

Capt. Calvert K. Mellen, former principal of Lafayette High School was the principal speaker. Edward J. Van Tine, Past Jr. Vice Dept. Com., was toastmaster. General Chairman was Willard B. Stephan, Com. of Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp.

Camp 21, Fulton.

Officers of Pentelov Camp were installed on Nov. 16 by P. C. Frank LaVeck as follows: Com., L. W. Brown; Sr. Vice, John Richards; Jr. Vice, William Richards; Pat. Inst., Sam'l Kenney; Chap., William Wells; Sec., Walter J. Buell; Treas., William Murray.

Refreshments were served by the Auxiliary.

Camp 175, Crown Point.

Installation of Penfield Camp officers was held on Nov. 14 by Past Com. H. Lee McIntyre. Following the meeting every one was treated to an oyster supper in the dining room and a social hour was spent and enjoyed.

Penfield Camp observed Veterans night on Nov. 22. We were entertained by singing of patriotic songs, by quartet of male voices, also reading of various communications in the November Banner. A fine address by Rev. Fred Sawyer on the Life of Abraham Lincoln followed.

Veterans Observance in Elmira.

P. C. and former Dept. Press Cor. Judson Cole was the radio speaker over Station W. E. S. G., Elmira, at the annual Veterans Day observance. His topic was "Passing of the G. A. R." and received marked commendation from his hearers.

Camp 42, Troy.

Samuel King Camp at its November meeting elected the following: Com., Charles L. Sharp; Sr. Vice, S. J. Kirkpatrick; Jr. Vice, Charles E. McCarthy; Pat. Inst., Frederic O. Brown; Chap., E. A. Van Voast.

The officers were installed by P. C. George F. Wood, Treasurer for forty consecutive years, and re-appointed to that position.

Comrade James D. Van Benthuyzen, the last survivor of Griswold-McConihe Post, G. A. R., quietly celebrated his 91st birthday on Nov. 24 at this home in this city. He is enjoying good health and received the congratulations of relatives and friends, including the members of this Camp.

Northern New York Club.

The Northern New York Club tendered a fine reception and dinner to Dept. Com. Rev. William A. Hallock and staff and Dept. Pres. Mable S. Arthur and staff Nov. 24, at Dania Hall, North Troy. Mrs. Edna Miller was chairman.

Camp 171, Brooklyn.

On Wednesday, Nov. 21, Koltes Sons and Daughters held their joint installation, which was very well attended by representatives of the affiliated orders. Sr. Vice Dept. Com. A. O. Schirmeister installed the Sons and Com. H. Kassebaum the Daughters. Thanks is herewith extended to the staff, which represented the following Camps: Lincoln, McPherson-Doane, Dupont, Libby, Lafayette.

Camp 140, New York City.

Lafayette Camp held its 46th annual dinner meeting at the Hotel Shelton, New York City, with 66 members and guests present. The speaker of the evening was Col. Ralph C. Tobin, Commanding 107th (Old 7th) New York National Guard Regiment of New York City. The Camp paid honor to five (5) Civil War Veterans present; they being Dept. Com., G. A. R., Josiah C. Read, and Comrades Mullin, Stritch, Farrell and Benton. Comrade Benton is the only surviving Past Commander of Lafayette Post No. 140. Each of the Comrades made an address. Also present was Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief William Allan Dyer of Syracuse, Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Adolph O. Schirmeister, and Dept. Couns. Andrew H. A. Thompson. The Camp received three new members.

Camp 141, Warsaw.

Knapp Camp and Auxiliary observed Veterans' Night with a supper and program in honor of the two surviving Comrades of Gibbs and Robinson Posts in Warsaw and Perry. The two Comrades expressed their appreciation. Comrade Talmadge of Perry presented the Camp with some mementos made by a prisoner in Andersonville and Salisbury prisons.

MARYLAND

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Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

On Nov. 5 Appomattox Camp held a joint installation of officers with the Auxiliary, P. D. C. Elmer Corrie acting as Installing Officer for the Camp, and Sister May Parker, Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, for the Auxiliary. The officers elected and installed are: Com., W. S. Mortimer; Sr. Vice, H. G. Barlow; Jr. Vice, F. C. Conner. Bro. Percy Parker, of Cushing Camp No. 20, Washington, was a visitor. Interesting talks were given by Comrades Lewis Morse, Sr. Vice Dept. Com. of Del. G. A. R., and P. D. C. J. T. Twigg.

On Nov. 12 Appomattox Camp and Military Co. had charge of the funeral of Comrade Samuel Martin, Co. K, 88th Pa. Inf., who met a tragic death on the 9th, 16 brothers turning out and conducting the full G. A. R. Burial Service. Firing squad was in charge of 1st Lt. W. G. Baldwin, and the members participating reflected great credit on the Camp for the soldierly manner in which every detail was carried out.

Veterans' Day was celebrated with the planting of trees in the War Veterans Memorial Grove, on the du Pont Blvd. at Hare's Corner, an historic spot as the muster in rendezvous of

the First Del. Infantry for service in the Civil War. Trees were planted in memory of Andrew Munden, U. S. Navy, by his daughter, Mrs. Florence Wilhelme of the Auxiliary; and Sr. Vice Dept. Com. R. S. Valleau, in memory of his father, John M. Valleau, of the 1st Del. Inf., and 109th Pa. Inf. Addresses were delivered by Sr. Vice Com. Lewis Morse, Jr. Vice Com. Thos. Hammond and P. D. C. Twigg of the Delaware G. A. R. Rev. J. R. Humphreys made the main address. A salute by the firing squad under 2nd Lt. E. P. Corrie, 2nd, was most impressive. The Memorial Grove is growing and several trees have already been promised for the next "tree planting" on Appomattox Day, April 9.

Comrade Casey Passes.

Comrade Michael Casey, Sr., of Kit Carson Post, G. A. R., and Lincoln Camp No. 2, Sons of Union Veterans, Washington, D. C., was laid to rest on Nov. 6, having passed away quietly on Saturday night, Nov. 3. Honorary pall bearers were Comrades Godfrey, Dorsey and Newton Charles, and active bearers were six Sons of Union Veterans, i. e., Dept. Com. Hauck, Bros. Oehmler, Barnard, Davis, Lyons and Bucklin.

Comrade Casey was both a Veteran and a Son of a Veteran, having fought side by side with his father, Matthew Casey, Sr., Co. K, 32nd Ill. Vol. Infantry. Both enlisted in October, 1861.

Requiem mass was celebrated at St. Gabriel's Church. A guard of honor bearing the colors escorted Comrade Casey's body to the church. Interment was at Olney, Ill., where a delegation of ten Daughters of Union Veterans met the funeral party and held services.

Our hearts have been further saddened by the loss of Comrade Shepherd of Berwyn, Md., who was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 15, with full military honors. Comrade Shepherd was a native of Georgia and enlisted in the Northern Army during the Civil War and served with distinction. He has been an important figure in patriotic circles in this Department for many years, and his loss is keenly felt by all of us.

Following are the Commanders-elect for the coming year to serve our four Washington Camps: Harding Camp, Capt. H. Turner Lewis; Campbell Camp, James H. Little; Lincoln Camp, Irving W. Bucklin; and Cushing Camp, J. N. C. Knappen.

VERMONT

Ellis Libbey, Correspondent, Lyndonville.

Camp 75, Lyndonville.

Nov. 10 the members of Lyndon Camp gave an oyster supper to the ladies of Lyndon Auxiliary No. 18. Brother P. O. Moultroupe was chairman of the supper committee, and was assisted by several of the brothers.

After the supper, Camp and Auxiliary held a joint installation of officers, with Dept. Press Cor. Ellis Libbey as installing officer. The officers installed were: Com. K. G. Mitchell; Sr. Vice, Achelaus Simpson; Jr. Vice, H. O. Allen; Pat. Inst., Charles Stevens; Chap., Walter Quimby; Sec., P. O. Moultroupe; Treas., R. P. Aldrich; Press Cor., Ellis Libbey.

Camp 18, St. Johnsbury.

Nov. 13 Capt. Frost Camp held election and installation of officers, those installed being as follows: Com., Clarence Morse; Sr. Vice, M. J. Reed; Jr. Vice, S. E. Norris; Sec.-Treas., W. W. Farr. The installing officer was Past Dept. Com. Fred C. Gilson.

Guests present were Comrade Nelson, Dept. Press Cor. Ellis Libbey, Com. K. G. Mitchell of Lyndonville, and four members of Lndon Auxiliary No. 18. Refreshments were served and were enjoyed by all.

PENNSYLVANIA

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

Special Order No. 1.

We regret to announce the death of Past Department Commander J. B. Hershey.

Brother Hershey was a charter member of Camp 99, McKeesport, served as Dept. Commander in 1926, actively interested in the affairs of his city and our organization; at the time of his death a member of the board of directors of the Allegheny County Memorial Hall.

His loss to the Department and Camp 99 will be greatly felt.

In respect to his memory I hereby order the Department and Camp Charters to be draped for a period of thirty days.—William J. Blakeley, Dept. Com.

Seen and Heard.

The members in other sections of the state and county are as active as those in the Philadelphia area have been during the past month. The order has surely done some tall work and should show many benefits to our various Camps and Auxiliaries. Not to bore you with a detailed description of all the affairs attended by your Scribe and Dept. Sec. McGirr, but just to give an idea of the busy times, we mention:

Installation of Camp and Auxiliary 200 on Nov. 12. Jr. Vice Com. Heacock installed the Camp and P. C. Herman the Auxiliary. Most all the Camps and Auxiliaries in the Philadelphia area were represented, and crowded Memorial Hall.

Dept. Sec. McGirr installed Camp 223 on Nov. 14, and the efficient Auxiliary by P. C. Bernhardt. After the installation refreshments were served in the lower hall.

On the 17th we journeyed to Gettysburg to attend the 4th annual dinner of the Southwestern Assn. This was an elaborate affair, over two hundred members and guests at table. The principal speaker was Col. U. S. Grant 3rd. Others who spoke were Dept. Com. Blakeley and Dept. Com. G. A. R. Gillett.

Nat. Pres. Sister Sautter and Dept. Pres. Sister Joyce were present on the 19th. Veteran's Night, at Camp 200. Those present were entertained by a very interesting illustrated lecture of the U. S. Navy and Merchant Marine. Lunch was served as usual.

On the 21st the 25th annual meeting of Camp 51 at Darby. The capacity of the Hall limited the attendance. The Camp was installed on the 26th by P. C. Magnin.

Second annual dance and card party of Co. E, 1st Regt. S. V. R., on Nov. 16, was a big success, so much so that a number present urged the holding of another one prior to the Lenten season. The Company has tickets out for the annual donation party to be held prior to Christmas. Co. E is the unformed unit of Camp 200. Proceeds from both affairs will be used to help defray the expense of the Company at Gettysburg next June.

Betsy Ross Tent D. of V., Philadelphia, tendered a reception and banquet to Dept. Com. Gillett, G. A. R., on Nov. 24, at Baueries Cafe. This was a splendid affair. Representatives of all the allied orders in Philadelphia were among those present. Dancing followed the banquet. On the 27th the Tent gave a luncheon to Sister Raeyling, Member of the Nat. Council, at Memorial Hall.

One of the affairs that we missed was the meeting of Camp 9 Clegg at Roxboro, due to the fact that we were in Trenton at the inspection of Camp 4, to which we were pleased to accompany Dept. Com. Blakeley.

Another affair that we had to miss owing to previous arrangements was the reception at Wilkinsburg to Nat. Pres. Sautter, Dept. Pres.

Joyce and Dept. Com. Blakeley, and from what we heard of the affair it was our loss in not being able to be with them. Our Nat. Pres. of the Auxiliary, Sister Sautter, is surely making a strong appeal for new members in our order and we are sure that her efforts are going to produce much good. We hope that our brothers will reciprocate.

Sons of Veterans Club.

The 41st annual banquet of the Sons of Veterans Club will be held on Feb. 9, 1935, at the Sylvania Hotel, (Broad below Locust), Philadelphia. It is expected that the address of the evening will be delivered by Senator Wallace H. White, Jr., of Malne. The Pres. of the club for 1935 is Chas. Thompson, Jr., Camp 2, Taylor. Indication assures us the affair will exceed in number our last dinner. We hope to have with us Com.-in-Chief Stacey in addition to our own Com.-in-Chief, and Dept. Com. Blakeley. Arrange your dates so that you can be with us.

G. A. R.

A grand ball and entertainment will be given by the Federated Patriotic Organizations of Philadelphia, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, at Moose Hall, Broad and Wallace Sts., Philadelphia, on Friday, Jan. 11, 1935, for the purpose of raising funds to meet the present deficit of the Pa. Dept. G. A. R., and to provide sufficient money to meet current expenses.

Each organization will provide a feature of the entertainment. The Military and Veteran organizations of the city will take part in the "Parade of the Colors" during the evening. Two floors for dancing. Cabaret show 9 to 1 a. m.

The price of tickets, 50c, is within the reach of all. Entire proceeds will be turned over to the G. A. R. Remember your obligation; here is a chance to prove it. Tickets can be secured at the Dept. Headquarters, 667 N. 12th Street.

Joint Installation.

Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, in connection with Auxiliary No. 1, held their joint installation of officers on the 16th, with Dept. Com. Blakeley as Installing Officer.

There was a large attendance of the members of the Camp and Auxiliary and in addition to the Dept. Commander, the Nat. President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Sautter, was with us; also Jr. Vice Com. Frank M. Heacock; Member of Dept. Council W. S. Stoneback; Dept. Sec. McGirr; Past Nat. Pres. Mrs. Meis and Mrs. Katie Carr; Past Com.-in-Chief Mable; Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Hascher, Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. Lightcap, Mrs. Gallagher; Past Dept. Coms. Young and Hascher.

Camp and Auxiliary No. 1 are both in earnest to promote the welfare of the Order.

Camp 8, Scranton.

It has been a little while since you have heard from Camp 8, but you will hear more as time rolls on. Nov. 9 we installed jointly with our Auxiliary. Nov. 13 was our regular meeting and co-operation and teamwork was the keynote. On Nov. 20 we observed Veterans Night and had 5 members of Post 139. G. A. R., as our guests. Sr. Vice Com. Donald B. Cahoon, who is a very capable attorney and speaker, gave a very inspiring address, using Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as his subject. War stories, very entertaining, were told by the Comrades of the Grand Army. The committee to arrange for our Lincoln Day celebration has been appointed and are hard at work in order that this event might be one which will be long remembered.

We regret to report the passing away of Comrade E. E. Rozelle, who always had an amusing line of poetry of his own composition whenever there was any social event.

Camp 87, Middletown. The members of Camp 87 and Auxiliary had a Hallowe'en party Wednesday, Oct. 24. A gala time was had by all present. Twelve members of Palmyra Camp and Auxiliary were visitors. The following Friday 35 members of Camp 87 and Auxiliary returned the visit to Palmyra, where another Hallowe'en party was held by Palmyra Camp and Auxiliary.

A joint installation was held by Camp 87 and Auxiliary on Nov. 14. Dept. Pres. Katharine Joyce installed the Auxiliary. D. S. Miller installed the officers of Camp 87. Nat. Pres. Gertrude M. Sautter and Dept. Cor. Mrs. Temple were also present. Mrs. Sautter, who installed the Auxiliary 12 years ago, is held in the highest esteem by the members of Camp and Auxiliary. Chas. S. Rehner, newly installed Commander, and Theo. Weltzel, Jr. Vice Commander, both very active members of Camp 87, are also members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Camp 44, Williamsport.

Our Camp grieves the loss of Comrade William Saunders, oldest member of Reno Post No. 64, of Williamsport, who passed away Oct. 31, at the age of 99 years, 5 months, 29 days. Pallbearers and Firing Squad were furnished by Co. E, 3rd Regt., S. V. R. Infantry.

Davis Camp, Pittsburgh.

Veterans' Night was celebrated on Nov. 21, twelve Comrades being present as honorary guests, and one of the largest audiences we have had in the past three years. It was a very successful event.

In Memory.

In the death of Sister Marie Seipp the Auxiliaries of the Pa. Dept. have sustained a loss that will be hard to fill. Active from the organization of the Auxiliary, of which she was a member, its Secretary for a number of years, a Dept. Pres., and at the time of her death Dept. Treas. The sympathy of the Dept. is extended to all of her family whom are active in our organization.

Headquarters, Pennsylvania Brigade, S. V. R. Gettysburg, Pa.

Bulletin No. 14—Series 1934—Nov. 25, 1934. 1. New Communications: 11-10-34, R. M. F. Smyser, 1st Lieut., A. G. D., A. A. A. G., York, Pa.

Re-commissioned: 7-24-34, F. C. Robertson, Captain, C Co., 4th Inf., Meyersdale, Pa.; 11-25-34, R. A. Lester, Major, C. O. 2nd Inf., Allentown, Pa.

Resignations: 11-19-34, B. J. Minner, 2nd Lieut., K Co., 4th Inf., New Castle, Pa.

2. All mail for Brigade Headquarters should be directed to—Headquarters Pennsylvania Brigade, S. V. R., 230 Baltimore Street, Pa., or—Major O. G. MacPherson, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Grandview Terrace, Gettysburg, Pa.

3. Those Gettysburg Clubs should be nearing the top. Gettysburg will be expecting you. Make your plans accordingly.—Edwin John Prittle, Colonel S. V. R., Commanding.

OHIO

Gordon Ryan, Department Press Correspondent, Box 212, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Camp 118, Ashland.

Our newly-elected officers were installed Nov. 1, the installation being a joint affair with the Auxiliary. Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Carl Sattler, of Mansfield, was installing officer for the Sons and Mrs. Luella Shaver of Ashland, Dept. I. & I. Officer, installed the officers of the Auxiliary.

Following the installation the regular meeting of the Camp was called to order with the newly-installed Com. C. B. Heckman in the chair. At the close of the business session an

entertainment was given and refreshments served. In addition to the Dept. Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary present we were honored in having three G. A. R. Veterans as our guests. Ashland Camp No. 118 now has 35 members and hopes to increase this number to 50 in the immediate future. The members are pleased with the appointment of Bro. Wm. H. Brubaker as Asst. Dept. Organizer.—S. R. Swainsgood, Cor.

**Camp 91, Alliance.**

Martin R. Battey was installed as Commander of McClellan Camp at an impressive ceremony held Monday evening, Nov. 5. T. H. Matticks, of Minerva, who was installed as Secretary, is entering his 17th consecutive year in that office. Past Com. Joseph E. Bentley of Phillip Trelm Camp No. 43, of Salem, acted as installing officer, assisted by Everett E. Nlle as installing guide.

Full list of new officers includes: Com., Martin R. Battey; Sr. Vice, Guy E. Shefelton; Jr. Vice, Spencer Sebrell; Pat. Inst., Orin C. Tullis; Sec., T. H. Matticks; Treas., Robert D. Austin; Chap., Geo. M. VanDerker.

Com. Battey made an impressive address following his installation and talks were given by Com. Henry F. Russell of the local G. A. R. Post, and the Presidents of the Auxiliary and Daughters. Refreshments were served following the business session.—T. H. Matticks, Cor.

**First District Meeting.**

A meeting of District No. 1 was held in G. A. R. Hall, Portsmouth, Saturday evening, Nov. 3. Out of town guests were Past Com. in-Chief Yengling, Day Village; Dept. Com. Bigley, Toledo; Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Carl Sattler, Mansfield; Past Dept. Com. and Mrs. Jonas Shrieve, Lancaster; Past Dept. Com. Wm. Thompson, Minford; Dept. Pres. Mrs. Anne E. Lockyer, Steubenville; Member Dept. Council Mrs. Katharine Sattler, Mansfield, and Mrs. Carrie Wilson, Past Aux. Dept. Pres., Columbus.

Installation of the newly-elected officers of Vienna Camp No. 26, Portsmouth, and Auxiliary, was a feature of the meeting. Past Com. in-Chief Yengling acted as installing officer for the Sons and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Anne Lockyer for the Auxiliary.

The District Meeting was in charge of John R. Skelton, Dist. Organizer.

**Alliance Dedicates Tablet to Lincoln.**

Abraham Lincoln's short but memorable visit to Alliance, Feb. 15, 1861, will be permanently recorded in the city's history by the medium of the beautiful bronze plaque dedicated at a colorful ceremony in the High School Auditorium Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Replete with a patriotic devotion which literally seized the audience from start to finish, the program was climaxed by a masterful speech from one of the world's outstanding authorities on Lincoln, U. S. Senator Simeon D. Fess. His remarks, based upon years of exhaustive study of Lincoln's life, were highly appropriate as he quoted at length from speeches made by Lincoln on his trip to Washington, D. C., for his first inauguration.

The bronze plaque, bearing an inscription defining the purpose of the marker, will be mounted on stones obtained from the native farm of Lincoln near Hodgenville, Ky. When this work has been completed the monument will be placed permanently on the platform of the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot.

**Camp 466, Cleveland.**

Lookout Camp held installation of officers on Monday evening, Nov. 12. Roswell H. Miller is the new Commander.

Other officers are: Sr. Vice, Roland C. Snyder; Jr. Vice, William T. Miller; Sec., W. J. Aborn. Past Dept. Com. Bommhardt served as installing officer.

Lookout Camp is proud of the fact that

F. Wood, Treasurer, years, and re-appointed to that position.

Com. Miller is the son of Comrade R. C. Miller, Commander of Memorial Post No. 141, Grand Army of the Republic.

**District Meeting.**

The meeting of District No. 8, held at Mogadore, Nov. 7, was well attended with members from Akron, Marshallville, Kent, Ravenna and Mogadore, making a total attendance of 93. A representative from Kent extended an invitation to the Orders to come to Kent for the next District Meeting, which will be held some time in January.

Mrs. Elsie McClellan, District President, presided. Mrs. Anna Lockyer, Dept. Pres., of Steubenville, was present and gave a short talk. Also Mrs. Lucy Stuver, Dept. Inst. Officer of Ashland, and Miss Charlotte Steckhan, Dept. Treas., of Akron.

Rev. S. P. Ozmun, pastor of the Mogadore M. E. Church, gave an inspiring patriotic address, stating that he believes it is the duty of every citizen, and especially members of patriotic orders, to help carry out the ideals of Christianity and good citizenship laid down by our forebears.

A good program, followed by refreshments and a social time, was enjoyed.

**MAINE**

Earle R. Hayes, Correspondent, Res., Windsor; P. O., Week's Mills.

**Belcher Camp.**

Joint installation was held with our Auxiliary at a semi-public affair, Past Dept. Com. Day, of Brunswick, officiating for the Sons. New officers are: Com., A. J. Spinney; Sr. Vice, Lawrence Spinney; Jr. Vice, Carleton Ames; Pat. Inst., Harry J. Pressey; Chap., W. H. Lyons; Sec., B. L. Voter; Treas., M. C. Hobart. Note that father and son hold the two high offices.

Many from Camps and Auxiliary were present from adjoining communities, several making remarks.

**Camden Camp.**

Officers were installed Nov. 1 as follows: Com., Dr. Howard G. Page; Sr. Vice, Roland Crockett; Jr. Vice, Harold Fairbrother; Sec., Horace Josselyn; Treas., Lionel C. Blake; Chap., Leslie D. Ames; Pat. Inst., John L. Stahl. Veterans' Night was observed Nov. 15, when the Ladies of the G. A. R. were guests. Visitors always welcome at our meetings.

**Camp 101, Litchfield.**

H. J. Tozier Camp held a fine meeting Nov. 5, starting off with plenty of enthusiasm and a fine supper. Officers for Camp were installed by Dept. Com. Frank Small, of Coopers Mills, assisted by Bro. Beane of Hallowell. The Auxiliary were installed by Dept. Press Cor. Mrs. Lillian Beane, of Hallowell. Visitors were present from Augusta, Hallowell, Gardner, Coopers Mills and Portland and gave us some eloquent talks. We like to receive visitors, see new faces and make new friends.

**Camp 53, Brunswick.**

We celebrated Veterans' Night Nov. 19 with a joint installation with Aux. 15. P. D. P. Coleman installed the Auxiliary and P. D. C. Courson installed the Camp. Howard L. Sylvester is Commander, a position he earned years ago. Brother Noyes has been Treasurer for nearly thirty years, and Hosmer as Secretary, was installed in that office for the tenth time. Our retiring Commander, Ed Hammond, is making lots of talk about new members and reinstatements, and our Secretary has promised to cover every application he produces, so if we don't start the up-grade again, we will let Brother Hammond take the blame as we look for him to start something. Our only G. A. R. man living in town was unable to be with us.

**Camp 51, Biddeford.**

Sheridan-Grant Camp held a joint installation with their Auxiliary Nov. 16. Past Dept. Com. Tilley of the N. H. Dent. Installed the Camp officers. After the work of the evening a lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served by a joint committee of the two organizations and a social hour followed.

**Camp 17, Monson.**

The officers of W. L. Sampson Camp were installed Nov. 12 by Past Com. H. E. Smith, as follows: Com., John R. Filnt; Sr. Vice, Raymond Hughes; Jr. Vice, Forrest Stevens; Pat. Inst., Geo. L. Seabury; Sec., Arthur L. Bray; Treas., Earl H. Jackson; Chap., H. E. Smith. Invited guests were Gerry Relief Corps and school teachers.

We have a fine lot of officers and we know that our Commander and Patriotic Instructor will do all they can to make the meetings interesting. Come on, boys, let's help them by being present every meeting, second and fourth Mondays.

**Camp 93, Coopers Mills.**

The joint installation of McClellan Camp and Auxiliary was held in the new hall and was the best event ever held, so the officers say. The ladies furnished a supper at 6:30, which was enjoyed by nearly 150 people, and there was a larger attendance during the work.

Officers of the Camp, installed by Dept. Com. Salter, are: Com., Earland Small; Sr. Vice, Blaine Swift; Jr. Vice, Frank Beane; Sec.-Treas., Frank E. Small; Pat. Inst., Albert Beane; Chap., Forest Flagg.

Very interesting remarks were made by Comrade Hallowell and by Dept. Officers present, after which the meeting closed, followed by a short program and dancing.

Your Dept. Organizer is still on the job doing what he can in his small way, nearly every night out visiting Camps and Auxiliaries. Nov. 5, installed at Litchfield; 6th, meeting at Coopers Mills; 7th, attended installation at Rockland; 8th, installation at S. China; 9th, at Farmington; 12th, at Bath. Come on, Brothers, we said that we would stand back of and help our Commander. Are we doing it? How many of our Past Department Commanders and Past Camp officers are active? Think it over.

**Camp 44, Sanford.**

Our Camp has resumed its usual busy season for the year, and the new set of officers are starting in with a real determination to keep things booming this coming winter.

The following officers have been installed: Com., Carl L. Welch; Sr. Vice, Lester C. Crenner; Jr. Vice, Charles H. Authier; Treas., Porter A. Hobbs; Sec., Charles C. Webster.

We recently held an "Old Timers Night" which was well attended by former members of our Order. Old times were talked over, card games, and other social features were on the program. Supper was served at 6:30 by the committee of Sons.

On Nov. 21 we joined the Auxiliary in observing Veterans' Night; Sons and Birthday Night was also observed at this time, under the direction of our Patriotic Instructor, Adriel Thompson, Sisters Laura A. Keyes and Dept. Pat. Inst. Mildred R. Webster.

**State Muster.**

A state muster, the first in many, many years for the Maine Department, will be held in the Sons Hall at Coopers Mills on the evening of Dec. 8. A picked degree team will exemplify the work and present indications point to a large class of candidates, six Camps already having given notice of sending one or more. All Camp and Auxiliary members are urged to be present. A fine supper will be served at 6 o'clock, costing only a quarter, under the auspices of the various Auxiliaries.

**CONNECTICUT**

Edward S. Mattoon, Press Correspondent, 15 Union Street, Thomaston.

**Camp 6, Hartford.**

At the regular meeting Nov. 2 the officers were installed by Past Dept. Com. Henry W. Storrs, as follows: Com., George L. Champ-Hin; Sr. Vice, Richard H. Noble; Jr. Vice, Ellis C. Rowley; Sec., Robert E. Daniels; Treas., Henry E. Gage; Pat. Inst., G. Leon Lewis; Chap., Comrade James Collins.

There was an open meeting and we had a large attendance, 135 in all. Two G. A. R. members, Dept. Com. Spink, officers and members of all the patriotic organizations and visitors, a number making appropriate remarks pertaining to the Camp.

We all had a pleasant evening, thanks to the Amusement Committee, who gave us an excellent program. One of our members, G. Leon Lewis, impersonating Uncle Tom, was good, and he surprised us all with his clever acting. The refreshments served by the committee were bountiful and plentiful as usual. The meeting closed with some good old time songs.

**Camp 17, New Haven.**

Admiral Foote Camp was honored at its Nov. 20 meeting, by having five brothers present from Providence, R. I. They were Past Dept. Com. Enoch Hoyt, P. D. Com. Frank S. Reavey, P. D. Com. John McCurdy, Dept. Chief-of-Staff H. R. Macomber and P. C. William A. Reynolds. They were the originators of the traveling ball, a symbol of brotherly esteem and friendship. They were very welcome and they all gave fine talks and explained the purpose of the traveling ball and promised that when the Connecticut brothers wished to return the ball they would be shown a good time in Providence.

Every one present enjoyed an extra treat in hearing the talk by Roy Phelps, big game photographer. Mr. Phelps, who was photographer for Frank Buck, noted hunter, showed moving pictures of India, some of the jungle scenes being very thrilling.

Brother Nicholas has promised to have another good speaker present at our Dec. 15 meeting.

**Camp 2, Stamford.**

A joint installation of the officers of Camp 2 and Auxiliary was held Nov. 16. The following officers of Camp were installed by Past Com. Hoyt of Danbury: Com., Beal Henry Wood; Sr. Vice, Darwin Wixson, Jr.; Jr. Vice, Samuel W. Morrell; Pat. Inst., G. Carlton Saries; Sec., Edwin M. Scott; Chap., Harry P. Gregory. There were representatives from 5 Auxiliaries and 4 Camps as well as a number of officers of both the Sons and Auxiliary in attendance.

**Camp 11, Bridgeport.**

Veterans' Night was celebrated Nov. 19 with a program arranged by the Camp and Tent. Four members of the G. A. R. were present, and representatives of affiliated orders. A program of speaking and songs was under direction of Pat. Inst. Hart.

Judge Frederic A. Bartlett was elected Commander for a third term at the recent election. Other officers were re-elected.

A dinner will precede the next quarterly meeting, a plan being under consideration of having representatives of all affiliated orders of the G. A. R. present and matters of interest discussed looking to increased interest in all matters connected with the G. A. R.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the work of the Sons in Bridgeport, and arrangements are under way for a fitting celebration of the golden anniversary.

**Camp 26, Derby.**

About seventy attended the supper and joint installation of Russell Camp and Auxiliary, held Nov. 19. Comrade Andrew Dean of Kellogg Post, G. A. R., was guest of honor. Commemorating the 71st anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Miss Margaret Degnan, Vice Pres. of the Auxiliary, gave that immortal address in a very impressive manner. George S. Stafford was inducted as Commander, and Mrs. Christine Rotteck as President of the Auxiliary. Sr. Vice Dept. Com. B. O. DeForest installed the Camp officers and Dept. I. & I. Officer Eva Backus, of Plainville, the Auxiliary.

Camp 26, represented by S. V. Dept. Com. DeForest and Com. Stafford, and Aux. 8 by Mrs. Stafford and Past Pres. Ella DeForest, answered the roll at District 3 gathering in Meriden Nov. 24. They report a very interesting meeting.

Next meeting of the Camp and Auxiliary Monday evening, Dec. 17. Remember the date.

**INDIANA**

Albert L. Pauley, Press Correspondent, 1032 North Olney Street, Indianapolis.

**Camp 228, Princeton.**

Johnny Butler Camp gave a very interesting program Nov. 19 in celebration of Veterans' Night. A patriotic demonstration was given by the children of Irving School directed by Miss Etta Gayhart and Miss Christine Holms at the piano. Camp Com. Derbyshire gave a short talk concerning the origin and purpose of Veterans' Night. Visitors were introduced and telegrams and letters of regrets from friends unable to attend were read.

**Our "Baby" Camp.**

General Joseph E. Reynolds Camp No. 251, of Lafayette, conferred the degrees on four candidates Nov. 20, and Com. Fleming announced that another class will be initiated on Dec. 4. The charter will not be closed until the first of the year.

Several distinguished visitors were present, among whom were Gen. Joseph B. Henninger, Asst. Adjt. Gen. G. A. R., Dept. Com. Thornburg, Dept. Couns. Babylon, Charles E. Kakes and Parker Thornburg of Muncie.

An oyster supper and entertainment followed the business meeting. Ralph Wootton with his "bird imitations" was highly enjoyed and Mae Lonberger and her "gang" of Daughters of Veterans, wonderful inspiration, encouragement and help to the Camp, were present and thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

**Dept. Commanders Camp.**

Muncie Camp and Auxiliary officers were installed at a meeting Nov. 15. Dept. Com. Thornburg installed the Camp officers and Past Dept. Com. Babylon installed the officers of the Auxiliary.

Distinguished guests were Dept. Pres. Tressie A. Hardy and Dept. Sec. Pearl Brown and Miss Alice Price, of Frankfort; Dept. Chief-of-Staff Sadie Stephens and Chief Adviser Elizabeth Ireton, of Richmond; Dept. Treas. Lucy Wheat, A. Dyke Beals and Clementine Vanasdol, of Indianapolis. Refreshments were served.

Ben Harrison Camp and Auxiliary installed officers at "Fort Friendly" Nov. 27. A program and dance followed. Arthur W. Demree is the new Camp Commander and Mrs. Maude Moore the new Auxiliary President.

NOTE—Your Correspondent hopes that epidemic of "sleeping sickness" and "charley horses" so rampant among our Camp Press correspondents is over. Send in your stuff. If you are out of ink—use a pencil; if that is lost—use charcoal or chalk. If you can't do any better—send in your obituary.

**AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS. (Constitution and Regulations)**

**Commandery-in-Chief Encampment of 1934.**

Page 21, Chapter 2, DEPARTMENTS; Article 2, Section 1 (third paragraph), Change paragraph to read:

One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one additional delegate for every ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the quarter ending September 30th (next preceding the Encampment). Its own elective and appointive officers, (except Aides).

Page 29, Chapter 2, DEPARTMENTS, Article 7. New section:

Section 2. Each Department shall provide for a Department Committee on Program and Policy similar in scope and authority to the like Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Page 31, Chapter 3, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, Article 2, Section 1 (third paragraph). Change paragraph to read:

Of one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every one 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).

Page 38, Chapter 3, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, Article 7. New section:

Section 2. There shall be a Committee on Program and Policy consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Patriotic Instructor, National Secretary, National Counselor, the last retired Commander-in-Chief, and four members appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief shall appoint the Chairman of the Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Program and Policy to recommend action, Policy, Procedure and program to the Commander-in-Chief and to the officers thereof and to perform such other duties as it may be directed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order or by resolution of the Commandery-in-Chief.

**REGULATIONS SUSPENDED.**

By action of the 53rd Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, (1934), Chapter 1, Article 6, Section 1, Page 17. C. & R., is suspended until June 30, 1935, permitting Camps to fix admission fee at an amount they (Camps) desire to charge.

Section 2, Article 6, Page 17, is also suspended until June 30, 1935, whereby Departments are NOT to pay to the Commandery-in-Chief fifty (50) cents Membership Fee. Camps will pay the required Membership Fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) to Departments on each member initiated.

All Department and Camp Officers and members will be governed accordingly.

By order of the Commandery-in-Chief,  
FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,  
Commander-in-Chief.

NEW JERSEY

Charles C. Lawrence, Sr., Correspondent, P. O. Box 346, Trenton, N. J.

Correspondent's Note.

It is very gratifying to note the interest the members of this Dept. have taken the last two months while inspection has been taking place.

It is also interesting to note how many Past Dept. Coms. attend these inspections. You can always count from 5 to 10 P. D. C.'s from different parts of the state.

When Camp 4 of Trenton was inspected on Nov. 15 a Past Com.-in-Chief, a Past Dept. Com., the present Dept. Com. and other brothers of our sister state of Pa., led by "Old Timer Bill McGirr," paid N. J. a visit as you will note under Camp 4 Notes. How inspiring it was to set down to a meeting with nearly 90 members in the room, almost as many as attend some of our state Encampments.

Camp 4, Trenton.

The inspection of Garfield Camp was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 15. Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Merrell was the inspection officer. The Camp is greatly gratified for having received a mark of 100% for its work. The degree team performed the initiatory work and the floor drill in a splendid manner. The meeting was very well attended. There were 40 members of Camp 4 present. We were indeed happy to have with us Dept. Com. Blakely and several of his brothers from Pennsylvania; also Dept. Com. Harry Melsel, and several of his staff, in addition to several other brothers from the various Camps throughout the state. Dept. Com. Wm. C. Bilbee of the G. A. R. and several of his comrades of Post 23 were present also. Following the meeting a social time was enjoyed.

Saturday, Nov. 24, at a regular meeting of Post 23, G. A. R., the remaining eight members of the G. A. R. Veterans in Trenton were present. Wm. Fenner, the 9th member, had died that forenoon.

After the meeting was over Pat. Inst. R. Bogart of Camp 4 took charge and put on a Veterans' Day program, assisted by other members of the Camp. Lunch was served.

Camp 1, Hoboken.

Camp 1 meets Dec. 27 (4th Thursday), 629 Washington St. This will be our night for election of officers, and Com. O'Connor has done so well that it looks as if he has deserved a re-election. Installation will be on Jan. 24.

Our Veterans' Night was a very sociable affair, thanks to the installation of the Auxiliary. Comrade Barry was the only Veteran able to come out. A delegation from Camp 8, also brothers from Camps 19, 18 and 32 were present. Seven Auxiliaries were represented. Dept. I. & I. Officer Alice Donohue carried out the ceremonies in a most dignified and efficient manner.

Camp 5, Trenton.

On Oct. 15 the Camp held its annual inspection and received rating of 100%. We had one candidate, the son of Dept. Chap. of the G. A. R., William McCoy.

Instead of observing Veterans' Night, Nov. 19, in our rooms Camp Pat. Inst. Fred Kurtz made arrangements on Sunday, Nov. 25, to visit all members of the G. A. R. at their homes.

Camp 8, Paterson.

Hugh C. Irish Camp lost one of its illustrious members in the person of Hon. Thomas R. Layden, on Friday, Nov. 23. Camp funeral services were held Nov. 25 with twenty-one brethren in attendance. The public services

were held Nov. 26, with Rev. Benjamin Stinson officiating.

Brother Layden was elected to the New Jersey Assembly the years 1904, 1905, 1910 and 1911. He was a Councilman of his own Borough, President of the Board of Education, and was retired from the Public Service after a term of thirty years. Brother Layden never held office, but was beloved by his brethren. He leaves to mourn his passing a dear mother, one brother and a daughter.

Members turned out in large numbers on the 23rd, one member we were exceedingly happy in welcoming after an absence of ten years. After the business of the evening the game room was filled with pic eaters and a jolly hour was enjoyed.

RHODE ISLAND

Joseph G. Randall, Press Correspondent, 83 Clyde St., West Warwick, R. I.

Camp 6, Westerly.

Amos P. Chapman Camp and Auxiliary celebrated their 11th and 10th anniversaries at a joint meeting Nov. 1. The guest of honor was Mrs. Minnie Allen, organizer of the Camp and Auxiliary, who gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Camp. Interesting remarks were made by the Past Coms. and Past Pres. and Pres.-elect Bessie Morgan.

Installation.

Elsha Dyer Camp No. 7 held a joint installation with their Auxiliary on Nov. 13. Dept. Inst. Of. Charles E. Sleeper officiated. The guest of the evening was the Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Nat. Chaplain, of Harrisville. There were about 100 present. A joint supper was served at 6 o'clock.

The Traveling Hall.

Three Past Dept. Coms. and five Camp Coms. made a visit to Admiral Foote Camp of New Haven, Conn., on Nov. 20. The traveling hall which started from the R. I. Dept. to Danielson, Conn., arrived at this time at New Haven, being brought there by Camp 10, Danbury, Conn. Mr. Roy Phelps, a big game and jungle photographer, gave an interesting talk on "The Jungle," with moving pictures.

Two G. A. R. Members Pass Away.

Frederick A. Burt, former Dept. Com. of the G. A. R., died Nov. 15. He was an Army and Navy veteran of the Civil War. He was appointed a member of the State Board of Soldiers Relief in 1922, resigning in 1925 to be Secretary of the Board. He was a charter member of Bucklin Post No. 20, G. A. R., and a member of the famous "Starboard Watch" of that Post, consisting of men who saw service in the navy.

Dr. George E. Peck, Civil War Veteran, physician and chemist, the last member of Prescott Post No. 1, G. A. R., died Nov. 20. Comrades Burt and Peck were in the 2nd R. I. Vol. There are only two more surviving members of the 2nd R. I. Regiment.

A Beano Party.

A grocery beano party was held at Dept. Headquarters Saturday eve., Nov. 24, which was attended by a large number of members from the W. R. C., Sons and Auxiliaries.

Past Commanders.

The next meeting of the Past Commanders Association will be held jointly with the Past Presidents Association on Dec. 27. A Christmas Tree Party will be the feature of the evening.

Correspondent's Note.

Brothers, don't forget to attend the Lincoln Club meetings at Headquarters on Saturday evenings. Meeting called at 8 p. m. and roll call at nine.

MISSOURI

A. J. Albrecht, Sec.-Treas., 2405 South Broadway, St. Louis.

Reception and Dance.

The reception and dance given by the Mo. Dept., Oct. 27, was a big success, the Dept. treasury being enriched about \$250. Thanks are extended to all Camps and Auxiliaries for their co-operation, and to our many friends outside for their support in donations and advertisements. Another big event is in store in the near future. Watch for announcements.

Camp 17, St. Joseph.

Henry P. Mack was elected as Commander of Lincoln Camp at the annual election Nov. 23. Other officers are: Sr. Vice, Homer Gates; Jr. Vice, Otis W. Wright; Treas., Fred J. Wenz; Sec., Perry A. Brubaker; Chap., Mr. Philo; Pat. Inst., J. J. Couch.

The Camp aided Custer Post, G. A. R., in celebrating its 53rd anniversary Nov. 26, and will work with the Federated Societies in making arrangements for the 1935 Encampment which meets here May 21, 22 and 23.

Dept. Com. Mohr Visits Camp 36.

Warner Camp and Auxiliary, Kansas City, were recently honored by a visit from Dept. Com. and Mrs. Mohr and their two sons, and Mrs. Mabel Trebilcock, of St. Louis. A dinner was given at the Lucerne Hotel, followed by regular meetings of the two organizations.

Dept. Com. Mohr told of experiences in his home Camp, how he had withdrawn from his old church because it forbade membership in any fraternal order; with a few friends he had gone out and raised sufficient funds to build another church which was now flourishing, and with a large congregation. His point was that with determination and activity our patriotic organizations could be revived and the membership built up.

Several members of the Warner Camp and Auxiliary spoke, the evening being very pleasantly rounded out.

IOWA

L. G. Weaver, Correspondent, 614 W. 6th St., Newton, Iowa.

Camp 73, Newton.

Samuel H. Chapman Camp have taken in three new members recently and are expecting to take in some more soon. Auxiliary to Newton Camp is going ahead, having taken in ten new members.

All you Camp Correspondents throughout the State—let me hear from you, what you are doing. Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and see if we can't increase our membership.

Camp 33, Waterloo.

Joint installation exercises of Camp and Auxiliary were conducted on Nov. 13, when F. M. Stull was made Commander of the Sons and Miss Alice Stewart, President of the Auxiliary (4th term). Other Camp officers are: Sr. Vice, C. D. Engledow; Jr. Vice, Warren Kelsey; Sec.-Treas., R. W. Chadwick; Chap., Geo. Carroll; Pat. Inst., R. I. Snodgrass.

Veterans' Night was observed on Nov. 27 with a father-son banquet and patriotic program, in which the Auxiliary participated. Five Veterans were honor guests.

The Sons were represented at the dinner given Auxiliary Dept. Officers at Des Moines, Oct. 19, by Dept. Com. Childs, Centreville; Dept. Sec.-Treas. Stull, Waterloo; Press Cor. Weaver, Newton; Past Dept. Com. F. Aubrey Smith, Marshalltown; Bros. Ray J. Bennett, Hugh M. Stryker and Chas. Miller, Des Moines.

MICHIGAN

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Camp 1, State.

Our Dept. Historian, F. J. McMurtrie, was operated on recently for goniter and is back home from the hospital and getting along as well as could be expected.

News from Camp 1 has been remarkably scarce for some time and your Correspondent is wondering if this little town is too small to have any news. Formerly we had thought Detroit to be a full grown city.

Camp 3, Flint.

Dept. Com. Gillespie is certainly a very busy man, jumping around all over the state, stirring up interest wherever he goes. He attends every meeting of importance anywhere in the state. He seems to have fully recovered from quite a spell of sickness, and he may be assured that the entire membership of all the orders are heart and hand with him. These are troublous times but he has a happy way of dispelling much of this.

The Flint Regional came off on Dec. 8 and it was a grand success from every standpoint. Large crowd, fine dinner, fine program, fine dance, as well as initiations. As usual Jackson was there with a big crowd, and so was Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and several other cities. Many officers of many societies were also present.

Camp 4, Lansing.

The Lansing Auxiliary, with Dept. Pres. Mildred Peters, and the Daughters, are doing everything in their power to help the Sons "get going." The Auxiliary held their installation on Nov. 12 and there was a large crowd present. There will be a meeting soon of the Lansing Sons and Jackson will send up a full set of officers to put on the initiatory work.

Camp 7, Jackson.

Austin Blair Camp is still as active as ever. Wonderful pot luck dinner at every meeting furnished by the Daughters.

Our Social evening every third Wednesday is thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend. Always good music, good dancing, good refreshments.

Jackson will hold a Regional in January that every member in the state should attend. Some things of utmost importance and some wonderful surprises will be there. Particulars and date will be found in the January Banner. Watch for them.

Camp 14, Grand Rapids.

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 has duly installed their new officers for the next year, and they have a fine big job ahead of them as the National G. A. R. Encampment and allied orders will be their guests next summer. Most of these members "know their stuff," as they have gone through the same thing before, and they will expect and will have the support of the entire Department.

Camp 55, Battle Creek.

The regional meeting of the Sons was held Saturday, Nov. 10, with members of Byington Camp, 55, as hosts. There were 175 present, and the dinner was served by Able R. Flagg Tent, 21, Daughters of Union Veterans. Two members were initiated. Eighty guests answered the roll call, representing Grand Rapids, Flint, Jackson, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Allegan and Marshall.

Camp 74, Benton Harbor.

John Seal Camp No. 74 is coming along nicely, and it is our earnest desire to see a company of the Reserve started here. They

wrote us they were having a hard time to keep going but that is true of almost every Camp, but this winter will probably see a change. This Camp is made up of some very fine material and we just know they are going to grow.

Department Notes.

There are several Camps that have not sent in their Quarterly Reports or their Installation Reports. This is highly important as the Dept. Secretary cannot make out an intelligent report without these. Please attend to this at once.

Past Dept. Com. J. Ray Fisher reports that he is not feeling so well, and stays around home all the time. All of us are hoping he will be O. K.

Past Dept. Com. Robt. E. French has gone to Detroit to live for this winter. "Bob" manages to get to most of our meetings.

WISCONSIN

Victor Hoberg, Correspondent, 1521 N. 11th Street, Sheboygan.

Notice!

As Dept. Press Correspondent, I want to hear from each Camp at least once a month. Every Camp Com. must see that a Camp Press Cor. is appointed and that he sends items of interest. This is your column. If there is nothing in The Banner about your Camp, don't blame me.—V. H.

Madison Camp.

November has been a very active month for Harnden Camp. On the 1st, several members went to visit the Stoughton Camp. Nov. 12 we had installation of officers, with Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Dodson, of Milwaukee, acting as installing officer. Our new officers are: Com. Wm. Garville; Sr. Vice, Richard Sigelko; Jr. Vice, J. F. Scott; Sec., C. H. Hudson; Treas., H. G. Vogel. The Auxiliary held their installation preceding ours.

On Nov. 18 the Camp placed flags on the graves of some 800 Civil War Veterans. On Nov. 26, in rather belated style, we observed Veterans' Night, taking up incidents of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, with reference to Edward Everett's address, and the recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Bro. H. G. Vogel.

With the appointment of Hon. Theodore Lewis to the Supreme Court, its membership is now complete, four of them being members of the Sons. We shall examine Justice Lewis with a compound microscope to see whether or not he is eligible.—H. S. S.

Sheboygan Camp.

Although none of the Sheboygan County Veterans were able to attend, the Sheboygan Camp and Auxiliary observed Veterans with a splendid dinner, program, and dance on Saturday, Nov. 3. Thad Sheerin, Neenah, Dept. Com. of the G. A. R., his wife, and daughter, and six widows were our honored guests. Other honor guests were Dept. Com. Phipps and wife, Nat. Pat. Inst. Donaldson and wife, of Eau Claire; Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Dodson, wife and son, and Com. J. H. Disseler, of Milwaukee. A special program of music and patriotic entertainment was enjoyed, as was the splendid supper.

Installation of officers took place on Nov. 19, in a joint meeting with the Auxiliary. A supper was also served. Dept. Chap. C. D. Mayhew acted as installing officer. New officers of the Camp were: Com., William Lumsden; Sr. Vice, Arthur Meyer; Jr. Vice, Edward Rosell; Sec., Victor Hoberg; Treas., Robert Boggs; Pat. Inst., Albert Brown; Chap., Rev. C. D. Mayhew.—V. H.

Correction.

In the last issue of The Banner, it was

stated that Justice Nelson was going to give a talk to the Madison Camp on Grant, that a class was to be mustered, and that Nat. Pat. Inst., Donaldson was also to speak. It looked as though all this was to take place on one evening. Well, we hope all three events will transpire, but with either Bro. Donaldson or Bro. Nelson on the program we will consider the evening complete, as both are splendid speakers. We hope to take in new recruits with considerable regularity also.—H. S. S.

Stoughton Camp.

On Nov. 1 Col. Vilas Camp installed its new officers, Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Dodson of Milwaukee acting as installing officer. Officers installed were: Com., L. W. McComb; Sr. Vice, U. S. Pennewell; Jr. Vice, Joseph Kinney; Sec.-Treas., Jessie Utter; Pat. Inst., Bro. Geston. One thing to be noted was that 65% of the members attended this meeting, a record that any Camp will find hard of duplication.—H. S. S.

Milwaukee Camp.

New officers were installed by Pier-Badger Camp on Nov. 9. Bro. Scheuren acting as installing officer. Officers installed were: Com., J. H. Disseler; Sr. Vice, J. O. Mowrer; Jr. Vice, H. O. Knickerbocker; Sec., C. W. Dodson; Treas., Wm. I. Wolf; Pat. Inst., Roy Lewis; Chap., Bernard Schmidt. Honored guests included Capt. Henry Held, P. D. C. and Asst. Adj. Gen. of the G. A. R., and Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Henry W. Siemers of Sheboygan, who gave us interesting talks.

On Nov. 17, the Milwaukee Camp and Auxiliary observed Veterans' Night at the home of Bro. and Sister Kaestner with a splendid supper, program and dance. Beer was served free and all enjoyed a good time. Dept. G. A. R. Com. Thad Sheerin of Neenah, and nine local G. A. R. Comrades were our guests, as were several sisters from Sheboygan.—E.A.K.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Installations.

The following Camps have installed their new officers for 1935: No. 1, Manchester; No. 2, Concord; No. 4, Troy; No. 7, Penacook; No. 10, Keene; No. 15, Hillsboro; No. 18, Nashua; No. 27, Hinsdale; No. 32, Elkins; No. 34, Lakeport; No. 39, Pittsfield. It is the wish of the Dept. officers that the other Camps install at once, so that the new Rosters can be printed and that all Camps will be on the job, with all members' shoulders at the wheel pushing and securing new and reinstated members. This Department ought to show a good gain in members at our Encampment in April, instead of a loss, as has been reported for the last few years.

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The officers of Camp 15 were installed by Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Fred H. Lang, on Nov. 3, at a joint installation with the Auxiliary, preceded by a bean supper, and followed by dancing. There were about ninety present from Troy, Keene, Nashua, Alton, Elkins, Bennington and Hinsdale.

The southwestern part of the state is quite active and we hope the rest of our Department will show that they are just as active within the next few months. Some Camps are beginning to prosper and we want the others to show that they can do things as well.

Camp 38 held Veterans' Night Nov. 19, with their only Comrade left present—E. P. Jones, of Post No. 11—who will be 90 years old on his next birthday. A fine talk was given by Comrade Jones and remarks by several that were present. Light refreshments were served by the local Tent of Daughters of Union Veterans.

MINNESOTA

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Camp 8, Minneapolis.

A new deal is in prospect for Minneapolis Camp during the coming year with the installation of the new officers on Nov. 13. Brother Fred H. Scott was installed as the new Commander. Brother Scott is a veteran of the World War and has served under the colors nine years with the Marine Corps. The other officers installed were: Sr. Vice, George E. Spence; Jr. Vice, Herbert Donoho; Sec.-Treas., Robert H. Cruton; Pat. Inst., Charles F. Martin; Chap., Alfred C. Danforth.

A Veterans' Night program such as hasn't been equalled in a great many years was rendered by the Minneapolis Camp on Nov. 19, under the direction of Pat. Inst., Brother Charles F. Martin. Nat. Pat. Inst. Donaldson came from his home in Eau Claire, Wis., to give a very inspiring address. Dept. Com. Phipps, Camp Com. Haag and Brother F. H. Buttens of Eau Claire Camp No. 35, (Wis.), also came bringing with them Comrades C. H. Henry and J. W. Pepper of the G. A. R. A beautiful silk flag was presented to the Minneapolis Camp by Brother Alfred C. Danforth, in memory of his father, and it was accepted by Brother Donaldson on behalf of the Camp. Sixteen G. A. R. veterans were guests of honor and occupied seats on the platform. Each one was introduced and responded with a few words. A Spanish-American War Veteran Drum Corps, along with several other musical numbers, added to the spirit of the occasion.

The membership of the Minneapolis Camp is very appreciative of the interest, good-will and good-fellowship as shown by our brothers: C. D. Donaldson, Nat. Pat. Inst.; W. S. Phipps, Dept. Com. of Wis.; Benj. G. Haag, Com. of Michael Griffin Camp No. 35, and F. H. Button, who came from Eau Claire, to be with them.

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Camp 1, St. Paul.

The Rev. Claude E. Ireland, Chaplain at the Minnesota Soldiers Home, and member of St. Paul Camp No. 1, delivered an address over radio station WTCN recently in commemoration of the late Theodore Roosevelt, and on the need of the country for a strong navy. He stressed the importance of the navy as our first line of defense and the safeguard of our national policies.

ILLINOIS

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Camp 4 Going Places.

Camp 4 at Springfield started out with an aggressive campaign for growth and civic activities on Nov. 2, and are making great strides ahead. Four programs have been given over the air on their regular Sunday broadcast, and replies have come in from a radius of forty miles. Tune in at 1200 on your dial and listen in.

One uniform was donated to the Feitshaus High School Band by Camp 4 as the first act of their Civic Welfare program, which has given them a great deal of publicity and prestige. Friday night, Nov. 30, they gave a card and bunco party at which about 300 were expected. This was the first of a series of entertainments to build the treasury.

Commander Neeld has a real fighting corps of officers who are supporting him and giving one hundred per cent co-operation.

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Decatur No. 85 Installs Officers.

The baby Camp of the Department held their first installation of officers Tuesday

night, Nov. 27, in the V. F. W. Hall at Decatur. The Auxiliary joined them with their installation to make it a beautiful and impressive ceremony.

There were three generations represented: Dept. Com. Wm. N. Hodge, G. A. R.; his son, Loren Hodge, who was installed as Commander of Camp 85, and his two grandchildren, Loren Hodge, Jr., and Margaret Hodge, members of the Sons and Auxiliary, respectively.

Dept. Com. Byron, of Kankakee, acted as Installing Officer and Camp Com. Neeld, of Springfield, as Guide. The following additional officers were inducted into office: Sr. Vice, Clarence Andrews; Jr. Vice, Harry Redmond; Pat. Inst., Dept. Com. (G.A.R.) Wm. N. Hodge; Chap., Rev. Homer E. Sala; Treas., Walter Fisher; Sec., Mayor Smith. A fine corps of officers and it is predicted this Camp will forge ahead this year.

Among the notables present were: Past Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Anna Byron, of Kankakee; Past Aux. Dept. Pres. Miss Edna Stewart, Dept. Chap. Mrs. Phares, Aux. Pres. Mrs. Clara Boone, all of Bloomington; Mrs. Lena B. Frye, Dept. Pres. L. of G. A. R.; Dept. Sr. Vice Com. John W. Rippetoe and Sr. Vice Com. Harold C. Collister, of Springfield; Dept. Com. V. F. W., Amos Sharp, Decatur.

Chicago Activities.

Custer Camp entertained with a Father and Sons banquet Nov. 7 at Hotel Sherman, Bro. Watrous was in charge.

Armistice Day, Nov. 11, Bro. T. L. Deem, Commandant S. V. Reserve, assembled Comrades of the G. A. R. at the Sherman where they were placed in cars to participate in the parade. Following the parade they were all guests of Auburn Park Business Men.

Events in Bloomington.

Auxiliary No. 22, Bloomington, held a surprise party on a comrade's widow who is 74 years of age.

The comrades of the Bloomington Post will hold a joint Christmas party with the Sons at their first meeting in December and will exchange gifts.

Camp 51, Kankakee.

Joint installation of Camp and Auxiliary officers was held Nov. 8. Dept. Com. Byron officiated for the Sons, and Past Dept. Pres. Byron for the Auxiliary. New Camp officers are: Com., H. D. Erzinger; Sr. Vice, A. L. Dillon; Jr. Vice, M. W. Desens; Treas., E. C. Streeter; Sec., Fred Ashby; Chap., C. M. Burch; Pat. Inst. Harry S. Streeter. Refreshments were served following installation exercises.

Attention, Camp Gravo Marking Committees.

Your Dept. Chairman, Bro. David G. Drake, is confined in Room 212, St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Aurora, because of a fall in which he tore the ligaments in his left ankle. He would ask all Camp Chairmen to write him in order that he may keep in touch with work done.

He wants to thank the Auxiliary members for the way they have responded to his calls for aid on his committees. He also wants to thank all those who have remembered him with cards and flowers.

Camp 270, Dwight.

The Camp and Auxiliary had a costume party at the Clifford Kelch home in October, much merriment being caused by some of the costumes.

Veterans' Night was jointly observed at the Boyer home on Nov. 19. A few invited guests were present. C. J. Ahern, a prominent local attorney, gave a very interesting informal talk on the Constitution. Little Dickie Knudsen, 6 years old, gave two groups of songs. The program was much enjoyed.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

D. E. Bowley, Secretary, 2550 Pine Street, San Francisco.

Camp 1, San Francisco.

Gallieo High School, Major J. P. Nourse, Principal, was presented national and battalion flags Nov. 5. The student body of 45 nationalities, wearing the costumes and carrying the banners of all nations, were escorted to the athletic field by a crack Company of the R. O. T. C. Student speakers displayed the various flags used in this country before the final adoption of a standard, and explained the gradual evolution of the national flag. Supt. of Schools Lee received an ovation when at the climax of his address he stated "that these 45 nationalities were first and at all times and under all conditions Americans."

Camp 3, Santa Monica.

Dr. R. R. Barrett installed W. H. A. Turrill, Com.; F. S. Huntington, Sr. Vice; A. J. Stoner, Jr. Vice; F. S. Huntington, Arthur Jackson, Grant Leslie, Council; H. O. Scheer, Pat. Inst.; Rev. E. J. Bradner, Chap.; H. E. McCampbell, Sec.-Treas.

Camp 4, San Jose.

Bro. Roger Darling installed Aaron Powers, Com.; Herman Salisbury, Sr. Vice; Philip Marsh, Jr. Vice; Robt. Duff, Ralph Miner, Chas. Dable, Council; Oren Crow, Pat. Inst.; F. W. Brandis, Chap.; Frank M. Crook, Sec.; R. W. Ebey, Treas., on Nov. 8, during a joint installation with Aux. 12, Hannah Dabel, Installing Officer. A fine dinner of home cooked food preceded the ceremony. Dept. Com. Dr. J. Francis Killeen, Dept. Sec.-Treas. D. E. Bowley, Comrade Robinson, et al, were among the honored guests.

Camp 24, Sacramento.

C. E. Woodbury, Com., and C. E. Ward, P. C., erected three flag-poles in the G. A. R. plot of the Sacramento Cemetery. Com.-elect T. M. Miller will sponsor a fourth. The Veterans' Night program and District Meeting Nov. 17 and 18, at the Oak Park Clubhouse, reflected credit upon the Camp and its Commander.

Camp 10, Long Beach.

Lawton Camp was host to 23 Comrades of the Grand Army at a turkey dinner on Veterans' Night, Nov. 16. Comrade O. R. Pease, Company L, 12th New York, topped the list of patriarchs at the age of 100 years last August; the average age was 90.09 years.

Visiting Sons were Capt. S. A. Drummond, Chaplain National Military Home, Sawtelle; Dr. R. R. Barrett, P. D. C.; C. F. Millen, Dept. Chaplain. Other guests were Mrs. Charlotte B. Turner, Dept. President of the Auxiliary; Mahala Buckley, Past Dept. Pres.; Lena Simmons, Dept. Press Cor.; Lena Hewett, District Aide.

The dinner was prepared and served to 275 persons by the Anna Ethridge Tent No. 58, Daughters of Union Veterans, of which Mrs. Jessie Boyd Husband, is President and entitled to a large portion of the credit for the very successful event.

John G. Spielman, P. D. C., general chairman and toastmaster, gave a convocation address in which he called attention to the historical fact that this was the regular Veterans Night celebration, also the 70th anniversary of the start of Sherman's march to the sea, and the 35th anniversary of the founding of this Camp. W. E. Martin, Commander, gave the address of welcome, to which Com. D. R. Beebe, Co. B, 17th Ill., of Post 181, responded. Rev. Henry H. Wood, Co. E, 121st N. Y., Past National Chaplain, gave an invocation. Superior Court Judge Walter Desmond, an active member of this Camp, gave an inspiring patriotic address.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter, National President, 405 Hampton Ave., Wilkensburg, Pa. Miss Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent, Dwight, Ill.

PAST—Auxiliary Presidents—PRESENT.

To my Co-Workers:

PAST—A year of work is completed. The record is closed. If you gave of your best, whether or not the results reached your expectations, no more could be asked. My congratulations to all upon attaining the right to be called a Past Auxiliary President, a position of real honor. My thanks to all also, for the service rendered. I am confident that your interest in our Order will not cease, and that the knowledge gained by you in a YEAR of SERVICE will gladly be given your successor.

PRESENT—You have assumed a great responsibility. Much of the SUCCESS of our Order during the year ahead, consequently YOUR Success, that of your Department President, as well as mine, will depend upon YOU, because, after all, the success of our Order depends largely upon the RESULTS accomplished by the unit Auxiliary, multiplied by all, and making up the entire Order.

I am sure you will give of your best, that you will be active in promoting a WORTH-WHILE ACTIVITY in your Auxiliary, keen in your interest, not only in holding your present membership (and this may require real hard work) but also in increasing it. Success does not come by chance, but can be attained by sincere, devoted SERVICE. That you will give this I am satisfied. In it you will require, and I trust will receive, the earnest support of the

ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP—Having placed your Auxiliary President in her position give her the assistance she is entitled to, and has a right to expect. She may work hard, earnestly and conscientiously but unless she is supported in her efforts by the members her efforts will avail nothing. The year 1935 will be one of SUCCESS or FAILURE as the present membership may, by their work, or lack of work, decide. Would that I could cut the word "failure" from our vocabulary.

May I use in closing the sentence of one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief—"IF OUR ORDER IS WORTH BELONGING TO, IT IS WORTH WORKING FOR." Loyally, for the Cause, GERTRUDE M. SAUTTER, National President.

NOTICE TO DEPT. PRESIDENTS.

Dept. Presidents are requested to please send in as soon as possible rosters of their Dept. giving names and addresses of the newly elected Aux. Presidents, so that a copy of The Banner can be sent them each month, in accordance with contract. This copy should be taken to the lodge room and placed on file there, so all members may have an opportunity to read it.—The Banner Pub. Co., Dwight, Ill.

DEATH OF MARIE K. SEIPP.

The news of the death of Miss Marie K. Seipp, of Philadelphia, Pa., was received with profound sorrow by all the members of our order who knew her. Sis. Seipp passed away Nov. 9, after a few months illness. Funeral services were held Nov. 13 at the Schneider parlors, 619 W. Olney Ave., Philadelphia, with interment the following day in Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Sister Seipp was a faithful, loyal member of our order and had held important offices in her own Aux. and Dept. At the time of her death she was the Dept. Treas. of Pa. Dept.; in 1916-1917 she served as Nat. Chaplain, in 1918-19 as Nat. Patriotic Instructor and as Personal Aide during the administration of

FRATERNALISM.

As the Wise Men of the East opened their treasures and lavished their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, so did the founders in giving to us this splendid Patriotic Organization, present treasures of love and kindness; for well has it been said, that we can learn some of the most profitable lessons from the teachings of our Auxiliary.

After reading the history of our Order, you will realize more fully all that has gone into the building of this great work. Keen of vision, broad of understanding and tireless in their efforts to build, not alone for ourselves, but for this great Nation, to which we owe a great obligation to preserve and keep sacred for future generations. As a result of their determination, we have gone forward.

Our membership is an inspiration which might be termed fraternalism, and if there ever was a time when we needed to promote that spirit, it is now. We have advanced ideals, stood substantially for all the reforms that have for their purpose the making of this world a better place in which to live.

The strength of any organization is commensurate with the activities and support of the members. We would ask that you repledge and re-double your efforts to your Auxiliary, as there is an urgent need for the wholesome influence of fraternalism.

May we continue to work together, sharing our blessings with one another and find joy in sharing.—Willma L. Combs, Past Nat. Pres.

California.

The following Sisters have been elected and installed as Pres. of their respective Aux.: Aux. 2, Los Angeles, Lyda Perfield; Aux. 3, Pasadena, Bertha Curtis; Aux. 4, Riverside, Erma P. Deal; Aux. 6, Fresno, Mary Rogers; Aux. 12, San Jose, Jessie Nichols; Aux. 14, Pasadena, Violet E. Robinson; Aux. 15, San Francisco, Emma Horning; No. 18, Ontario, Mrs. Leslie Strawn. Nat. I. & I. Of., Cora B. Dunster installed the officers of Aux. 2; Dept. Pres. Charlotte Turner installed those of Aux. 3, 4, 14 and 15; P. N. P. Mamie Deems installed Aux. 7 officers and Dept. I. & I. Of. Hannah Dabel those of Aux. 12. Entertainment and refreshments at all installations, which were open to the public and large numbers attended, also all the dear G. A. R. members who could get out.

San Jose—Sons' quartet assisted by Aux. members and social evening with never a dull moment, is a good report from Aux. 12.

Ontario, Aux. 15—The annual Home Coming dinner on Oct. 23 was a big success. The tables were beautifully decorated. Sis. Emerson Gilliland, the Aux. mother, donated a beautiful quilt for Aux. use. Comrade A. Podrasnik, the daddy of the Aux., was not able to be with us and we all missed him.

Riverside—Aux. 4 has made plans for the annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 14. All members of the order rejoice that the Sons of Riverside are active again.

Pasadena—Aux. 14 entertained the comrades with a chicken dinner in honor of Veterans Day, the dinner being prepared by P. D. P. Mahala Buckley; 13 comrades were present and a good program followed. The annual Sunday services of Aux. and Sons were held Oct. 21 at the Sawtelle Soldiers Home. Chap. Drummond, member of the Sons, greeted all in his usual happy manner. Dept. Pres. Charlotte Turner and P. D. C. Dr. Ralph R. Barrett of the Sons had charge. Forty flags were carried by the various orders. Com. Robt. Lyons of Godfrey Post was guest of honor, from Pasadena. A fine dinner served in the park followed.

Pasadena, Aux. 3—Comrade Lawrence, aged

To All Members and Families of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary to Sons of Union Vets. of the C. W.

Using the words of old, the sentiment of which cannot be enriched by the addition of others—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

God Bless you Every One.

Gertrude M. Sautter.

Past Nat. Pres. Anna F. Keene, filling all offices in an efficient, capable manner.

UNUSUAL EVENTS.

The following items, which are unusual and out of the ordinary, were sent to The Banner by Nat. Vice Pres. Lillian A. Pierce, of New Britain, Conn.:

From Washington: The presentation of flags to a group of children at a white ribbon recruit service took place at the state convention of the W. C. T. U. held in Spokane, Wash. One of our comrades asked the blessing and Dept. Sec. Rose E. Hall, of the Aux., conducted the service. This was a very pretty service, in the presence of about 200 women; we feel that it is time to begin to promote patriotism in the hearts of the younger generation.

From Connecticut: At a meeting of the Past Dept. Presidents of Conn. Aux. to S. U. V., it was voted to organize a Round Table. The suggestion was advanced by P. D. P. Sue Oldershaw, of Waterbury. This Round Table will meet at the invitation of any Aux. and will put on the work and answer to the best of their ability any question. The exemplification of the work will be done by Past Dept. and Past Aux. Presidents. The Dept. Pres. and Com. will be honored guests. The S. of U. V. will be invited to each meeting. This Round Table will be under the direction of the Past Dept. Pres. Assn. and the sole purpose is to aid the Dept. Pres. and the Aux., especially the weaker ones, and as a help in building up the work of our order.

What Others Say of Us



What I have learned by personal contact and continuous association with our own Auxiliary prompts me to urge a hearty co-operation in their work by the membership of our Order, to the end that not only their own work may be made still more effective, but because of the great value it has been, and is, to our own organization. In my service, both as Dept. Commander and as Commander-in-Chief, their value attracted me as to the great need of their unselfish work in our behalf. No Camp can afford to be without an Auxiliary nor fall to work in co-operation in the field of noble and patriotic work in our allied efforts for and with the G. A. R., in perpetuating their services and deeds, and in the common work for the maintenance of this Nation, and its ideals so ruthlessly challenged by the "isms" that confront us as true Americans.—S. S. Horn, Past Commander-in-Chief.

92, a member of Kearney Camp and the daddy of Aux. 3 was laid to rest—the last of four Sons who were comrades and belonged to our Camp, also of Godfrey Post, G. A. R.

Dept. Pres. Charlotte Turner is kept busy with Aux. affairs. We are happy to learn through her that our Nat. Pres. Gertrude Sautter is planning a trip to the Pacific coast in the near future. All are anxious to meet her and we know we shall profit by her visit.—Mrs. Lena E. Simmons, Dept. Press Cor., 1640 El Sereno Ave., Pasadena.

#### Maryland.

Wilmington, Del.—App. Aux. 2 held their election of officers in Oct. at which time Sis. Lucinda Weir and her staff were chosen to serve the ensuing year. On Nov. 5 App. Camp and Aux. held their joint installation. We were honored by the presence of Dept. Pres. May B. Parker, who installed the Aux. A pleasing program was presented during which a silver dish was presented to Sis. Parker and a surprise handkerchief shower given our retiring Pres., Sis. Gertrude Denney. Refreshments followed. Veterans' Day was celebrated by the Camp and Aux. with the planting of red dogwood trees on a designated spot at Hare's Corner, where the first Del. regiment was mustered into service during the Civil War. Each year on Veterans' and Appomattox Days, members dedicate trees in honor or memory of the G. A. R. A Christmas party will feature the December meeting.

Hagerstown, Md.—Aux. 10 held their regular meeting in Sept. at the home of Mrs. Mollie Hall with a large attendance. After the business session a weenie roast was held on the lawn and everybody enjoyed a delightful evening. Oct. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hattie Crissinger with a good attendance. A program in keeping with memoirs of the Battle of Antietam was given. Refreshments were served by hostess. Nov. meeting was held at home of Mrs. Davison and Miss Garlock. Dept. Pres. May B. Parker and staff, from Washington, D. C., were guests. Dept. Pres. Parker installed the officers elected in Nov. Mrs. Minnie McClain is Aux. Pres. Retiring Pres., Mrs. Mollie Hall, was given a handkerchief shower. The Dept. Pres. was presented with a gift from the Aux. After the business session, a social hour followed with refreshments.—Margaret J. Hahn, Dept. Press Cor.

#### Massachusetts.

Duxbury—Aux. 36 are off to a flying start, their Dist. Alde, Maude Colburn, of Abington, visiting them on their first meeting night under the new officers. On Nov. 21 P. D. P. Lucy Goodspeed on behalf of the Aux. presented the Duxbury High School with a 22x17½ framed copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address which was very much appreciated. The Aux. and Camp will observe Veterans' Night jointly on Dec. 5, and a Christmas Party will be held on the 20th. The new P. C. seems to be on her job.

Danvers—Aux. 93 gave a birthday to eight of the fifteen surviving widows of Union Civil War Veterans, at the former home of the late Capt. Charles Masury. Com. Alonzo Rackliff of Post 90 being unable to come, on account of illness, sent a white carnation boutonniere for all of the fifteen widows and a letter, which was read during refreshments. The guests were conveyed each way by auto and were presented with a token of remembrance from the Aux. The oldest of the "girls" was 87 while the "baby" of the crowd was 64. Danvers appears to have been too modest, for we find that each year, just previous to Memorial Day, a large framed photo of Abraham Lincoln, with a silver plate, suitably inscribed,

has been presented to one of the public schools of the town, from primary school to the high school. Good work, Danvers, and keep on telling us things. Your D. P. C. likes that sort of thing to tell about.

Barre—Aux. 86 held a joint installation with their Camp on Nov. 13. D. P. Phyllis Dean installed the Aux., assisted by P. N. P. Whitney as Chaplain; Gulde, D. C.-of-S. Rita Angler; Asst. Gulde, D. I. & I. Iva Hodge, with Anna Osborne and Anna Brammer as Color Guards; Helen Richards, of Westboro, Pianist. Dorice Knight is again Pres. About 100 were present, with guests representing other patriotic orders. P. C. Emma S. Hawes is on the job. The Aux. gained one new member recently; held a penny social for the patriotic fund and were hostesses for an exemplification for the Dept. About 100 were present. P. N. P. Whitney, P. C.-In-C. Homan, P. N. P. I. Addison A. Quinn, D. C. Ralph Smith and D. C.-of-S. Rita Angler were among the notable guests present.

Beverly—Aux. 25 made an interesting visit by bus to the First Nat'l Stores warehouse in Somerville, (a N. E. chain of groceries and markets). A tour of inspection showed sorting and packing of foodstuffs. Each lady was given a bag of sample packages of the F. N. S. products.

Melrose, Aux. 79—One of the Melrose girls, Barbara E. Bunker, has been hiding her light "under a bushel," or what have you. She was chairman of a "Kiddle" party Nov. 22, and the invitations were set into poetry, by the chairman, who, by the way, is the "baby" sister of P. N. P. Margaret C. Palmer. If space permitted your Correspondent would gladly include them in these paragraphs, but, as we are "cut" more and more in our "exchanges," you will have to take my word for it that "Bobby" is some poetess. Announcements have reached here for the entire year, with each hostess and chairman assigned. That's telling them!

Stoughton—Aux. 46 and Camp 13 installed jointly, P. D. P. Maude Warren and staff from Brockton, doing the Aux. work. Edith Lang is the new Pres. and Press Correspondent. Good luck, Edith, in both jobs.

Charlestown—Aux. 8 had the pleasure of being installed by their own member, P. D. V. P. Elizabeth Farrar, who has been ill for several years. She always kept up interest in the work and delivered the ritual almost verbatim. The Aux. held their installation at the home of P. D. P. I. Annie Rushforth. P. P. Eva Barber is the new President.

Boston—Aux. 78 have begun a busy season. They were installed jointly with their Post, G. A. R., and Camp on Nov. 9. D. P. C. Minnie S. Pike, of the Aux., installed, with a suite made up from Lowell, Cambridge (61), and Dorchester. About 100 were present. Louise V. Cook is Pres. again. Two new members have been taken in and applications are out for several more, when a class initiation is being planned in Jan. The Aux. turned out this year with South End Post No. 105, A. L. for their annual Memorial Mass on Armistice Day, at the Cathedral of Holy Cross. A turkey supper and Christmas tree will be held on Dec. 18 for Com. Patrick H. Brown of Post 7, G. A. R. The Aux. will join with W. R. C. No. 23 in cooking the supper.—Minnie Scott Pike, Dept. Press Cor., 463 Blue Hill Ave., Grove Hall, Boston, Mass.

#### New York.

Amsterdam—The Tri-County Vet. Assn. held their 39th reunion and picnic July 21. Three G. A. R. comrades were present. A fine program was given and every one present enjoyed the occasion immensely. Address was given

by Rev. H. C. Petty, a Chaplain of the World War. Election of officers followed. Sis. Bessie Graham is the new Pres. Officers installed by Bro. Schofield. Next meeting will be held in Gloversville in 1935.

Ithaca—Aux. 12 was well represented at the annual Dept. Encamp. at Albany last June and our drill team numbering 16, put on their drill and was well received. Drill Master Jas. H. Grooms deserves credit. The Aux. received a prize for being the first to send in their money for Chief-of-Staff fund.

Schneectady—Aux. 45 entertained Dept. Pres. Mable S. Arthur and staff and Dept. Com. of the S. U. V. Wm. A. Hallock and staff on Oct. 6. Guests were present from Glens Falls, N. Y. City, Amsterdam, Syracuse and Cohoes. Gifts were presented Dept. officers. Sis. Helen Meskert was chairlady.

Binghamton—Com. and Mrs. Ezra Hamlin were presented with a bouquet of roses in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary, as a gift from Camp 93 and Aux. 17. Bro. Hamlin is Com. of the Camp. The annual picnic was held in Rose Park July 25.

Albany—A reception was given to our Dept. Pres. Mable S. Arthur and staff and Dept. Com. Wm. A. Hallock and staff by Aux. 30 at G. A. R. Hall. Nat. Sec. Margaret C. Brady was chairlady with Edith L. King as assistant. The tables were decorated in orange and black. Each Dept. officer received a gift from the girls of Aux. 30. There were 7 Past Dept. Presidents present. Delicious chicken dinner served; good time enjoyed by all.

Glens Falls—Forty members were present at the annual picnic of the Aux. which was held at the summer home of Mrs. Bessie Smith, at Big Bay, in July. Independence Day was observed with a fitting program. An ice cream social was held July 10 at the home of Mrs. Gracie Harper and a picnic held on July 16. The Camp and Aux. gave a reception Sept. 22 at the Queensbury Hotel in honor of Dept. Com. Hallock and staff and Dept. Pres. Mable Arthur and staff. A fine program was given, among the singers being Wm. Anderson, Jr., of Mass. Dept. Arrangements were under the direction of Dept. Sec. Jennie Davidson. Many of the Dept. officers were present. We were specially honored by the presence of Nat. Pres. Gertrude Sautter and our beloved Nat. Sec. Margaret C. Brady, P. N. P. Margaret Anderson, of Mass., and many others. Many gifts were presented by the girls of Aux. 22.

Halsey Valley—Aux. 11 held election of officers at their first meeting in Oct. and installed them the first meeting in Nov. We also had initiation and a fine supper was served after lodge, three members celebrating their birthdays.—Mrs. Julia Jackson, Dept. Press Cor., 109 Edward St., Schenectady, N. Y.

#### Washington.

Spokane—The Aux. gave a demonstration dinner at the State Armory. The affair was sponsored by Dept. officers of the Sons of U. V. and \$800 was cleared. We hope to put on another one soon. The Aux. served a dinner in Oct. to 33 members of the G. A. R. and S. U. V.; honor guests included Dept. Pres. Amanda Williams and Dept. Com. Ira Isham of the S. U. V., as well as a number of other Dept. officers of the Aux., Sons and G. A. R. Following the dinner Mrs. Laura Medcalf was elected Aux. Pres. Bro. Hall, of Spokane, is very ill. We hope for his early recovery.

Yakima—The Sons and Aux. held a meeting on Oct. 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barrows, who served a very nice lunch at the close. On Nov. 13 the Aux. and Sons met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Colvin.—Rose Mansfield, Dept. Press Cor., Rt. 1, Yakima, Wash.

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