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Our Organization Needed in Life of Nation

My, Brothers, many of us remember our enthusiastic and well attended meeting in Pittsburgh. How we were thrilled by members present and a feeling of earnestness on the part of all. I am wondering if we are putting it to good use, and striving to increase our membership and generally improving conditions.

The reports from National Secretary Hammer are not very encouraging, I assure you. Here is a little of the story:

In good standing June 30, 1939—
727 Camps, 21,770 members.

In good standing, September 30, 1939—
711 Camps, 21,314 members.

Losses, 16 Camps and 356 members.

Naturally, I wonder why, don't you? I find that several of our Departments have been visited by Deaths. That is one thing we cannot change. So to keep ahead of this average we shall need about 50 new Camps; two or more to each Department. Is that too much to hope for?

Yes and we will be needing 800 or 900 new members at the end of the next quarter, if we should continue to lose. But why should we? I think it unfortunate that we have Camps dropped, and by the way I find some Departments not in too good a condition. Why?

Perhaps there is need of some one with interest and a sure feeling that our organization is necessary in life of our Nation today, who will lend a hand and go to these Camps and help them to get into active condition. My attention was called to the matter thus. We know where these Camps are located that are struggling along; they have a Charter, some members, why not try to revive them instead of just letting them die?

Locations for new Camps have to be found and worked up, and brought in. A most worthy thing to do and I am glad to hear that there is activity along these lines in

some Departments. I am patiently listening in for more good news—reinstated Camps, new Camps—members and more members.

Brothers, the Sons of Union Veterans should be a vital factor for good government in many more towns and cities. If we are a Patriotic Society, founded and organ-

The Spirit of Democracy is and should continue to be a growing thing. Why not, for the elements that enter into it are Freedom—Justice—Equality and Humanity. And all these things are potential elements inculcated in our organization. Then why is it not an honor to belong and to labor for the advancement of the Sons of Union Veterans?

Yes I know these are trying times; times to try men's souls. Not so easy to get the money for initiation fees and dues. But can't we find a way out if we really care? Anyway let's stick together and pull together; help each other and exemplify the spirit of real brotherhood and show our interest as our Fathers and grandfathers did.

You know fraternity creates a bond that makes mankind akin. We surely need it in the Old World today; this striving together develops leadership and the right kind is woefully needed in the Nations of the World.

Men and women with truly loving dispositions, anxious about others and real concern for the whole, can and should be trained under principles of belief such as it is our privilege; for Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty are comprehensive terms, and mean much.

With wars and rumors of wars—millions for defense—we need an organized effort to stay out of war, seek peace and pursue it.

Soon we will hear chimes. "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." So, Brothers, let's go forth to build a great organization, with strength and power to take our place in national affairs as our fathers did. "We can if we will."

I know you will not forget the Christmas Cheer to Grand Army men, their families, our needy brothers or their families. To those in our families who have lost loved ones, go to them also. The Spirit of Charity points the way.

RALPH R. BARRETT,
Your Commander-in-Chief.

Season's Greetings

to

All Members of the Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil
War and Their Families

and

To Our Auxiliary and Their
Families

as well as the

Officers and Members of
the Entire Grand Army
Family

With Sincere Good Wishes
for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D.
Commander-in-Chief

ized similar to the Grand Army of the Republic, we can take a lesson from them as they tackled the job of building a great Nation and thrust from its pathway of opposition anything opposing its form of government. Their spirit of patriotism and love of country helped overcome many difficulties.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Office of the Commander-in-Chief

7118 Rita Avenue,

Huntington Park, California

December 1, 1939.

SPECIAL AIDES

The Commander-in-Chief will appoint as Special Aide any member who brings in five members, providing two of that number are grandsons, great or great-great-grandsons.

NEW RITUALS

Revised, completely printed, will be issued to all Camps in good standing free of cost. Upon receipt Camp Commanders must forward the old, or present Rituals in use to Department Headquarters, to be burned by Department Officers. The New Rituals will be promulgated during first two weeks of December.

FIFTY-EIGHTH ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

One printed copy will be forwarded to each Camp. Secretaries will file in the records of the Camp and have available for Members to consult. Camp Commanders should read same carefully, and be governed accordingly.

REPORTS, PER CAPITA TAX, ETC.

Camp Commanders are directed to forward their reports, Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax and Membership fees, for

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT, QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1939

Department	In Good Standing June 30, 1939		In Good Standing September 30, 1939	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama & Tennessee	4	49	2	32
California & Pacific	18	632	19	641
Colorado & Wyoming	9	178	9	182
Connecticut	30	1,359	30	1,324
Illinois	28	605	28	573
Indiana	29	691	29	685
Iowa	20	360	18	332
Kansas	19	324	16	293
Maine	35	940	36	932
Maryland	12	386	12	379
Massachusetts	12	3,872	12	3,779
Michigan	13	495	13	484
Minnesota	10	211	10	212
Missouri	10	325	10	323
Nebraska	9	216	9	216
New Hampshire	21	654	21	662
New Jersey	26	827	23	798
New York	70	2,124	70	2,109
Ohio	63	1,526	63	1,513
Oregon	14	345	8	142
Pennsylvania	107	4,400	106	4,349
Rhode Island	16	374	16	369
Vermont	24	514	24	508
*Washington	5	87		
Wisconsin	17	476	17	476
Total	727	21,770	711	21,315

* No returns.

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS

GAIN:	Camps		Members	
Number in good standing June 30, 1939	727		21,770	
Gained by Organization and Initiation	1		129	
Gained by Transfer			19	
Gained by Reinstatement from dropped			66	
Aggregate	728		21,984	
LOSS:				
By Camps Disbanded		5	51	
By Death			117	
By Honorable Discharge			20	
By Transfer			2	
By Dropped			325	
By Camps Suspended		6	67	
Dept. of Washington Suspended		5	87	
Total Loss		17	669	
Number in Good Standing, Sept. 30, 1939	711		21,315	
Amount in Department Treasuries			\$ 2,459.45	
Amount in Camp Treasuries			55,776.77	
Amount Expended for Relief			2,244.25	
Number Members or their families relieved			49	
Number Veterans or their families relieved			3	

CHARTERS REVOKED

Camps Disbanded, Dropped, Quarter ending September 30, 1939, Charters are revoked, and record will be made accordingly.
 Iowa—Disbanded Camps Nos. 72, Mason City, with.....10 members
 73, Newton, with.....17 members
 New Jersey—Disbanded Camps Nos. 6, Neptune, with.....10 members
 25, Vineland, with... 6 members
 45, Mt. Holly, with... 3 members
 Pennsylvania—
 Disbanded Camp No. 192, Beaver Springs, with..... 5 members

the quarter ending December 31, 1939, ON THE LAST MEETING OF THE CAMP in the Quarter, to their Department Headquarters.

Department Commanders and Secretaries will make every effort to have their Reports and financial returns in the hands of the National Secretary, as specified by the Regulations. Let there be no delay in these returns.

FIFTY YEARS MEMBERSHIP BADGE—WAR MEDAL

These will be supplied direct to Camps for Members entitled thereto from Department Headquarters, avoiding delay and unnecessary expense in furnishing as heretofore.

Camps will make Requisition (Form 1) accompanied by the respective Form designating the Badge (or War Medal) direct to Department Headquarters—always use Form 1 and designating Form for Badge (or War Medal) desired.

FORM 0000—PASSWORD

This has been forwarded to Departments having rendered Reports and returns. Countersign has been abolished. Department Commanders will furnish password to Camps upon receipt of their Secretary-Treasurer Reports, Forms 27 and 28, per capita tax, membership fees, and all reports due for the Quarter ending December 31, 1939.

Camp Commanders: give password ONLY to members in good standing and entitled thereto December 31, 1939.

IN MEMORIAM

Edward K. Gould, National Counselor, 1897-98, and 1909-10, passed away November 12, 1939. He served as Department Commander in 1886, Department Counselor and continuously as Department Secretary-Treasurer, 1906-1937, of Department of Maine. He was a leading citizen of Rockland, Maine, Attorney and Judge of the Courts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Pelham A. Barrows, elected at Indianapolis in 1920, died at his home in Maywood, Cal., November 30. He was a Past Department Commander of Nebraska and served as Lieutenant-Governor from 1918 to 1922. For the past several years he had resided in California with his children, and had been active in newspaper work, his chosen profession.

Charters will be draped in their memory for thirtydays.

SUSPENDED (CHARTERS NOT REVOKED)

Alabama & Tennessee—Suspended (Charters NOT REVOKED—
 Camps Nos. 1, Birmingham, Ala, with.....13 members
 8, St. Cloud, Florida, with..... 7 members
 Kansas—Suspended (Charters NOT revoked)—
 Camps Nos. 45, Salina, with.....10 members
 94, Coffeyville, with.....17 members
 3, Miami, Okla, with.....15 members

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1

Report of the National Secretary.. September-October, 1939, Inc.

	Essay Fund			
	Permanent Fund	Org. & Hist. Fund	O. & H. M. F. Fund	General Fund
September 1, 1939,				
To Balance	\$2618.41	\$1806.13		\$1552.70
Appropriation				\$382.00
For Supplies	\$201.09			
Miscellaneous	4.74			205.83
	\$205.83	\$2618.41	\$1806.13	\$382.00
BY EXPENDITURES:				\$1758.53
General Expenses	\$588.16			
Office Expenses	194.12			
Com.-in-Chief's Expen's	123.28			\$ 905.56
	\$905.56			
Appropriation from				
Organization, Historical			\$82.00	
Marker Fund				
Oct. 31, 1939, To Balance	\$2618.41	\$1424.13	\$382.00	\$ 852.97

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 2

Report of National Secretary for Month of November, 1939.

	Permanent Org. & Hist. Essay			
	Permanent Fund	Org. & Hist. Fund	O. & H. M. F. Fund	General Fund
October 31, 1939,				
To Balance	\$2618.41	\$1424.13	\$382.00	\$ 852.97
Membership Fees	\$ 48.00			\$ 48.00
Per Capita Tax	1752.60	146.05		1606.55
Supplies	69.86			69.86
Miscellaneous	1.17			1.17
	\$1871.63	\$2764.46	\$1424.13	\$382.00
				\$1725.53
BY EXPENDITURES:				\$2578.55
General Expenses				\$ 65.82
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses				181.85
				\$ 247.47
Nov. 30, 1939, By Balance	\$2764.46	\$1424.13	\$382.00	\$2331.08
Attest:				
H. H. HAMMER,				Fraternally yours,
National Secretary,				RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D.,
				Commander-in-Chief.

How to Display the Flag of the United States of America

DESCRIPTION OF THE FLAG

The Flag of the United States of America has 13 horizontal stripes—7 red and 6 white—the red and white stripes alternating, and a union which consists of white stars of five points on a blue field placed in the upper quarter next the staff and extending to the lower edge of the fourth red stripe from the top. The number of stars is the same as the number of States in the Union. The canton or union now contains 48 stars arranged in six horizontal and eight vertical rows, each star with one point upward. On the admission of a State into the Union a star will be added to the union of the Flag, and such addition will take effect on the 4th day of July next succeeding such admission. The proportions of the Flag as prescribed by Executive Order of President Taft, October 29, 1912, are as follows:

Hoist [width] of flag.....	1.
Fly [length] of flag.....	1.9
Hoist [width] of union.....	7/13
Fly [length] of union.....	0.76
Width of each stripe.....	1/13
Diameter of each star.....	.0616

PROPER MANNER OF DISPLAYING THE FLAG

There are certain fundamental rules of heraldry which, if understood generally, would indicate the proper method of displaying the Flag of the United States of America. The matter becomes a very simple one if it is kept in mind that the Flag represents the living country and is itself considered as a living thing. The union of the Flag is the honor point, the right arm is the sword arm and therefore the point of danger and hence the place of honor.

1. The Flag should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset, or between such hours as may be designated by proper authority. It should be hoisted briskly, but should be lowered slowly and ceremoniously. The Flag should be displayed on all National and State holidays and on historic and special occasions. [However, being the emblem of our country, it ought to fly from every flagpole every day throughout the year, weather permitting].
2. When carried in a procession with another flag or flags, the Flag of the United States of America should be either on the marching right, i. e., the Flag's own right, or when there is a line of other flags, the Flag of the United States of America may be in front of the center of that line.
3. When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the Flag of the United States of America should be on the right, the Flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.
4. When a number of flags of States or cities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs with the Flag of the United States of America, the latter should be at the center or at the highest point of the group.
5. When flags of States or cities or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the Flag of the United States of America, the latter should always be at the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs the Flag of the United States of America should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant flown in the former position should be placed above, or in the latter position to the right of the Flag of the United States of America, i. e., to the observer's left.
6. When flags of two or more nations are displayed they should be flown from separate staffs of the same height and the flags should

be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

7. When the Flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony or front of building, the union of the Flag should go clear to the peak of the staff unless the Flag is at half-staff. [When the Flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope, extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the Flag should be hoisted out from the building towards the pole, union first].

8. When the Flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the Flag's own right, i. e., to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed the same way, that is, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes, or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the Flag.

9. When displayed over the middle of the street, the Flag should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.

10. When used on a speaker's platform, the Flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker; if flown from a staff, it should be in the position of honor, at the speaker's right. It should never be used to cover the speaker's desk nor to drape over the front of the platform.

11. When used in connection with the unveiling of a statue or monument, the Flag should form a distinctive feature during the ceremony, but the Flag itself should never be used as the covering for the statue.

12. When flown at half-staff, the Flag should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position; but before lowering the Flag for the day it should be raised again to the peak. By half-staff is meant hauling down the Flag to one-half the distance between the top and the bottom of the staff. If local conditions require, divergence from this position is permissible. On Memorial Day, May 30th, the Flag is displayed at half-staff from sunrise until noon and at full staff from noon until sunset; for the Nation lives and the Flag is the symbol of the living Nation.

13. Flags flown from fixed staffs are placed at half-staff to indicate mourning. When the Flag is displayed on a small staff, as when carried in a parade, mourning is indicated by attaching two streamers of black crepe to the spear head, allowing the streamers to fall naturally. Crepe is used on the flagstaff only by order of the President.

14. When used to cover a casket, the Flag should be placed so that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The Flag should not be lowered into the grave nor allowed to touch the ground. The casket should be carried foot first.

15. When the Flag is displayed in the body of the church, it should be from a staff placed in the position of honor at the congregation's right as they face the clergyman. The service flag, the State flag or other flag should be at the left of the congregation. If in the chancel or on the platform, the Flag of the United States of America should be placed at the clergyman's right as he faces the congregation and the other flags at his left.

16. When the Flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for dis-

play, it should not be cast aside or used in any way that might be viewed as disrespectful to the National colors, but should be destroyed as a whole privately, preferably by burning or by some other method in harmony with the reverence and respect we owe to the emblem representing our Country.

CAUTIONS

1. Do not permit disrespect to be shown to the Flag of the United States of America.
2. Do not dip the Flag of the United States of America to any person or anything. The regimental color, State flag, organization or institutional flag will render this honor.
3. Do not display the Flag with the union down except as a signal of distress.
4. Do not place any other flag or pennant above or, if on the same level, to the right of the Flag of the United States of America.
5. Do not let the Flag touch the ground or the floor, or trail in the water.
6. Do not place any object or emblem of any kind on or above the Flag of the United States of America.
7. Do not use the Flag as drapery in any form whatsoever. Use bunting of blue, white and red.
8. Do not fasten the Flag in such manner as will permit it to be easily torn.
9. Do not drape the Flag over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle, or of a railway train or boat. When the Flag is displayed on a motor car, the staff should be affixed firmly to the chassis, or clamped to the radiator cap.
10. Do not display the Flag on a float in a parade except from a staff.
11. Do not use the Flag as a covering for a ceiling.
12. Do not carry the Flag flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
13. Do not use the Flag as a portion of a costume or of an athletic uniform. Do not embroider it upon cushions or handkerchiefs nor print it on paper napkins or boxes.
14. Do not put lettering of any kind upon the Flag.
15. Do not use the Flag in any form of advertising nor fasten an advertising sign to a pole from which the Flag is flown.
16. Do not display, use or store the Flag in such a manner as will permit it to be easily soiled or damaged.

SALUTE TO NATIONAL ANTHEM

When the National Anthem is played and the Flag is not displayed, all present should stand and face toward the music. Those in uniform should salute at the first note of the Anthem, retaining this position until the last note. All others should stand at attention, men removing the headdress. When the Flag is displayed, the regular "Salute to the Flag" should be given.

The "Star Spangled Banner" is now the National Anthem of the United States of America. It was made such by Act of Congress, March 3, 1931.

FEDERAL FLAG LAWS

There is but one Federal statute which protects the Flag throughout the country from desecration. This law provides that a trademark cannot be registered which consists of or comprises, among other things, "the Flag, coat-of-arms, or other insignia of the United States or any simulation thereof." [33 Stat. L., p. 725, Feb. 20, 1905].

Congress has also enacted legislation providing certain penalties for the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the Flag within the District of Columbia. [39 Stat. L., p. 900, Feb. 8, 1917].

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O'er the Ramparts

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"Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you."—St. John 12:35.

It is not only possible, but unfortunately all too probable, that our enthusiastic ardor toward the fulfillment of our obligation to perpetuate the memory of the deceased veterans of the Union army of the great Civil War; our patriotic fervor to keep alive the services and ceremonies of Memorial Day for our valient soldier dead; that we are quite unintentionally, yet none-the-less completely overlooking the Union veteran who still survives, and lives right here among us.

We are not alone in our negligence of these living heroes, our veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, (or those who served in the Union army but never in the G. A. R.), it is true. Four active and progressive ladies' organizations, closely allied to the G. A. R., are in many cases, missing the opportunity nearest at hand. Admitted:

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we all make a great display of kindness and attention toward the old veterans who may be physically able to attend our various functions, or who appear on Memorial Day. There is much friendly concern and every honor conceivable is bestowed upon them as they grope their uncertain way among us, and manage to attend our meetings. But what of that lonesome old veteran confined to his room, or on that hospital cot? Does his birthday, Thanksgiving, even Christmas day pass by with no forthcoming remembrances from these patriotic groups? Do any of us visit him? Do the ladies prepare culinary morsels, and carry them to him? Is he being comforted, cheered by friendships, delighted with messages of encouragement from the same well-meaning allied organizations, who meticulously place flowers and flags on the graves of his comrades, and who orate with inspiring phrases the debt of gratitude we owe those gallant boys in blue, who preserved the Union in 1861-1865?

You will be thinking about now, that this article in no way pertains to you, or to the particular unit of the Orders allied to the Grand Army of the Republic to which you belong. And perhaps it doesn't. Yet it is feared that we should all of us look into our own individual consciences and ask ourselves these questions: What have I done, personally, to be of assistance or to cheer these aged and lonesome comrades of my father—(grandfather or great-grandfather as the case may be)? Should we stop to take inventory, honestly, and impartially, we might find that we have perhaps been "recreant sons of noble sires" in this particular matter. How often we send flowers but to adorn the bier of some Grand Army veteran whose sunset days might have been brightened with the joy of those blossoms of springtime. How many of us give of our

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time to be present at the last rites; to listen while Taps sounds out across the silent countryside, the requiem of "rest," over a life of unselfish sacrifice and devotion to country: when we could find so little time to be present at that same comrade's bedside when a word of cheer and a smile might have made the light of sunset glow warm and soft, and unforgettable. Oh, Brothers and Sisters, the great debt of eternal gratitude we owe those gallant heroes of '61, can never be repaid. But the love and devotion and heartfelt appreciation we feel CAN and SHOULD BE bestowed upon them while they are yet alive to receive it. Lest we forget. "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you."

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Things to stay away from:

The movie "Gone With the Wind."
Earl Browder's speaking engagements.
The N. Y. World's Fair in winter.
Europe-bound ocean liners.
Foreign war debates and entanglements.
The home fire-side on Camp meeting night.

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Again we respectfully call your attention to the fact that this column is your open forum. We receive your ideas most gratefully, and after digesting them, we write about them here for all the members from coast to coast to read about; perhaps to use in their own manner in their own Camp. Why not send them in? Your Editor has no way of knowing whether you read this column unless you write him about it. The only compensation the writer of this column receives is the volume of mail he receives each time it is released. He is more than willing to give of his time to this cause of yours, but appreciates hearing from you. Make use of this opportunity to express your thoughts in The Banner, through this open and informal column WHICH BELONGS TO EACH ONE OF YOU OUT THERE. Derby has a large first class post office SO PILE THE MAIL HIGHER WITH YOUR LETTER. Let's GO!

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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To All Members, Greetings:

Having been appointed National Patriotic Instructor, I am desirous of doing everything possible to further the interests of our beloved Order.

When one remembers the vital importance to the organization of Sons of Union Veterans, the crucial period through which it is passing and the many splendid leaders who have preceded us, first blazing the trail and then building the road over which we pass, it is almost overwhelming and causes your National Patriotic Instructor to enter upon his duties with a profound sense of humility. He feels sure he will succeed only as he is able to deepen the co-operative spirit of every member, Camp Patriotic Instructors, and Department Patriotic Instructors. To that end, he invites, nay, insists upon support of the administration you have placed in power to represent you. We must be alert and adventurous, reconstructing where necessary and building anew where advisable.

It has been my privilege to be a member

of the Sons of Union Veterans more than twenty-five years, and year after year, I have been disappointed with the loss of membership and also the lack of some constructive

NOTICE

Payment To Be Made For Organization Work

In Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer Hammer's report, made at the Pittsburgh Encampment, and adopted at the sessions there, appeared the following:

RECOMMENDATION: That any or each of the Departments now enrolled showing a net gain of three hundred [300] members June 30, 1910, over June 30, 1939, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred [\$100.00] dollars.

That a member securing the highest, greatest number of new members, in excess of, over and above fifty [50] for any one Camp, said new members to be reported in good standing June 30, 1940, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred [\$100] dollars.

That the Organizer or Member who shall organize ten [10] New Camps in the States of Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, respectively, reported in good standing June 30, 1910, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred [\$100] dollars, for each of the said States in which ten [10] Camps are organized, or, the sum of Three Hundred [\$300] dollars for thirty [30] Camps in the three [3] designated States.

Here is an opportunity for any Department to earn some real money, while they are at the same time building up their Camps, and the Department itself, for greater usefulness in their own communities.

Here is at least a financial incentive to enlarge the membership of both Camps and Departments. Here is the opportunity for many who have claimed that they could not do recruiting work because they were financially unable to devote the time to it.

We know of one Department (and we expect there are or will be others) which is attempting a recruiting campaign, and at least a part of the expense it is hoped will be met through this means.

If we are to assure our Fathers that we will carry on, that we will continue the work they have left uncompleted, it must be done in the immediate future. What a fine thing it would be if we could go to Comrade Andrew, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at Springfield next September, and say to him:

"We, your sons, grandsons and great-grandsons, make a favorable report of our last year's activities, during an important period of our Country's existence; that we have rebuilt our fortifications and foundations, have hundreds of new recruits in active service, and now have a solid front—to withstand any and all assaults on un-Americanism."

measures to bring our organization more in the limelight. It is a well known fact that there are hundreds of sons and grandsons among the public at large who do not know

that the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans is in existence. Brothers, numerical strength is vital to the success of our organization! We need it when we seek successful legislative action at our State Capitals and at Washington. We should have it available in the placing of Flags on the graves of departed heroes, and in the many other forms of service we are called upon to render the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the past, the local Camps have made excellent reports as to their activity in regard to ceremonial occasions, but this method only attracts our membership and those who are affiliated with us. Although our members like to hear the stories of '61 to '65 retold, we should welcome the opportunity to help publicize the objects and principles of our organization. A good start has already been made in this direction by the committee handling the School Essays Contest. The Americanization Committee is also doing a fine job, with which all members should be familiar.

The opportunities for increasing our membership are greater today than they were twenty years ago, as it can be proved mathematically that we have more eligibles than ever before in the history of our Order.

My recommendation is that all members should give more support to the business of their respective Camps to insure the growth of our organization, especially Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders who have had the experience that their Camps need to arrange for ceremonial occasions. Camp Commanders should appoint a Past Commander as Camp Patriotic Instructor, a man who would be capable of contacting suitable speakers such as School Superintendents. I would suggest that the Patriotic Instructor be empowered to select three other members to act as a committee with power to arrange for some worthwhile activities. I am positive that such a committee will get results if they and the Camp as a whole will act now. By the time you read this, Veteran's Night will have passed and without doubt will have been observed by most of our Camps.

Abraham Lincoln's and George Washington's birthdays are the most familiar to the American public, and the Sons of Union Veterans should take advantage of this opportunity to arrange for some splendid public ceremonies. Present a Flag or a suitable plaque to a school or church and furnish tickets to the children for their parents. Secure the best speaker that can be had in the community for the principal speaker and for chairman, have a member of your Camp, who can represent our organization to the best advantage. The program should be published before and after the occasion.

All of the following days can be observed to good advantage: Appomattox Day, April 9; Ulysses Grant's birthday, April 27; Memorial Day, May 30; Flag Day, June 14.

Where no funds are available, these meetings will be just as effective if held in some public place which will attract people from all walks of life.

Department Patriotic Instructors are asked to accept this article as my first instruction. My first circular letter will reach you about January 1, 1940.

Essay-Schools

By vote of the Encampment in Pittsburgh, the Commandery-in-Chief is offering through the National Patriotic Instructor, to all Camps, a contest of Essays to be written and submitted by pupils of the eighth grade in any school. Subject to be written upon to be some event of the Civil War. The Commandery-in-Chief will provide a beautiful Certificate which will be awarded to the pupil in each locality whose essay is deemed to be the best of those submitted.

The Essay Committee, in session at which all members were present, accepted the request of the National Patriotic Instructor that the committee handle the contest. For the information of the members the committee decided on the following:

1. That the Rules and Regulations, approved in the Encampment at Pittsburgh, must necessarily be followed. These Rules provide for local contests only and beautiful certificates be awarded.

2. Details in connection with the Rules and Regulations were planned.

3. The plan now provides for Camps, after receiving forms that will be sent to them, to decide if they wish to hold such a contest and, if so, to make arrangements with their local schools according to the regulations.

4. Forms will be sent to Camp Commanders through their Department Commander by the National Patriotic Instructor. Contest must be held according to the Rules and Regulations to be entitled to the Certificate of Award.

5. Forms will be sent so that Commanders will be able to act upon them before the middle of January. Contest will close April 1st.

The Commandery-in-Chief offers the contest to the Camps. It remains with the Camps as to whether they wish to benefit themselves. If the contests prove successful and beneficial the committee will recommend improvements for another year based upon the experiences of this contest, with possibly Department Contests.

The committee has received a suggestion for a different method of making an award whereby the pupil's standing in American History with possibly their standing in other lessons and with the essay on some event connected with the Civil War as a contributory feature towards making the award. The committee feels that the suggestion is worthy of consideration and could be possibly useful, especially in some of the larger places. The committee would like to try out this plan in some of the larger places as an experiment. If a few of the larger Camps would like to try out this plan they can get details by writing to the Chairman of the Essay Committee.—Albert B. DeHaven, 35 Berwick Street, Sanford, Maine.

PROPER USE OF BUNTING

Bunting of the National colors should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping over the front of a platform and for decoration in general. Bunting should be arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below.

Idleness is the gate of all harm. An idle man is like a house that hath no walls; the devils may enter on every side.—Chaucer.

New England Regional Meeting

The annual two day session of the New England Regional Association of the Sons and Auxiliary was held in Bosworth Memorial Building, Portland, Maine, Oct. 28-29.

The program opened with a radio broadcast of Civil War music and readings from Station WGAN, Portland, at noon on the 28th, directed by H. Harding Hale.

The afternoon session of Saturday was taken up by reports of officers, and other routine business.

At 6:30 p. m. a cavalcade of twenty automobiles conveyed the more than 100 representatives of the whole six New England States to the Cape Shore Anchor in Cape Elizabeth, where a delicious fried clam supper was enjoyed. After supper the guests were entertained by Mr. Merle Willis, an applicant for membership in Shepley Camp, with about twenty minutes of sleight of hand, after which moving pictures of the Sons of Veterans Reserve on parade and in camp at Bethlehem, Pa., and of the National Encampment at Pittsburgh, Pa., were shown by Henry Towle, the pictures having been taken by him. The balance of the evening was taken up with community singing and dancing.

At the Sunday forenoon session, the Sons elected the following officers: Com., Claude E. Rockwood, Troy, N. H.; Vice Com., Fred O. Arnold, Washington, R. I.; Sec.-Treas., Henry F. Weiler, Boston, Mass.; Radio Director, H. Harding Hale, Boston, Mass.; Publicity Director, Henry Towle, South Portland, Maine; Executive Board, William O. Fuller, New Bedford, chairman; Charles C. Webster, Springvale; James L. Ellsworth, Hillsboro, N. H.; Arthur W. Robinson, Barre, Vt.; R. L. Grant, Hartford, Conn.; William H. Poole, Providence, R. I.

The officers were installed by Past Com.-in-Chief Anderson, assisted by Past Com.-in-Chief Kirchgassner.

The Association adopted a resolution commending the Boston Post for publication of a series of historical pictures and articles of the Civil War.

They also adopted a resolution protesting reference to the Civil War as a War Between the States, and a copy of this resolution was to be sent to the several radio broadcasting systems and to the Associated Press.

The session closed at noon Sunday. The next meeting of the Regional Association will be held at Montpelier, Vermont, early in May, 1940.

THE CLIQUE

What is the Clique? 'Tis those who attend
All of the meetings, on whom we depend;
They are never absent, unless they are sick,
These are the ones the grouch calls "The Clique."

The ones who are never behind in their dues,

Who come to the meeting and have their own views,

They'll serve on committees and never say "die,"

The clique are the ones that always stand by.

Recruit and organize for our Fathers.

Bronze Medallion Presented At Pittsburgh Encampment

At the exercises Monday, previous to the opening of the Pittsburgh Encampment, August 29, following the presentation of a memorial tablet containing Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to the University of Pittsburgh, by the Sons, as an inspiration to the student body of that institution, a bronze medallion, to become a part of the archives of our Order, was presented to Commander-in-Chief Anderson.



The bronze medallion contains on its face an outline of the Cathedral of Learning, in which the memorial was placed, and on its reverse side the following inscription:

"They shall find wisdom here and faith—in steel and stone—in character and thought—they shall find beauty—adventure—and moments of high victory."

The memorial tablet, presented by our Order was the first of anything of this sort ever accepted by this institution from any organization.

KANSAS

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Camp 23, Parsons.

On Nov. 14 Parsons Camp held a very successful meeting and patriotic program. Drum Corps music of the old G. A. R. type, a fine patriotic speech by Rev. Fred Condit, Chaplain of the Eldorado Camp, who was the speaker of the evening. Refreshments were served by the Auxiliary. C. B. Martin received his 50-year continuous membership badge, and Parsons Camp will have another brother eligible for that badge next year, Brother A. N. Kennedy.

Com.-in-Chief Ralph Barrett will make a trip through Kansas and Oklahoma, visiting six Camps in the Kansas Dept.—Wichita, Independence, Coffeyville and Miami, Vinita and Tulsa, Okla. The Camps are all working to make those meetings profitable to the Department and the Commandery-in-Chief. Com. Barrett left home Nov. 28 and is making a tour of the Northern States. He will arrive in Wichita for the first Kansas meeting on Friday, Dec. 15.

Oklahoma is showing quite an effort to organize a new Department and with the organizational work of Brother W. R. Turner, of Vinita, we are looking forward to the formation of a new Department in the very near future.

Nothing can lift the heart of a man like manhood in a fellow man.—Herman Melville.

CONNECTICUT

"The CONSTITUTION State"

Lyman B. Gregory, P.D.C., Publicity Director,
60 Commodore Place, Milford, Conn.

District One.

A meeting was held in Bridgeport in October with the Daughters acting as host. A large delegation from all the allied orders were present and interesting remarks were heard from several. New officers were elected and promise much activity. Refreshments were served.

The November meeting, held with Camp 2 of Stamford, found about 80 in attendance, with all the allied orders represented. Two comrades of the Grand Army, Past Dept. Com. Truman Parsons of Stratford, and Comrade Charles Jenette of Stamford, were special guests of the evening. Civil War songs were sung, led by Lt. Col. R. C. C. Smith. The speaker of the evening was Past Dept. Com. Lewis Chapman, the father of our District Meetings, who gave a very fine talk on the purpose of District Meetings. Refreshments were enjoyed.

District Six.

This District has continued their policy of holding a meeting every month of the year, even during the summer months. The Sept. meeting found Col. Chas. Russell Camp, of Derby, as hosts. Those who attended were well repaid for Past Nat. Com. Frank J. Cushner, who was the first Nat. Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, certainly gave a very interesting and inspiring address. He told how that Order was organized, of the Conn. Grand Army Comrades who were members, and how they were planning to name a new Post after one of our good Grand Army Comrades.

The October meeting held with Nathan Hale Camp No. 1, found a large attendance on hand who were well repaid for the thoughts that were presented that gave much food for future meetings.

The November meeting was held with Admiral Foote Camp of New Haven, with a large attendance. Plans were started to form a Dist. Degree Team so that all candidates may be properly initiated into our Camps.

The December meeting will be held with Geo. Van Horn Camp in Milford, when a speaker will tell of the American Indian in our locality. A debate will be the subject of our January meeting when picked teams will decide if the "Battle of the Merrimac and Monitor" was more important than the Battle of Gettysburg.

About Connecticut.

Installation of officers is the most important activity in most of the Camps these days, with Penfield, New Britain, Avery, New London, Mansfield, Middletown, Van Horn, Milford, among those who have made their final arrangements.

The Past Dept. Commanders held their annual mid-winter meeting in Meriden on Nov. 9 with about fifteen in attendance. A fine supper was enjoyed and the activities of our Order were discussed.

The help and co-operation of all in putting the Joint Dept. Fair across in Meriden was certainly appreciated and the work of the committee is shown by the results.

Camp 6 of Hartford have started a membership drive and with a new degree team fine results should come from that Camp.

Lincoln Camp of Stamford are working to raise funds so that they may erect a Flag pole in one of the city parks to the memory of the Grand Army.

Foote Camp No. 17.

The October meeting was observed as Past Commanders Night with fifteen of our Past Coms. in attendance, and word was received from five others. All were glad to see Past Com. Bernie Hope back with us again after such a long illness. All the present officers were re-elected for another year and will be installed with the Auxillary. We are sorry to report the loss of Brothers Vars, Russell Rice and Past Dept. Com. Wm. Alcorn, our first Commander.

On Nov. 16, with the Auxillary, a very fine Veterans Night program was held and a large attendance was present.

At the November meeting we were hosts to Dist. 6 and enjoyed the presence of our visiting brothers, when plans were made for a debate at a future meeting and for the formation of a District degree team.

Camp 26, Derby.

Col. Chas. L. Russell Camp elected an almost entire slate of grandsons and great-grandsons of Union veterans to lead the Camp in 1940. The Commander-elect is both a grandson and a great-grandson of a Veteran, and is the son of one of the Past Commanders and hardest workers of the Camp. The officers-elect follow: Com. Charles A. Rotteck, Jr.; Sr. Vice, Fred S. Chapman; Jr. Vice, Robert W. DeForest; Sec. E. O. DeForest, P. D. C.; Treas., Fred L. Chapman, D. C. The Sr. Vice-elect is the son of Dept. Com. Chapman, and grandson of Connecticut's oldest Past Dept. Commander, Lewis S. Chapman; the Jr. Vice-elect is the son of Past Reg. Com. Bertrand O. DeForest, and the grandson of Past Dept. Com. Walter H. DeForest.

The first plan the newly elected officers have in mind is to allow no rituals in the Camp room during the term 1940, a truly commendable resolution.

The general Encampment Committee, which is working on arrangements to entertain the Department April 10 and 11 at Derby, is hard at work, and promise a splendid Encampment. P. D. C. Bertrand O. DeForest is general chairman and Dept. Com. Fred L. Chapman, secretary of the committee, which is made up of members of the Camp and Auxillary, and numbers 19.—Doe.

Van Horn Camp No. 39.

With a busy summer past, when the Camp took an active part in the Town's Tercentenary celebration by having a float in the large parade as well as a marching unit, the winter's plans are keeping everyone busy. The new officers will be installed by Past Reg. Com. E. O. DeForest, with Dept. Com. Fred Chapman acting as guide. Plans are being made for a rifle team to keep the members interested. A series of card parties will be held after the first of the year to raise funds to purchase a new Parade Flag.

The Camp will be host to Dist. 6 at their December meeting when Mr. Edward Rogers will give his interesting talk on the early American Indian and tell of his work in discovering their relics in these parts. The Dec. 25 meeting will be omitted and the annual Christmas party will be held at the first meeting in January. With a new, young, active set of officers taking office an active year is looked for.

VERMONT

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Reception to Department Officers.

A reception to Dept. Officers was held at Rutland, Oct. 16, under the auspices of the Rutland Camp and Auxillary, the Dept. Officers attending were: Com. J. J. Donnelly, S. V.

Com. R. C. Sheldon, Sec.-Treas. C. J. Smith and Color Bearer C. H. Brown. The program as carried out consisted of several selections by a local orchestra; several solos by Bro. Archie Stewart; reading by Miss Eva Stickney on the life of Abraham Lincoln; and an address by Com. Donnelly, after which light refreshments were served by the Auxillary.

District 1 Holds Annual Meeting.

District 1 held its annual meeting at Burlington Nov. 1 with Gen. William Wells Camp and Auxillary. After all present had partaken of a fine turkey supper, served by the local Auxillary, a program was carried out which included a talk on and display of the different Flags of our nation from time to time, which was very interesting; vocal solos by Miss Eleanor Prunier, and vocal duets by Mrs. Etta Ploof and Mrs. Bernice Chadwick.

The program was followed by the election of officers for the ensuing term as follows: Pres., C. J. Smith, Richmond; Vice Pres., Miss Anna C. Ritchie, Burlington; Sec., Miss Helen Sabin, Burlington; Treas., Mrs. Inza Atchinson, Morrisville. There were 67 present at the meeting from the Camps and Auxillaries of St. Albans, Richmond, Huntington, Morrisville, Johnson, Chelsea, Barre, Montpelier and Burlington. Dept. Officers attending were Sr. Vice Com. R. C. Sheldon, Montpelier; Sec.-Treas. C. J. Smith, Richmond; Couns., G. A. Laduke, Burlington; Pat. Inst., J. G. White, Burlington. Brothers present from St. Albans were: Com. J. L. Lambert and W. D. Jarvis; from Barre, P. D. Com.'s A. W. Robinson and G. T. Brigham; from Chelsea, P. D. C. W. A. Reed; from Morrisville, R. H. Farr, Roy E. Ring, L. W. Sanders, Richard Collette and W. T. Atchinson, retiring Dist. Pres., who presided over the meeting.

A large delegation of the Burlington Camp was present. It was voted to have the next meeting at Morrisville.

Camp 10, Peacham.

Stevens Camp has elected and installed officers as follows: Com., Robert Craig; Sr. Vice, C. F. Moore; Jr. Vice, Hermon Douglass; Pat. Inst., L. E. Abbott; Chap., W. P. Thorn; Sec., F. F. Robinson; Treas., W. P. Thorn.

Past Dept. Coms. and Dept. Officers Meet.

The following Past Dept. Coms. were present at the meeting of Dept. Officers and P. D. C.'s at Burlington, Nov. 18: C. J. Smith, Richmond; H. S. Howard, G. A. Laduke and G. M. Farrington, Burlington; G. T. Brigham and A. W. Robinson, Barre; E. W. Walker, Johnson, and W. A. Reed, Chelsea. Dept. Officers present were: Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Sheldon, of Montpelier and Dept. Coun. E. B. Abbott of Peacham. After the banquet a meeting was held in one of the hotel parlors where the affairs of the Department were discussed in a very thorough manner and steps were taken toward getting immediately more activity around the Department.

Observes Veterans' Night.

Camp 11, Brattleboro, observed Union Defenders Night when John W. Howe, Patriotic Instructor and chairman of the meeting, opened the exercises with an address of welcome and introduced Past Com-in-Chief Anderson, of Boston, as the speaker of the evening, who in his remarks urged the increase of the Navy, Army and Air Corps to full strength to insure adequate defense of the United States. He warned of the menace of Communism and that of the 10 million men now out of work 4,500,000 were aliens, who refused to become naturalized. Bro. Anderson also commented on the large number of men furnished by Vermont during the Civil War. About 100 persons attended the meeting, refreshments being served at the close of the exercises.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Lincoln Banquet.

Feb. 10, 1940, is a date eagerly looked forward to by the Pa. Dept., for on that date occurs the annual Lincoln banquet of the Sons of Veterans. In a few years time, the event will mark its fiftieth anniversary. Year by year, the banquet stands out as the biggest affair of the Department, and in fact anywhere in the east, for there are always many Past Coms.-in-Chief in attendance, as well as representatives from many other Departments.

This year's banquet will no doubt be the largest one ever held, if present plans are carried out, and will be of outstanding patriotic merit, giving everyone his chance to show he is a true Son of a Veteran of the Civil War. At this writing the place of the banquet has not been decided upon, but the price has, \$2.50 per plate. Already reservations are coming in thick and furious, including those of fifteen Past Coms.-in-Chief of the Sons. Our particular guests of honor will be six or more of the Grand Army men of Philadelphia and vicinity, to aid in honoring "Father Abraham."

With Armistice Day and Thanksgiving just passed, and all true Americans thankful that we are not embroiled in the European "mess," nor will be, if we can help it, the program to be offered at the banquet will be entirely in keeping with the United States for America idea, that idea to keep for ourselves the heritage given us by the men of '61-'65.

By the time The Banner reaches you, no doubt the place of holding the banquet will have been decided, but meanwhile reservations will be accepted, and, as the number must be limited, those in charge of the affair ask that you make yours now.

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Veteran's Night.

Veteran's Night, Nov. 19, was generally observed throughout the Department, from all reports. The night calls for added zeal on the part of the sons, year by year. Boys, it won't be long before Veteran's Night is but a memory, as far as having any of our fathers who fought in the great conflict 76 years ago is concerned; and it behooves us to shower them with every possible honor while some of them are yet with us.

The observance of Veteran's Night and other celebrations incident to our work (and may they increase), affords Camps an excellent opportunity of selling the order to eligibles. If there is a veteran in your midst, invite him to your Camp affairs and also his sons, grandsons and great-grandsons. This will tend to draw new members.

Speaking of membership, it would seem that if ever in the history of our order the paramount duty of the descendants of the men who wore the blue is to join now. Our sires have left a great task remaining for us, the task of seeing to it that Americanism—and only Americanism—is taught the youth of today. Go out and get the eligibles, let them see that we mean business, that we do not just wear the blue uniform of the sixties for show, but that we are ready to back up what that glorious old uniform stood for in '61 and what it stands for today.

Dept. Com. Captain Maynard C. Huber is in dead earnest in his determination that the membership of the order in this state must be increased, and to that end, has sent a personal letter to each Camp Commander. This letter calls attention to the sums made available by the Commandery-in-Chief at the Pittsburgh Encampment for organization work, and urges strong efforts be made in every Camp.

Meritorious Service.

Members of the order who have attained for themselves high honors are Joyne Sweltzer, Commander of Camp 177 at Indiana, who has added 30 members to his Camp, and now has a class of a half dozen more. Brother Sweltzer has received Department and National citations for his work. Another active member is Jesse Snyder of Camp 112, Gettysburg, who has obtained 12 new members, he too, receiving honors. Both Brothers are being named Dept. Aides by Com. Huber.

Surely, if these men can get such a number of new members, we can at least get one man each. Imagine what a jump in membership that would be! We can do it.

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More News, Brothers.

If the Pennsylvania Department is to keep its place in the sun, more action is necessary on the part of individual Camps. We want news for this column, news of happenings of the various Camps. Reporters can't just reach up and grab news out of the air.

Some Camps are not meeting with any degree of regularity. Why? Are the members afflicted with a "don't give a hang" feeling or are they content to live in the past, half believing maybe, that the job of the Sons of Union Veterans is finished. Laziness never saved the Union. Let's be up and doing and remember that the Sons of Union Veterans is an order worth rooting for.

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We Want Still More Camps.

More encouraging news comes to us that a member of the Daughters of Veterans at Bellvue, has volunteered to our Dept. Commander, her aid in starting a new Camp there. She already has 25 men ready to sign up. Another proposed Camp is at Marion Center, Indiana county, with 45 members; while organization is well under way for a Camp in Upper Darby, sponsored by Brother Edgar J. Magnin and Richard S. Widdoes.

Among many matters of interest at the Department meeting was consideration of the appointments of District Aides and Department inspectors. This no doubt will be heard from when a next issue of Department orders will be sent out.

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Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh.

Pennsylvania was well represented at the National, with 51 delegates. In addition to this there were hundreds from the state who attended one or more day's sessions and of course, the Pa. Brigade, under Col. Prittle, did themselves proud in the parade and other work assigned. The state was further honored by having one of its members from McKeesport Camp, Wesley Herrline, named Junior Vice Com.-in-Chief. Another honor came when Horace H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., was recognized for his long service to the order by being given the rank of a Past Com.-in-Chief.

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Department Officers.

It has come to our attention that many Camps are not acquainted with their Department Officers. Beside Capt. Huber, of Nazareth, as Commander, Howard Dissinger, of Lancaster Camp, is Jr. Vice; Lawson Palmer of Schuylers No. 2, Phila., Sr. Vice; John Liesse of Camp 200, Phila., Secretary; Walter C. Mable, Camp 200, Asst. Sec.; John E. Wightman, Camp 34, Mt. Carmel, Treas.; Andrew J. Hascher, Sr., Richard S. Widdoes and Elmer C. Jones, Dept. Council; William Stonebach, Camp 233, Easton, Chaplain; Arthur J. Richards, Camp 99, McKeesport, Patriotic Instructor; Edwin J. Prittle, of Roslyn, Chief-of-Staff; George F. Roberts, Camp 14, Johnstown, Personal Aide.

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Active Camps.

Wildo Post Camp 10 of Chester, one of the newer Camps, is showing marked improve-

ment, and is headed for an active winter season. It, and its Auxiliary, observed their first anniversary recently.

Bradbury Camp 149 of Media has taken on a new lease of life and is all square on the Department books, and following a reorganization, is looking forward to a substantial increase in members.

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Camp 233, Easton.

Camp 233 observed their annual Memorial Service at a meeting in October, following a short regular business session. Nine members were lost by death during the past year, two of which were charter members and three were Past Commanders—a distinct loss. Asst. Dist. Attorney Geo. F. Coffin, Jr., who is a life member of the Camp, gave the memorial address and Sec. Horn delivered the eulogy. The ceremony was a very impressive one.

Following the memorial program the annual "Past Commander's Roll Call" was held, at which fifteen responded, a very pretty custom. Dept. Com. Huber and visiting Camp members were present, and the Auxiliary and Circle members were guests.

Past Com.-in-Chief Horn is responsible for preparation and origination of the two ceremonies, always held on the first meeting of the last quarter of the year and it has been highly complimented by various Dept. officers who have been present on the different occasions.

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Among the Camps.

Rice Camp No. 20, of Nazareth, gave Dept. Com. Huber an official reception Oct. 28, which was attended by more than 250 members of the allied orders, the affair being held in Odd Fellows Hall, and sponsored by the Camp, Auxiliary and the Reserve. The reception was preceded by a street parade led by the Nazareth Band. Following a very pretty ceremony, during which Com. Huber, his wife and son, Walter, were honored, greetings were extended by Ernest Ayers of the Lion's Club; Edward L. Cassler, Pres. of the Rotary Club; Kersey R. Dever, Com. of the Nazareth Legion Post; J. Allan Schraefler, Pres. of Borough Council; women from the allied orders; P. D. C. 'A1' Post, John H. Liesse, Dept. Sec.; William S. Stonebeck, Dept. Chap.; Howard Dissinger, Dept. Jr. Vice; Walter C. Mable, P. C.-in-C.; Elmer C. Jones and R. S. Widdoes, of Dept. Council. In addition, there were many others. The principal speaker was a Camp member, Stanley J. Fehr, of Nazareth, his theme being "patriotism." The chairman in charge of the reception which was followed by a floor show, was D. R. Schafer.

Koltes Camp No. 228, Phila., met on a recent evening, to welcome Com. Huber, who was making his official visit. The occasion was auspicious due to the presence of many of the "old timers" of the Camp, and many were the stories of "remember when." Presiding at the session was Com. John Riehl. During the meeting, "Walt" Mable gave one of his most inspiring talks, urging the return to the American principles as taught by the G. A. R., particularly as it affected members of our order going into the schools and teaching the children what Americanism is, what the Civil War was and what it means to America today. Others who spoke briefly were Dept. Sec. Liesse; E. J. Magnin, Dept. Press Cor.; Elmer Jones and R. S. Widdoes. The talk of Com. Huber was of unusual interest, urging the Camp to meet more regularly and to seek new members.

Camp 2, Schuylers Philadelphia, observed its 60th anniversary Nov. 25 at the Ben Franklin Hotel, with a banquet and entertainment. The toastmaster was Benjamin F. Berger. Among the invited guests were Com. Huber; Anna Myers, Pres. of the Pa. Auxiliary; Eva Blackman, Nat. Pres. of the Auxiliary; Past Com.-in-Chief Horn, Mable, H. H. Hammer, and

Dept. Sec. John Reeger of N. J. There were many other state and national dignitaries in attendance. Close to 200 reservations were made. All hands voted the affair a big success.

Philadelphia Camp No. 200 held Veteran's Night and Past Commander's Night, in the old time way, Nov. 20. Although there were no comrades present, their spirit was felt, and regrets were sent by them. The session was well attended, among those present being 24 Past Captains and Commanders. The chairman, P. C. In-C. Walter C. Mable, was on the job to greet all hands. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was delivered by P. D. C. Edward Seipp and remarks were made by Chief-of-Staff Edwin J. Prittie, Dept. Sec. Liesse, P. C. C. John Calhoun, Benjamin Opendrow, and others. It was a night that will go down in the history of the Camp as to what our order stands for.

William L. Buchanan Camp No. 177, of Indiana, and William and John Fenn Camp No. 39 (recently organized) joined together in accepting an invitation from the American Legion to take part in the Armistice parade in Indiana Nov. 11. Com. Frank Stepping of Camp 39, with their newly organized fire and drum band, and Com. Joy Sweitzer, of Camp 177, with Colors and Standard, and all members parading, made a good showing in the parade and during the ensuing ceremonies. Col. R. W. Watson was chief marshal and Major C. C. McLain was the general chairman and master of ceremonies. Both are members of the order and of the Legion.

Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl Camp No. 33 of York has filed objections with the management of the York County Agricultural Society, to an inscription, "War Between the States," proposed to be placed on a tablet at the Richland Avenue Fair Ground's entrance to mark York's part in the Civil War. The Camp opposes the words because they point out that inasmuch as Art. I, Sec. 10, of the Constitution of the United States, denies to the government of any state the right to enter into any agreement or compact with another state, or to engage in war without the consent of the national government, the conflict of 1861-65 was a rebellion against the constituted authority of the federal government and not a "War Between the States." While voicing its objection to the phrase, the Camp at the same time went on record as expressing its gratitude to the fair managers for their action in seeing that a lasting memorial to the memory of the "boys in blue" is to be erected at the Richland-Madison avenue gate.

Gettysburg Camp No. 112, conducted exercises in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg in celebration of the 76th anniversary of the dedication of the Cemetery and the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, on Saturday, Nov. 18. William L. Meals presided, with music being furnished by the fire and drum corps of the 6th Regt. S. V. R. Prayer was offered by Rev. Howard S. Fox of the Reformed Church, and the reading of the immortal address was by Clarence A. Helges, Mayor of Gettysburg. A wreath was placed on the grave of an unknown Union soldier by Harvey Starner, member of Gettysburg Camp, whose father, William Starner, was killed at the battle of the Wilderness and his body never recovered. The main address was given by Dr. Joseph B. Baker, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, York, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Fox. In charge of the exercises were Jesso E. Snyder, William L. Meals, Donald P. McPherson, Jr. Later, the annual banquet of the Camp was held at the Hotel Gettysburg, with a large attendance, among the guests being P. D. C.'s Horn and Mable and Nat. Jr. Vice Wesley Horlein.

Gherst Camp No. 51, Darby, continues to show growth, new members being added to the Camp each quarter, with a class initia-

tion being planned for February. Three of the Camp's members are on the Dept. Publicity Committee, Bros. Edgar Magnin, Richard S. Widdoes and John C. Yocum. The Camp participated in Armistice Day rites at three local churches with service organizations, and at one of them, Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read as a mark of Veteran's Night by Bro. Magnin. At another, Gus Hornberger, Com.-elect of the Camp, was honored by being asked to blow taps. Nov. 20 the Camp held its 30th anniversary, and celebrated with a dinner in Upper Darby. Bro. G. Hornberger was the toastmaster. Among those giving short talks were Bros. Magnin, Widdoes, Camp Com. Franklin McLain; Mrs. Alberta F. Widdoes, Pres. of Auxillary; Dept. Com. Huber; Charles D. Laferty, Com. of Collingsdale Legion Post; William Dunn of the Legion; John Martin, Pres. of the Phila. Chapter of the 37th Div. Vets. Asso.; Miss Bette Brooks, Pres. of Crozier Circle, Chester. Others introduced were three members of the Auxillary who are charter members. Sisters Nellie Yocum, Idonia Harris and Ella G. Magnin. The chief speaker was Dr. Edward Snow, of Lower Merion, a former member of the order in New England, and a prospective member of our Camp, who is an authority on the Civil War.

With this issue, Christmas greetings are in order, and all Dept. Officers join with me in wishing you the best of everything, and a "New Member Year." There will be a meeting of Department Officers at 667 N. 12th Street, Philadelphia, Monday evening, Dec. 18. All officers are being urged to attend by Com. Huber, who will preside.

MARYLAND

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Dept. Com. Long expects to visit all of the Camps in this Department within the next few weeks in an endeavor to become better acquainted and urge greater activity by them. Reports from Phillippi, W. Va., indicate that they will be reorganized and again active within a few weeks. Charter applications are being signed in Fairmount and Parkersburg, W. Va., and Washington, D. C., making the prospects good for four New Camps at an early date.

Camp 1, Baltimore, Md.

B. Howard Cooper has been elected as our Commander for the ensuing year and expects to devote a large share of his time to the betterment of his Camp and the Department.

Past Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Michael and Past Dept. Com. Scott, who have been seriously ill, are recovering and able to be out again.

Camp 2, Washington, D. C.

Lawrence L. Moise has been selected as our Commander and with his associate officers will be installed on Dec. 13 by Past Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Casey.

Bro. Druid H. Evans, who has been a continuous member for 52 years, will be presented with a 50-year membership badge on the same evening. Henry F. Hodges, prominent in the American Legion and other patriotic societies, is a recent addition to this Camp by initiation.

Camp 30, Washington, D. C.

Edward A. DeGroot has been chosen as our Commander for 1940 with Past Camp Com. Palsgrove as Secretary.

At our Nov. meeting, held jointly with our Auxillary, we had as guests Dept. Com. Long, Past Dept. Com. Casey, Past Dept. Com. Mc-

Cumber of Wis. Dept., and a number of other prominent members of the two organizations, who gave very inspiring addresses.

Camp 5, Washington, D. C.

We regret the recent death in California of Bro. Harry C. McCammon of this Camp. He was a Union Soldier and the son of one.

A 50-year membership badge has been presented to Irvin C. Taylor, who joined Logan Camp in 1889, and transferred to Lincoln Camp, where he remained a member until two years ago, when he transferred to this Camp.

Camp 31, Washington, D. C.

Owing to the exceptional qualifications of Com. Alwood, Sec. John F. Cole and the other officers during the past year, they have been continued for another year and again installed by Past Camp Com. Elwood G. Hubert of Shaw Camp No. 3, of Wilmington, Del.

We are endeavoring to locate and place a marker on every unmarked grave of a Union soldier buried in Harmony and several other cemeteries and isolated graves.

Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Our Camp was highly favored with a visit by Dept. Com. Charles Colfax Long, of Washington, D. C., on the evening of Armistice Day, Nov. 11. His address to the assemblage was one of outstanding merit and was deeply appreciated by the large delegation of Camp and Auxillary members who greeted him. Sr. Vice Com. F. C. Conner, Jr. Vice Com. Cooper, Past Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Casey, Dept. Sec. Jas. W. Lyons, Dept. Council E. P. Corrie and Org. F. P. Gentieu, of the Dept. Staff, were also in attendance.

The Camp took part in a large parade and pageant celebrating the 200th anniversary of the granting of a borough charter to the city of Wilmington, on the evening of Nov. 16. Our Military Company was headed by three members as the "Spirit of 76" and we got a fine hand all along the line of march. We had a large turnout and the boys looked fine.

MINNESOTA

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Camp 8, Minneapolis.

Minneapolis Camp No. 8 has embarked upon a program of junior activity under the direction of Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Albert Solvorn. The first phase of the program is the formation of a junior fire and drum corps which will consist of boys between the ages of ten and fifteen. The Camp is supplying the instruments and competent instruction. In time it is the hope of the Camp to branch out in other activities until a balanced program has been attained. It is the opinion that has been expressed on many occasions that the training of boys in good citizenship is the duty and obligation of our Order.

The loss of two brothers by Camp 8 is suffered in the death of George H. Bugbee and R. G. Kenly. They had been members for many years. The Camp sympathizes with the families of both.

Comrade L. E. Carpenter.

Comrade L. E. Carpenter, 91, died Nov. 27 at the Minnesota Soldiers Home, after a long illness. He enlisted in the Union Army at the age of 16 and saw action in 11 battles. He was generally credited with saving the life of Abraham Lincoln when the President visited the front. He also served as a guard at the bier of President Lincoln. Comrade Carpenter retired last June as Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for Minnesota.

MASSACHUSETTS

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A Neglected Item.

While the Publicity Secretary of the Department was not present the Dept. Encampment was agreeably surprised when Brother George Dietel of Bennington, Vt., a member of Camp 2, Philadelphia, for 54 years, presented our Department with a large Bennington-Fillmore Flag. The Flag has thirteen stripes and thirteen stars. It is recognized as the oldest Stars and Stripes Flag ever made and probably the first to be carried in the American Revolution. It is claimed that this Flag was officially unfurled July 8, 1776, when the text of the Declaration of Independence was read. The Flag has been adopted by the Sons of the American Revolution as their official Flag.

Lincoln Cabin.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, the Mass. Dept. and the Allied Orders were invited to attend a garden party at the home of Miss Mary Bowditch Forbes in Milton. The estate is beautifully situated overlooking the Neponset Valley and Boston Harbor. Many years ago Miss Forbes had erected on her estate a replica of the cabin in which Lincoln was born. The interior of the cabin is well filled with pictures and mementoes of Lincoln and his times. As this was the 77th anniversary of his Emancipation Proclamation a short play was given featuring the Gettysburg Address, entitled "Nor Long Remember," written by former Gov. Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey. The part of Lincoln delivering the address was taken by Brother Albert G. Wolf, of Dudley Camp 89, Brighton. We were honored to have with us three veterans of the G. A. R., Com. Charles A. Miles of Stoughton, Past Dept. Com. George W. Green of Jamaica Plain, and James A. Mitchell of Wollaston. A buffet luncheon was served. Dept. Com. Bauer was master of ceremonies.

Worcester County Association.

The Association met at Millbury as the guest of Hull Camp 92, on Oct. 20. This was one of the best attended meetings for a long time, over 50 being present. A Grand Army Memorial picture was presented to the town for display in the town hall and was accepted by one of the Selectmen with well chosen words of thanks. At the joint meeting with the Auxiliary a fine entertainment was given including singing, dancing, etc. A feature was a juvenile drum corps with a five year old drummer boy that was a wonder. Refreshments were served.

Installations.

This is the season for installations but the Pub. Secretary has received no accounts of any. He has been able to attend only two so far. On Oct. 28 Proctor Camp 71, of Northboro, had its installation with Past Com. Austin E. Stearns of Westboro as installing officer. There was a good attendance, with visitors from all the nearby Camps. Mr. Harry Proctor was the new Commander.

On Nov. 20 Bro. Stearns installed the officers of Curtis Camp 94, Marlboro, and Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Rita Angler installed the Auxiliary. Both did their usual fine work. Here there were also many visitors. The patriotic societies of the city were all represented. The records taken at the time of the Memorial Service of the Hall of Flags at the State House were played and proved very interesting.

The Pub. Secretary also attended one Auxiliary Installation, that at Milford on Nov. 25. The work was ably done by Past Nat. Pat. Inst. Mrs. Phyllis Dean. This was also an in-

teresting evening. The G. A. R. Memorial Hall here brings out all the patriotic spirit in any one who enters it.

Reward of Merit.

At its first fall meeting Lowell Camp 9, Boston, was presented the first Camp Certificate of Merit by Past Com.-in-Chief Anderson for their work, and especially for the publication of the Patriotic Register, a magazine devoted to "All Patriotic American Activities." Dept. Com. Bauer accompanied Brother Anderson to this meeting. This Camp elected Ernest G. Wells Commander for the coming year.

In Memoriam.

The past few months have taken a heavy toll of our Grand Army veterans. The most distinguished was Past Com.-in-Chief Foster, of Worcester, himself a Son of a Veteran. He enlisted in Co. E, 40th Wisconsin Volunteers, at the age of 14 and first saw service near Memphis, Tenn. His sons served in both the Spanish and World Wars. After spending most of his life as a railroad man he came to Worcester in 1915. After serving as Commander of Geo. H. Ward Post and of the Mass. Dept., he was elected Com.-in-Chief in 1929. His encampment was at Cincinnati and as part of the program we sailed up the Ohio river to the birthplace of Gen. U. S. Grant at Point Pleasant, having as guest Col. U. S. Grant 3rd. He was always a good friend of the Sons, attending their meetings when possible. He died Sept. 11, and is buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester.

On Aug. 11 Louis L. Stone, last Civil War veteran in Clinton, died. Born in North Grafton, he enlisted in Co. F, 60th Mass. Inf., at the age of 18. After the war he became a mail carrier. He leaves one son, Orra L. Stone, who was our Dept. Commander in 1933.

John V. Aphorpe, 95, the oldest graduate of Harvard College, died in Concord on Sept. 25. He graduated in 1865 but had served in the Civil War.

James A. Sawyer, 93, last member of Francis Washburn Post, G. A. R., of Brighton, died Oct. 16. He enlisted when 17 in the 19th Maine Inf. He served on the staffs of Gens. Chamberlain and Hancock, and was in many of the most important battles of the Army of the Potomac.

On Oct. 22 Leonard L. Billings of Sharon died in Charleston, S. C., where he was revisiting the scenes of his army service after nearly 75 years. He entered the city as a Lieutenant and had served in many of the important battles and was one of those who saw the battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac.

Hiram S. Faunce, 92, Sr. Vice Dept. Commander and last member of Horace Niles Post, G. A. R., of Randolph, died Nov. 14. He was born in Wilton, Me., but came to Randolph as a child. When 15 years of age he enlisted in Co. K, 47th Mass. Inf., and later in Co. B, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery. His father, Alvan Faunce, and three brothers also served in the Union Army.

An Unique Memory.

Deputy Sheriff J. S. Emery, of Craftsbury, Vt., had the thrill of a pick-a-back ride on the shoulders of Abraham Lincoln at Washington in 1862, when he was 7 years old.

Bay State Camp.

The members of Bay State Camp visited the Industrial Museum of Mr. John W. Higgins of the Worcester Pressed Steel Works on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4. Here is one of the best displays of ancient armor and weapons and also modern weapons. After dinner at Seller's 1812 House in Framingham was a short business session, and then we listened to a very interesting address by Dept. Com. Col. Frederick G. Bauer on Andrew Jackson. We re-

ceived a better idea of his life than most of us had had before.

Two Birthdays.

On Aug. 6 Whitman's last Civil War veteran, Sheperd S. Eaton, who almost died of malaria in McClellan's peninsular campaign, celebrated his 100th birthday. He received many friends with congratulations. He was one of the first to enlist from Whitman and re-enlisted after regaining his health.

Comrade Edward L. Jaynes of Worcester observed his 98th birthday on Oct. 21. This was his first birthday party, at least for a great many years. Many friends called and left flowers and other gifts.

Special Department Encampment.

A special session was held at Melrose Sept. 30. Some Committees reported, especially the committee on uniform. After much discussion the committee was continued, with instructions to send a full description to each Camp before the next Encampment. An opportunity was given the brothers to ask questions and several were discussed and many misunderstandings were cleared up. Supper was served by the local Auxiliary and after the business was finished several reels of talkies were shown.

About the Department.

Several brothers from the Department attended the annual election and conference of the New England Regional Association, which met in the Eosworth Memorial Building at Portland, Me., on Oct. 28 and 29. A fine radio broadcast was given from Station WGAN under the direction of P. D. C. H. H. Hale. After the "Mystery Ride" and a Maine fried clam supper, a varied entertainment was given, featuring movies taken by P. D. C. Henry Towle.

The Western Massachusetts Association held annual outing at the summer camp of P. C. Myron A. Warner in Greenfield.

The Friendly Relations Committee gave their banquet to the members of the G. A. R. on Nov. 4 in Post 26 Hall, Roxbury.

The Past Commanders' Association held their first meeting of the season on Oct. 14 in Union Hall, Tremont Temple. Plans are being made for a Christmas Party.

We are sorry to have to announce the death of Horace Morse, of George H. Patch Camp 80, Malden. He had been a member of the order for over 50 years, having first joined Wm. F. Barry Camp 79, Melrose, and has always been active in the work of his Camp and the Department.

Past Dept. Com. Addison A. Quinn has again been elected chairman of the Salvation Army advisory committee in Chelsea.

L. A. Tift Camp 15, Springfield, celebrated Veteran's Night on Nov. 18 in the Springfield Auditorium. There was a concert and the speaker, Hon. Raymond H. Cowing, Mayor of Westfield, gave a fine address. Previous to the meeting the members of the Grand Army family gave a dinner in honor of the speaker at the Hotel Worthy in Springfield.

Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Chelsea, had a class initiation on Oct. 22. The Camp also furnished an episode "The Spirit of 1861" for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the settlement of that place.

The Old Timers' Association held their annual meeting and dinner in Wm. M. Olin Hall, Roxbury, on Oct. 21. There were a good number at the 50-year table.

The Dept. Chorus is rehearsing regularly and will soon be ready for service.

Gen. W. T. Sherman Camp 65, Athol, exemplified the work of the order on Nov. 3. They initiated three candidates. Guests were present from the surrounding Camps, including some from New Hampshire.

We are very glad to hear that Past Com.-in-Chief Homan has so far recovered that he

is able to spend several hours each day in his office.

Doctor Gil. Brown Still Lives.

For fifty years Dr. Gilbert P. Brown, whose father, Capt. Timothy P. Brown, served in the distinguished 20th Maine Regiment, has been a member of Abraham Lincoln Camp 107, Charlestown. For the past 30 years he has been away from Massachusetts. He is now a resident of Englewood Cliffs, N. J., and on Memorial Day he turns out with Elsworth Camp 32, Union City, N. J. He is a member of the Masons, Elks and other orders but holds the Sons above them all. He is a writer of verse and biography and enjoys life. He reads The Banner and always passes it along to some eligible. He is much interested in the news from Massachusetts.

NEW YORK

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Western New York Past Coms. Association.

The midsummer quarterly meeting of the Western New York Past Commanders Association took place at Fredonia, Saturday, Sept. 22. The Western New York Past Presidents Association of Auxiliaries, formed about a year ago, also met at the same time and place and some sixty-four Sons and Sisters sat down together in a joint dinner. This meeting was especially marked by the attendance of Past Com-in-Chief Rownds of the G. A. R., who motored over from his home in Ripley, to greet the "boys;" and also Past Com-in-Chief Anderson of the Sons.

Com-in-Chief Rownds greeted the assembly with a gracious message from Mrs. Rownds and himself in anticipation of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary, which will occur next year. Com-in-Chief Anderson followed with an interesting account of his recent visits to the various parts of the country and present day conditions as he had found them.

The Past Commanders repaired to the adjoining room for their meeting while the Past Presidents remained in the hall for their function.

After a short but lively business session Com-in-Chief Anderson again addressed the Sons, this time with a stirring and inspiring instruction on getting their respective Camps in order and then setting out on a new membership campaign. His message was one of his characteristically straight-from-the-shoulder talks that made every listening Son glad he was present, and the meeting adjourned at a late hour with the unanimous verdict that it had been a grand meeting in every sense.

Camp 60, Rochester.

O'Rorke Camp was saddened heavily by the death July 22 of Volney Pettinger. He was a charter member and also one of its esteemed Past Commanders, as well as an officer of long standing in the old Uniformed Reserve Unit. He also was the organizer of O'Rorke Auxiliary No. 23, and was its Counselor on several occasions. "Volney" will be missed from his accustomed place in the Camp gatherings.

Camp 77, Elmira.

At the military funeral of Jerome Kendall, the last Civil War Veteran of Millport, Judson Cole gave the invocation and eulogy. The impressive service took place at the Methodist Church.

Twelve members of Company L, National Guard, acted as escort and firing squad. Twenty-five members of the Elmira Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans attended in uniform. They were accorded unusual courtesy. The Rev. Clyde Rosecrans, of Phelps, spoke of his early associations with the deceased.

Judson Cole also gave the invocation and G. A. R. address at the military funeral of

Rufus Brown, last Civil War veteran of Canton, Pa. Canton High School band and nearly one hundred members of the American Legion, with the American Legion Drum Corps, participated in the procession from the Methodist Church to the Cemetery. The Reverend L. A. Gulles officiated.

P. D. C. Nell Cranmer began his 20th year as Instructor of the Citizenship Class for Foreign Born at the Southside High School, Oct. 2.

Camp 6, Rochester.

The 56th anniversary of the founding of C. A. Glidden Camp No. 6 was very fittingly celebrated with a good fellowship gathering of members, including Auxiliary No. 1. A splendid banquet was served at the Forest House Thursday evening, Oct. 19. Interesting remarks were made by Toastmaster Rev. William A. Hallock. Honor guests were Past Dept. Com. and Mrs. Willard Stephan, of Buffalo; Attorney and Mrs. Leo Rice; Camp Com. Robert H. McMahon, O'Rorke Camp No. 60; Com. Fred E. Caldwell; Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Harold Bellby; Past Dept. Com. Walter S. Bellby; Mrs. Lewis Fertig.

A program of songs, cards and dancing was enjoyed by those present.

The Camp has elected these officers for the coming year: Com., Robert H. McMahon; Sr. Vice, Herbert L. Emmons; Jr. Vice, Henry A. Gardner; Treas., Rev. Wm. A. Hallock; Sec., James E. Snively; Chap., Alexander Culhane; Pat. Inst., James Chaff; Press Cor., Charles Strong Quinn. The new officers will be installed in January by Past Dept. Com. Rudolph Gentner of O'Rorke Camp.

The Camp observed Veterans Night in the City Hall Annex on Nov. 13. There was a patriotic entertainment and refreshments. P. D. C. William A. Hallock was chairman of the committee. The other Camps of Rochester joined in the event. Present were four members of the G. A. R.—Henry Lilly, John A. Rowe, Frank Bissell and James A. Hurd.

Southern Tier Association.

About 75 persons attended the Southern Tier Association in G. A. R. Hall, Ithaca, Oct. 14. Dinner was served by Aux. 12. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Leslie More, Waverly; Vice Pres., Mrs. George Yeomans, Binghamton; Sec., to be appointed; Treas., Mrs. Myrtle Burnham, Elmira. Nat. Pat. Inst. Fred C. Barnard, of Ithaca, was the principal speaker. The April meeting will be held in Auburn.

Southern Tier P. C. Association.

Twenty-five P. C.'s from Binghamton, Waverly, Ithaca and Elmira enjoyed a dinner at Sally's Pantry, Waverly, Nov. 4. Nat. Pat. Inst. Fred C. Barnard gave the address. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., George Yeomans, Binghamton; Vice Pres., George Harrington, Ithaca; Sec.-Treas., Wesley Smeaton, Waverly.

Camp 42, Troy.

Among the measures before the last Congress was one to commemorate the battle between the Monitor and Merrimac. This is of particular interest here on account of the connection of several Trojans with the former vessel.

The death of Mrs. Frederick Weaver, wife of the Commander of Bolton Post, G. A. R., occurred Sept. 2, after an illness of considerable length. Besides Com. Weaver, she is survived by a son, P. C. Harry N. Weaver of King Camp. They have our sincere sympathy.

For the first time in its history, the Rensselaer County fair at Schaghticoke was opened with patriotic exercises. Kirkpatrick's band of this city took part.

Our annual meeting was held in October, Samuel J. Kirkpatrick being re-elected Commander. Others chosen were: Sr. Vice, Charles

E. McCarthy; Jr. Vice, William H. Burke; Sec.-Treas., George F. Wood, who begins his forty-fifth year in the latter office. The Camp voted to furnish copies of The Banner for the Troy Public Library and its Lansingburg branch.

Camp 225, Granville.

On Aug. 3 a large party of relatives and friends was held at the home of Leroy L. Barnard to celebrate his 98th birthday. He is the last surviving Civil War veteran in Granville, N. Y. He served in Co. I, 93rd N. Y. He is in good health and desires to hear from any comrade who was born in the year 1841.

He received many letters of congratulations and one from the Commander of the Washington County N. Y., American Legion.

He is the father of Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Walter M. Barnard.

Camp 40, Ithaca.

A reception and dinner in honor of Clarence Maples of New York, Dept. Com. of the Sons of Union Veterans, and his staff, and Mrs. Mary Mandeville of Ithaca, Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary and her staff was given Saturday evening, Sept. 23, in Masonic Temple.

Approximately 150 guests attended, among them Miss Mayme Dwyer, of New York, Past National President of the Auxiliary, and Allan Dyer, of Syracuse, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons.

Fred C. Barnard of Ithaca, National Patriotic Instructor, was toastmaster. Among the speakers were Mr. Maples and Mrs. Mandeville and their staffs. Mrs. Elberta Maughan, chairman of the committee in charge, welcomed the guests as toastmistress.

Camp 223, Buffalo.

Cook Camp and Auxiliary celebrated Veteran's Night on Nov. 20, with a dinner at Lyon's Tearoom. About 90 were present, including Comrade George H. Howard, and guests from Rochester, Ithaca, Lackawanna and Hamburg. The principal speaker was P. D. C. Rev. Wm. A. Hallock; Irene M. Butcher recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; Mrs. Mandeville rendered a group of songs; Rev. George Storer gave the invocation; P. D. C. Willard B. Stephan was toastmaster.

Our Camp has sustained the loss of two brothers by death: John F. Karen and Edward L. Jung. We extend our sympathy to their families in their great loss.

Our new officers-elect are: Com., Adelbert S. Brooks; Sr. Vice, Carl P. Feuchter; Jr. Vice, S. Grove McClellan; Chap., Rev. George Storer; Sec., Orion L. Murrell; Treas., Albert R. Stephan; Pat. Inst., Willard B. Stephan.

Camp 88, Waverly.

Camp 88 installed officers Nov. 22 in the Albertson Memorial Bldg., as follows: Com., Jay Saulsbury; Sr. Vice, G. D. Lyon; Jr. Vice, F. L. Kelley; Pat. Inst., C. W. Morgan; Chap., Frank Cole; Sec., A. J. Quick; Treas., C. S. Strong. Mr. Fred C. Barnard, of Ithaca, was installing officer with P. C. Leslie More as Guide.

Preceding was an oyster supper served by Aux. No. 7. Com. Frank Cole, as toastmaster, called on the following: Nat. Pat. Inst. Fred C. Barnard and Dept. Pres. Mary Mandeville of Ithaca; Com. Edwin Morris, of Baldwin Post No. 6, G. A. R., and P. D. C. Nell Cranmer, of Elmira; Harry Farr, of Sayre, Pa. The Rev. T. O. Rich, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave the address of the evening. Music was one of the features.

Camp 93, Binghamton.

The fall season was opened Oct. 13 with a clam chowder supper put on by Bro. George Doolittle. We had a largely attended and very interesting meeting of the Camp following the supper. Veteran's Night was observed Nov. 24.

MAINE

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Camp 4, Portland.

Shepley Camp and Auxillary observed Veteran's Night Nov. 21 with a very interesting program, arranged by P. C. C. Clarence P. Renell, assisted by Sister Susie L. Renell. A feature of the evening was a vocal solo by P. C. C. Frank H. Berry, who sang "A Prayer Perfect."

There is much activity in Shepley Camp this fall; a Reserve Unit is being formed, also a Fife and Drum Corps.

Camp 5, South China.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp held a Rally and Fair Nov. 18 at the G. A. R. Hall. After a grand supper a good time was had. Comrade Hallowell, the only surviving member of Seth Williams Post, G. A. R., was present and made remarks.

Camp 44, Sanford.

A Harvest Supper and Rally was held by members of Camp and Auxillary Oct. 21 under the direction of Dist. Sup. Frank H. Berry of Portland, and P. D. C. Albert B. DeHaven, chairman of the Camp Rally Committee. An interesting program was presented which included music by a string trio, and moving pictures of S. U. V. activities.

Com. Bernard H. DeHaven states that his Camp will run a series of social events throughout the winter, and it is hoped will have a full attendance at these meetings.

Camp 43, Belfast.

Clark Camp has recently received letters written from the battlefields of the Civil War by Capt. Henry W. Cunningham, a native of Swanville, and Capt. of Co. D, 19th Maine Inf.; also many of his personal papers of the Civil War period which are exceedingly interesting. S. V. D. C. George O. Melzard inspected Clark Camp Oct. 19.

Camp 51, Biddeford.

Inspection of this Camp was held Nov. 14, many members of both Camp and Auxillary attending. After the meeting a delicious oyster stew was served by members of the Auxillary. A very good time was had.

Camp 52, Augusta.

Subversive activities of the "Red enemies within our borders," are more to be feared than foreign foes, Charles R. Pomeroy of Auburn, Dept. Councilor, told a large gathering at the Staples Camp in G. A. R. Hall Nov. 13. Bro. Pomeroy reminded the gathering that it was the duty of such organizations as the S. U. V. to counteract harmful influences with patriotic gatherings.

Com. Robert A. Cony presided at the gathering, which was attended by so many old timers that it was characterized as a "horse and buggy days meeting."

Past Dept. Com. Cram announced plans for the 50th anniversary of the Staples Camp next April.

Among old timers attending was Charles L. Witham, who reminisced on the early days of the Camp. Other speakers included Dept. Com. Wing, Dept. Insp. Frank Small, Past Dept. Com. Henry Towle, Dr. F. E. Earle, Past Dept. Com. Manley Patterson, and Wallace Diplock. A varied entertainment followed the meeting, supper was served by the Henry G. Staples Auxillary.

Camp 92, Coopers Mills.

About seventy-five members of Camps and Auxillaries from all over Maine attended a supper and rally held by the McLellan Camp on Nov. 1. Past Dept. Com. Frank E. Small,

Chairman of the Rally Committee, arranged a fine program. Dr. Fred E. Earle is supervisor of this district.

The Camp was honored with the presence of Comrade Hallowell, Dept. Com. Wing, Sr. Vice Dept. Com. George Melzard, Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Frank Downs, and many other past and present Dept. officers of both Sons and Auxillary. Dancing was enjoyed after the Rally.

Camp 46, Bath.

T. W. Hyde Camp and Auxillary held a District Rally Saturday eve., Nov. 4, more than sixty attending. Past Dept. Com. Henry Towle acted as master of ceremonies in place of Dist. Sup. Frank H. Berry, who was unable to attend.

The Junior Auxillary of Hyde Camp put on an entertainment that would make the senior members of both organizations work very hard to meet. The program consisted of vocal solos, novelty and tap dancing, and a play of Civil War Days.

Past Dept. Com. Gould Passes.

Edward K. Gould, 71, prominent Rockland attorney, died at his home Nov. 13, following a long illness.

Born in Rockland, Mr. Gould had been active in local and state affairs and had been state historian; twice Mayor of Rockland; chairman of the Knox County Republican Committee; Judge of Knox County Probate Court; Commissioner of Deeds for Knox, Waldo and Lincoln; was national director of National Archives Research of Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire, and served as Knox County Treasurer. He was a 32d degree Mason, and was a past grand commander and past illustrious master of the Grand Council of Maine, Past Commander of Anderson Camp, and Past Dept. Commander, Sons of Union Veterans; a member of the Sons of American Revolution and the Rockland Lions Club.

He is survived by a wife, Fannie D. Gould; a daughter, Marguerite Gould, and a son, Charles D. Gould of Rockland.

When the offices of Dept. Secretary and Treasurer were combined Brother Gould was elected to the combined office and held the post for 30 years with efficiency and skill. Brother Gould served under Com.-in-Chief Darling as Judge Advocate and did an outstanding bit of service for the Order by compiling a digest of the opinions and decisions of the Commanders-in-Chief from the start of the organization to the date of preparing the same, something like 40 years ago. He was once a candidate for Commander-in-Chief, although unsuccessful, but in spite of defeat for higher honors he had kept constantly in the harness serving the Dept. of Maine faithfully and well.

Grand Army Notes.

On Sept. 23 a reception was tendered Dept. Com. of the Grand Army Savage at Fairfield. Five Veterans were present, Comrades Savage, Jones, Palmer, Hallowell and Fogler. About one hundred attended. The program was short, but very interesting.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

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Past Com.-in-Chief Barrows Called Home.

Our order has lost an outstanding citizen in the passing of Past Com.-in-Chief Pelham A. Barrows, who died Thursday, Nov. 30, 1939, at 8:30 a. m. at the age of 79 from a heart attack. Brother Barrows was the only member of the Dept. of Nebraska who ever attained the highest honor of our order, having been elected Commander-in-Chief in 1920.

He was at one time Lieut. Governor of Nebraska, and served as Governor pro tem for a period of six months. He closed a brilliant

career of journalism in 1937 when he retired from the position of editor of the Maywood, California, Journal. For the past eleven years he served as Secretary of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce.

To his widow, Mrs. Leonora Barrows, his daughter, Mrs. Jane Hillyer, his son-in-law, R. C. Hillyer, and his granddaughter, Anna Lou Hillyer, and relatives and friends, the Commandery-in-Chief and the Departments of California & Pacific and Nebraska extend sincere sympathy and deep regrets.

Past Dept. Com. Plymire Passes.

With sorrow we announce the passing, due to an accidental fall in Santa Cruz County, Oct. 15, of Past Dept. Com. Dr. D. Brandley Plymire.

Our late brother had been a member of our Order since Dec. 10, 1896, and commanded this Department, at that time known as a Division, in 1913. His eligibility came from his father, Comrade James A. Plymire, who enlisted June 4, 1861, as a private in Company K of the 8th Pa. Vol. and who was honorably discharged May 27, 1864.

California State Camp No. 1 and our entire Civil War Group, have lost a staunch member and supporter of American ideals. We regret deeply his loss, and to his widow, Past Nat. Pres. of the Daughters, Maybelle Plymire, and members of the family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Camp 10, Long Beach.

The Quarterly meeting of the P. C. Association was held last month with 31 Sons present, and two members initiated. During the year of Com. F. P. Rogan he has secured 17 new members for the Camp.

We have lost two of our comrades during the month, J. T. Hoy, Co. F, 3rd Kentucky Cavalry, born April 3, 1839, died Nov. 17. He was Commander-in-Chief of the Last Muster Club. J. Van Zolenburg, 16th U. S. Infantry, born Jan. 16, 1843, and died Nov. 26.

Camp 2, Los Angeles.

Upon his return from the east a gala banquet and reception were tendered to Ralph R. Barrett, M. D., our new Commander-in-Chief, by Gen. W. S. Roscerans Camp and Auxillary of Los Angeles, of which he is a member, several hundred being present.

The hall and banquet tables were beautifully decorated, and among the guests of honor were Col. Russell C. Martin and Dr. O. H. Mennet, Past Coms.-in-Chief of the G. A. R.; Dept. Com. Robert C. Blair, and Past Dept. Com. George N. Lockwood of the G. A. R.; Pelham A. Barrows, Past Com.-in-Chief of the Sons; Mamie M. Deems, Past Nat. Pres. of the Auxillary; Dept. Com. and Nat. Pers. Aide Harrie R. Collins; Nat. Special Aide A. E. Deems; Nat. Special Aide Lena Barrett; and Nat. Org. Charlotte Turner, of the Auxillary; Dept. Pres. Capitola May of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Dept. Sr. Vice Pres. Clara Llewellyn of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Many other Dept. Officers of the G. A. R., Sons, Auxillary, Daughters and Ladies of the G. A. R. were present, and the American Legion and American War Mothers were also represented.

Immediately following the National Encampment, Dr. Barrett made a tour of various cities and states in the east, also attending the National Convention of the American Legion. He has already made a tour through a portion of this Department, visiting a number of the cities and Camps, and has planned to leave the latter part of November for an extended visitation throughout the middle west.

He is calling upon the entire membership to assist him in an intensive campaign to secure new recruits and Camps, and not only bring our Order up to its former status, but make it a still greater and grander organization, that it may, in reality, be an honor and credit to the vallant men of '61 to '66.

INDIANA

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Frank's Picnic.

The Ninth Annual meeting of the members of Frank's Picnic was held this year at Eagle Creek Christian Church, some few miles southwest of Noblesville. Few patriotic groups equal and none surpass the enthusiasm and fine fellowship as is evidenced at these annual gatherings which somehow seem to get better each year as time progresses.

Past Com.-in-Chief Frank Huston, in whose honor these meetings are held, is pastor of the above church. Following our usual custom we attended his morning worship then adjourned to the church's commodious basement where a bounteous and sumptuous carry-in dinner was served by members of his congregation.

The afternoon witnessed a very fine program of excellent special music and inspiring addresses by many members of Camps and Auxiliaries, well distributed throughout the State. Past Dept. Com. Frank Richart and Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Edna Pauley, than whom there are none better, were President and Sec.-Treas. of the Association during the past year, and in recognition of their efficient management, their sterling characters and their lovable personalities, were elected unanimously and without opposition to serve another year. We regret that limited space will not permit the recording the names of so many prominent people who attended, and giving a more detailed account of the splendid program throughout the day.

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Camp 40, Martinsville.

Greenbery Griffin, recently honored as the last survivor of the 70th Indiana Regiment of Civil War Volunteers, died Sept. 1 at his home. He was 99 years of age on Aug. 7 and was the oldest person in Morgan county.

During the Civil War he was with General Sherman on the famous march to the sea, and also engaged in a number of other important battles of the Civil War. Final rites were held Sept. 3.

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary attended in a body, the Sons of Union Veterans burial service being given at the grave by Robert M. Duke and George O. Dewey. The quartet sang "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

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Camp 171, Fort Wayne.

An enthusiastic joint meeting of the Sons and their Auxiliary was held at this place on the evening of Oct. 27. This Camp and Auxiliary, with but a small membership, were enthusiastic about the future and voiced the hope and belief that both the Camp and Auxiliary would add an appreciable number to their roster before the next Dept. Encampment.

Mrs. Laura Fair, local President, opened the meeting after members and visitors had partaken of an excellent dinner served by the Auxiliary, but relinquished the chair to Dept. Pres. Lulu Richard, who, in her inimitable manner made a splendid and eloquent plea for accelerated progress in our organization. Pleading and appreciated talks were made by Dept. Com. Parker Thornburg on the theme of loyalty and others, both local and visitors, spoke on the same line of thought.

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Camp 28, Richmond.

Benton Camp and its Auxiliary observed Past Commanders' and Past Presidents' night with a banquet in the G. A. R. Post Rooms at the Court House, Monday evening, Nov. 20.

Special guests were: Mrs. Frank Richart,

Terre Haute, Dept. President of the Auxiliary, and Mr. Richart, and Parker Thornburg, Muncie, Dept. Commander, S. of U. V.

There were also a large number of local and out-of-town persons present, including about ten members from the Connersville Camp and Auxiliary, and eighteen from the Muncie organization.

Three large tables, accommodating about a hundred persons, were very attractively and appropriately decorated for the occasion. Following the banquet, a program was presented for the entertainment of those present.

Talks were given by the Dept. President and Dept. Commander and other past and present officers of the organization, and by representatives of the visiting Camps and Auxiliaries.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Stella Bird, on behalf of the local Auxiliary, and Argus Ogborn, on behalf of the Camp, presented gifts to the Dept. President and Dept. Commander, respectively, following which the assemblage was dismissed by the oldest member of Indiana Department present, William H. Hansche.—A. O.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Brothers, at the time of writing these few lines our Dept. is showing an increase in membership over the past year. Now that we have started on the gain, as only a very few other Depts. have, let us keep our shoulders to the wheel, continue our good work by keeping everlastingly at it, talking our organization to every eligible with whom we come in contact and try to secure them as a member. If your Camp is not able to perform the initiation in the proper manner get in touch with the Deputy of your District and arrange for a District Meeting and the brothers from some other Camp will be only too glad to come and assist you. If there is anything that the Dept. officers or the Past Dept. Coms. Assn. can do to help your Camp don't hesitate to call on them. There have been several District Meetings with a very good turn out at each one.

Camp Press Correspondents, how can I get news of the doings of your Camp if you fail to supply me?

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Camp 23, Dover.

A District Meeting of the Camps in District 2 was held with Buzzell Camp 23, of Dover, on Saturday evening, Sept. 16. About 75 were present, including many from Camps outside the District, and from Miller Camp 44 of Sanford, Me.

At 6:30 all sat down to an old-fashioned baked bean supper, with all the fixings, including hot ginger bread and whipped cream. The meeting was held at 8 o'clock, in charge of Dist. Deputy Myron J. Bennett of Lakeport, at which time the Degree Work, was put on in a very fine manner by the members of Brown Camp 1, of Manchester, under the direction of Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Wm. L. John.

Interesting remarks were made by the Dept. Com. of the G. A. R., Lyman Butterfield, of Manchester; Dept. Com. Claude Rockwood, of Troy; Nat. Aux. Chaplain Mildred Webster, of Sanford, Me.; Dept. Aux. Pres. Frances Beverstock, of Keene, and many other Past Nat. and Past Dept. Officers of both the Maine and N. H. Depts. At the close of the meeting a fine entertainment was put on by the pupils of the Federal Music School under the direction of the supervisor, Chas. Brown. Owing to the fact that the mercury registered well into upper nineties the dancing was omitted and all departed for home well satisfied that Dover gave them a warm reception.

District 3 Meeting.

An initiation ceremony, a banquet, speakers and a concert and dance were featured at the meeting of District No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held Saturday evening, Sept. 23.

Speakers were Com. Lyman E. Butterfield of the Grand Army of the Republic; Com. Clyde E. Rockwood of the Sons of Union Veterans; Pres. Mary Spaulding of the Daughters of Union Veterans; Pres. Frances Beverstock of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Thomas Parnell, Regent of Molly Stark Chapter, D. A. R.

Preceding the business meeting, which was opened by the regular officers of the local Camp, headed by Com. Ralph R. Dudley, a banquet was served by the Daughters. Sr. Vice Dept. Com. William L. John gave readings as a part of the evening's program and a concert given by a local orchestra was followed by dancing.

Guests were present from Troy, Penacook, Keene, Hillsborough, Nashua, Lakeport and Milford. Those in charge of arrangements were John A. Milnes, William L. John and Harry A. Campbell.

MISSOURI

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Celebrates 50-Year Memberships.

Members of the Missouri Department met in St. Louis Oct. 28 to honor and celebrate the fifty-year membership of four of its members. Dept. Com. Bennett of Springfield, presented the fifty-year badges to Brothers Fred Miller, William E. Scharr and Peter E. Bobe, all members of Major Leo Rassieur Camp No. 4, St. Louis. Past Dept. Com. Kesselring was given honorable mention as a fifty-year member, but due to the lack of a Camp record, was unable to receive the badge at that time. Henry Goldsmith, Past Dept. Com. of Wisconsin, and former member of Major Leo Rassieur Camp, also a fifty-year member, was an honored guest.

The celebration was started with a banquet, opened with the singing of America, and the invocation by Dept. Chap. Kesselring. Dinner was settled by the singing of various oldtime songs. The next order of business was the introduction of distinguished guests which included: Harry Coen, Past Dept. Com. of Illinois; Mrs. J. C. Sands, Pres. Aux. 18, Dept. of Pennsylvania; Cly Menl Curtis, Past Pres. Aux. 4, Wisconsin; Roy R. Lewis, Dept. Com. of Wisconsin; Mrs. N. A. Hayes, Past National Vice President, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Narcissus Weaver, Sr. Vice Pres. Ladies G. A. R., Dept. Missouri; Myrtle Lautner, Dept. Pres. Woman's Relief Corps. The celebration was honored with the presence of Comrade William Pieffer of the Grand Army of the Republic, who was a Drummer Boy during the Civil War. Other Missouri Dept. officers present were: William H. Raaf, Jr., Color Bearer, and Stanley H. Gates, Patriotic Instructor; Com. A. C. Boehm, of Wilson Creek Camp No. 30, Springfield, Mo.

Com. Bennett was principal speaker of the evening, and impressed very forcibly on the minds of those present the great task that confronted the members of our organization today, if we are to enjoy the liberties that our forefathers fought for, and preserved for us to enjoy. The Commander stressed membership, and its vital importance at this particular time, and to create real interest, he has offered \$35.00 for the Camp showing the largest percentage in the increase in membership this year, and \$15 for the runner-up Camp. The Commander read a very interesting poem, entitled, "Tony, the Son of the Beach," by request. The evening was one that will never be forgotten by those that were there.

NEW JERSEY

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Camp 1, Hoboken.

Meets 4th Thursday, Dec. 28. Election of officers. Installation will be Jan. 11, with the Auxilliary.

Death has again taken from our midst two very splendid brothers. On Oct. 16 Bro. August Fredericks was called home. A 20-year member, not very active, but always ready to assist when called upon. On Oct. 19 Bro. John Offen passed away, a member almost 45 years, one of the Camp's most active members, and Guide of the Camp for the past 15 years. Always on duty he was Lieutenant of the Reserve and in charge of the firing squad. Services were held for both brothers.

The 50 year medal was presented to Bro. William Parpart at his home in Arlington by a delegation of brothers, as Bro. Parpart has not been well for some time.

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Camp 5, Trenton.

Camp inspection was held on Nov. 6, with P. D. C. Harry Pennell of Atlantic City as inspecting officer. Brother Pennell gave the Camp a rating of 100% for ritualistic work, and records kept by the Secretary and Treasurer. We were pleased to have with us Dept. Com. Walter Barlow, as well as many members of his staff, and many visitors from various Camps. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Lambert, from Camp 5, was also our guest.

The Camp participated in the Armistice Day parade with the American Legion in Trenton. During the month of November, we had the sad duty of holding burial services for Comrade Van Sant of Trenton. This leaves the line of blue still thinner here.

On Thanksgiving Eve, the Trenton Federated Patriotic Societies tendered a monster reception to Dept. Com. Wm. McCoy of the G. A. R., in the ball room of the War Memorial Building in Trenton. On the platform with Com. McCoy were: Dept. Com. Barlow of the Sons, Dept. Pres. Miss Leona Dolbow of the Auxilliary; Dept. Pres. Mrs. Julia Marx of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Dept. Pres. Mrs. Margaret Menessey of the Daughters; and P. D. P. Mrs. Margaret Ferrell of the W. R. C. Co-Chairmen in charge of the affair were Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert and Dept. Sec.-Treas. John L. Reeger.

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Camp 8, Paterson.

At the meeting of the Camp held on Nov. 10 Sr. Vice Com. Krine Englishman made an address in which he gave the story of the Pilgrims on Nov. 9, 1620. Brother Raymond E. Bonney spoke on the signing of the treaty of peace in 1893, at the close of the Spanish-American War, and Pat. Inst. Daniel W. McNeill spoke on Armistice Day.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 19, the members of the Camp, together with the members of the allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also Comrade Jacob Lotz, attended the Third Presbyterian Church, of which Brother Rev. O. M. Demcott is the pastor, in honor of Veteran's Night. A very fine patriotic service was held.

The annual inspection of the Camp was held on Friday evening, Nov. 24. The Camp was inspected by Dept. Sec.-Treas. John L. Reeger. Several Natl. and Dept. Officers, also delegations from several Camps and Auxilliaries, were present.

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Camp 18, Newark.

Marcus L. Ward Camp observed the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Cedar Creek on Oct. 20 by holding a reunion of the eight surviving Civil War Veterans in Essex County. Six of the Veterans were present, the other two being ill. The speaker of the evening was

Judge Wm. H. McEnroe. Other speakers were: Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Albert Lambert; Dept. Com. Barlow; P. D. C. Fred Kurtz; P. D. C. F. L. Merrill and Dept. Pat. Inst. Lewis A. Varlick. The committee was in charge of Camp Com. W. S. Bryan and Bro. Varlick. Miss Alice Stage, Aux. Pres., was pianist; Bro. Rev. H. K. Post gave the invocation.

Two of the Comrades were at the Battle of Cedar Creek and two of the Veterans were in Andersonville Prison and met for the first time that night. They were accompanied by a doctor and nurse from the City Hospital and were transported by the ambulance of the 40-8 of the American Legion and a City Hospital ambulance.

On Nov. 19 the Camp observed Veterans' Night with appropriate services and paid a visit to each of the eight Comrades alive at their homes.

The Camp is starting on a busy season and hope to make it a banner year, both in membership and socially. The Camp was awarded the Certificate of Merit of the Com.-in-Chief for outstanding work in the community.

WISCONSIN

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Camp 37, Sheboygan.

The "Good Fellowship" meeting of this Camp and affiliated organizations, was held Nov. 2, and was attended by more than 150 members. Following a short business meeting a delightful program was presented, which included talks by several of the present and past officials, musical numbers and songs. Refreshments were served.

Tuesday eve., Nov. 28, Veterans Night was observed. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Geo. B. McCreary, and motion pictures were shown denoting activities of the various community agencies. Musical selections and songs rounded out a delightful evening. Widows of two veterans were guests.

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Attention, Camp Correspondents.

If our column in The Banner is to be representative of the Department I must have items concerning your Camp activities. These should reach me by the 25th of the month previous to issue of our official paper.

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Celebrates Birthday.

Dept. Com. Alonzo Kibbe, of the Grand Army of the Republic, celebrated his 95th birthday last month. The occasion was largely attended by his many friends in all the organizations in the Department. Sec.-Treas. Haag was toastmaster of the exercises.

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Incorporating.

Gen. Henry Harnden Camp, Madison, has been a trail blazer. It has brought things to pass or helped do so. An important step is being taken, that of incorporation. There always is added prestige when the letters "Inc." may properly be written after a name.

Many social, benevolent, charitable and church organizations incorporate, as have done the Spanish War Veterans, the Legionnaires and others, why not the Sons?—H. S. S.

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Added Interest.

Now that war has broken out "over there" interest in a civic patriotic order such as are the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" standing second to none, should be stimulated enough to keep up with human advancement. Our motto, "Peace with Honor," is broad enough to keep up with human advancement and spiritual unfolding. During the World War the Sons were active and were strengthened.—H. S. S.

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Successful Installation.

The Auxilliary to Gen. Henry Harnden Camp, Madison, and the members of the Camp united

for installation purpose, Nov. 14. The affair was preceded by a 6 o'clock dinner, very well attended, in the nature of an appetite provoking pot luck dinner. So many attended it was necessary to set the table twice.

The installing officer for the Sons was Brother Kramer. The following were inducted into office: Com., Fred Hubbard; Sr. Vice, Peter Hauser; Jr. Vice, Charles H. Johnson; Sec.-Treas., Hugo G. Vogel; Chap., Leo P. Schleck; Pat. Inst., Herbert S. Sigelko.

The Junlor Auxilliary installed first, then the Sons and last the Auxilliary. The installation was followed by addresses on the part of the Dept. Commander, the Chief-of-Staff, and others.—H. S. S.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Publicity Director, Dwight.

Camp 4, Springfield.

On Nov. 3, at the regular meeting of Camp 4, Springfield, M. J. Burns was installed as Commander for the ensuing year. P. D. C. Rippeetoe acted as installing officer at the request of Dept. Com. Mathis, who was unable to attend.

Auxilliary 25 attended with their full membership and after the installation a social hour was enjoyed, the Auxilliary serving ice cream and cake.

Plans were gotten under way for a better Decoration Day service next year as Camp 4 has been delegated by Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., to have complete charge of these exercises.

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Camp 5, Kankakee.

Dr. Fred W. Bevan was elected Commander of Whipple Post Camp No. 5 at the November meeting. Other officers elected are: Sr. Vice, John Campbell; Jr. Vice, Samuel G. Longwell; Sec.-Treas., F. H. Ashby.

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Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Gibson Passes.

On Nov. 15, following an operation, Brother Frank Gibson passed away. It was a decided shock to every brother in the Department.

Frank was an indefatigable worker in his own Camp, No. 30, Springfield, as well as in the Department. He had done much work in and around Springfield in locating old G. A. R. graves, and erecting headstones. At the Encampment at Jacksonville last May he was elected Jr. Vice Dept. Commander. Following the resignation of Dept. Com. Brandon he was advanced to Sr. Vice by the Dept. Council.

He was a long-time member of our Order, and throughout all these years he was earnest and conscientious in his efforts, devoting much time to enlarge the Order's usefulness. The widow and family, as well as the Camp members, have the sincere sympathy of every member of the Department in their sorrow.

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Camp 270, Dwight.

On Oct. 14 a 50-year badge was presented to Past Dept. Com. A. A. Boyer, the only charter member now living and a member of the Camp to have 50 years of continuous membership. The badge was presented by P. D. C. Schneider, of Kankakee.

The presentation was made at a dinner-reception when Dept. Pres. Haynes of the Auxilliary and Dept. Com. Mathis of the Sons were guests, as well as a number of distinguished officers and members of both organizations from towns throughout the Department.

Col. Frank L. Smith, a fellow townsman, was the speaker of the evening, who stressed patriotism and emphasized loyalty to country in every way. Members of both organizations were delighted to have Mrs. Kitty Boyer present, who although intensely interested in the work of both organizations, has been prevented by illness in participating in the meetings.

A banquet, served by the Auxilliary, preceded the exercises.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

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AMERICA FOR AMERICANS

By Mayme E. Dwyer, P. N. P.

Chairman, Americanization Committee

The need for a keener knowledge of the true meaning of Americanism was never more urgent than it is today.

To honestly believe in the principles of our organization, to obey its rules, to live up to what is expected of us as members, makes it necessary for each and every one of us to put in practice, by word and deed, our conception of Americanism, as it SHOULD be taught in our Kindergartens, Schools and Colleges. If you read the daily papers, I am sure, you are shocked as I am, to learn what is being taught in our schools of higher education.

Our fathers and their comrades, fought to make this land of ours a nation undivided, where all men were created equal. Where we could live in peace, share and share alike in the opportunities that are ours, and it is up to us not only as members of this great patriotic organization, but as grateful Americans, to see that those people who are not Americans by birth, are at least Americans in their hearts. That having found a home here where they too can enjoy happiness and freedom from all the "isms" that make life miserable, show by their actions, that they do appreciate, and thank God, for being allowed to live in this, the greatest country in the world.

While striving to bring our ideals of Americanism before the public, we must ourselves be careful to avoid taking sides in disputes. In other words be neutral, in thought, word and deed, especially in these trying times, when the whole world is in such a chaotic state. The war on the other side of the ocean is no concern of ours. No doubt many of us have friends, perhaps relatives in the different countries, now engaged in this terrible conflict. However, as I said before let no word of ours stir up any feeling of hate, rather if possible do all we can to help heal the wounds of all concerned. Do this, and we will be preaching, and teaching, in my humble opinion, "True Americanism."

It is my hope that every Sister will consider herself a member of the Americanization Committee, and do all in her power to bring before the public, our aims and purposes.

PUBLICITY

By Ida Rokes Klein, P. N. P.
Chairman, Publicity Committee

Under this head, comes the work of our Press Correspondents and Radio Committees. Every member will admit the need of publicity, yet so much is kept secret by not being reported to the proper chairman that the real story of the good of the Order never reaches the public through any channel.

Every Press Correspondent should be a woman who knows how or will learn how to prepare a news story that a newspaper or magazine will accept. Arrange more radio programs and be a broadcasting station for patriotic work.

To best acquaint the public with the aims and objects of our noble Order, is a mission worthy the highest effort of those entrusted with this important duty.

"How can this be accomplished to obtain the best results?" is a question that requires thoughtful consideration.

While the financial results of fairs, suppers and entertainments are successful factors in promoting our work, they are elements that also apply to all societies and should not be given elaborate attention when reporting for the public press. The fundamental principles

of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, should be known in every community. Its work for the Sons of Union Veterans, its observance of Memorial Day and other days of importance, its efficient efforts for the promotion of American ideals, the presentation of Flags to schools and other institutions, its valuable labors along lines of patriotic education, its liberal contributions in response to appeals for objects of National and even world-wide interest, and its assistance in helping to perpetuate the deeds of our heroes who served their country in conflicts for liberty and justice are objects that should be advertised, that the public may become familiar with the achievements of our organization.

The fact that the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has expended many hundreds of dollars in the beneficent work it represents, and that 30,000 members are continuing their systematic and enthusiastic efforts in this noble cause should be broadcasted throughout the land.

AMERICAN COALITION

By Helen F. Downing,
Chairman, Legislative Committee

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25, 1939.

The American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies was organized and has been conducted for a period of ten years by John E. Trevor in a conscientious effort to create a better America for Americans and better Americans for America. The American Coalition requests congress to continue the splendid work of the committee investigating un-American activities. It is recommended that letters of appreciation from the national organization and also from Departments be sent to Hon. Martin Dies, House of Representatives, endorsing the fine work of his committee.

The Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense will assemble in Washington, D. C., in January, 1940. The Conference offers a timely and priceless opportunity to define the true meaning of national defense, and how to build upon that defense an ending structure of peace. Our Flag is the history of growth and expansion of a free people.

In the next session of Congress, Congressman Hamilton Fish, of New York, may again try (for the fourth time), to introduce a resolution for the erection of an equestrian statue of Robert E. Lee in the Arlington National Cemetery. The resolution has been opposed three times by the Grand Army of the Republic. Be on the lookout, because this resolution may some day slip by, as did the one turning Arlington Mansion into a Lee shrine. Lee, of course, owned no part of Arlington.

The Andersonville Memorial Association is seeking to convert the Andersonville National Cemetery and Prison Park into a garden of flowers and to erect some sort of a monument; these changes to be sponsored by rebel sympathizers to mask the iniquities committed there and to drag the memories of coming generations into forgetfulness of the martyrdom suffered by union patriots in the Andersonville rebel camp.

Another thing of interest—who is paying for the widespread Confederate propaganda in advertising "Gone With the Wind?" From today's Herald Times I quote as follows: "There are 60,000 applications for 'Gone With the Wind' premieres at Atlanta, though the theater seats but 2,000 and the pastebards cost \$10 each." It is now settled that "Gone With the Wind" will open at two theatres on Broadway—the Astor and the Capitol. It will open "test" engagement in Cincinnati (Ohio) and in Reading and Harrisburg (Pa.).

The reception in the above named cities will

determine the policy for Washington and elsewhere.

PATRIOTIC BULLETIN

Your National Press Correspondent is in receipt of a copy of Vol. I, No. 1 of "Practical Patriotism," a bulletin gotten out by the Indiana Council of Patriotic Citizens, of which Past Dept. Com. Will H. Ball, husband of our Nat. Treas. Lillian S. Ball, is the chairman.

The bulletin is filled with much patriotic information and many patriotic suggestions, with the "Foreword" by P. D. C. Ball. While the movement in this case is designed for Indiana government and people, it is applicable for all states and all citizens as the object of the organization is (quote) "to interest the public in becoming active in patriotic work, bringing to light un-American activities in the state, and tabulation of aliens."

In these critical times when much is being done by aliens, or alien sympathizers, to undermine our government, the activities of the Indiana brothers and sisters and other residents are worthy of example on the part of all of us.

RECEPTION TO NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

A very lovely banquet and reception was given Nat. Pres. Eva B. Blackman the evening of Nov. 4 at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago.

The banquet hall was attractive with baskets and bouquets of flowers, and the speakers' table and the tables at which the guests and members were seated were decorated in gold—the national color. A gold artificial rose on a standard was at each plate, presenting a lovely appearance.

Previous to the banquet a short reception was held with Nat. Pres. Blackman, First Member of the Nat. Council, P. N. P. Anne R. Lockyer, of Girard, O., Nat. Press Cor. Jean M. Thole, Nat. Pers. Aldo Anne Byron, of the Auxiliary; Thos. Ambrose, Nat. Adjt. Gen. of the G. A. R., and Dept. Com. of Ill. G. A. R.; Bertha May Droz, Nat. Pres. of the D. of U. V., and others in the receiving line. Following the reception the honored guests were escorted to the speakers table, where they were seated. Nat. Per. Aide Byron was toastmistress and following the banquet called on many of those present for addresses and remarks.

California Department.

Los Angeles—Rosecrans Camp and Aux. gave a reception for their Camp member, Dr. Ralph R. Barratt, who returned from the Nat. convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., with the office of Com.-in-Chief of the S. U. V., which had been bestowed upon him there. All patriotic organizations were invited and nearly 50 people attended; many letters and telegrams of regret were received from those unable to attend. Comrade Lockwood gave the welcoming address; P. C.-in-C. Minuato sang and P. C.-in-C. Russell C. Martin spoke, as did other G. A. R. boys. Past Nat. Pres. Mamie Deems brought greetings of Nat. Pres. Eva B. Blackman of the Aux., who on account of the distance, was unable to attend. Col. Workshop represented the Mayor of Los Angeles. All assured Com.-in-Chief Barrett of their well wishes and of their organization's co-operation. The respect and affection for him was shown in the many gifts presented him. His daughter Ruth sang, accompanied by his daughter Mary. Punch was served.

A flag was presented to a Troop of Boy Scouts by Dept. Pat. Ist. Kahler, a gift of Aux. 2.

Colorado Department.

Pueblo—About 35 members of Lincoln Camp and Aux. 7 from Pueblo, attended a Venison Dinner at Colorado Springs Monday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p. m. This dinner was the event in payment of the membership contest between

Colorado Springs and Pueblo Camps and Auxiliaries, the losers to furnish the dinner to the winners. Pueblo being the winners, were the guests of honor. Brother Frank Colton furnished the venison. The Sons of Colorado Springs Camp cooked and served the dinner. However, the ladies of the Aux. baked the delicious pies that were served. The Dept. Commander, Wilson L. Savage, of Pueblo Camp and Dept. Pres. of Aux. to S. U. V., Louella, and many other Dept. officers were guests. A rousing vote of thanks was given our hosts and hostesses, also Brother Colton for the venison; he really knows how to entertain. A very enthusiastic meeting was enjoyed following the dinner, and during the evening Colorado Springs Aux. initiated seven candidates. Later, the Sons were escorted into the meeting, by the guides and color bearers, which brought the attendance to about 65. During the evening, the Mystery Box was introduced and was won by Sister Nora Castle, of Pueblo Aux. At a late hour, Pueblo Camp and Aux. returned to their homes by auto, each member praising the Colorado Springs Camp and Aux. for the splendid entertainment accorded them. We hope to enjoy a visit from our neighbor Camp in the near future.

Pueblo—About 55 attended a dinner given by Lincoln Camp No. 7 and Aux. in Oct. at the club rooms. The tables were beautifully decorated with fresh garden flowers and Halloween colors. Sons assisted the ladies in serving the food. Bridge and bunco were the events of the evening. Election of officers for 1940 was held Nov. 10, and inspection was made that month. A membership drive is being planned, for the near future. Our slogan is "I will get a new member" which means every member get a member. Our Aux. hopes to double its membership by June, when our Dept. convention convenes.

Denver—At our last meeting we elected officers for 1940. Our Inspection took place on evening of Nov. 27. Veteran's Night will be observed on evening of Dec. 11 with a chicken-dinner in our hall. Comrades will be our guests of honor.—Ellen Parr, Dept. Press Cor., 617 E. Iowa Ave., Denver, Colo.

Illinois Department.

Dwight—A reception to Dept. Pres. Olive Haynes was given the evening of Oct. 14 in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Dwight. A dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock in the dining room of the hall, the tables being prettily decorated with fall flowers, nut cups in tan and brown and other decorations carrying out that color scheme. Later a program was given in the hall presided over by Sr. Beatrice Spandet. Talks were made by a number of the guests, which included past and present Dept. Presidents and officers of Sons and Aux., and our own beloved Nat. Pres., Eva B. Blackman, of Chicago. Past Nat. Chap. Kitty Boyer, although an invalid, was carried to the hall and attended both the dinner and subsequent meeting, making a fine talk, as did her husband, P. D. C. A. Boyer.

Maine Department.

The Aux. at Bangor tendered a reception to Dept. Pres. Genevieve Whitmore. More than 200 were present including representatives from all the allied orders in Bangor and throughout the state. In the receiving line were Dept. officers and Past Dept. Presidents of the Aux., and our Nat. Chaplain, Mildred Webster, of Springvale. One comrade of the G. A. R. was present, Nathan Hollowell, of South China, who gave some very inspiring remarks. Remarks were made by many and a musical program was given.

Warren, Aux. 7—Dept. Press Cor. Warner, of Bath, inspected our Aux. Nov. 3, at which time Dept. Pres. Whitmore and other Dept. officers were present. An Armistice Day program was given. Dinner was served at noon. Several guests from Bath, Rockland and Bangor were present.

Bath, Aux. 11—Dept. Pres. Whitmore and several of her staff visited our Aux. Oct. 16 at which time our Aux. was inspected by P. D. P. Mae Cross who was presented with a gold cross and chain by Dept. Press Cor. Frances Warner in behalf of the Aux. Our Aux. rated 100% and is one of the most active in the state. A lobster stew supper was served.

A Rally for District No. 1 conducted by the Aux. and Camp was held Nov. 4 at Bath. The Junior Aux. of Bath put on a program under the guidance of Sr. Bina Staples. The Bath Aux. girls served supper.

Several rallies are being conducted throughout the Department.—Frances L. Warner, Dept. Press Cor., Middle St., Bath.

Maryland Department.

Baltimore, Md., Aux. 1—Our Aux. and Camp celebrated the one hundredth birthday of Comrade Charles H. Daniels on Oct. 9 with a party at his home. A large basket of fruit was sent to the Comrade. After a joint meeting with the Camp we went to Comrade Daniel's home and spent an hour and a half with him. A birthday cake with 100 candles was the big feature of the evening.—(Bertha Rannels).

Hagerstown, Md., Aux. 10—A reception was tendered to our Dept. Pres. Minnie McLane on the evening of Nov. 10. Members of the staff were present and made short remarks. Five Past Department Presidents attended. Sister McLane was presented with a gift from her Aux. and also personal gifts from some of the members. All of the Aux. officers were present on this occasion and made brief addresses. The Dept. Pres. gave a very interesting talk. Her slogan for this year is "GET A MEMBER." She would like everyone to combine this with the slogan of our National President and make it: "I will get a member." Refreshments were served. Plans were made to hold a Christmas Party at the Dec. meeting.—(Phoebe Grove).

Wilmington, Del., Aux. 2—In order to increase attendance at our meetings, the plan of Birthday Hostess groups was adopted. This plan has really been a big success and attendance has increased. On Nov. 11, we had a joint meeting with our camp at which time we had the pleasure of a visit from our Dept. Com., C. C. Long, Brothers Michael Casey and James Lyons, from Washington, and Brother Cooper, from Baltimore, accompanied Brother Long on this visit. Brother Long gave us an interesting talk on Armistice Day and what it should mean to us as Americans. New officers have been elected. Mrs. Cecelia Hearn will take over the task of leader of our Aux. in January at which time we hope to have our Dept. Pres. pay us an official visit. A Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 4 with Sister Z. Marlon Perry as Chairman. We are looking forward to a big evening.—Agnes D. Wilhelm, Dept. Press Cor., 503 East 3rd St., Wilmington, Del.

Missouri Department.

Aux. members attended the Golden Membership Anniversary celebration in Oct. sponsored by the three S. V. Camps of St. Louis in honor of Bros. Wm. Scharr, Fred Miller and Peter Bobe, who have belonged to the order for 50 years. A banquet was served, decorations being in gold, at which time Dept. Com. Phil Bennett, of Springfield, presented each of the three honored guests with a 50-year membership badge. G. A. R. comrades, Sons and Aux. members were present, including present and past Dept. officers. Among them were Dept. Com. Roy Lewis, of Wis., husband of P. N. P. Ida L. Lewis, who was too ill to attend, and P. D. C. Henry Goldsmith, also of Wis., and P. D. C. Harry Coen, of Ill. Talks were made by many, all wishing the three celebrants many more years of membership.—Louise Hemmer, Dept. Press Cor., 5210 Page Ave., St. Louis.

Oregon Department.

Portland—On Nov. 5 the Aux. presented a

Flag to the Wynn Watts School for Girls; Sr. Margaret Burton, the Pres., Sr. Helen M. Lamar, P. I., and Dept. Com. of the G. A. R., Comrade Theo. Penland taking an active part. Marshfield—Coos Aux. members are co-operating with the Sons in all fraternal and patriotic ways.

Salem—This Aux. is very active in all civic affairs in the capital city and also has an active legislative committee. They have made several quilts for the Big Brother Farm, a summer home for boys, and have helped several poor families.

Eugene—Minda Slattery, President of the baby Aux., has five new members to her credit. This Aux. has more than doubled their membership in six months; has raised \$36.65 from rummage sales, has all regalia, dishes and lockers paid for and gave the S. U. V. Camp \$15. This Aux. also made a quilt for the Big Brothers Farm, and sent a large box of clothing to the children's home in Eugene. Several candidates are ready for initiation.

Portland—Aux. 1 is strong on child welfare work. During the past six months Sr. Rosetta Buchanan has turned in more than \$2,000 for child welfare. The Aux. has solicited 8,000 dolls and 3,000 toys for the Toy and Joy-makers for poor children and have made clothes for a Baby Home; also have provided quilt pieces for an Old Ladies Home.—Rosetta Bushanan, Dept. Press Cor., Box 4603, Portland, Oregon.

Pennsylvania Department.

Saturday evening, Oct. 14, just fifty years ago, Aux. 1, of Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1 of Philadelphia, was instituted, with 47 charter members. Three of the 47 charter members are still members of the Aux.; they are P. N. P. Sister Katie E. Carr, P. N. P. Sister Anna F. Keene and Sister Pauline Schmidt, sister of Sister Keene.

Sister Carr and Sister Schmidt were guests at the Anniversary Dinner, which was held at the Hotel Majestic, Oct. 14, 1939. It was a very nice affair with 150 present. We were more than pleased to have with us our Dept. Pres. Sister Anna Myers, Past C.-in-C. and Nat. Sec.-Treas. Bro. H. H. Hammer and Past Nat. Pres. Sister Molly Hammer and Past Nat. Pres. Sister Gertrude Sauter, Past C.-in-C. Bro. W. C. Mable, Dept. Sec. Bro. J. Lelsee, Dept. S. V. Com. Bro. L. Palmer, Nat. Pat. Inst. Sister M. Stoneback, Dept. I. & I. Of. Sister N. Yocum, Dept. Chap. Sister C. Folk, Dept. Chief-of-Staff Sister M. Suter and Dept. Insp. Sister E. Ritter. Also Past Dept. Presidents Sisters L. Miller, E. Freeman, L. Hascher, M. L. Stichter, C. Heabner, A. Palmer and Past Nat. Pres. of the Daughters, Sister Anne Raeyling, as well as Past Dept. Coms. Bros. Wm. Hascher and LeRoy Stoudt.

Brother Hascher, on behalf of Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, presented the Aux. with a gift of \$50, which was received by the Pres. of the Aux., with a few words of thanks.

Sister Carr was presented with a beautiful orchid from her committee, and a beautiful bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums from Sister Raeyling and Mr. Raeyling. Past Dept. Pres. Sister Gallagher, on behalf of the Aux., presented Sister Carr with a necklace made of ten silver dollars, and Sister Schmidt with a gift of money on a tree. Sister E. Ritter was presented with an orchid from Brother Raeyling. The gifts were all received with a few words of thanks.

It was a very social affair, with singing, dancing, and everybody enjoying themselves.

The Aux. was inspected Nov. 6 with about 60 members and visitors present. Much credit should be given the officers, as they were A. No. 1 in everything, and the Aux. received the rating of 100, which they really deserved. This was the 50th time the Aux. has received 100 on inspection. Past Dept. Pres. Sister E. Freeman of Aux. 233, Easton, was our inspecting officer.