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A VOICE FROM GETTYSBURG



"Our forefathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Later we were engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, could long endure. Then came a dedication of a cemetery at Gettysburg and President Abraham Lincoln spoke a message which has echoed to every generation since his time.

He said it was fitting and proper that they should meet on that battleground and dedicate it but it was rather for them who gathered there to dedicate themselves to the unfinished work which they who had fought there had thus far so nobly advanced. It was rather for them to dedicate themselves to the great task remaining before them that from the dead honored that day they should take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion; namely, the cause of American Democracy. That

they should highly resolve that those hero dead should not have died in vain, that they should hold sacred the United States which was left to them and guard it well.

That the nation, under God, should have a new birth, a birth of that freedom that the Constitution of the United States intended. One which did not favor race, creed nor color.

We are not called upon to sacrifice our lives for our country but let us dedicate our lives to the great task remaining before us.

The sacred words that fell from the lips of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg are a warning to every generation to be prepared against all that is un-American.

William L. Anderson
Commander-in-Chief.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

Series of 1939

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

Office of the Commander-in-Chief
40 ROBIN STREET,
WEST ROXBURY, MASS.

February 1, 1939.

ACTION! - AND MORE ACTION!

Your Commander-in-Chief has called for ACTION, and is still calling for ACTION. He has made an official visit to 16 Departments, checking activities, advising Department Officers and holding conferences. The results of this survey is found in the following. The Campaign in a Nut-Shell:

- Alabama & Tennessee—No losses and hope for a new Camp.
 - California & Pacific—Extensive campaign on and a new Camp in sight.
 - Colorado—Trying hard to hold members and working for new recruits.
 - Connecticut—Doing fine work and will institute a new Camp.
 - Illinois—Well organized campaign in action. Two new Camps for the next Quarter.
 - Indiana—Made good a new Camp and will get another.
 - Iowa—Watch us go. Three new Camps coming.
 - Kansas—Have re-instated 1 Camps and will try for a new one.
 - Oklahoma—Have made good with 2 new Camps.
 - Maine—As Maine goes, so does the National. They will report a gain.
 - Maryland—Still trying for that new Camp. Reviving old Camps.
 - Massachusetts—Made good a Camp at Quincy, and will organize another.
 - Michigan—Will report a gain. Trying for 2 new Camps.
 - Minnesota—Will institute a new Camp.
 - Missouri—Co-operating and will organize a new Camp.
 - Nebraska—Working for three new Camps under trying conditions.
 - New Hampshire—Doing fine work and hope for an increase.
 - New Jersey—Will do their best to hold the line, and feel sure of a gain.
 - New York—No Gains—No Losses.
 - Ohio—New hopes with a willingness to work and will produce a new Camp.
 - Oregon—Every endeavor to be put forth to show action.
 - Pennsylvania—Still hoping for good results. Expect one new Camp.
 - Rhode Island—Back up our Chief. Watch our next quarter.
 - Vermont—Made good their promise for a new Camp.
 - Washington—Doing their bit to co-operate. No promises.
 - Wisconsin—Out to make good their bid for a new Camp.
- How many will report in the next issue of The Banner that they made good to organize or increase their membership. Let me have ACTION.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The next National Encampment will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., the week of August 27. Headquarters will be at the Fort Pitt Hotel. Further details in next issue of The Banner. Plan now to attend the largest Encampment in years.

The Fort Pitt Hotel is only three blocks from railroad station, and one block from Greyhound Bus depot. Hotel has parking space for 75 autos. There is also a good dining room service, as well as Coffeé Shop in connection, where very reasonable prices prevail. Rooms range in price from \$1.50 for single, up to \$6.00, double, also a number of rooms with four to six beds, at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per person. More detailed information in later issues. Make reservations direct with hotel.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT DATES

- (Please send in date of Encampments).
- New York at Utica—June 5, 6 and 7.
- Massachusetts at Boston—April 11 and 12.
- Maine at Bath—June 12, 13 and 14.

- Michigan at Jackson—June 14, 15 and 16.
- New Hampshire at Concord—April 13 and 14.
- Connecticut at New London—April 14 and 15.
- Rhode Island at Providence—April 25.
- New Jersey at Asbury Park—June 28, 29 and 30.
- Pennsylvania at Bethlehem—June 20, 21 and 22.
- Pa. Brigade Sons of Veterans Reserve, in the Field, June 18-23.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Suggest to members that they watch bills that are before Congress and if they are for the best interests of our people support them, and if they are a detriment to law and order, Our Constitution, or our rights as citizens oppose them by writing to your Congressman or Senator at Washington. How about a proper National Defense? Go with the Wind? Rebel statues in Washington. Un-American history in schools? Aliens put to work in place of Citizens? The support of the Dies Committee, and others? Consult your Legislative Committee whose names are in The Banner.

NATIONAL AND SPECIAL AIDES

- For securing five new members, organizing Camps, or meritorious service:
- James Rogers, Massachusetts—New Camp.
 - Frank S. Reavey, Rhode Island.
 - W. T. Hathaway, Iowa—Five new members.
 - Wm. L. Anderson, Jr., Massachusetts.
 - Phil Byron, Illinois—Five members.
 - Wm. C. Schneider, Illinois—Five members.
 - Geo. W. Kimball, Massachusetts—Five members.
 - William H. Ball, Indiana—Five members.
 - O. M. Hawkins, Indiana—Five members.
 - James L. Ellsworth, New Hampshire—Five members.
 - Lyman C. Webber, Connecticut—Five members.
 - Frank Merrill, New Jersey—Five members.
 - Lewis Varick, New Jersey—Five members.
 - Walter R. Turner, Oklahoma—Two Camps.
 - Arthur W. Robinson, Vermont—New Camp.
 - Wm. R. Boyce, Minnesota—Five members.
 - Frank Brock, Massachusetts—Five members.
 - Still they come. Who is next?
 - Arlington Hall, Des Moines, Home for Boys—Contributions to date: 136 Camps, \$194.37; 172 Auxiliaries, \$309.57. Total, \$503.94.

DES MOINES, 1938, ENCAMPMENT LEGISLATION

The 57th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Des Moines, 1938, enacted the following, which is effective and all will be governed accordingly:

Constitution and Regulations

To report revised or New Constitution and Regulations at the 58th Annual Encampment, 1939.

Terms of Officers NOT changed but remain as provided by the Regulations.

Members of Department and Camp Council (also Council-in-Chief) must be elected annually; only for one year term. Any elected or chosen to the contrary elections must change to and for one year term.

Per Capita Tax and Membership Fees remain unchanged, payable Quarterly.

Chaplains' Reports—Camp and Department have been eliminated, not to be rendered. They are combined with New Forms 60 Camp Patriotic Instructor and 61 Department Patriotic Instructor Reports.

Committee on Constitution and Regulations

- Chairman, John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, 405 Hampton Ave., Wilkesburg, Pa.
- Wm. T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief, 120 West Adams St., 2057 The Field Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
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- Michael Heintz, Past Department Commander, 18 E. Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Julius Isaacs, Department Secretary-Treasurer, 2225 Municipal Bldg., New York, N. Y.

Ritual and Ceremonies

A New Ritual is to be reported and acted upon at the next, 1939, Encampment, present Forms to be used and to govern.

Matter for the New Ritual desired to be presented is to be submitted to the Committee at any time.

Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies

- Chairman, Frank Shellhouse, Past Commander-in-Chief, Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, 35 Berwick St., Sanford, Maine.
- W. J. Hiland, Past Department Commander, 765 Charlton St., St. Paul, Minn.
- H. Harding Hale, Past Department Commander, 6 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
- C. W. Jackman, Dept. Commander, 1014 Melrose Ave., St. Petersburg, Florida.

NUMBERING AND SIZE OF ORDERS, ETC.

Department Commanders will observe that they issue "DEPARTMENT ORDERS" to their Camps; and Camp Commanders promulgate "CAMP ORDERS." ALL Orders start with a NEW Number—January (of each year) "1" and consecutively thereafter. This will be followed.

ALL Orders (fixed by the laws of the Commandery-in-Chief) are to be printed, electro of the Regulation Badge in upper left hand corner, five and one-quarter (5 1/4) inches by eight (8) inches.

OFFICIAL COLOES TO BE ADEERED TO

Official color of Departments is Red. Stationery should be printed in that color. Camp color is Blue—a Camp's stationery should be printed in that color.

PAST CAMP COMMANDERS' BADGES

Retiring Camp Commanders should be provided with the Past Camp Commander's Badge in recognition of services for a year of activity and interest. Order on Requisition Form—Camps Form 1 to Department Headquarters.

THE BANNER MAILING LISTS

Department Secretaries are urged to clean mailing lists and give careful attention to correct addresses on returns from Camps on quarterly reports. It is specially requested that this matter have attention and complete lists supplied by Department Secretaries to THE BANNER, Dwight, Illinois.

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

Reports and per capita tax for Quarter ending September 30, 1938, were received, showing 16 Camps and 263 members. The Department is in good standing.

FURNISH BLANK FORMS FOR REPORTS

Department Commanders will at once supply all Camps (if not already furnished) with blank Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer Reports, for the Quarter ending March, 1939.

Camp Commanders will see that these Reports with per capita tax and Membership Fees, are returned to Department Headquarters ON THE LAST MEETING NIGHT OF THE CAMP IN THE QUARTER (MARCH). This must be given prompt action.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN

This—Form 0000 has been supplied to Departments entitled thereto. Department Commanders will issue same to Camps forwarding Reports of Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer, Forms 27 and 28, with payment of Per Capita Tax and Membership Fees

for the Quarter ending December 31, 1938, and also installing Officers's Report, Form 22.

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING ONLY can receive this password and countersign, effective January 1, from a Camp Commander.

NEW CAMPS

Since last announcement Applications for Charter for New Camps have been approved, and Camps Instituted, Charters issued thereto as follows:

Camp No.	Location, Department	Date Inst.	Charter Mems.
38.	Newport, Vermont	Dec. 31, 1938	18
2.	Vinita, Oklahoma	Oct. 17, 1938	18
1.	Kokomo, Indiana	Oct. 10, 1938	85
95.	Quincy, Massachusetts	Oct. 30, 1938	17

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 3

Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1938:

RECEIPTS	Permanent Org. & Hist.	Fund Marker Fd.	General Fund
Nov. 30, 1938, to Balance	\$2276.96	\$1213.25	\$3145.08
Received for:			
Membership Fee	.....\$ .50		\$.50
Per Capita Tax	..... 26.30	2.19	2.19 21.92
Charter Fee	..... 5.00		5.00
Supplies	..... 112.85		112.85
Miscellaneous	..... .16		.16
Total	.....\$144.81	\$2279.15	\$1215.44

EXPENDITURES:			
By General Expenses	.....\$1404.97		
Office Expenses	..... 144.78		
Com-in-Chief's Expenses	..... 327.93		
Total Expenditures.			\$1877.68

December 31, 1938, Balance\$2279.15	\$1215.44	\$1107.83
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 4

Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1939:

RECEIPTS	Permanent Org. & Hist.	Fund Marker Fd.	General Fund
To Balance, December 31, 1938	\$2279.15	\$1215.44	\$1407.83
Received for:			
Membership Fees	.....\$ 3.50		\$ 3.50
Per Capita Tax	..... 84.40	7.03	7.03 70.34
Supplies	..... 181.68		181.68
Miscellaneous	..... .86		.86
Total	.....\$270.44	\$2286.18	\$1222.47

EXPENDITURES:			
By General Expenses	.....\$ 44.95		
Office Expenses	..... 7.30		
Com-in-Chief's Expenses 291.90		
Total\$344.65		\$ 344.65

January 31, 1939, By Balance\$2286.18	\$1222.47	\$1319.56
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Attest:
H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.
Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM L. ANDERSON, Commander-in-Chief.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

Albert B. DeHaven, National Patriotic Instructor, 35 Berwick St., Sanford, Maine.

LINCOLN—PATRIOTISM

About the time this is being read many words, oral and printed, on Abraham Lincoln will have been given to the public, not only in this country but in other lands.

What was it that made Lincoln great? Was it being an ideal political leader? I would say no. Although many groups of a certain political party meet around this time using Lincoln's name and telling the world that their party is the party of Lincoln, and as such is the ideal party, and even members of an opposing party like to quote him. Lincoln was far from being the ideal political leader. During his political career he was hated by many in his own

party and they did not make any secret of it either.

Was he an ideal man I would say no. I remember once of hearing a minister, in his enthusiasm in extolling Lincoln, comparing him favorably in some ways to Christ. That, I felt, was going too far. Lincoln had his faults and failings the same as any of us.

What then helped to make Lincoln famous? I would say Patriotism. He was an ideal Patriot. Webster's dictionary defines a Patriot as—"one who loves, and is devoted to, his native country." Does not that define Lincoln? After his death, the love for him by the men who fought for him, together with the deep veneration the freed colored people felt for him, and above all the guiding hand of the Supreme Being who watches over all of us, made him famous.

ESSAYS—SCHOOLS

At the Madison Encampment a committee

was appointed to work on a plan to hold essay contests among the pupils in our schools. The committee reported at Des Moines and their report was referred to a new committee whose names appear on the editorial page of The Banner. This is an excellent idea, as the subject to be written upon was to have been selected by the National Patriotic Instructor and should be on something connected with the Civil War. Pupils would not only study incidents connected with that war but would also become more familiar with our organization. However the proposition has many possibilities with lots of things to consider, one of which would be the cost. Chairman Yengling and his committee is now working on it and he assures me that he will have something definite for the Encampment at Pittsburgh.

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New England Regional Assn.

On the front page of the December Banner was the heading "WE MEAN BUSINESS" over the pictures of the Commander-in-Chief and the officers of the Region. It means that every member of our organization is expected in these six states to put his shoulder to the wheel and push for an increase in members for every Camp, and show the other Departments throughout the United States that we are solidly behind our National Officers in their endeavor to build up our order to the man power strength that it should be.

Most Camps have a new set of officers and if any of them wish assistance from their Department Officers, or advice on securing new members the Commander-in-Chief or the Regional Commander will be glad to give them some information which will help them.

The Encampments of the various Depart-

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ments will be held very soon and brothers who are interested and will work for the upbuilding of our Orders should be placed in command. Massachusetts will meet April 11 and 12; New Hampshire, April 13 and 14; Connecticut, April 14 and 15. At each of the Encampments members of other Departments would be welcome guests, as the more we get together the stronger we will be because we receive ideas one from the other which may help us in obtaining that new member that we are all expected to secure. If you get one, don't stop, but keep up the good work, and if you are unable to get the one you go after don't give up, but tackle another one and ask some brother to try his luck on the one you could not get.—Jackson C. Carr, Reg. Pub. Director.

FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS AN EMPLOYEE

Twenty years ago, on Dec. 19, Speaker Champ Clark paused in the House of Representatives chamber and asked Clerk William Tyler Page, author of "American's Creed": "Were you born in the Capitol?" "No, but I expect to do what John Quincy Adams did—die in it."

Seven years ago the House suspended its business of legislating while Members paid tribute to Page for 50 years' service in the Capitol. Last week, at 70 years, he rounded out his 57th year. He is the walking source of information of both Democrats and Republicans. He said he ought to be, since he is a descendant of President John Tyler and Carter Braxton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and has devoted his life to the national legislature.

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WE STILL MEAN BUSINESS

I sincerely hope that every member of our organization read the last issue of The Banner in which issue I briefly stressed the smashing program for action, publicity and accomplishment which we had and intended to carry out this year. That program is not only for the benefit of this administration but we hope to plant seeds of endeavor that will prove fruitful to the annual building up of our organization. I have already been able, with your assistance, to start a list of accomplishments for this year and we will publish this list at some later date in The Banner. Henceforth, when you are asked by any prospective member what the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do, you can tell them and be proud.

OUR PROGRAM AGAINST UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITY

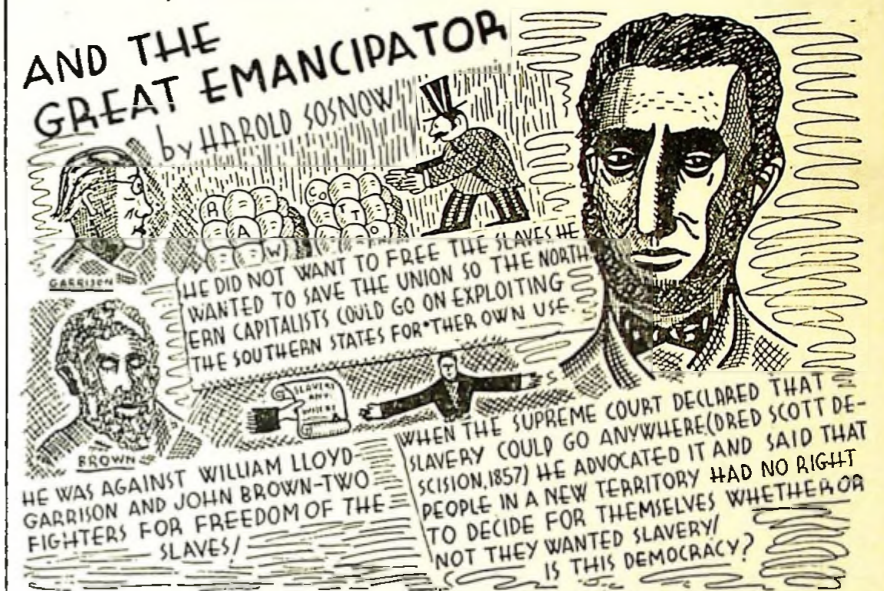
Brothers, I have just completed a tour of eleven Departments and told them in some detail of our plans and expectations this year. The enthusiasm was most gratifying. In my traveling, however, from one Department to another, I had an opportunity to talk with many people of different nationalities and people engaged in numerous occupations. I was also informed by different brothers and officers in these different Departments of the most frightful facts in regard to the attitude of the general public as to our constitutional government in this country and the democratic principles under which we have been working so successfully since the beginning of our national existence. I wish I had the space to go into some of the incidents that came to my attention during this trip. I can only say here that, if I could give you some idea of the activities of certain un-American organizations in this country, you would be horror stricken.

As a result of the startling information that came to my ears, I decided that while our organization and those affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic had definitely been opposed to Communism, Nazism, and any other ism which affected the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness of the American people; that the time had come for us not to just talk about this thing called Communism but map out a definite program in opposition to it. I lost no time in studying the latest Congressional reports on Communism in this country and had an opportunity to go to the headquarters of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion and there was in conference with Comrade H. L. Chaillaux, director of this commission, and his secretary, Comrade Wilson. We discussed this problem and our mutual obligation as patriotic organizations. Comrade Wilson was most cooperative and the organization which he represents and I can only give the highest praise to The American Legion and their activities.

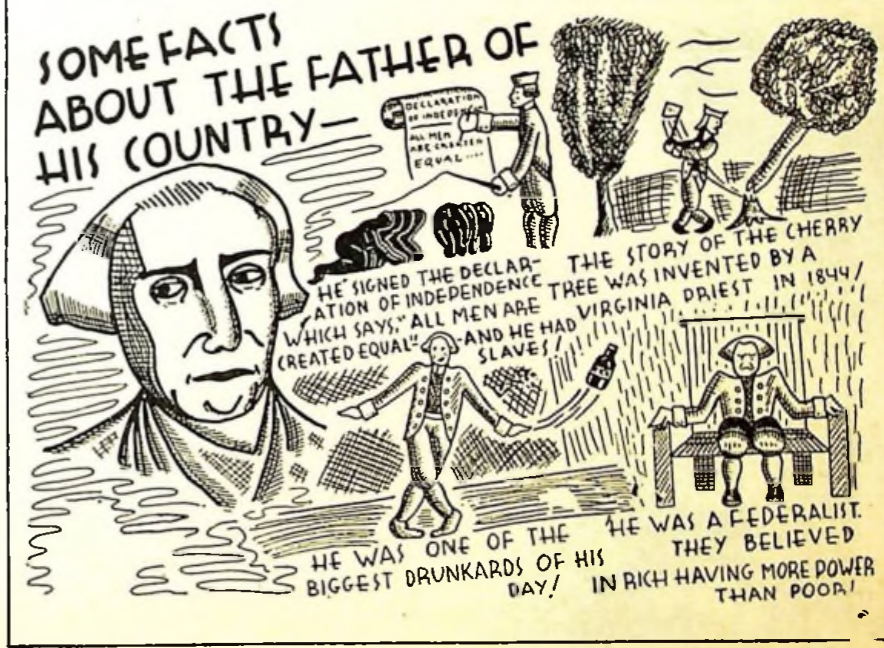
While I have only had a brief opportunity to study this important subject, I accepted the conclusion of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion which more or less echoes the Congressional In-

MUST WE STAND FOR THIS!

By Pioneer HAROLD SOSNOW



NOT IN HISTORY BOOKS



The above is reprinted from the February, 1935, issue of the 'New Pioneer' magazine. This is a Communist youth publication, published monthly at 98 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The editorial and executive offices of the publication are at Communist headquarters, 50 E. 13th Street, New York City.

In all of the Communist youth propaganda they seek to tear down any thought of love of country and appreciation for the sacrifices made by the forefathers of this country, and attempt to blaspheme such men as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

H. L. CHAILLAUX, Director, National Americanism Commission.

investigation of Communists Propaganda complete in Report No. 2290. After a complete study of the subject in that year, 1931, it was the conclusion of our Congressional Committee that, "The surest and most effective way of combating Communism in the United States is to give the fullest possible publicity to the fundamental principles and

aims of the Communists, which are the same throughout the world, as they are not likely to prove acceptable to any considerable number of American Citizens, unless camouflaged by other extraneous issues, such as unemployment insurance." It is obvious that those who have given considerable time to the study of Communist propaganda in

this country have the same conclusion and I think it appropriate at this time to call your attention to the words of one of our greatest American jurists, Oliver Wendell Holmes, who said, "Foolish and dangerous views are like champagne; they get flat the more fully they are exposed to the air."

If we are, therefore, to have a definite program to combat the various un-American minorities in this country, we must first have knowledge of their activities, and then as patriotic men enlighten those with whom we come in contact in our every-day activities. In the town meeting of the air broadcast on January 23, 1939, Mr. Channing Pollock, distinguished author and lecturer, stated that America's national anthem was "Please go away and let me sleep." This has been the theme song of every nation that has fallen victim to organized minorities.

While we do want these people to go away and let us alone to live our peaceful lives as we will, our eyes must be opened to the spread of this Red poison, which may eventually paralyze our entire Democratic plan. I have turned over to Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, chairman of our National Americanization Committee, the congressional records or reports of Communist propaganda in this country, also a complete report by the American Federation of Labor with another report incorporating suggestions for action by The American Legion called "ISM." I sincerely hope that our National Committee will make a study of un-American activities in this country and will inform us from time to time in The Banner and otherwise, of important developments. The National Americanism Commission of the American Legion have promised to send us up-to-the-minute reports along this line for our use. In this way we can be informed and air it to the world to ridicule, and understand that there is only one true government of the people, by the people and for the people, and that is here under the American Flag. This is a definite program. You will be informed of the facts but it is *you* who must go out and spread Red, White and Blue propaganda.

In this Banner you will find an exact copy of a page from one of the February issues of the "New Pioneer" magazine, published at 98 Fourth Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., with the editorial and executive officers at Communists' Headquarters, 50 East 13th St., New York City. This magazine is published every month and can be bought for 4c a copy in quantity orders. Some issues of this magazine have a circulation of 100,000. When you figure that this is only one of fifteen publications circulated throughout the United States which are not entered as second class matter but are distributed through various channels, you have some idea, at least, of the far reaching effect. There are also 12 daily Communist newspapers with a daily circulation of 266,351, according to a sworn tabulation in 1931 and there has been a marked increase since that date, as the congressional report of 1934 indicated. In 1934 there were over 300 schools in the United States where revolution strike tactics and hatred for our government and its institution were being taught. One of these schools at 31 East 12th St., New York City, had an enrollment at the spring term in

1934 of 1,500 students. I was struck with fright to find that in my own home city of Boston there was a Communist school with an enrollment of 350 students; that Professor H. W. L. Dana of Harvard University was one of the main lecturers. This school maintains branches in Malden with 45 students enrolled, one in the South End of Boston, others in Cambridge, Chelsea, Quincy and Lynn, Mass. All this going on right under our noses, so to speak, but from now on we are planning a definite program to educate ourselves. Our National Americanization Committee has a tremendous job before it. It is a committee which does not amount merely to an annual report but one which requires us to follow out its suggestions and instructions from frequent reports. The brothers on this committee are well fitted for the task, and we can expect a great job.

As Commander-in-Chief I respectfully request every Department Commander to write without delay to his Congressman favoring the continuation of the Dies Committee. I suggest that each Department Commander also instruct his local Camps to do likewise. The Department Commander will send to the chairman of our National Americanization Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, a copy of this letter and also a copy of any reply which might indicate a lack of co-operation, so that we can keep a record of the Congressmen, who not only recognize our organization and favor patriotic legislation, but also keep a list of those who do not care whether or not we exist.

MERITORIOUS AWARD

The Commander-in-Chief hereby offers to any Camp the honor of obtaining a certificate of meritorious community service and patriotic accomplishment. This beautiful certificate, under the seal of the Commander-in-Chief, and suitable for framing, will be awarded by our National Americanization Committee, to the Camps showing the greatest effort in carrying out the work set forth in Article 2 of the Constitution.

The Department Patriotic Instructors will submit to the National Patriotic Instructor the written report of the Camp Patriotic Instructor showing the greatest community service or patriotic work during the year. A Department may submit several such reports if, in the opinion of the Department Patriotic Instructor, more than one Camp should be recognized for meritorious service. The National Patriotic Instructor, in conjunction with the National Americanization Committee, will be the final judges. This gives Camp Patriotic Instructors an opportunity to incorporate in their report the complete patriotic activities of the Camp and such work shall be recognized.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

One can realize by the brief information that I have mentioned elsewhere regarding communistic activities in the United States the necessity for youth education. Every Camp should give consideration to the opportunity which this good citizenship award presents to do good sound patriotic work in the community. You will first of all be doing the work we have sworn to carry on. Second, you will gain the respect and admiration of your community. Every school boy and girl will know the name of your organi-

zation. Their parents will be in sympathy with your work, mothers will praise you, fathers will join you.

Why—because you will give to the boy and girl student in your local school, Boy and Girl Scout groups or other youthful civic groups, a good citizenship award which is a certificate to be presented at a town hall meeting or in some similar manner to make it worth while. I hope to develop this thing into an annual event for Camps. I can see great possibilities for publicity and good work. Get the co-operation of your local newspapers, parent-teachers associations, and school boards. The prize will be a worthy one and the rules will be specifically set forth by your National Americanization Committee, who will later submit a detailed report regarding the rules, etc.

This award will be of no expense to the Camps, but they will obtain a beautiful certificate suitable for framing, which, if they frame at their own expense, would be a prize every child in the community would hope for. No Camp ever made a finer investment. Keep this in mind, and we will give you more details later.

I hope soon to have for you a surprise award, which will be one of the finest that our organization has ever had. This prize will be given to the Department doing the most patriotic work during the year.

Department Commanders are hereby directed to appoint a Department Americanization Committee at once (committee to include the Dept. Patriotic Instructor). Send names of committee to the National Chairman, Frank L. Kirchgassner, 20 Burr St., Jamaica Plain, Mass. Committee not to be over five members.

We want new members but we also want something for them to do. Don't forget our motto is "Action, Publicity and Accomplishment." We still mean business.

1. We are giving you patriotic work to do—**ACTION**.
2. We are giving you due credit by awards—**ACCOMPLISHMENT**.
3. We are breaking the shackles of Camp Room Patriotism and bringing our organized voice to the people—**PUBLICITY**.

MEN want to join such an organization.
WILLIAM L. ANDERSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

MORE VETERANS IN CONGRESS

War Veterans occupy 153 seats in the House of Representatives, and 24 seats in the Senate, according to records made available by clerks of those bodies. This is a small addition in each case over Veterans in the last Congress.

CRIPPLE HEADS MINNEAPOLIS CAMP

Physically handicapped since he was 16, Charles F. Martin is the Commander of Camp 8, Minneapolis, Sons of Union Veterans. The grandson of a Civil War Veteran, Martin for some years past has won great admiration from his friends for his enthusiasm in public and social affairs, and his ability to take a hand in them. Martin champions all Veterans' charitable activities, making that work his hobby, claiming it comes under the banner of patriotism.

The Camp is hoping for great gains in activity and interest under his leadership.

MASSACHUSETTS

Wilfred H. Libbey, Publicity Secretary,
Cedar Farm R. F. D., Westboro, Mass.

EVERY BROTHER GET ANOTHER

The Radio Interest Widens.

A notable air program that deserved inclusion in our last radio item was Joe Mitchell Chapple's WEEI tribute to Presidents Grant, Garfield and Hayes, stressing reminiscences of these Civil War heroes, the program timed with the issuance of commemorative postage stamps bearing their likenesses.

In December we honored John G. Whittier on his birthday, when Brother Fred Ela Warren read poems and Harding Hale told of a visit with the poet; also Mrs. Grantham, who lived with her distinguished relative in Danvers until his death, was heard in this WCOP program. December 22 we gave listeners of WAAB a "Return of the Colors" broadcast with Adjt. Gen. Charles H. Cole, who voiced vibrant patriotism on this 73rd anniversary of that great Mass. day, when Boys in Blue brought to an honored spot in the State House the flags they had fought for.

Another remarkable moment in our radio series came when on Jan. 8, WAAB's Colonial Network gave New Englanders the voice of Dr. Geo. Bolling Lee, grandson of Gen. R. E. Lee, as he was interviewed in our program by Dept. Couns. F. G. Bauer. Newspapers gave all these events liberal space, the last one particularly so.

We are planning to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday in a great big way. Ask Headquarters for the date, etc. — H. Harding Hale, Chairman, Dept. Radio Committee.

Bay State Camp.

This Camp has had two very interesting meetings lately. The first was in the rooms of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in Faneuil Hall, Boston, on Nov. 29, 1938.

After the dinner, which is a feature of each meeting, the Commander, Col. Frederic Willis W. Slover, a former Commander of the Ancients, who gave an interesting account of the founding and history of the Company, speaking of many of its famous members. He also gave a history of the United States Flag illustrated by flags which hang in the hall.

The second was on Jan. 7 and was held in the Harvard Club of Boston.

The guest of honor was Dr. George Bolling Lee, F. A. C. S., an officer of the Army of the United States in both the Spanish and the World Wars, Professor in the New York Polytechnic Hospital and Medical School, Retiring President of the Aztec Club of 1847 (Military Society of the Mexican War) and grandson of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

He spoke quite interestingly of his grandfather, who became president of Washington University (later Washington and Lee University) after the close of the Civil War, where he endeavored to heal the wounds caused by that conflict. We also had as a guest Prof. Emeritus Albert Bushnell Hart, of the History Department of Harvard University.

It is believed that this is the first occasion on which a body of Sons of Union Veterans has had as a guest a distinguished representative of the Confederacy and it is to be hoped this will still further bring the two sections of the country together.

The following day, Sunday, he spoke over the radio on a program sponsored by the Mass. Department.

On Monday evening he was a guest at a banquet of the Society of the War of 1812, of which Col. Bauer is the Mass. President.

Since that time the Bay State Camp has been invited to send a representative to a

meeting of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The next meeting of the Bay State Camp will be on March 9 and will be Naval Night. The Commandant of the Charlestown Navy Yard is expected to be the speaker. Col. U. S. Grant 3rd, grandson of Gen. Grant, has promised to attend a meeting soon if his duties as Chief-of-Staff of the 2nd Corps Area will permit.

Farewell Comrades.

On Dec. 11, Francis J. O'Reilly, last member and Com. of Charles Beck Post 56, G. A. R., of Cambridge, answered his last roll call.

He enlisted in the "Fighting Ninth" Regiment when only 15, but was discovered in Washington and sent home. Later in July, 1864, he enlisted in Co. C of 60th Mass. Inf. which served at the Indianapolis prison camp where there were 10,000 Confederate prisoners. After that he re-enlisted in the 62nd Regt., but that Regiment only reached Readville when the war ended.

He had been active in the affairs of the G. A. R., taking part in the Department and National Encampments. Last Memorial Day he was one of the few veterans who marched in the parade to the cemeteries. In July he was at Gettysburg to celebrate the 75th anniversary of that battle.

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Rev. David Hickey, a Methodist minister, the oldest clergyman in Nova Scotia, died in Brookline. He was father of Rev. D. Harold Hickey, pastor of the Daniel Dorchester Memorial Church in West Roxbury.

Born in Prince Edward Island he enlisted in the 2nd Mass. Heavy Artillery. After the war he went to Nova Scotia and preached there and in Bermuda for over fifty years. He had preached occasionally in several places in Massachusetts.

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On Nov. 29, Charles W. Bradstreet, Com. of Gen. James Appleton Post, G. A. R., Ipswich, and last Civil War veteran in Rowley or Ipswich, passed away while talking with members of his family. At the age of 18 he enlisted in Co. M, Fourth Mass. Heavy Artillery, and served near Washington until the close of the war.

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Edwin A. Newton, last comrade of Charles C. Phillips Post 11, G. A. R., Hopkinton, died on Jan. 4 at the age of 96. He was born in Westboro, just across the street from Harris Warren, the last member of the Post there, who died several years ago. He enlisted in Co. C, 26th Mass. Inf. On Christmas day he was presented a basket of fruit by M. H. Walker Camp, S. U. V., Westboro. A delegation from the Camp attended his funeral.

Lines from Leominster.

Com. Hardy installed the officers of Camp 40 and a very pleasant meeting was held with the Ayer boys and the Relief Corps. The ladies gave us a fine supper. Thomas Evans was installed again as Commander. Edward Sawyer and James Boutwell are old veterans in the Treasurer and Secretary jobs.

Comrade Charles F. Staples has returned from the Soldiers' Home. He is hale and hearty, goes to town every day, and attends all the installations, banquets and parties of the various patriotic orders in the city, getting much enjoyment at them. He is the last G. A. R. man here.

Friendly Relations Committee.

The committee had a banquet in Malden Electric Hall on Nov. 28. This was largely attended, over 200 being present, including eight G. A. R. members. The heads of all the allied Departments were present and the meeting was very enthusiastic. Besides the speaking there was an entertainment consisting of vocal and instrumental numbers and a reader.

Here and There.

On Jan. 8 Capt. J. A. Loomis Camp, Easthampton, observed its 30th Anniversary. Supper was served at 6:00 by the D. U. V. The mayor of Westfield was the principal speaker. Isaac B. Patten Camp, Watertown, sent a Christmas basket to Alvin F. Tolman, Com. of the local Post, who is now in Florida.

Couden-Higginson Camp, Cambridge, now meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the months, the same as its Auxillary. The second meeting of the month is a social one.

P. D. C. H. Harding Hale gave a lecture on Jan. 19 in the Public Library series. His subject was "Glimpses of Kentucky" with slides and sound films.

A delegation from the Old Times Association placed a tribute on the grave of P. Com-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton in Forrest Hills Cemetery on Dec. 6, the date of his birth.

Several of the Sons attended the Mass. Women's Patriotic Conference of National Defense in Faneuil Hall on Dec. 8.

A committee composed of Louis E. Winchell, John E. Farrell and Charles Bradlee had charge of the Sons' table at the fair of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in Hotel Westminster, Boston, on Dec. 9.

Com. Robert Libbey and several other members of Camp 127, Westboro, attended the installation of their Auxillary on Jan. 12. Nat. Sec. Maude B. Warren was the installing officer. The mother of Com. Libbey, Mrs. Edna W. Libbey was the new President and Miss Elsie Cunningham the Vice President.

Charles Russell Lowell Camp.

The Camp held a highly enjoyable Christmas party with Auxillary 78 and W. R. C. 28. Following the Christmas tree party, the Federal Theater Vaudeville Unit D gave a very interesting and varied six act show of sword swallowing, music, dancing and comedy.

On January 20, the entire active Camp was obligated into John A. Andrews Circle 23, Ladies of the G. A. R., by Mrs. A. Ruth Taylor, Dept. Pres. This is an unusual event for each order, and marks the closer relationship of these two organizations.

The Camp offers to furnish a degree team anywhere in the State for their transportation, if given a week's notice.

Veteran Given Birthday Party.

L. A. Tift Camp honored Comrade Max F. Greene, a member of E. K. Wilcox Post 16, G. A. R., at their meeting on Jan. 11. Comrade Greene was 91 Jan. 23, and had enjoyed excellent health until recently. He saw the start of the Monitor when it left New York for Hampton Roads. Part of his time during the war was on the Gunboat Quaker City, whose job it was to halt blockade runners.

Comrade Frank A. Newton, 97, of the Post, died on Dec. 1. This leaves three members of the Post, of which Charles B. Burt is Commander. Com. George C. Blair of Camp 15, and other Camp members attended the funeral service.

Camp 15 is planning a special observance of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays at the regular meeting, Feb. 22, in Memorial Building, 44 State Street, Springfield.

Christmas Party.

The Past Commanders and the Past Presidents held a very interesting Christmas Party in Myers Hall, Tremont Temple, on Dec. 17. After the entertainment we had a visit from Santa Claus, who had left his home in the North early just to be present.

Thirteen Annual Banquet.

The North Metropolitan District Association had its banquet in Malden Electric Hall on Jan. 28. There was one guest speaker, an entertainment and dancing. Louis E. Winchell is chairman of the committee in charge.

Joint Installation.

F. C. Curtis Camp, Marlboro, and their Auxiliary, held a joint installation on Jan. 16.

The Auxiliary was installed by Dept. Pres. Mrs. Rita Angler, assisted by P. Nat. Pat. Ins. Mrs. Phyllis Dean of Westboro. A feature of the evening was the fact that Mrs. Angler was installed as Guide, her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, as Treasurer for her 24th year, and her daughter, Miss Beth Angler, as Guard. Mrs. Martha Works is the new President.

The Camp was installed by P. Com. Lyman Grant, assisted by Com. Russell Still, both of Hudson. The Commander is Roy Carter.

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Planning an Active Year.

The officers of Samuel E. Hall Camp, Millbury, are planning an active year. Both the Commander, Franklin O. Rice, and the S. V. Commander, Fred J. Lange, are Veterans of the World War. The hope is to equip with uniforms and to pay the expenses of the younger members for a trip to the National Encampment. This is being offered as an inducement to get the younger members interested and have them attend the meetings and work for the Camp and to get new members.

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Active Framingham.

Further word has been received regarding the meeting of the South Metropolitan District Association at Framingham on Nov. 22, which was simply mentioned in the December Banner.

There were over one hundred present. One brother, Irving B. Morse was initiated into Gen. J. G. Foster Camp, Framingham.

The officers of Camp 59 were installed Dec. 13 by P. C. Austin E. Stearns, of Westboro, assisted by P. C. Chester Christie. The new Com. is Warren H. Moulton; Sr. Vice, Charles F. Moulton, and Jr. Vice, Vincent M. Sawyer. Guests were present from Hudson, Boston, Roxbury, Fall River, Westboro and Marlboro.

The indoor baseball team has won six games to none for Westboro and the same for Hudson, but lost to Northboro one to five, putting the team in second place in this section of the league.

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Hammer and How for Camp 62.

Gen. A. P. Martin Camp, Everett, entertained the Camps in that District at a meeting in G. A. R. Hall, Everett, on Jan. 20, under the direction of Dist. Com. F. W. Butler. Assisting him were Coms. William Lingley, Camp 1, Lynn; Wayland Davis of Camp 80, Malden; Edgar Harding, of Camp 51, Chelsea, and Walter Jones, of Everett.

Among those present were Dept. Com. Chandler, P. Com.-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner and P. D. Com. H. Harding Hale. Delegates were present from the various Camps and allied orders in the District.

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Chowder.

The social meeting of Wm. F. Barry Camp of Melrose, on Jan. 18, was a "Chowder Party." Various games were played, such as flinch, dominoes, checkers and whist, whatever suited those present. At 10 o'clock a hot Chowder was served, thus fittingly closing an enjoyable evening.

COLORADO & WYOMING

Theron J. Gilbert, Dept. Press Correspondent, 3126 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs. Camp 5, Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs Camp participated in the Armistice Day parade. The Sons always carry the Colors and escort the G. A. R. Veterans, of which there were four present, two residents and two visitors.

Dept. Com. Harned of Ft. Collins made a round of visits in November. He was accom-

panied by Comrade Metz, the only surviving G. A. R. of Ft. Collins, and one who is exceedingly hale and hearty for a man 91 years old. After the meeting and refreshments Comrade Metz participated in the square dances with as much pleasure as the younger folks.

On Dec. 10 Colorado Springs Post No. 22, G. A. R., had a birthday party for Com. Laycock. There are only two surviving members, Comrade Laycock and Comrade Henry Woods. Both were present at the Commander's home, where the party was held. Three Past Dept. Commanders and one Brother of Camp No. 5, S. U. V., were present. Also Past Dept. Com. Hanes of Iowa, G. A. R. A very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

On the evening of Dec. 12 Camp 5 gave their annual dinner to the Auxiliary. About this time each year the Sons prepare and serve a 6 o'clock dinner to the Auxiliary and their families. As we have two or three chefs in our group we usually get numerous compliments on the manner in which we execute the job.

Jan. 8 the Camp and Auxiliary Patriotic Instructors, Brother Gilbert and Sister LeRoy, presented a Flag to the Four Square Gospel Church, which was greatly appreciated by the members from their expressions.

Jan. 9 the Camp and Auxiliary held joint installation. Eighteen members from Pueblo were visitors. A most enjoyable time was had with many interesting talks by the visitors and local members.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Publicity Director, Dwight.

Mid-Winter Meeting.

Nearly fifty members of the various Camps were in attendance at the annual Mid-Winter Meeting at Peoria on Jan. 14. Ice and slippery roads prevented the attendance of many who were planning on the event and who would have had to drive.

The meeting was presided over by Dept. Com. Brandon, P. C. Edw. F. Ream acting as Secretary in the absence of Dept. Sec. Rhine-smith, who is in Florida because of ill health.

Many matters of Departmental business came up for discussion, among which were organization of New Camps; location and registration of Veterans graves in abandoned cemeteries, and their care in the future; plans for greater activities in existing Camps; the appointment of a temporary Secretary-Treasurer, and other matters of pertinent interest to the Department work. The interest was keen, discussion general, and each one present felt that the meeting had been well worth while.

In the evening all joined with the Auxiliary members, who had met in an adjoining room at the Jefferson Hotel, for a 6:30 banquet, over a hundred enjoying the excellent dinner provided. P. C. and Ex-Cong. Wm. E. Hull presided as toastmaster, who introduced the guests and officials present. Welcome from the mayor of the city was extended by a representative, and a short talk was given by a member of the Peoria Camp. The main address was given by Dept. Com. Brandon, who spoke concerning the blessings of Democracy enjoyed by the people of our Country, and told how they were endangered by the events which have and are still taking place in countries abroad, where dictators rule. He spoke of our responsibility in maintaining the precious privileges handed down to us by our forebears, that we must counteract both the boring from within and without, nullify the vicious propaganda being spread in this country by those in the employ of foreigners, and as sons of the men who saved this Union from disruption take the lead in our communities in a common effort to continue our democratic

form of government, and preserve the ideals our fathers fought for.

A telegram was read from Dept. Sec. Rhine-smith from Coral Gables, Florida, asking to be remembered to all gathered there. Also a resolution was read thanking Brother Hull and the members of the Camp in Peoria, who had arranged for and carried out so successfully the delightful affair.

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With Com.-in-Chief Anderson in Chicago.

A number of the brothers from the Camps in and around Chicago met at the Sherman Hotel Jan. 13 to discuss with the Commander-in-Chief the affairs of the order, and particularly those affairs applying to this Department. "Bill" Anderson, as our genial Commander is known to his many friends, told of the program he had in mind, asked for full co-operation in carrying out same, and that particular attention be paid to getting new members in old Camps, as well as new Camps. He was assured by all present that this would be done.

As a start toward this he was assured of a new Camp at Pontiac, and another at Springfield.

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Christmas Party at Kaukaee.

The Sons and Auxiliary held their annual party Dec. 15. A picnic supper was served, after which Santa visited the group and distributed toys and candy to the children. A gift exchange was held later.

A program of music and dances provided the entertainment.

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Past Dept. Com. Hodge Passes.

William H. Hodge, 90 years old, twice Dept. Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and nine times Commander of the Decatur Post, died Jan. 21 of heart disease after an illness of four months. Hodge served in the Civil War in Company I, 153rd Indiana Infantry. His death leaves only three members of the G. A. R. still living in Macon County.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jackson C. Carr, Correspondent, Box 503, Hillsboro, N. H.

Notes.

New Camp officers have been installed so let us all get to work and try and win that Banner which is to be given to the Department showing the largest net gain by Sept. 30, 1939. Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Claude E. Rockwood of Troy is chairman of the membership drive, so get in touch with Claude if you have not already started and he will give you a big push and keep pushing you until you show results. Every member is expected to get at least one new member. Why not follow the example of Dept. Com. Ellsworth? Jim got five for his Camp, all taken in on the same evening, and he is still working for more. Show him you appreciate what he has done and get at least your one member.

The Dept. Secretary reports that the following Camps are in arrears with their December, 1938 reports: 3, 9, 27, 28, 32, 33 and 39. How about it, Past Dept. Commanders?

The Encampment is to be held in Concord on April 13 and 14. Any Camp to be represented at the meeting must have their reports and tax paid for the March, 1939, quarter, in the Secretary's hands not later than April 8.

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Camp 10, Keene.

The Sons and Auxiliary held joint installation on Dec. 29, P. D. C. Carrol French officiating for the Sons. Officers inducted were: Com., Clifford Martin; Sr. Vice, Ernest Parker; Jr. Vice, Eugene Smith; Sec., Henry Smith; Treas., Lynn Parker; Chap., Frank Potter; Pat. Inst., Harold Whitney. Refreshments and dancing followed.

NEW JERSEY

R. F. Bennett, Correspondent, P. O. Box 80, New Hope, Pa. Camp 5, Trenton.

At a joint installation held with our Auxiliary on Jan. 2, Bro. Thomas Roberts was installed as Commander. Entering upon a new year of work, Com. Roberts and the new staff of officers request the support of the Camp in the many activities planned.

On Feb. 20, the Camp will celebrate Lincoln's birthday with appropriate ceremonies. All members are urged to be present. At our last meeting, a membership drive was launched to produce a class initiation during March.

Lieut. Kelley has announced that the Uniformed Company will start regular drill nights in the near future. Many of the brothers have been journeying about the State with Com. Kartz in his visitations to the various Camps and Auxiliaries, and report increased interest in our organization, with definite progress being made in several directions.

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Camp 1, Hoboken.

Meets 4th Thursday at 629 Washington St. On Feb. 23, this meeting will be very important as the delegates to the D. B. A. meeting at Trenton will make their report, and also election of delegates to the Dept. Encampment at Asbury Park in June.

On Jan. 12 we held our installation with the Auxiliary. Jr. Vice Dept. Commander was the installing officer and Sister Reeger installed the officers of the Auxiliary. They both fulfilled their respective duties in a very able and efficient manner, and were given a rising vote of thanks.

At the meeting in October Bro. Wm. Hendberg was presented with a 50 year membership medal. Brother Emil Clausen, who proposed him as a member, presented the medal, both being greatly pleased to have survived to participate on this occasion.

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Camp 18, Newark.

Marcus L. Ward Camp is still going strong and we are planning a large class initiation on about March 6 in honor of the Commander-in-Chief, and hope we can have him with us at that time. Up to date we have eight applications on file.

We had the pleasure of getting a mark of 100% at our inspection and when you get that mark from Bro. Williams you earn it as he is an Army man.

On Wed., Dec. 21, we had our annual Christmas Party in conjunction with our Auxiliary, and on Wed., Jan. 11, we held our installation, the following officers being installed: Com., Willard S. Eryan, re-elected; Sr. Vice, Wm. T. Bryan, Jr.; Jr. Vice, James B. Riordon; Sec., Marcus Jacobs; Treas., I. Tracy Mills; Chap., Horace J. Ferrell; Pat. Inst., Lewis A. Varick.

On Sat., Jan. 28, the North Jersey Bowling League held its banquet at our hall and Dept. Com. Fred Kurtz presented the Loving Cup, which he donated, to the winning team.

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Camp 4, Trenton.

We are glad to have Past Dept. Com. John L. Reeger with us again after undergoing an operation at the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia.

On Dec. 22 Camp 4 held a Christmas party. The Camp Fire Committee served a hot turkey supper which was enjoyed by all.

Jan. 5 the following officers were installed: Com., Andrew Richardson; Sr. Vice, Geo. H. J. Groves; Jr. Vice, John L. Loll; Sec., Fred H. Combs, Sr.; Treas., Chas. S. Pratt; Chap., Fred H. Mount; Pat. Inst., Fred H. Combs, Jr.; Press Cor., Chas. C. Lawrence, Sr.

Elmer B. Margerum, who was Secretary for 25 years, was present. He has never missed

seeing the officers installed in the past forty-four years.

On Jan. 19 Camp 4 mustered in another recruit.

OHIO

A. G. Gibbony, Correspondent, 586 Hudson Street, Newark.

Camp 1, Columbus.

Officers of Gov. Dennison Camp were installed Jan. 9. Thomas W. Masters, P. C. of disbanded Henry M. Nell Camp, North Columbus, is the new Commander. R. J. Williams, P. D. C., was selected Secretary-Treasurer, and upon his retirement as Commander was presented a P. C. badge by Judge Charles T. Warner, installing officer. Bro. Williams also was presented a 50-year continuous membership badge, having been mustered in Jan. 27, 1887, by Jonas P. Shrive, P. D. C., and member of the Council-in-Chief. Members are reminded that the Camp meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson made a hit while attending the reception Saturday night and the Mid-Winter Conference, Jan. 8. Our members are for him 100% and will assist in increasing the Camp membership, thus offsetting recent losses in the Ohio Department.

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Department Chaplain Passes.

News of the sudden death on Jan. 17 of Dept. Chaplain Rev. O. C. Kramer, of Sebring, will bring sorrow to his many friends and brothers of our order.

Brother Kramer had retained his membership in Dick Morris Post Camp No. 15, Galton, but when he was unable to attend the State Encampment last June and be installed as Dept. Chaplain, this service was later performed by Past Dept. Com. A. E. Hess at a meeting of McClellan Camp No. 91, Alliance. Dr. Kramer had previously served two terms as Dept. Chaplain.

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Camp 91, Alliance.

McClellan Camp observed Veterans Night jointly with their Auxiliary in a candle lighting service of rededication to the ideals of American Democracy. Rev. O. C. Kramer, Dept. Chaplain, gave the prayer of dedication.

Dec. 19 McClellan Camp was presented with a large picture of the late Henry Russell, Past Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Dr. O. C. Kramer, Dept. Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans, spoke on the Civil War battle of Trenton which was fought on Christmas day.

The passing of two members of the Camp, Brothers Harold Reeder and O. P. Sebrill, was observed by draping the Camp Charter.

McClellan Camp recently donated money to the Alliance Board of Education to assist in equipping the city schools opportunity room for handicapped children.

After this meeting, the monthly birthday party was held for members of the Camp and the Auxiliary.

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Mid-Winter Conference.

This conference was held Sunday, Jan. 8, in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, with Dept. Com. W. Gordon Ryan in charge, and most of the Department officers present.

Com. Ryan referred to the Christmas committees at the O. S. & S. O. Home, Xenia, Sandusky Veterans Home and the Madison Widows' Home, and recommended we continue our Christmas donations to all. Brother Wetzel of Dayton, Chairman of the Xenia Home last Christmas, talked interestingly of the results.

Bro. Eddy, Chairman of the Sandusky Home Committee, explained their work last Christmas, stating there are only two veterans of the Civil War there now, and both in the hospital.

Bro. Art Wetzel of Dayton reported the re-

cent serious and sudden illness of Brother Nathan Fulton of Dayton, Dept. Counselor, and moved a letter be sent to him.

Dept. Com. Ryan announced that Dept. Historian Michael G. Heintz had been appointed Counselor pro tem.

Ravenna Camp was reported as revived and that Brother Judge Hart was largely responsible for said revival.

Elyria Camp was reported as having been revived largely by the efforts of Past Com.-in-Chief Park Yengling.

Bro. Ryan introduced our own Brother Jonas Shrive of Lancaster, who is now a member of the Council-in-Chief, and who made a brief but interesting talk.

Our meeting was honored by the presence of Dept. Commander of the G. A. R., Frederick Pfister of Cincinnati, who made a very forceful and interesting talk to the Sons.

The most interesting and beneficial part of the day's meeting was without doubt the splendid inspirational talk by our genial Commander-in-Chief, William L. Anderson, of Massachusetts, whose friendly manner won all to help make this one of the greatest in recent years for our order. He made the important point that there is nothing the matter with our order, but there is plenty the matter with the members themselves, and went on to tell of some of the shortcomings of members, in such a way as to make each listener want to get rid of these shortcomings.

It is to be hoped real benefit will be derived from the plain things said to us all at this meeting by our Commander-in-Chief.

The meeting was further honored by a visit from Sister Ann Lockyer, of Girard, O., National President of the Auxiliary, who was accompanied by Edith Nile, who is not only Special Aide to the National President, but Ohio Dept. Chief-of-Staff as well.

A total of about forty-five officers and members were present at this conference, which was one of the most harmonious and successful in recent years.

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Camp 15, Galton.

Comrade Philip Metzger of Galton, but new in the National Soldiers Home at Dayton, is also a Son of a Veteran, and a member of Dick Morris Post Camp No. 15. He holds the distinction of being one of the oldest members of the order in the Nation. He has long been recognized as the oldest in the Ohio Department.

Our Camp is very proud of having a member who is also a Veteran of the Civil War. Comrade and Brother Metzger was born Feb. 18, 1845, thus he will be 94 years old very soon. He first enlisted at the age of 16, on June 19, 1861, for a three year period. Was discharged at Chattanooga July 25, 1864, at the expiration of his enlistment. He re-enlisted as Sergeant, and was finally discharged on October 9, 1865.

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Camp 250, Newark.

On Jan. 9 Insko Camp held their annual installation of officers with Bro. Clyde Church of Mt. Vernon as installing officer. The following principal officers are the new ones for the coming year. Com., A. C. Bigbee; Sr. Vice, Glenn Lawyer; Jr. Vice, Fred Cummings; Sec.-Treas., Harold Smith; Chap., Charles Swartz; Pat. Inst., A. G. Gibbony.

The Auxiliary held their installation the same night, and the evening started with a six o'clock dinner.

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Camp 93, Massillon.

Wm. B. Martin, 77, Past Dept. Com., died in January, after an illness of three years. He had lived in this city most of his lifetime, operating a grocery store here, and was active in their Retail Association. He had been an active and long time member of the Sons and was one of our older Past Dept. Commanders.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

A. E. Schlueter, Press Correspondent, 5036 La Roda Ave., Eagle Rock, Los Angeles.

Camp 1, San Francisco.

California State Camp and their Auxiliary tendered a surprise birthday reception to Past Com-in-Chief Delevan Bates Bowley, at the Veterans War Memorial Building, San Francisco, Dec. 20, 1938.

At the close of the meeting Brother Bowley was called to the altar by Richard D. Fletcher, Jr. Vice Dept. Com., stating that it was a pleasure to call him "A GOOD BROTHER."

An article, "A GOOD BROTHER" made in blue print form, neatly framed, was presented to him, also a large birthday cake, and many useful presents. Brother Bowley responded in his usual masterly style. The Auxiliary furnished the refreshments, and a good time was enjoyed.

Camp 2, Los Angeles.

Rosecrans Camp has been very active in their Camp duties, the most important being the election and installation of officers for 1939. The joint installation with their Auxiliary was held the evening of Jan. 16, the attendance being the largest in recent years. The installation was preceded by a dinner at 6 o'clock. Alvin E. Schlueter was installed as Commander, Elizabeth Kahler as Pres. of the Auxiliary.

Rosecrans Camp No. 2 was saddened by the recent passing of George W. Williams, Bro. Williams was born at Calumant, Pa., Nov. 27, 1861. For many years he was a member of Herring Camp No. 10 at Canton, Ill. On Feb. 20, 1933, he transferred to Rosecrans Camp and at the time of his death was Jr. Vice Com-in-Chief. His father, John L. Williams, served in the Union Army in Co. F, 125th Inf.

Camp 3, Sawtelle.

We were hosts on Jan. 29 at the disbanding of the John A. Martin Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. At the conclusion of their meeting all records, charter, archives, trophies, colors, etc., were turned over to the Veterans Administration as a permanent memorial of the G. A. R. Only two members survive. Leo Carrillo acted as Master of Ceremonies and gave a brief outline of the Post's history. All Veterans organizations and their Auxiliaries were represented, also numerous patriotic societies.

Robert W. Renton has been installed as Commander. A new lease on activities is promised by Com. Renton, with the prospect of many new members.

Camp 10, Long Beach.

The Official Government Sound Pictures of the Reunion of the Blue and Gray were shown in Long Beach at the Veterans Memorial Bldg. twice Jan. 12. These were pictures showing Comrades, U. S. Army, National Guard, Boy Scouts and some of the 6000 tents. This showing was arranged for the G. A. R. by J. G. Spielman, P. D. C., and was well attended.

Camp 12, Santa Ana.

On the evening of Jan. 23 the members of Santa Ana Camp gathered at the Rosemore Cafe, the occasion being a surprise for their Commander, Perry V. Grout. Twenty-two members and their wives gathered around the banquet table. Com. Grout and wife were escorted in by P. D. C. E. J. Parker and wife, all singing "Hail, Hail the Gang's all here." Bro. W. J. Davis acted as toastmaster.

Bro. Grout expressed his appreciation for the very happy surprise, and others made

short talks. All assured the Commander that they would co-operate in every way to uphold the principles and ideals that our Fathers fought to save.

Camp 15, Ontario.

A. Podrasnik Camp and Auxiliary held a joint installation Jan. 21. A large gathering of Camps and Auxiliary members witnessed the ceremony. L. L. Sturgis was installed as Commander and Sister Gilliland was installed as President of the Auxiliary. After the installation refreshments were served in the banquet room.

Camp 19, Modesto.

Modesto Camp and Auxiliary and friends gathered at the Hotel Modesto for a Christmas banquet, 100 persons attended. Geo. Wood acted as master of ceremonies and Rev. W. P. Rankin was main speaker. He told of Christmas and its origin. Readings and musical numbers completed the program, following which gifts were exchanged. The Camp and Auxiliary held a joint installation in Pythian Hall Jan. 20.

District No. 2 Meeting.

A. Podrasnik Camp and Auxiliary acted as hosts to District No. 2. The meeting was well attended, Lillian Gardner, Pres., presiding.

Comrade Geo. N. Lockwood, Past Nat. Chief-of-Staff, G. A. R., entertained with a story of the Gettysburg Encampment, "Gettysburg as I saw it." Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee, made a forceful appeal for assistance towards the completion of this Highway, named in honor of the Veterans of the Civil War. Many present and past National and Department Officers were present.

Camp 36, Pasadena.

Ero. Frank R. Clark was installed as Commander of Burlingame Camp. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by those present. Refreshments were served.

Camp 7, Pasadena.

Phil Kearney Camp installed Art Cornman as Commander for 1939. Music and a general good time was the rule of the evening, with lunch following.

MICHIGAN

Ashton F. Humiston, Press Correspondent, 220 W. Mason St., Jackson.

Camp 7, Jackson.

Austin Blair Camp will be hosts to a Regional Meeting to be held in the Engineers' Hall, 126 S. Mechanic St., Webb Block, Saturday evening, Feb. 18, at 8 o'clock. Supper will be served at the Homeade, 190 W. Michigan Ave., at 7 p. m. cafeteria style. Flag in front of both places. Free parking at the Public Parking in the 100 block on W. Washington Ave. Initiation by the Dept. officers, followed by dancing. Glen Wigent, chairman, Birt Hammond and Guy Jackson, in charge of this meeting, will insure a grand good time to all who attend. Members of the G. A. R. and allied orders are especially invited to be present.

The Daughters of Union Veterans held their 18th annual Birthday Party Jan. 19 in the Y. W. C. A. Gymnasium. It was a huge success from every point of view. Many cities were represented and officers from the various patriotic groups were present, and two members of the G. A. R., A. C. Estabrook, Dept. Com., and A. F. Campbell, Dept. Com. Charles Wright and his wife, Florence, and Mrs. Marie Robinson, Dept. President of the Daughters, were in evidence. Mrs. Lillian Jackson did a fine job as toastmistress. Mrs. Marie Smith is the new President of the Daughters. We are assured

of the same cordial co-operation with the Sons as in the past.

The new officers for Austin Blair: Com., Thayne LaBanta; Sr. Vice, Ronald Smith; Jr. Vice, Floyd Crouse; Chap., Herbert Franklin; Sec., Ralph Eberenz; Treas., Guy Jackson.

Camp 14, Grand Rapids.

Brother Francis E. Hall reports installation of the following officers: Com., Franklin J. Whitbeck; Sr. Vice, Roy Thatcher; Jr. Vice, John Kohles; Sec., Francis E. Hall; Treas., J. Frank Wilson; Chap., H. Frank Finch; Pat. Inst., Urlon Mackey; Press Cor., Francis E. Hall. These officers were installed by Past Dept. Com. H. Frank Finch.

Camp 11, Allogan.

Past Dept. Com. Lynn Tiffany, of Kalamazoo, installed the following officers on Jan. 17: Com., George J. Peet; Sr. Vice, Jay Banks; Jr. Vice, Corlan Frue; Pat. Inst., C. Frederick Duell; Chap., Milan Beals; Sec., James C. Hays; Treas., Perle L. Fouch.

Camp 12, Kalamazoo.

Lynn Tiffany, Past Dept. Com., installed the following officers: Com., Dean LaPorte; Sr. Vice, Ted Barney; Jr. Vice, Fred Landes; Pat. Inst., Lynn Strong; Chap., Albert Kirkpatrick; Sec., Kenneth Ryall; Treas., John Tiffany.

Camp 8, Detroit.

Thomas Davey Camp and its Auxiliary held a joint installation Jan. 7, at the G. A. R. hall. A program of entertainment included tap dance routines by the daughter of Brother Stanley Apel, Evelyn; flute and violin numbers by the sisters of Jr. Vice Com. Lyle Wille, and piano selections by Buzz Britton, son of Michigan's World War hero, Captain Britton. The entertainment was followed by refreshments.

LeRoy Shoemaker installed the following: Com., George W. Wilson; Sr. Vice, George Carl Moore; Jr. Vice, Lytle Wille; Pat. Inst., Thomas Sayers; Chap., Wesley A. Wilson; Sec., Walter Anthony Felt; Treas., Wm. Geo. Bennett.

Camp 22, Marshall.

Dept. Com. Charles Wright installed as follows: Com., Charles H. Clute; Sr. Vice, C. O. Langridge; Jr. Vice, Judson Sawdy; Pat. Inst., Lester H. Ballard; Chap., Walter A. English; Treas., James Walkinshaw.

Camp 1, Detroit.

Frederick J. McMurtrie installed the following officers: Com., Joseph L. Chalmers; Sr. Vice, Chas. J. Becker; Jr. Vice, Chas. E. Kinnee; Pat. Inst., Arthur E. Lewis; Chap., Chas. R. Cowdin; Sec., Edgar R. Henderson.

Camp 55, Battle Creek.

The following officers were installed by J. O. Barden: Com., W. E. Gelleff; Sr. Vice, A. C. Allen; Jr. Vice, J. L. Engard; Pat. Inst., J. O. Barden; Chap., W. L. Raynes; Sec., J. F. Raynes; Treas., Chas. Corwin.

State Convention in Jackson.

Plans for a mammoth joint meeting of various state G. A. R. organizations to be held in Jackson June 13, 14, 15 and 16, are well under way. All of the different groups will work in conjunction with the convention committee of the Greater Jackson Association. A gigantic parade on Friday morning will be an outstanding feature. A camp fire will also be arranged at which the general public will be invited to attend. The Department Officers are working hard in perfect harmony to make this an outstanding event. Past Dept. Com. Glen F. Wigent, assisted by Ashton F. Humiston and James M. Adams, will have charge of getting out the program.

NEW YORK

Nell Dow Cranmer, Dept. Press Correspondent, 204 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N. Y. Camp 64, Mount Vernon.

Charles E. Forster, 96, Civil War Veteran and former resident of Mount Vernon for many years, died Jan. 13 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edith L. Smith, Glenbrook, Conn. Mr. Forster was born in New York City, but came to Mount Vernon as a young man. When the Civil War broke out Mr. Smith enlisted as a private, May 20, 1861, in Company C, Second New York State Militia (82nd Volunteers). He was discharged June 20, 1864, and July 12, of the same year, he re-enlisted as a private in Company D, 84th New York State Militia. He was discharged finally Oct. 29, 1864. Members of Charles J. Nordquist Camp 61, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and its Auxiliary, attended funeral services. Veterans of Foreign Wars rendered military honors, including a firing squad.

Horace Palmer Hollister, an always interested member of Nordquist Camp, passed on Jan. 17. He was a member of many Masonic bodies and was an attorney for the American Surety Company.

Camp 111, Jamestown.

Officers of James Hall Camp and its Auxiliary were installed at separate meetings on Jan. 13. Rev. Martin V. Stone, Adj.-Gen. of the G. A. R., installed the following officers: Com., James F. Miller; Sr. Vice, Frank C. Simmons; Jr. Vice, George C. White; Sec., Harold S. Stone; Treas., Ara V. Stone; Chap., Alvin B. Blauser; Pat. Inst., Irven A. Button.

Remarks were made by Rev. M. V. Stone and several Sons and Auxiliary members. A supper was served.

Camp 42, Troy.

At the December meeting, a donation was voted Arlington Hall, Madison, Wis., and a message of sympathy sent to Nat. Counselor Knapp on account of the death of his father. Pat. Inst. George B. Kelly read a paper on the establishment and dedication of Gettysburg cemetery.

Treas. George F. Wood has received a letter from Dept. Com. Stephan congratulating him on his being chosen for a 41th consecutive term.

Brother Frederick E. Draper has been appointed a member of the committee on old documents in connection with the 150th anniversary of the naming of the city of Troy.

Camp 93, Binghamton.

Veteran's Night was observed Nov. 11 with a dinner and program. We had two Veterans present. Pat. Inst. Arthur Riker showed pictures of the Gettysburg reunion, accompanied by interesting commentaries by Bros. Yeomans and Riker.

The Camp and Auxiliary joined in a Christmas party on Dec. 23 which was enjoyed by all. Bro. Riker filled the part of jolly old Santa very acceptably. Christmas carols were sung under leadership of Bro. Geo. Yeomans, and gifts presented to all present.

The many friends of Bro. Harry Olney throughout the New York Dept. will learn with great regret of the loss of his beloved mother, Mrs. Harriet Olney, who passed away Jan. 12. Bro. Olney has the sincere sympathy of all in his bereavement.

Camp 23, Brooklyn.

On Jan. 6, 1939, the officers of McPherson Doane Camp and Auxiliary were installed. George F. Southwick going in as Commander for a second term. More than 150 attended, including delegations from Libbey, DuPont and Oliver Tilden Camps.

A resolution offered by Brother James S. Southwick and seconded by Sr. Vice Com.

Franklin B. Horbelt, giving full support to the Dies Investigation into un-American activities, was unanimously adopted.

Other officers inducted were: Sr. Vice, Franklin B. Horbelt; Jr. Vice, George Thorne; Sec., Clarence A. Maples; Treas., John Johnston; Chap., William Shaw; Pat. Inst., Harry Dayton.

Camp 118, Batavia.

General Upton Camp and their Auxiliary held a joint installation Jan. 6. Dept. Com. Stephan, assisted by Chief Deputy Orrin Murrell, officiated. The new Commander is Loren Wicks. Speakers from Veteran Organizations as well as our own patriotic Orders were heard. The Veteran Organizations expressed their willingness to co-operate with the Sons in their work.

Fast Commanders Association of Western New York.

The Association held their January meeting at the Blue Bird Inn, Batavia, Saturday evening, Jan. 21. A representative of each Camp was called on to give an account of the activities of his Camp. Each Camp represented has pledged themselves to support our Dept. Commander by bringing in more new members. The Auxiliaries of Camps in Western New York also attended the dinner, after which they formed a Past Presidents Club of Western New York.

Short talks were given by Dept. Com. Stephan; Edward G. Hartell, President of the Abraham Lincoln Association of Rochester; Brother Marsh of Niagara Falls; Past Dept. Coms. Wm. Hallock and Walter Bellby of Rochester. Colonel Zoa A. Williams, of Syracuse, Chief-of-Staff to the Dept. Commander, gave a talk on the Reserve and the progress they are making. Buffalo has been picked for the April meeting.

MAINE

P. D. C. Byron M. Salter, Correspondent, Box 276, Belfast.

Department Commander's Note.

Got a letter from Com-in-Chief Anderson a short time ago, and in it he asks me to report the progress of our Department. How the heck am I going to report progress if you fellows go to sleep on the job and don't help me make some?

By progress, he means new members, and lots of activity. You will remember that at the time of my taking over this office, I told you it was not a one man job, but required the whole-hearted co-operation of every man in the Department. Now, Brothers, I am doing my darndest to keep things humming, but feel that some of you are not doing your share.

Don't get me wrong, this is no "sob story," just an appeal to your loyalty to our parent organization—the Grand Army of the Republic—and also to the obligation you took when you joined us. Fellows, gird on your armor, spit on your hands, take in another notch in your belt, and "go to it."

From Dept. Press Correspondent.

Sure we are on the map, and still belong to the Union, but what is the matter with the Camp Press Correspondents. Only Monson and Rockland heard from, and then you members ask, What is the matter with the Department? Boys, don't die here, come to life, put on your long pants and get busy and show our Dept. Commander that we are still on the job.

Thousands know nothing about the Sons of Veterans. ADVERTISE, WHY NOT? The best organization under God's Heaven and we forget our obligation and duty to the Veterans of the Civil War. Save our Country from the grasp of ISMS! We are the ones to show our love and devotion to our Country and Flag. If not, who will? Born and bred under the red

blood of true Americanism, true to our Country and Flag, let us stand together in an unbroken chain of BROTHERHOOD that will prove loyal to the Boys in Blue, and their principles. "Maine, where are we going?" SHOW YOUR COLORS.

Oakland.

Jan. 5, the boys and girls had a joint installation with Bro. Frank Merrick as installation officer, and P. D. C. Bro. Salter as guide for the boys; and P. D. C. Sister Farnham for the girls, gave a real treat to those present. A good job, Frank and Lillian. A fine lunch and dance was had after the meeting. Seven new members were taken in recently. You Camps in Maine, what we can do, YOU CAN.

Liberty.

The Brothers of Bradstreet were installed by P. C. Stewart, and now with a young bunch in the chairs, let's see you go, boys. Liberty has a live Camp and has always been a credit to the Dept. A small town of 872 souls, but they are alive. Camps, why not copy from this live Camp and BUILD?

Pittsfield.

The Camp officers were very ably installed by P. C. C. Frank Merrick of Waterville, at a joint installation with the girls. A fine supper, and good time was had. The boys at Pittsfield have a great bunch and are always on the JOB.

Cooper's Mills.

P. D. C. Frank Small has three new members to his credit and has received a beautiful Flag from our Dept. Commander. Can't we have more P. D. C.'s like him? He has driven many miles, snowbound many nights, but always faithful to the Camps. This is all from the D. P. Correspondent, so I am the one puffing these boys up, but you P. D. C.'s take food for thought.

Belfast.

The officers of the Camp were installed by P. D. Salter, with Bro. Ed Hartshorn as Guide, at a joint installation with the sisters, Jan. 4. A supper was served, Aux. Pres. Bertha Young as chairman, with some 30 in attendance. A social dance was held after the installation. Many visitors were here from out of town.

At our last meeting a very appropriate program was held, with Pat. Inst. Downs in charge, after which Mal. Bowes "Salter" had a real broadcasting program. The sisters and brothers had a mint of fun and units were formed with a great deal of local talent in force. At our next meeting, Lincoln's Night will be observed, with Bro. Downs in charge. This Camp is alive and with 22 members can show results; come and visit us.

Rockland.

After a great supper served by the Auxiliary the boys and girls of Anderson Camp and Auxiliary were installed by Dept. Pres. Sister Mae Cross, and P. D. C. B. M. Salter at a joint installation held Jan. 3. Bro. Ensign Winchenbaugh is the new Commander, and with a great bunch of officers Rockland should go places this year. P. D. C. Cross is a live member, and this Camp has always been a great credit to Maine. Bro. George W. Moody is their Press Correspondent.

Monson.

A joint installation of officers of Gerry Relief Corps No. 43 and W. L. Sampson Camp No. 17, has been held. The Camp officers were ably installed by P. C. Dwight Wright of O. S. Haskell Camp, Pittsfield. The new officers are: Com., Stanley A. Robinson; Sr. Vice, Ellery Kronholm; Jr. Vice, Harold E. Morrill; Sec., Arthur L. Bray; Treas., Earle H. Jackson; Chap., Hartley E. Smith; Pat. Inst., Harry W. Wing.

MINNESOTA

Dewey B. Mead, Dept. Press Correspondent, 3221 41st Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn. Com-in-Chief Anderson highly honored the Minnesota Department with a visit on Jan. 11 and 12. "Billy" won the esteem and respect of all who had the privilege of meeting him. He was most congenial and considerate. The members, here, were inspired to greater effort by his encouragement and his willingness to step down off the pedestal and co-operate for mutual good. He, at least, makes another member want to try, which stamps him as a very worthy leader. Our Order has needed that kind of leadership for a long time.

Brother Charles F. Martin, the new Commander of Minneapolis Camp No. 8, got off to an auspicious beginning at his first meeting. Turning his station over to Sr. Vice Com. W. S. Kellogg, he recounted some history concerning the Camp and the Order in general. He told of the steady decline in the membership and the corresponding lessening of power of the Order, and was desirous of seeking a remedy for the ills confronting us. He felt that the apathy of the organization in dealing with propositions affecting our Country's welfare has greatly hindered the growth and the prestige of our Order.

In speaking of the many aliens in our Country, he said that there were over seven millions of them in here illegally. Quoting Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, from the Congressional Record, he said that we did not know how many aliens there were. Why? Senator Reynolds said, "...because in this country—I admit it with shame—we have no registration law—we are the only country on the face of the earth that does not keep track of the aliens within its midst." Where have the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War been during the past forty to fifty years that they have not sponsored some such legislation to safeguard the institutions for which their fathers offered their life blood?

Com. Martin asks these pertinent questions of our entire membership: How do the "Sons" stand concerning war legislation, political refugees, etc.? Shall the United States become the "poorhouse" of the World, when over twelve million of our citizens are unemployed, and a third of our population is ill-housed and ill-clothed? Let us be alive to the conditions about us and be alert to lend every aid in our power toward correcting these many ills.

We are heartily in accord with the plea of the Commander-in-Chief in his plea to refrain from buying German and Japanese products. Buy where it will help to put Americans to work.

The members of Minneapolis Camp were criticized recently for not protesting a meeting held by a local group of the Daughters of the Confederacy on Robert E. Lee's birthday. As long as the Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of free speech, free press and peaceful assembly, it behooves us to abide by those rights.

It is our earnest desire to receive the comments from the membership regarding the opinions expressed in this column, whether pro or con, especially from Camp and Department Commanders.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Department Notes.

This Department sadly mourns the loss of one of its most beloved veterans, Comrade Samuel B. Hanson, of Post No. 22. One of the last of "Philadelphia's thin line of blue" now

only leaves eleven veterans in this city. At one time during the war Comrade Hanson was pinned beneath his horse at Chickamauga for over five hours, suffering a broken leg. He was finally discovered by the enemy and held prisoner in Libby Prison until exchanged for a Confederate prisoner. This beloved comrade has passed from his loved ones but his many tales of Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Campaign of Murfreesboro and the battle at Kennesaw Mountain will long be remembered. He served in the 1st Battalion of the 15th U. S. Inf., Co. E. Dept. Sec. John H. Laisee has been confined to the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia for the past few weeks, suffering from pneumonia. We are glad to say that Bro. Laisee is on the mend and will soon be with us again. We have missed you, John.

Paul Rosenberger, member of Corp. Weaver Camp No. 295, Hellertown, was named president of the Lehigh Valley Association, Sons of Union Veterans, at a large meeting in Emaus. It was the largest meeting held during the year, members being present from Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Nazareth, Allentown, Palmerton and Easton. Adam Kresge of Camp 110, Bethlehem, retiring president, opened the meeting and conducted routine business. Richard Iobst, Lehigh County Judge, and members of the organization, presented two Emaus Camp members, Charles Hohe and John Lehrman, 50 year emblems. The next meeting will be held at Allentown.

Volunteer Camp 57, of Meadville, is planning a banquet and class initiation in honor of Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Comrade Robert M. Rownd, of Ripley, N. Y. This is one of the Camps in this State which is endeavoring to increase its membership. The Camp meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

On Nov. 18 Gettysburg Camp No. 112 had exercises in G. A. R. Post room in observance of the 75th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Ronald P. McPherson, Jr., Commander, presided. A drum corps furnished the music; singing of "America" by the audience; Invocation by the Rev. Seth C. Morrow; Pledge of Allegiance by the audience; "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the Sollenberger Family; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Robert Morgan; Reminiscences of Nov. 19, 1863, by William C. Starrick, who as a boy heard Lincoln at Gettysburg; Address by Dr. Robert Fortenbaugh, Prof. of History, at Gettysburg College; "Lily of the Valley" by the Sollenberger Family; Benediction by Rev. Morrow.

With visiting officers and members present, a joint installation of officers of Gen. George G. Meade Camp and its Auxiliary was held in G. A. R. Hall in Reading. Officers of both organizations were installed by John H. Runkle, Dept. Commander. The installation ceremony included the presentation of a sabre to Lieut. W. Howard Still, Treasurer of Co. F, by Capt. C. LeRoy Stoudt. It was in recognition of his long service in the Company as Secretary and Treasurer. Those attending the ceremony included F Company, 2nd Infantry, and Department officers and members of the Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary from Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Allentown and Emaus. A buffet lunch was served after the installation.

The following Camps have been installed and your Dept. Officers take this opportunity to wish them a prosperous year: Camp 1, 2 Schuyler, 2 Taylor, 51 Darby, 200 Philadelphia, 9 Clegg and 236. Commanders, you have a wonderful year ahead of you and now is the time to build your Camp 100%. Remember, boys, "you can do it if you try."

VERMONT

Clinton J. Smith, Press Correspondent, Lock Box 55, Richmond, Vt.
District No. 1 Meeting.
District No. 1 held its annual meeting at

Morrisville Jan. 11, with about 50 members and guests present. After an interesting program of songs, speeches and recitations the annual election of the officers took place as follows: Com., Wayne T. Aitchinson; Pres., Mrs. C. B. Farrington, Burlington; Sec., Mrs. Gwendolyn Scribner, Johnson; Treas., Mrs. Ruth Tillotson, Morrisville. Previous to the meeting supper was served by the local Auxiliary.

In Memoriam.

That grim reaper, Death, has again invaded our ranks and taken from us two of our Past Dept. Commanders, Carl C. Rollins, who died in December, and Charles G. Daniels, who died in September. Their presence at our functions and Dept. Encampments will be greatly missed, as these two loyal brothers have done much work in the past for our beloved organization.

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Installations.

The following Camps have been installed officers for the present term as follows:

No. 2, Wilmington—Com., H. R. Bickford; Sr. Vice, Clarence Sage; Jr. Vice, Frank Reid; Sec.-Treas., M. A. Busby; Pat. Inst., W. A. Johnson; Chap., Merton Barber.

No. 4, Rutland—Com., W. A. Squier; Sr. Vice, Chas. Brown; Jr. Vice, E. E. Monroe; Sec.-Treas., F. H. Maccabee; Pat. Inst., E. L. Jangraw; Chap., S. F. Bradford.

No. 11, Brattleboro—Com., S. D. McCullough; Sr. Vice, J. A. Johnson; Jr. Vice, Arnon DeWitt; Sec., H. A. Barker; Treas., W. M. Irish.

No. 18, St. Johnsbury—Com., S. E. Norris; Sr. Vice, B. A. Farnham; Jr. Vice, Ezra Leonard; Sec.-Treas., W. W. Farr; Pat. Inst., D. A. Staples; Chap., John Chalmers.

No. 20, Chester—Com., E. R. Eddy; Sr. Vice, Floyd Patnode; Jr. Vice, Allen Hazeltine; Sec., Wm. Hazeltine; Treas., R. E. Bosworth; Pat. Inst., Hugh H. Henry; Chap., Francis Farrar.

No. 39, No. Calais—Com., J. M. Earle; Sr. Vice, L. A. Bumpus; Jr. Vice, E. A. Hughes; Sec.-Treas., L. W. Leonard; Pat. Inst., E. C. Sabin; Chap., E. P. Wheeler.

No. 50, Morrisville—Com., Roy B. Ring; Sr. Vice, Jesse Fitzgerald; Jr. Vice, Frank Collette; Sec.-Treas., W. T. Atchinson; Pat. Inst., H. J. Leach; Chap., O. D. Matthers.

No. 75, Lyndonville—Com., A. Simpson; Sr. Vice, K. G. Mitchell; Jr. Vice, H. O. Allen; Sec.-Treas., R. P. Aldrich; Pat. Inst., Ellis Libbey; Chap., Chas. Stevens.

No. 83, Huntington—Com., Frank L. Wells; Sr. Vice, Kenneth Andrews; Jr. Vice, I. A. Ring; Sec.-Treas., C. J. Smith; Pat. Inst., J. C. Drinkwater; Chap., C. B. Andrews.

Lieut. Asa C. Sleeper Camp No. 38, Newport, has been organized with eighteen charter members, the organization having been completed on December 31 by the Dept. Sec.-Treas., C. J. Smith, and Dept. Organizer A. W. Robinson. This Camp starts off with a very good membership of some of the best residents of Newport, Derby Line and Island Pond, and should become one of the best Camps in the Department. The new officers are: Com., E. B. Dickinson; Sr. Vice, J. E. Emmons; Jr. Vice, Chas. G. Taylor; Sec.-Treas., H. Victor Ellsworth; Pat. Inst., Stephen A. Doran; Chap., Herbert O. Rice.

Notes.

Camp 90, Montpelier, has suffered a loss in the death of Ralph B. Denny, one of their prominent members.

Our Dept. Commander, Fred F. Cyrs, Dept. Organizer A. W. Robinson and the Dept. Sec.-Treas., C. J. Smith, are constantly campaigning for new Camps and new members, traveling over the length and breadth of the state. "Every Member Get a New Member." That's the Vermont Slogan. Remember our fathers and grandfathers did not fail us in the time of need. What about you?

CONNECTICUT

William F. Nemetz, Jr., Publicity Director, Gen. Del. Noble Station, Bridgeport, Conn.

Camp 7, Meriden.

Joint installation ceremonies were recently held by Upham Camp and its Auxiliary, with P. D. C. Herbert W. Cleveland acting as Installing Officer for the Sons, and Sister Reed of New Haven as Installing Officer for the Auxiliary. Brother Clinton Rader was installed as Commander, and Sister Ida Rader as President of the Auxiliary. A large delegation of Dept. Officers of the Sons and Allied Orders were in attendance.

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District 3 Meeting.

This District held a very successful meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21, with Dist. Com. Willis Cowdrey in charge. Representatives were in attendance from all sections of the state, including Dept. Com. Leslie and Staff.

A feature of the evening was a "Civil War Quiz," conducted by Dept. Pat. Inst. Morton H. Gibney, with the Ladies versus the Men. Needless to say, the Brothers won. These contests are both entertaining and educational, and introduces a novel form of competition that requires a brushing up on the part of the contestants of their knowledge of Civil War History.

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Camp 6, Hartford.

At the January meeting the Camp planned for a testimonial and reception to Com-in-Chief Anderson, to be held at the Union Defenders Day meeting Feb. 17. Robert T. Alcorn, Nat. Council-in-Chief, was appointed to meet the Commander and show him the interesting and prominent sections of the city.

Com. Frank S. Young, assisted by the amusement committee, will furnish a roast beef supper to be held in the Camp Rooms previous to the meeting. Invitations have been sent to the members of the Camps in the District to attend.

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Camp 17, New Haven.

Admiral Foote Camp held a fine January meeting, on the 17th, with a good attendance and a lot of business transacted. It was announced that our Auxiliary would observe their 25th anniversary in March, and Camp 17 is planning on having a large delegation present. Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays will be observed at our Feb. 21 meeting. Plans will also be started at the Feb. meeting for the observance of Memorial Day.

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Camp 55, East Hampton.

The recent installation of newly-elected officers of the Conklin-Sellew Camp and their Auxiliary was held with a large delegation of Dept. Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary, also representatives of the Veterans Organizations and local clergy.

Dept. Com. Leslie installed the officers, which included the seating of Bro. John Clark as Commander, and Sister Burghardt as President of the Auxiliary. The retiring Commander, Bro. J. Selwyn Rich, was the recipient of several beautiful gifts from the Brothers and Auxiliary.

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Camp 26, Derby.

Joint installation ceremonies marked the regular meeting of Russell Camp and Auxiliary on Jan. 16. Joseph A. Hickey took office as Commander, the elective officers being: Jr. Vice, Chas. A. Rotteck; Sec., B. O. DeForest; Treas., F. L. Chapman; Chap., W. H. DeForest.

Department Encampment.

The Annual Dept. Encampment will be held in New London, April 14 and 15. It is not too early to engage quarters for this event, and further information can be obtained from Dept. Com. Leslie regarding reservations. Among the many points of interest that will be included in the sight-seeing trips will be the U. S. Submarine Base and the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

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Our Grand Army Veterans.

At this writing, Comrade Ira R. Wildman, of Danbury, is recovering from a severe illness that has kept him confined to bed for the past several weeks.

Comrade Wadhams and Comrade Korn of Admiral Foote Post 17, of New Haven, are both confined to their homes, due to failing health. It is the sincere wish of the entire Department that these Comrades will be up and about in the very near future.

A report from the office of Brother Hale as of January states that there are at present 33 living members of the G. A. R., and 23 non-members, Civil War Veterans in the State of Connecticut.

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Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The Connecticut Department, S. V. Reserve, are completing plans to visit the Rhode Island Reserve before the month of March, and repay the two visits already made to Meriden by the "Boys in Blue from Little Rhody." The trip will be made by bus to Providence, and all Reserve members planning to go are requested to notify Quar. Chas. O'Neill at the next assembly.

Plans are also being made for the Connecticut Reserve to attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Orders, which will be held in the City of Pittsburgh, Pa., the last week in August. Every member ought to make every possible effort to attend the Pittsburgh Encampment.

IOWA

Chas. E. Ross, Press Correspondent, 2609 Raymond Ave., Des Moines.

Camp 75, Des Moines.

Grenville M. Dodge Camp and Auxiliary held joint installation Friday evening, Jan. 6. Oliver H. Miller, will preside as Commander for the ensuing year. Mrs. Rosetta Searcy is the new President of the Auxiliary. Roy J. Bennett, a Past Dept. Commander, was the installing officer for the Sons, and the Dept. President, Mrs. Lorna Swartz, was installing officer for the Auxiliary.

We were honored with the presence of Jr. Vice Com-in-Chief L. L. Shope, and with the National Council Member, Mrs. Ida Snyder, of the Auxiliary.

Other officers are: Sr. Vice, Harlan Riggs; Jr. Vice, F. W. Havens; Sec.-Treas., L. D. Sherman. Our Commander, Oliver Miller, joined the Order soon after the institution of the Camp and we are all looking forward to a very successful year. Refreshments were served by our Auxiliary.

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Camp 12, Davenport.

Members of Lincoln Camp here are responsible for the initiation of Comrade John M. Thumm as a member at Large in the Iowa G. A. R. The explanation of his never joining the body before was that for over forty years following the Civil War Comrade Thumm lived in a southern community.

More than 200 were present at the joint installation of officers of the Camp and Auxiliary on Jan. 5. The installing officer was P. C. James Wason, assisted by members of the Clinton Camp. Officers for the year are: Com., Laurence Kelly; Sr. Vice, Wm. H. Ferren; Jr.

Vice, Lester Gates. Comrade Barton, last Civil War Veteran of Clinton, was a speaker.

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Camp 15, Clinton.

Fifteen members of Camp 12, Davenport, attended the installation of Barton Camp and Auxiliary officers on Jan. 10. Comrade Barton was an honored guest. The ceremonies were in charge of P. C. James Wason, of Davenport. Officers are: Com., Arthur Bill; Sr. Vice, James Foster; Jr. Vice, Leo Barton; Sec., Joe E. Melvin; Treas., Chas. E. Hill; Chap., Clark Chalker; Pat. Inst., Clifford Walker.

WISCONSIN

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

A Suggestion.

All Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should be thoroughly familiar with the Constitution of the United States, and of the state where resident. For twenty-five cents there is available, 192 pages, The Story of the Constitution, which may be obtained by addressing United States Sesquicentennial Commission, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. Get one and study it.

The Camp (Madison) has one patriotic meeting each month, also at each meeting the Constitution is given some consideration. At the January meeting we paid deference to Pres. McKinley, also mentioned Benjamin Franklin, whose natal days fall in that month; Ezra Church and General Howard were also assigned as topics.

In February the plan is to have a joint Washington-Lincoln observance followed by what we term "A Washington-Lincoln Ball."—H. S. S.

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A Good Running Start.

Gen. Henry Harnden Camp No. 2 (Madison) got a good running start on the 9th of January, when at a joint session with the Auxiliary the officers for the ensuing year were duly inducted into office. This was preceded by an exceptional feed, and the attendance was large. The Hon. E. T. Fairchild, Justice, Supreme Court of Wisconsin, a Past Dept. Commander, acted as installing officer. Brethren from Stoughton were also present. Bro. C. E. Denson, our Commander, is wholly devoted to the Sons, means business and we look forward to an exceptionally prosperous year.—H. S. S.

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On to Wisconsin in 41!

The Old Vets and those belonging to the affiliated societies had such a good time in 1937 that they may want to come back to Wisconsin again. It is hoped that the Legislature (now in session) will make a good appropriation to be available should the invitation be accepted. It seems probable that two or three cities would enter the race to win the honor of entertaining the few distinguished Boys in Blue who could attend and all others. Madison has been host once, Milwaukee twice, and, presumably, both cities would again toss the hat into the ring. May the better win.—H. S. S.

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Stoughton Camp Installs.

On the 5th of January Col. Wm. F. Vilas Camp of Stoughton (Dane County has two Camps, Madison and Stoughton) held a very successful installation. Brother U. S. Pennewell was installed as Commander, and a good many from Madison attended.

Your informant was not present, being detained at Madison on that evening, but he is advised that a most agreeable time was had, attendance was good. Brother Haag of Eau Claire, Past Dept. Commander, now Dept. Sec.-Treas., officiated as installing officer.—H. S. S.

INDIANA

Ben C. Wheat, Press Correspondent, 820 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Mid-Winter Meeting.

After having had a beautiful autumn Old Man Winter came to the front two days before our Meeting opened, with heavy snow and icy roads. Nevertheless, we had just about our regular number at the banquet, many having to leave after the business meeting.

The program began with a luncheon at noon, attended by Dept. Officers and Past Dept. Commanders, for the purpose of outlining points to come before the business meeting at two p. m. Then Camps reported. Com-in-Chief Anderson arrived just as the meeting opened. C. M. Wilson, Americanism Director of the American Legion, spoke on "You Say You Have Nothing To Do," showing the vital importance of organized action regarding the ISMS, working today to undermine the very foundation of American Government, and showing how they were working in Indiana and Indianapolis. Com-in-Chief Anderson complimented the Department in having such an important program this year, and Dept. Com. Ball in working hard along this line. One thing about Com. Ball, he is not afraid, being a Veteran of two wars, to order things done, then helping do it.

The banquet at 6:30 was a beautiful affair. Chairmen Rufus O'Harrow and Edna E. Pauley are to be complimented on their program. Both Com-in-Chief Anderson and Nat. Pres. Anne E. Lockyer attended, as well as three Comrades of the Civil War. The favors were small silk American flags, made in America, as we in Indiana are using "Made in America" goods this year. Each guest was served a bountiful turkey dinner, with fine dinner music, instrumental as well as vocal, and a large room full of "Hoosier Hospitality."

The speaker at the banquet was Howard Myers, from the Legion, who talked on "Opponents to Americanism," giving facts and figures of the work they are doing, giving the hearers much food for thought.

After the banquet a twelve piece orchestra played for dancing.

Lafayette.

A joint installation of officers was held at Lafayette on Jan. 9, Com. Ball acting as Installing Officer for the Sons. One of the impressive things that happened was when Past Com. Alt grasped Com. Bodle by the hand and pledged his loyal support during the coming year. Lafayette will go places. A fine lunch of sandwiches, pie and coffee was served. They are now arranging an open meeting when Com. Ball will return and give them the entire evening, he having had to leave early on account of going to Kokomo the same night.

Kokomo.

A new Auxiliary, organized on Jan. 9, to go with our baby Camp. They promise Pres. Shugart 100 new members, and the Camp now has 89. Organized on Oct. 10, 1938, and still going strong on new members. Officers were installed for the Camp by Com. Ball, he arriving at 10:10 from Lafayette. Nat. Pres. Lockyer was present, to receive the new Auxiliary. A fine oyster supper was served, and a sample of Kokomo glad hand was enjoyed by all. We could use much more of that kind of hand in Indiana.

Muncie.

One of the finest meetings of the year so far was enjoyed by your Dept. Commander and your Dept. President at Muncie on Jan. 6 at a joint installation of officers. This was held in the Ball Room of the Hotel Roberts, Past Dept. Com. A. C. Thornburg being host. It was

beautiful, and the work was perfect, but as time was limited Com. Ball will be asked to return and speak when he can have the entire evening.

Terre Haute.

Annual Lincoln and Washington Meeting on Feb. 17, Dept. Com. Ball will be the speaker of the evening, his subject being "Two Key Men."

All Other Camps.

All of these items were secured from Com. Ball, no other Camp sending items. He does not want the spot light, but if we would all of us give him at least our moral support, Indiana would go places this year. He says for seven months I have tried to get them working by using soft words, but for the next five months, we will find out who the men are who deserve to be called Brother, and who are a credit to the Father who gave us the country we have. When we meet in Michigan City in June our members will be looked over, to see who have callouses on their hands, or shiny pants. Ask him to visit your Camp and tell you first hand how badly you are needed in line with the rest. The entire Organization will get credit for what is done, few will know if you are working, but, DON'T BE A SLACKER.

Send your items for The Banner to appear in next (April) issue.

RHODE ISLAND

Joseph G. Randall, Press Correspondent, 109 Ford St., Providence, R. I.

Christmas Party.

The Lincoln Club gave a Christmas party on New Year's Eve, in honor of our Comrade, Charles H. Bullock, 97 year old Civil War Veteran, and the only surviving member of Bucklin Post G. A. R. The party was attended by many Sons and members of the Reserve. Comrade Bullock gave very interesting remarks of his trip to the National Convention. Remarks and greetings were extended to him by all present, wishing him a Happy and Prosperous New Year. He also received many gifts.

Ye Ole Time Barn Dance.

This was the most successful and one of the largest attended affairs held this past year by the Department. Most all of the G. A. R. units were represented by a large number of their members and many friends. A very enjoyable time was had by everyone there.

The committee extends their thanks to all who gave their co-operation and support.

S. V. Reserve.

Due to the efforts of Col. Clarence E. Young, Commanding Officer of the Reserve, this organization has been very successful and active. We are holding regular meetings and drills every week. We attended the Maine Encampment and have made several trips around the New England States.

Two new Companies have been mustered in lately—Co. A at Woonsocket, A. C. Penhallow, Commanding, as 2nd Lt.; Co. D at Pascoag, Clarence E. Esten, Commanding, as 2nd Lt.

Several of our members are attending the Lincoln Club meetings quite regularly.

MISSOURI

Theo. H. Mohr, Secretary-Treasurer, 3907 Ashland Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Camp 36, Kansas City.

Wm. Warner Camp received word that Commander-in-Chief Anderson would visit the city for a couple of hours and would like to meet as many members of the Camp as possible. A hurry up call was sent out by Com. Herman

C. Balsiger to meet Mr. Anderson at the Union Station, his train arrived at 4:40 p. m.

A dinner was given the Commander-in-Chief and visiting Sons from St. Joseph at the Lucerne Hotel by Warner Camp, representatives from the patriotic organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, besides those mentioned, being guests.

After dinner, and the tables cleared, our guest of honor made an earnest and interesting talk as to what he would like to see accomplished by the Sons in Missouri. Speaking frankly, he referred to our sins of omission. His remarks were well received.

All who attended the informal "after dinner" meeting were given a chance to talk and express him or herself on the "STATE OF THE UNION," as regards the welfare of the SONS' Organizations and other patriotic societies. Mrs. Edwina P. Trigg, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, was especially forceful in her remarks. All felt we had benefited and were highly entertained by the talks of our Commander-in-Chief and promised to co-operate with him in his efforts to build up our Camps.

"Tefi it not in Gath," and keep it a dead secret and by all means don't spill the beans to Bill Anderson. During the Civil War period in Missouri, a desperate character by same name as our beloved Bostonian, was especially active and played a bloody part at the Centralia Massacre, where a large number of Union Soldiers were taken off the train by Anderson and his Guerilla followers and shot in cold blood. Our honor guest couldn't understand just why at first the Sons and others wouldn't waive formality and call him just plain Bill Anderson, as he wished them to do. Only the oldest of the Sons present could recall this terrible deed in Missouri's history, and others knew of it by reading of Civil War times in Missouri, which really sent twice as many troops to the Union Army than to the Confederate, though the sentiment in the state was largely Southern.

WASHINGTON

S. W. Usher, Dept. Sec., 127 Methow St., Wenatchee.

Camp 9, Wenatchee.

J. W. Ferguson Camp and their Auxiliary held joint installation Jan. 4 and the following commanding officers were installed: Com., C. H. Thorpe, 4 Buchanan St.; Pres., Mrs. Inez Hallett, 324 So. Mission St.

Preceding the installation a pot luck dinner was served to all who attended, and following the installation all participated in a general discussion for the good of the Order, and with the new ideas presented it looks as if we might move forward instead of backward.

We, as announced in the last Banner, had a verbal promise from the Forest Service local official that they would erect a duplicate of the Cabin in which Lincoln was born, in Lincoln Rock Park, but when we presented our request in writing we were turned down and will have to get the work done ourselves, costing about \$300. Hence the request for the purchase of post cards of the profile of Lincoln, as nature has carved it in basalt rock. It is our desire to have the cabin erected and ready to dedicate to the G. A. R. on June 14, 1939, "Flag Day," when all patriotic, fraternal and civic organizations, and all schools will be asked to participate in a program lasting from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. All state, city and county officials will honor him whom our Fathers fought and bled for. Can there be a more inspiring scene on Flag Day than seeing 3,000 scholars of all ages in a parade and each one carrying a Flag? This is what we expect to show. Our visitors will have every school in four or five counties represented, and bands and bands, and then more bands.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Anne E. Lockyer, National President, 420 East Broadway, Girard, Ohio.
Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent, Dwight, Ill.

"AMERICANIZATION"

Never in the history of our great country was there a greater need for a more thorough knowledge of what is really meant by this misused word Americanization.

So many times we call attention to the neglect of those who are not citizens of our country, that they do not show proper respect for our Flag. How they unjustly criticize our Statesmen, how they complain about this or that law that does not meet with their approval and yet how many of us who have the right to tell the whole world that we are Americans ever lift our little finger to do anything to correct these very things we complain of.

This great land of ours offers freedom to those who come to our shores, seeking a better place to live in. See to it that they are instructed to appreciate this privilege, not abuse it.

This great land of ours offers to those coming to live among us the right to worship according to the dictates of their own conscience, to earn an honest living, to live in peace and harmony with their neighbors, to receive for themselves and for their children a free education and every advantage for a normal and happy existence.

For the above mentioned privileges, guaranteed by the Constitution, all we ask in return is that they abide by laws laid down by the Founders of this great Nation of ours.

In calling attention to the many advantages this country offers to those unhappy souls from all over the world who come knocking at our doors, are we ourselves fully aware of the fact that the PEACE and COMFORT they are seeking we have been enjoying all our lives?

Have we been truly grateful? Have we like so many others taken these privileges for granted? It has been said, "A thing worth having is worth fighting for" and while many of us have not had to fight for the things, remember our forefathers did. They laid down their lives that we might enjoy a free Country where man is equal no matter what his color, race or creed, whether he was rich or poor; just so he was a good law-abiding citizen, this is his land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

That we as an organization may take an active part in the promotion of the right kind of Americanization, we should acquaint ourselves with the full knowledge of what is promised us in the Constitution. The more we know about it, the more we will love and cherish it. Nations have copied it and so I say to you, let one of the first steps of our Americanization program be a better knowledge of and greater love for the Constitution of the United States of America.

As chairman of this committee on Americanization, it is my earnest belief that problems along these lines are varied in the different sections of this great land of ours, so I urge not only the members of my committee but every member of our wonderful organization to make herself familiar with the needs of her community, to offer aid if possible to those seeking information regarding what they should do and what they should know in order to become better citizens of this, the greatest nation in the entire world. Let us be first, last and always Americans.

MAYME E. DWYER, P. N. P., Chairman, N. Y.
Nellie McMillen, D. P., Minn.
Hattie Shaddock, Penna.
Gladys Sallman, D. P., Ill.
Minnie Rhodes, Iowa.
Leatha Mackay, D. P., Mich.
Margaret Waters, P. N. P., Mass.

Attest: Anne E. Lockyer, National President.

A suggestion by your National President as follows:

Every National and Past National Officer, Department Presidents, Officers and Auxiliary members throughout our National Organization, write a letter to Congressman Martin Dies, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., expressing your approval of his courage in conducting the hearings of his committee on UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. We all know, or at least should be informed, that a deliberate plan and campaign of ridicule has been in operation for the obvious purpose of destroying the findings and good work done by the "Dies Committee." Communist activities all over our country have been active in undermining of our government. We must urge every member of our patriotic organization to send a letter to Congressman Dies, pledging our support. Let us prove that we are AMERICANS as never before in the history of our organization. That is one of our solemn duties — to fight for the preservation of our own form of Government. Are you a good AMERICAN citizen or indifferent until it is too late?

ANNE E. LOCKYER, National President.

JUNIOR AUXILIARIES.

Organizing Junior Auxiliaries is one of our most important duties because youth needs proper training and environment in order to become good citizens.

Junior Auxiliaries hold for us the assurance the ideals and purposes which we have maintained will be transmitted into the future by a large group of young women trained in the interests of our organization.

We realize that, if the name and work of our organization is to be perpetuated, we must train leaders. The outcome will be just as great as the efforts we put forth.

Junior Auxiliaries are in their infancy but we feel by the close of the year every Senior Auxiliary will see the need of a Junior Auxiliary.

Our National President Anne E. Lockyer is asking for 500 Junior Auxiliaries to be instituted by Aug. 31, 1939. Are we going to disappoint her?

A prize of \$25.00 will be given the Department organizing the greatest number of Junior Auxiliaries by the above date (according to the number of Senior Auxiliaries in the Department).

In organizing Junior Auxiliaries, select a Chairman who has tact and leadership, one who is familiar with our work.

The success of a Junior Auxiliary will depend upon the personality and ability of the adult chairman.

"If you want an idea transmitted into the future, plant it in the mind of a child."

EDITH B. NILE,

National Chairman of Junior Auxiliaries.

Attest: Anne E. Lockyer, Nat. Pres.

HELP BUILD UP OUR ORDER

To National Organizers:

Fifty-two years ago the cornerstone of our Organization was laid and during that time a very firm foundation has been made, but now it is time that we start going up. Our foundation is as wide as it is long and as high as it is deep, thus the dimensions of our beloved building is unlimited.

The first consideration of construction is given to reliable employment, a belief in their ability; our employees also, are those that have faith and confidence in our building, one that sees the need of such building, and one with the will to build. You are the Person who has been chosen for this job. You have

the ability and the faith in our Order and we have the faith in you, therefore I am looking for personal results from you and a splendid gain in new Auxiliaries this year, for your Department and for our National Organization.

Will you be the first to add another story to our very worthy foundation? Was there ever a time that we need more Auxiliaries or the building up of our Organization as we do at the present time? Every town of 500 population or over is your material and \$25.00 is due your Department if you use the most material.

Our Organization represents "faith in our Country."

Our Building is "Patriotism."

Will you help me?

May I help you?

LULA O. LOUNSBERRY,

National Organizer.

Attest: Anne E. Lockyer, Nat. Pres.

PUBLICITY

"Slumber not in the tents of your fathers, the world is advancing, advance with it." One of the main objectives of this administration of our National Organization is to help our Auxiliaries to realize and use their greatest ally, newspaper publicity. That publicity is now recognized as an all important factor in the successful outcome of any program, whether it be organizations, business or the Government, is very apparent. It is one of the most efficient tools for human progress and as its purpose and value become more fully understood, there is no question that it will play a prominent part in acquainting the public with the aims and objectives of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Too long we have kept our light under a bushel. Now is the time to bring our wares out in the open and prominently display them. There are numerous women in every city in our land, who are eligible to membership in our order. Have some interesting stories every week in your local papers acquainting them with what your Auxiliary is doing, its aims and objectives. Organize forces for a program of work that will stress the value of publicity. Take an active part in all community projects. Have a real project of your own, establish a student loan fund, assisting some worthy girl or boy to obtain a higher education. Having a purpose or plan of action is the difference between success and failure.

Our first objective always is to assist our Sons of Veterans, but in doing this, we are able to have a community of interests and the families of our Sons become interested and are helpful in promoting the organization of Junior Auxiliaries. The fate of America rests in the home, and so we greet the challenge and must rally to the cause and see that the children of today are properly instructed in the desire to keep the faith and preserve our democratic form of government. Let's let the public know what we are doing and what we are trying to do.

Urge your members to study the newspapers and to learn to read them intelligently.

Adopt a regular system of releasing news. Seeking opportunities for interesting stories and photographs.

Have radio broadcasts of educational values. Finally, let us see to it that the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary becomes the real tongue of democracy.

EMMA S. FINCH, Chairman, Publicity

S. V. Auxiliary.

Mae Cross, D. P., Me.; Helena Rau, D. P.,

Mo.; Nellie Ellsworth, D. P., N. H.; Grace

Sanguinetti, D. P., N. Y.; Ida White, D. P.,

Wis.; Viola Gilbert, D. P., Vt.

Attest: Anne E. Lockyer, Nat. Pres.

NEW C. E. & R.

The new Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Aux. to S. U. V. are now procurable from Nat. Treas. Lillian S. Ball, 950 Congress Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Auxs. should make requisition for same through their Dept. Treas., accompanied by check or money order to cover cost; price to Auxs., \$1.10 per dozen.

Important revisions adopted at the Nat. Convention last fall are contained therein, with which all Auxs. and Departments should be familiar.

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Colorado & Wyoming.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aux. to Camp 5 spent a busy summer. They held their regular meetings twice a month on 2nd and 4th Mondays, and on the other Mondays they helped the Sons with entertainments. Had a fine picnic at the Mountain Cabin of Brother and Sis. Drennen in Aug. Held a Hallowe'en Costume dance which drew a large crowd. The Aux. has a sewing circle which meets at the home of a Brother or Sis, in the evening and the men have a social time while the women sew. They gave four baskets of fruit to elderly members at Thanksgiving, and at Christmas sent boxes of candy to the G. A. R.'s and their widows. Inspection was held the last meeting in Nov. Sis. Nellie Culler of Ft. Collins, Colo., inspected. Guests were Dept. Pres. Louella Holmes; Dept. Com. Harned and Comrade Metz, of Ft. Collins, and Comrade Nales, of Penn. Election of officers was held Dec. 12, at which time the Sons gave their annual dinner for the Aux. Sis. Hanes had the misfortune to break her right arm early in Dec. Glad to report that she is making a rapid recovery. Had a Christmas party with a tree and exchange of gifts and a treat for all. Jan. 8 the Aux. and Sons presented a flag to the Four Square Gospel Church, which was accepted with great appreciation. Jan. 9 officers were installed by Dept. Pres. Louella Holmes. Eighteen Sons and Auxiliaries were present from Pueblo. Sis. I. D. Dillenbeck is our new Pres. The Aux. presented Past Dept. Com. Gilbert with a billfold in appreciation of his services in conducting the dance entertainments.

Pueblo, Colo.—Aux. to Camp 7 was inspected by Sis. Lee Wooley, of Colo. Springs. The guests included Dept. Pres. Louella Holmes, of Chandler, Colo.; Past Dept. Pres. Nellie Culler, Dept. Com. Harned, and Comrade Metz, all of Ft. Collins. There were five Past Presidents and eight Dept. Officers present. Took in one new member, Helen Soper. The election of officers was held at a special meeting at the home of Sis. Jennie Davis, who was elected Pres. for the coming year. On Dec. 15 a meeting was held at the home of Sis. Ella Howard, beginning with a dinner at 6 p. m. Jan. 5 installation was held at the home of Sis. Jennie Davis. Past Dept. Pres. Charlotte Tobias, of Colorado Springs, was installing officer. Guests from Colorado Springs were Past Dept. Com. A. G. Myers and Sis. Myers and Sis. Maud Palmer.—Grace Gilbert, Dept. Press Cor., 3126 West Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Illinois.

Kankakee—The Aux. and the Sons held their annual Christmas party in the G. A. R. room of the courthouse with a large number of members and their families present. A picnic supper was served, Santa Claus distributed toys and candy to the children and a gift exchange was held later. Gloria Hickox won the cake walk, Mrs. Mose Twiss the door prize and the quilt was awarded to Mrs. Charles Duchene. Dept. Pres. Gladys Sallman installed the officers of the Aux. on Jan. 5, assisted by Dept. Vice Pres. Olive Haynes, of Dwight, as installing guide. Sr. Louella Hunderer is the Pres. for 1939. Officers of all patriotic organizations were present and after the ceremony refreshments were served.

Dwight—Dept. Pres. Gladys Sallman, of Chicago, installed the officers of Aux. 2, Jan. 18, at the Aux. meeting held at the home of Sr. Catherine Apt. All officers were present but two. Pres. Sallman gave the entire installation service without the use of the ritual. She was presented with a gift from the Aux. Sr. Jane Devore is Pres. again this year. Dwight Aux. has 10 members for the blanket club, sponsored by Nat. Chief-of-Staff Margaret Schroeder, of N. J. On Jan. 15 Nat. Pres. Anne Lockyer, of Ohio, visited Dwight and a meeting was held that afternoon at the home of Past C.-in-C. A. S. Holbrook and Sr. Holbrook. An enjoyable afternoon was spent and N. P. Lockyer made an impressive talk on Americanism. P. D. P. Hazel Lester and husband, and Bro. and Sr. Power, of Madison, Wis., were guests from a distance. Mary Raleigh, of Chicago, our own Dept. Sec., as well as Dept. Pres. Gladys Sallman, were present.

Bloomington—Aux. 22 lost two comrades last fall—Ex-Gov. Joseph Efler and Geo. W. Peterson. One of our G. A. R. comrades, Dr. Newell Patterson, was 100 years old on Oct. 7. Our Sons and Aux. had a float in the North-West Territory parade. The float represented the founding of the G. A. R. The Aux. observed Veterans Night, Pat. Inst. Lydia McCray directing a public program; representatives of several patriotic orders took part. A very fine program was given.

The Mid-Winter meeting of the Sons and Aux. was held in Peoria, Jan. 14. Many from Auxs. and Camps throughout the state were present and both orders felt the meeting was very successful. Dept. Pres. Gladys Sallman, of Chicago, presided at the Aux. meeting and Dept. Com. Rodney Brandon at the Sons. The meeting concluded with a banquet served at Hotel Jefferson.—Mrs. Jean Staley, Dept. Press Cor., 601 Henry St., Joliet.

Missouri.

On the eve. of Jan. 12 the S. of U. V. and their Auxs. of Missouri Dept. had the honor and pleasure of meeting our Nat. Pres., Anne Lockyer, of Ohio. We were very happy to have our Nat. Pres. with us; she is all that can be said—gracious and kind, and gave us a wonderful, inspiring talk on her activities, which will help us all very much. Cape Girardeau Aux. was represented by 11 members, traveling over 100 miles to meet our Nat. Pres. Comrade Pfeffer, a Civil War veteran, was guest of honor. The usual banquet was dispensed with at the request of our Nat. Pres., so after the various Nat. and Dept. officers made their talks, we served fruit punch and cakes. Just one thing marred our meeting and that was the absence of our beloved Rev. Dunlavy, who died Oct. 31, but his spirit was with all of us.—Louise Hemmer, Dept. Press Cor., 5210 Page Ave., St. Louis.

New York.

Rochester—Aux. 1 held election of officers and our Pres. for 1939 is Mrs. Irene Bolger. The Auxs. of Rochester were entertained by the Sons at a Rally in G. A. R. room Nov. 9. We had the privilege of having with us Dept. Com. Willard Stephan, Nat. Aide to S. of V., and Mrs. Stephan, two Sons and three Aux. sisters from Batavia, several Dept. officers and Past Dept. officers of both Sons and Aux. An interesting program was enjoyed, Bro. Stephan giving a fine pep talk on gaining new members. Lunch was served. Aux. 1 held inspection on Nov. 8, P. D. P. Eda Klingler doing the work. Several guests were present. A welcome meeting for Sr. Selma Kurtz, member of Dept. Council, was held in Sept. with several Past Dept. officers from Sons and Aux. present, who gave inspiring talks. Our Aux. broadcasts all public meetings and parties.

Rochester, Aux. 18—In the presence of 200 people Aux. 18 presented a parade flag to Troup 131, Boy Scouts of America, in honor of the Union veterans of the Civil War. Com-

rades Chas. T. Peck, 98 years old, and Henry Lillie, 97, were present. Both comrades were enthused over the event and each spoke very highly of the work done by the S. U. V. Auxs. The presentation was made by Sr. Marjorie Tagart. Pres. Margaret Conrad presided. Music was furnished by the Spanish-American War Vets. Band. Moving pictures were taken and the Aux. later presented them to the Sunshine Camp to be used in the projector presented to them by the Dept. Patriotic Instructor at last June's convention.

Peekskill—The officers of Aux. 41 were installed Jan. 10 by P. D. P. Millie Fowley, Bertha Dolen is our new Pres. Preceding the meeting 16 officers and members attended a chicken supper at the Y. W. C. A. After the meeting refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

Beacon—Aux. 10 held their installation Jan. 14. The Install. Of. was Dept. Press Cor. Katherine Kilmer, of Peekskill, who was assisted in the work by several of the Sisters: Kathleen Graulich, Millie Fowley, May Posey, Bertha Dolen, Anna O'Brien, Margaret O'Loughlin, Frances Leverich and Eva Halstead. The Sons then installed their officers. A social hour with refreshments was enjoyed by all. Visitors were present from Kingston, Newburgh and Peekskill. At a joint meeting of the Camp and Aux. a very interesting address on the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee to Gen. Grant was given by Jonathan G. Huston, of Cold Spring, whose father was a Col. on the staff of Gen. Grant at the time and was also Gen. Grant's secretary, and was an eye witness of all that transpired on that historic day in April, 1865. Bro. Huston recited nearly all of his father's original historical sketch of the great event.—Mrs. Katherine Kilmer, Dept. Press Cor., 158 Depew St., Peekskill, N. Y.

Ohio.

Martinsburg—Aux. 6 is still living. On Dec. 16 we held annual inspection with Dept. Insp. Nora Wright in charge; we received a good grade. Held joint installation with the Sons on Jan. 5, with Sr. Velva Farmer as Installing Officer and Sr. Zetta Shreve, of Lancaster, as Guide. Good cats, good time at both meetings. Sr. Clara Dial is our new President.

Vermont.

Sr. Viola Gilbert, Dept. Pres. of Morrisville, and Fred F. Cyr, Dept. Com. of the Sons, of Springfield, were given a reception in Morrisville last fall, Grange Hall being tastily decorated for the occasion with flowers, evergreens, pine cones and barberies. Practically all of the Dept. officers were in the receiving line. A fine program followed during which letters of regret were read from Dept. Com. Fred F. Cyr, of Springfield, and Harvey G. Powers, Com. of the G. A. R., of Lyndonville. Refreshments were served at attractively decorated tables.

Nat. Pres. Anne B. Lockyer, of Ohio, and P. N. P. Margaret Brady of N. Y., were entertained at Van Ness Hotel in Burlington last Oct., with Dept. Pres. Viola Gilbert and her staff present as well as other members of the Ohio Dept.

Wisconsin.

Madison—The Hazel B. Lester Junior Aux. to Aux. 2 at a recent meeting were presented with a Bible and altar cloth for use in their ritualistic work, by the W. R. C. At a previous meeting the Juniors were presented with a set of silk floor flags by the Daughters of U. V. The Junior Aux. was instituted Dec. 11, 1938, by Nat. Pres. Anne E. Lockyer, of Ohio, through the instrumentality of P. D. P. Hazel Lester, group counselor. The Juniors now have a membership of 30. Following the Junior meeting Jan. 24 Aux. 2 held its regular business meeting. Sr. Cecelia Crawford was initiated. Plans were made for a Lincoln-Washington program and party to be held with the Sons in February.