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I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so till the end; if the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything.—Abraham Lincoln.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

\$10,000.00 WAR VICTORY FUND TO BE RAISED BY SONS OF UNION VETERANS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS AUXILIARY

The Commandery-in-Chief Officers and National Officers of the Auxiliary after careful consideration and discussion have decided to CALL UPON THE MEMBERSHIP of both organizations to contribute to this fund, which will be offered to our Government. Every Camp and every Auxiliary and every member of every Camp and Auxiliary should consider it a privilege to contribute to this fund, and bring our two great patriotic Orders to THE FRONT in WAR WORK.

**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR ORGANIZATIONS TO RENDER VALUABLE AID
TO OUR COUNTRY — OUR REPUTATION AND STANDING AS PATRIOTIC ORGANI-
ZATIONS REQUIRES PROMPT ACTION**

Subscription lists, for the raising of this fund will be forwarded to Camps and Auxiliaries through Department headquarters. All contributions should be made immediately, as final returns are to be made on or before May 1st. Contributions will be acknowledged in future issues of The Banner.

**EVERY MEMBER OF EVERY CAMP AND AUXILIARY SHOULD BE CALLED UPON —
DO NOT OVERLOOK ANYONE!**

By order of

ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Commander-in-Chief.
MARGARET D. SCHROEDER, National President.

In response to a similar appeal during 1917-1918 there was generously contributed the sum of over \$27,000.00 which was used to purchase and equip 14 ambulances which were delivered to France for use of our Army.



GENERAL ORDERS NO 1

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

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
2772 South Broad Street,
Trenton, New Jersey

February 2, 1942.

WAR VICTORY FUND

It is the duty of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans to take an aggressive part in the activities to win the war. At this time when the Nation is straining every nerve, an opportunity is now presented to us to render valuable assistance to our Country. The membership is called upon to render a donation to the WAR VICTORY FUND which is being raised. It is expected that EACH AND EVERY MEMBER will be prompt and generous in the amount of his contribution, and that the fund will be quickly raised.

Department Commanders—when you receive the subscription lists, you are expected to immediately forward them to the Camps in your Department.

Camp Commanders—when you receive the subscription lists, you are expected to appoint a committee to immediately visit EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR CAMP whether he is active or not to receive contributions.

Camps are to report to Department Treasurers no later than May 1st. Department Treasurers are to report to National Treasurer, H. H. Hammer, 301 Colonial Trust Bldg., Reading, Pa., no later than May 15th.

DO YOUR PART TO UPHOLD THE REPUTATION OF YOUR ORDER. LET'S SEE WHICH DEPARTMENT IS THE FIRST TO REPORT.

SOLICITATION NEED NOT BE CONFINED TO MEMBERS OF THE ORDER—ANY FRIEND IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

The next Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied orders will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 15 to 17, 1942, Hotel Severin being Headquarters.

Detailed information relative to hotel arrangements, etc., will be published in the April Banner.

SIXTIETH ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

The Official Journal of the Proceedings of the Sixtieth Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Columbus, Ohio, 1941, has been promulgated to all Department Headquarters.

Department Commanders will promptly supply each Camp in their respective Departments with one copy. Camp Secretaries will file same.

Strict compliance with the provisions, enactments and legislation stated in the Proceedings will govern all Department Commanders, Camp Commanders, Officers and Members.

NEW CAMP COMMANDERS

All Camps have now installed their Camp Commanders for the year 1942. Congratulations are extended to Commanders and officers of Camps upon their election. They are also reminded of their obligation. In your hands rest the progress, usefulness and prosperity of your Camp. May you, by your devotion, prove the confidence placed in you.

To all retiring Camp Officers, I extend the grateful appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief for your efforts.

SPECIAL DAYS TO BE OBSERVED

No more important work can be done by Camp Patriotic Instructors than public observances of the following dates. This is our opportunity of telling our story to the Nation, and earn respect for our Organization.

February 12—The birthday of that greatest of Presidents, and Commander-in-Chief during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln.

February 22—The birthday of George Washington—the first President.

April 9—Appomatox Day, the anniversary of the surrender of Lee to Grant at Appomatox.

April 27—Birthday of Ulysses S. Grant—General and President.

NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Announcements have been forwarded by the Chairman of the

National Essay Contest, and should now be in the hands of the Camp Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors. The subject of the Essay Contest being "The Life of General U. S. Grant," is particularly appropriate. It is to be hoped that all Departments and Camps are working earnestly to take full advantage of this excellent means of teaching Civil War history to the children of our land.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND CLASS INITIATIONS

In every Department there is being conducted a membership drive and class initiation night during February. The success or failure of this drive depends upon the CO-OPERATION of all Department Officers cannot do it all—they must have the assistance of the Camps and members.

There are two steps necessary to INCREASE our membership. ONE is the getting of NEW members and the other—HOLDING the members that we HAVE. Encourage and support your Camp Commander by increasing the membership of your Camp, and you will thereby ASSIST and SUPPORT your Department Commander, and the Commander-in-Chief by FULFILLING THE PROMISES THAT YOU HAVE MADE TO THEM.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

Reports and per capita tax for Quarter ending September, 1941, having been received from the Department of Missouri, the Department has been reinstated to good standing.

NEW CAMPS

Clarksburg, West Virginia, charter was closed in December with 68 members. Your Commander-in-Chief had the pleasure of being present when the Charter was closed, and installed the new Officers for 1942. This is the Camp application that was presented at Columbus by Michael Casey, member of the National Council. Much credit is due to Brother Casey for his fine work.

Newport, New Hampshire, charter closed with 22 members. Brother Holmes L. Atkins, Department Organizer for the Department of New Hampshire, organized this Camp.

Lansing, Michigan, charter closed with 26 members. Brother Paul Liston, Department Organizer of the Department of Michigan, organized this Camp.

LEGAL HOLIDAY FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

I have instructed the National Patriotic Instructor to contact Department Patriotic Instructors in Departments where Lincoln's Birthday is not observed as a legal holiday. At the Columbus Encampment legislation was passed that efforts be made to have that adopted in such States.

RECRUITING OFFICER

Every Camp is authorized to have a recruiting officer. The following is the resolution adopted at the Sixtieth Encampment at Columbus:

"Each Camp, through its Welfare Committee, select a good recruiting officer, and pay him \$1.00 for each member (new member) secured by him or his Committee if he has one, upon his collecting and paying to the Camp the new member's Initiation Fee and one year's dues in advance."

REINSTATEMENT OF DROPPED AND DISBANDED CAMPS

No matter what period they have been dropped or disbanded, every such Camp can be reinstated by paying the Commandery-in-Chief \$5.00 (and whatever amount to your Department that you may determine or require).

Department Commander, and Department Officers: Have you done anything to secure any of these Camps in and for your Department? Why delay? If you do not take the opportunity and advantage to secure some of these Camps, who will? As a responsible official, it is your duty and obligation to at least try to restore such Camps to your Department Roll.

I am hoping and expecting you to DO SOMETHING for the REINSTATEMENT of such Camps. You can if you will. Department Commanders are requested to keep me advised regarding what you are doing, and where you are working on REINSTATEMENT OF CAMPS.

\$10,000.00 ORGANIZATION FUND

The Sixtieth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Columbus, Ohio, 1941, adopted recommendation of the Committee of Five—viz:

"We should go to work at once to raise an Organization Fund of not less than \$10,000.00, etc." Attention was directed to this subject in General Orders No. 6, The Banner, December, 1941.

Contributions are requested and urged from all Camps, members, and Departments. Forward to National Secretary-Treasurer H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

AMERICAN COALITION

The annual meeting of the American Coalition, usually held in Washington in January, has been cancelled this year in deference to the request of the Government to avoid unnecessary crowding in Washington.

DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

The attention of the members of the Order is called to the Defense Bonds and Stamps now being issued by the Government of the United States. These Bonds and Stamps are within the reach of every member, and provide a means for savings, while helping to WIN THE WAR. For information inquire at any post-office or bank.

WAR MEDALS

War Medals (furnished to Members of the Order who served in a War of our Country) can be issued to those members of the Order who are serving in the present war, since December 8, 1941.

In making requisition for War Medals, Department Commanders will be governed accordingly.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Alabama & Tennessee—
California & Pacific—Hollywood, May 4-6.
Colorado & Wyoming—Manitou.
Connecticut—New Britain, April 10-11.
Illinois—Springfield, May.
Indiana—Martinsville, June.
Iowa—
Kansas—Dodge City.
Maine—Bangor, Penobscot Hotel, June 10-11.
Maryland—Baltimore, Lord Baltimore Hotel, May 5-6.
Massachusetts—Boston.
Michigan—
Minnesota—Minneapolis, Curtis Hotel, June 3-4.
Missouri—Excelsior Springs.
Nebraska—Kearney, May 19-21.
New Hampshire—Concord, Eagle Hotel, April 9-10.
New Jersey—Atlantic City, Jefferson Hotel, June 20-21.
New York—Utica, week of June 15.
Ohio—Columbus, Deshler Hotel, week of June 21.
Oregon—Portland, May 13-14.
Pennsylvania—
Rhode Island—
Vermont—Burlington, June 23-25.
Washington—Yakima, Donnelly Hotel, June 8-9.
Wisconsin—Waukesha.

APPRECIATION FOR PROMPTNESS

Returns from Department Secretaries for the December 31, 1941, quarterly reports have been exceptionally prompt this month. Their co-operation and understanding of the necessity for being prompt is appreciated. It demonstrates that the Officers are in communication with their Camps, and that Reports can be forwarded promptly and in compliance with Regulations, where Department and Camp Officers mutually co-operate.

Vermont reported on January 14th.

Kansas reported on January 18th.

Wisconsin reported on January 21st.

New Jersey reported on January 24th.

Michigan reported on January 26th.

Oregon reported on January 27th.

Department of Colorado & Wyoming—Com., G. C. Matmiller; Sec.-Treas., S. S. Van Buskirk, four Camps. Nebraska—Com., Elmer E. Cram; Sec.-Treas., C. H. Chase, three Camps. New Hampshire—Com., Clarence H. Parker; Sec.-Treas., Jackson C. Carr (since 1924), with 21 Camps. New York—Com., Harold T. Beilby; Sec.-Treas., Julius Isaacs (since 1923), 68 Camps. Reports received January 29.

Illinois—Com., Dr. J. E. Gallagher; Sec., F. H. Shults; Treas., R. H. Mathis; 26 Camps. Indiana—Com., Louis King; Sec.-Treas., A. W. McDaniel; 19 Camps. Ohio—Com., Chas. T. Warner; Sec.-Treas., R. J. Williams; 60 Camps. Washington—Com., Ira S. King; Sec., A. G. Colvin; Treas., L. G. Beck; 4 Camps. Reports received January 30.

Maryland—Com., Frank C. Conner; Sec.-Treas., James W. Lyons; 11 Camps; reported January 31.

Several Departments are showing a net gain in membership for the December quarter. Attention is again called to the class initiations to be held during February and March to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. This is an excellent medium for increasing membership during the March quarter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The many greeting cards that were received during the Holiday Season are deeply appreciated. I sincerely wish for you a New Year enriched by the Blessings of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

NECROLOGY

Comrade J. A. Hamilton of Lansing, Michigan, Quartermaster-General of the Grand Army of the Republic. The sympathy of the Commandery-in-Chief is extended to the family and comrades of this stalwart example of patriotic manhood.

Isaac T. Jenks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Connecticut. To the family, and members of the Connecticut Department, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

To our National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer, we extend our sympathy upon the death of his brother; and to John L. Reeger, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of New Jersey, upon the death of his wife.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 3

Report of National Secretary—December, 1941

| RECEIPTS | Permanent Org. & Hist. Essay Am. Com. & Gen. Fund Marker Fd. Com. Mark Gr. Fund | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | | |
| Nov. 30, 1941, To Balance | \$3740.05 | \$888.73 | \$190.00 | \$75.00 | \$2134.60 | |
| Per Capita Tax | 0.18 | .02 | | | | |
| Supplies | 83.30 | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | .64 | | | | 84.10 | |
| Total | \$84.12 | \$3740.07 | \$888.73 | \$190.00 | \$75.00 | \$2218.70 |

| BY EXPENDITURES: | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--|--|--|---------|
| General Expenses | \$20.16 | | | | |
| Office Expenses | 110.86 | | | | |
| Com.-in-Chief Ex. | 200.00 | | | | 1131.02 |
| Total | \$40.75 | | | | |

Dec. 31, 1941, By Balance. \$3740.07 \$888.73 \$149.25 \$75.00 \$1087.68

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 4

Report of National Secretary—January, 1942

| RECEIPTS | Permanent Org. & Hist. Essay Am. Com. & Gen. Fund Marker Fd. Com. Mark Gr. Fund | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | | |
| Dec. 31, 1941, To Balance | \$3740.07 | \$888.73 | \$149.25 | \$75.00 | \$1087.68 | |
| Membership Fees | \$39.00 | | | | | |
| Per Capita Tax | 576.90 | 48.07 | | | | |
| Supplies | 134.56 | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | .78 | | | | 703.17 | |
| Total | \$751.24 | \$3788.14 | \$888.73 | \$149.25 | \$75.00 | \$1790.85 |

| BY EXPENDITURES: | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|--|---------|--|--------|
| Com.-in-Chief | \$100.00 | | | | 100.00 |
| Chairman Com. | | | \$10.00 | | |

Jan. 31, 1942, By Balance. \$3788.14 \$888.73 \$139.25 \$75.00 \$1690.85

In the above Financial Statements, the funds of the Americanization Committee and Marking Graves Committee are combined. There is \$50.00 in the former, and \$25.00 in the latter.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary-Treasurer. ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Commander-in-Chief.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

December 17, 1941.

My dear Mr. Lambert:

The President has received the fine letter on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and he wishes me to convey his deep appreciation of the patriotic support which you so genuinely pledge. It is extremely heartening to the President, in carrying out the will of the American people, to receive the voluntary assurances that the country stands as one man in its determination to spare no efforts and to assume every sacrifice necessary to a successful outcome.

Very sincerely yours,

H. H. McINTYRE,
Secretary to the President.

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WE WILL WIN

The Indiana Department was specially favored in January when Com-in-Chief Lambert attended our Mid-Winter Meeting at Muncie. We found him a man of vision. Not of the sacrifices made by our fathers, but of the sacrifices we, as Sons, must make in order to take our rightful place in maintaining and upholding our Nation.

Now is the time to show our real Patriotism. Let us make our Organization so strong we will be a power for good in our Community.

In 1863 President Lincoln said: "We are engaged in a great Civil War." In 1942 President Roosevelt says: "A great war now con-

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fronts us." President Lincoln had to ask but once, our Fathers responded; today we are needed. Will we let our fathers do more for their Country and their Sons than we are willing to do for ours? Each member must answer this question for himself.

Offer the services of your Department to your Governor, your Camp to your Mayor, and your personal service to your Defense Council.

In order to make these offers we must, at once, build an organization that will be a real asset to our Government, local, state and nation. Each member is responsible, the outcome lays wholly in your hands. Will you adopt our slogan "WE WILL WIN?" If so, go out and get a new member. In future issues of The Banner we will give progress made.

Commander-in-Chief Lambert is calling for all-out aid in our War Fund Victory Drive. We did it before—and we can do it again. Let's show our friends—as well as our enemies—that we mean business.

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Bertrand O. DeForest, National Patriotic Instructor, 27 Homestead Ave., Derby, Conn.

"Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations, against us, nor frightened from it by menaces of destruction to the government, nor of dungeons to ourselves. Let us have FAITH that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

These are the words of Abraham Lincoln, uttered on Feb. 27, 1860, at Cooper Union in New York City, before a mass meeting of patriotic citizens. This is the season in which we commemorate the birth of the greatest American President, Abraham Lincoln. The wisdom, clearness of vision, calmness of judgment, and simple faith in the Supreme Being, that he gave to this nation in her darkest days of peril, we need to remind ourselves in this present national crisis.

"Let us have faith that RIGHT makes MIGHT." Never for an instant did Lincoln swerve from that belief. At his second inauguration March 4, 1865, he said: "The Almighty has His own purposes." And he quoted as follows: "Woe unto the world because of offenses! For it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh." Then continuing in his own words he said: "Fondly do we hope—fervently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

Taking, as did our fathers, the admonition of Lincoln, let us today, "dare to do our DUTY as we understand it."

VOLUNTEERS

Closely associated with all of Civil War history is the familiar word "volunteers." The greater part of the combat forces engaged in that deadly conflict for freedom, equality, and union, were "volunteers." States exceeded their respective quotas at the call of President Lincoln for "volunteers." There is something brave and noble in the very tone of that word "volunteers," something suggesting sacrifice, and loyalty and service of the highest order. It seems to mean a willingness to give of one's self without thought to compensation or reward. "Thy will, not mine be done." Sons and grandsons and great-grandsons of those Volunteers for Victory in 1861-1865, your country calls again today. By virtue of every tradition of our gallant and heroic ancestors, let US become Volunteers for Victory in 1942. There is a place for everyone somewhere in the vast program of National Defense. Do not wait to be approached. . . . VOLUNTEER your services NOW. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, descendants of the grandest army of volunteers ever to grace the pages of history, should and must take the lead, thereby setting the example for all Americans to follow. As THEY remembered Fort Sumter, let US Remember Pearl Harbor.

There is one campaign in this present war in which we may all participate. High or low, financially strong or in moderate circumstances, Commander or individual member, we can enter that special branch of our country's service. WE CAN BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS to provide for the ultimate defeat of the enemy and the preservation of our liberty. JOIN TODAY.

ACTION

Department Patriotic Instructors, Camp Patriotic Instructors, and members everywhere, we need your assistance to support the work of our organization. First; to honor our fathers' Commander-in-Chief, Abraham Lincoln, by making an effort to have his birthday made a legal holiday in those states where it is not already observed as such. Write your Senator and your Representatives, as Departments, as Camps and as individuals, requesting support of this movement.

Secondly; to promote the National School Essay Contest throughout the schools of your state and your respective communities. There is no better way of perpetuating the memory of those defenders of the Union, by whose sacrifices and deeds we are today able to present a solid front against all enemies, than to encourage the younger generation to study the records of their heroic service in 1861-1865. The research necessary to the writing of an essay on the life of General U. S. Grant and his part in the great Rebellion, will provide the eighth-grade pupils with a clearer and more accurate knowledge of the Civil War. We shall be doing them a favor, and will render to our Order a great service. Brigadier General U. S. Grant 3rd endorses the National School Essay Contest in a letter written to your National Patriotic Instructor, in which he states: "I am heartily in favor of such patriotic study being fostered and encouraged by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and feel that this is a contribution they can and should make toward a better understanding of our country by the younger generation." Brothers, it is our duty to do all that we can to make this 1942 essay contest a national success. Some Departments have been heard from who have not before participated in this contest, and this is encouraging. Commander-in-Chief Lambert is much interested in the Essay Contest and has endorsed the subject chosen as well as the rules to govern it. Your support of the contest is indicative of your support of his administration, and your loyalty to the Order. Information concerning the essay contest may be found in the last issue of The Banner, or will be forwarded upon request, from this office.

Grave Marking in Our Order

With the thought that many of the new and some of the older members of the "Sons" are not familiar with the work of the Grave Marking Committee, and what it is trying to accomplish, we give you a brief history of the work of this committee.

In April, 1916, at the request of the remaining members of the G. A. R. in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, Hartford Camp No. 50 took over the work of the Memorial Day in that town. Of the forty-nine Civil War Veterans' graves, several could not be found. Maps or charts of the cemetery were made, all Civil

War Veterans' graves were marked on the chart, each veteran's grave given a number, his name, Company, Regiment, date of death and age, and if without a stone, a soldiers' memorial headstone ordered for said grave. By this method every soldier's grave is known for future generations.

After the Town of Rocky Hill was completed, the work was extended to other towns in the county. By 1919 it had become so well known that the General Assembly of Connecticut appropriated money and added to the powers and duties of the State Librarian the following:

"He may cause to be located and permanently identified the graves of all soldiers, sailors, and marines, Veterans of any War in which the Colony of Connecticut, or the United States of America has been or may be engaged, who are buried within the limits of this State."

The State Librarian requested your Chairman to take charge of this work in Connecticut. As the law specified graves of all War Veterans, it became necessary to start over again, and locate and identify the graves of veterans of the fifteen Wars in which Connecticut, both as a Colony and State, has participated.

The work was attracting attention outside of Connecticut. Commander-in-Chief Clifford Ireland called the attention of the Commander-in-Chief to it. A National Grave Marking Committee was created. This Committee had sample cemetery copies printed, showing how they should be marked, copy of instructions, and other printed matter. A set was mailed to every Camp in the Order. Some of the Departments became interested, while in other Departments only Camps became interested. The Departments which have a permanent committee show the best results—Iowa under Brother Hathaway; Indiana under Brother Ball; Michigan under the late Brother Hall; Massachusetts under Brothers Hanners and Bogue; Illinois under Brothers Gibson (now deceased) and Drake; and Connecticut under Brother Hale. In the other Departments, except Rhode Island, where it is a joint affair of all patriotic organizations, and Pennsylvania where it is a county affair. The work is by Camps, and many of them are doing most excellent work. Believing the best results are obtained by having permanent Department Grave Marking Committees, it is the hope of this Committee, that every Department, at their next Encampment, provide for such committee. We believe every Department has brothers who would make a success of it. It would show our Order is really doing something worthwhile, and this Committee is always ready to assist Department Committees.

We are sons of men who gave their lives to their country. By their acts we live in a better world. It is for us and our children to see that their graves are known and receive proper care on Memorial Day, rather than to depend on other organizations.—Chas. R. Hale, Chairman, National Grave Marking Committee.

This is a period of doubt, inquiry, speculation, selfishness; of divided interests, marvellous good, and mysterious evil. But sin can only work out its own destruction; and reform does and must push on the growth of mankind.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The First Medal of Honor

The first Soldier to win the coveted Medal of Honor was Julian Scott, a fifteen year old Drummer Boy in the 3rd Vermont Infantry, in 1862. The Medal of Honor is the highest decoration for personal valor, awarded to the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the United States. In order that the Congressional Medal of Honor may be deserved, service must be performed in action of such a conspicuous character, as to clearly distinguish the Man for gallantry and intrepidity above his Comrades—service that involved extreme jeopardy of life, or the performance of hazardous duty.

The act of Congress ordering 2000 of these Medals to be prepared, was approved by President Lincoln, on July 12, 1862, and the first medal was issued the following year. It was a five pointed star of gun metal, tipped with trefoil, each point containing a victor's crown of oak and laurel.

On official occasions, the medal is supposed to be worn suspended from the neck, and under the centre line of the chin, this by order of the President. A bow-knot of ribbon is worn in the lapel of the coat in absence of the medal. In 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic adopted a design so similar, that it was misleading, and steps were taken by the Medal of Honor Legion, to have a new design issued to replace the old one. Congress, in 1904, adopted the new medal which is of silver, heavily electroplated in gold.

The five pointed star has been retained, and in its centre appears the head of the heroic Minerva, the highest symbol of wisdom and righteous war. Surrounding the figure are the words "United States of America." An open laurel wreath, enamelled in green, encircles the star, and the oak leaves at the bases of the prongs of the star are likewise enamelled in green to give them prominence. The medal is suspended by a blue silk ribbon, spangled with thirteen stars, representing the original States, and this ribbon is attached to an eagle, supported upon a horizontal bar, upon which are attached two points of the star, bearing the word "Valor."

It was on the morning of April 16, 1862, that the afterward famous Vermont Brigade—Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Regiments—was ordered to advance and to attack a strong fortification masked in a forest near "Lee's Mills," or Burnt Chimneys, on the right bank of the Warwick river. When the command reached the bank of the river, under cover of the fire of a Light Battery, four Companies of the 3rd Regiment, in one of which Julian Scott was serving as a Drummer Boy, despite desperate resistance by the Confederates, succeeded in wading across.

The water midstream was breast high, and soaked the paper cartridges, carried in little leather boxes on the back. The rest of the Brigade failed to come up, but the plucky advance guard drove the rebels from their position, and had pursued them some distance before they rallied. Then, unsupported, and with worthless ammunition, the Vermonters fell back. As soon as the enemy realized that the retreating Companies had no defense but bayonets, they subjected them to merciless fire. The climax to the catastrophe came when the Vermont Companies reached the stream they had forded an hour earlier and found it a roaring flood. While the fight-

ing had been going on, the rebels had opened the flood gates at the mills above the stream, and had cut off their assailants. Many of the Vermonters tried to swim the stream, but were drowned. Others were shot as they hesitated on the bank. Young Scott plunged in to the water and struck out for the opposite shore. In midstream he stopped to rescue a wounded comrade who was shot through the neck while swimming beside him. Scott pulled him to shore and laid him on the bank out of danger and again, and again, returned to the stream rescuing wounded and exhausted men, until he had drawn eleven of his comrades to safety.

Even then, faint from the long struggle, and suffering intensely from a bad wound in his head, he went back once more to save a twelfth man, also wounded, from being carried down stream with the flood. The man died as Scott laid him on the bank. It was by such service that the first Medal of Honor was won. Julian Scott lived for many years after the Civil War, and is now buried in a Plainfield, New Jersey, cemetery.

If any of the Vermont or New Jersey Brothers read this item, perhaps they will learn of some of this Civil War Hero's relatives, or perhaps locate Julian Scott's grave in Plainfield, N. J.—W. F. Nemetz, Jr., Gen'l Delivery, Noble Station, Bridgeport, Conn.

Service Extraordinary

A cursory glance over the roster of Camp 81, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at Chelsea, Mass., is at once all-revealing; for, thirty-six years ago, on Feb. 15, 1906, to be exact, there stood at the Camp's altar a mere boy, just out of his teens, to take upon himself the oath and obligation, looking toward membership in that great body. This lad under consideration is George Wm. Kimball, P. C.

Whether the then Camp Council, in examining into and recommending Brother Kimball's fitness and integrity as a member of Camp 81, the records will testify eloquently, leaving no doubt in anyone's minds as to the wisdom of that step. Long years of unwearied diligence from 1906 to 1914 found this lad, filling in succession all the stations of the Camp until in 1914 he was made its Commander. Upon his retirement from the Commandership we find him prominent in the local, district, state and national encampment work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In 1915 he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, and has held that position uninterruptedly ever since.

As former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York is wont to say: "Let's take a look at the record."

Served as a National Aide 14 times; Department Aide 20 times; Chief District Com-

Every member of the Order securing three new members during the current fiscal year will receive a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT suitable for framing. This is an enlarged reproduction of the medallion on the membership badge, made out in your name, and countersigned by your Commander-in-Chief.

mander; and many other Department offices. Holds six honorary memberships in Veteran's organizations. Serving on the executive board of the Mass. Dept., Past Commanders' Asso., and has been Dept. Press Correspondent for past two years. When the North Metropolitan District Association, S. U. V., was born in the fertile mind of Addison A. Quinn, P. D. C., Bro. Kimball became interested shortly afterwards, and for the past 15 years he has been its Secretary out of the sixteen years since its institution. He is an obligated member of the Ladies of the G. A. R., D. U. V., and the S. U. V. Auxiliary.

Mr. Kimball was united to Miss Anna Belle Murtha in 1910, and to this union two sons were born, Wm. Paul and Raymond Lewis Kimball. Besides her duties as wife and mother, Mrs. Kimball is not a whit behind her distinguished husband, when it comes to being military-minded. Mrs. Kimball has been an officer for over 25 years in the S. U. V. Auxiliary 38, 18 of which she served as Treasurer. She has the honor of having served as President for two terms. She is a Past Dept. Secretary of the Auxiliary; is a member of the V. F. W. Auxiliary 1538; and is a Past President of the U. S. W. V. Auxiliary 37. Nor does the record stop here, for Wm. Paul Kimball, oldest son of the couple now with Co. A, 101st Q. M. Regt. overseas, is a Past Commander of Camp 81. At the last election the youngest boy, Raymond L. Kimball, passed out from the Commander's office to join the long list of Past Commanders in the history of this noted Camp, instituted 55 years ago. Raymond is one of the youngest men to ever serve as Commander.

George Wm. Kimball, in spite of the years, is the youngest man in official service. When words comes over the wire that a brother is sick or sent to the hospital, or one of our number is gone to his long home, George Wm. Kimball says, "Yes, I understand," and straightway he moves towards immediate and practical relief; no night too dark, no road too long, no sacrifice too great to lighten another's load. His genial smile, his warm handshake, his ready wit, all conspire to make him well nigh indispensable. Just a final word about his Americanism. Born in the home of a soldier, reared in that atmosphere, schooled in the rougher realms of veteran education, he is thoroughly alive to all that goes to make a united and permanent America.

"The American men have an independence That was born of limitless hills and sky, They make good soldiers and superintendents, They know how to reach for a goal set high They know how to suffer—they know how to die.

The American way is slow and steady, But should anyone doubt our will to be free The encroacher who comes will find us ready, Though his power be great—let him try and see; There'll be a rifle back of every tree."

—Rev. Raymond T. Reed, D. D., Camp 81, 60 Hawthorn St., Chelsea, and District Chaplain, No. Met. District Association.

Truth crushed to earth springs spontaneously upward, and whispers to the breeze man's inalienable birthright—Liberty. —Mary Baker Eddy.

WHAT IS IT TO BE AN AMERICAN?

I am an American because it was my fortune to drink in American ideals with my mother's milk, to have them ingrained in me in the public schools, and in all the fields of competition for a livelihood and self-betterment.

What is it to be an American? It is to feel that the home I build is my castle, that the whole sky of opportunity is as free to me as to anyone, that the horizons are not prison walls, that no man shall be denied what he has the wish and the will to seek unless it belongs to another man.

Here nobody is so humble that he may not aspire to the peaks. I am as good as anybody, but no better.

Here the might of the mighty must protect the weak. Every man's liberty must be unimpaired except for the purpose of dividing liberty as fairly as can be done by men whose ideals alone are perfect. My government exists not for its pleasure or power, but as my servant, my agent, my lawyer, my soldier, to protect and increase my welfare and happiness, and yours. I am a part of it and owe it my allegiance and my service.

What America means is ineffable, beautiful, noble, sublime beyond words. The loss of it to the world would be the final tragedy of man's endeavor to uplift mankind. Life itself would not be worth while in the ruins of the temples our heroes built for us.

Let this then be our vow:

By the blood that stained the snow of Valley Forge, and crimsoned the seas, the prairies and the mountains; by the the voices that cried "Liberty or Death;" by the inspired documents that make our history; by the graves of our heroes and heroines; we swear to uphold our country in our lives and defend it with our lives, that we may earn from those who come after us the gratitude and the honor we owe to those who went this way before us.—Rupert Hughes in American Magazine.

Memory of General Grant Not Forgotten

[Judson Cole, 214 Thirteenth St., Elmira Heights, New York, in writing Ye Editor of above, states as follows:]

Many visitors are registering at his Tomb, Riverside Drive, New York City, "as if (as I put it) seeking inspiration and direction for tasks that lie ahead" and seemingly "believing, as most men do, there's a Divinity that shapes our end." * * *

The visitors come into the silence of the tomb of the famous Unconditional Surrender leader of the Union forces of the Civil War almost at times to suit their fancy for the tomb is open every day. * * *

On one day recently 88 persons registered their names and home addresses in the big book kept for the pleasure of visitors from afar. On this particular day they registered from Sioux Falls, South Dakota; China, Cuba, Australia, England, British Columbia.

General Grant, two-term President, died at Mt. McGregor, N. Y., July 23, 1885; the tomb was inaugurated April 27, 1897—the date marking an anniversary of his birth.

The tomb of General Grant is breath-tak-

LINCOLN

By Daniel B. Straley, Chicago

I can feel his sceptral presence As he strides our threatened land, Of the speechless dead the warder, Torch of liberty in hand.

I can see the blush of outrage On his sorrow furrowed face And his stooping shoulders straighten As he moves with firmer pace.

I can hear his voice with fervor To the sons of freedom call And in solemn tones forewarn "A divided house will fall."

ing in its grandeur. In two small adjoining rooms faint outline of states are shown on the walls with places made memorable by battles and engagements during the war. There are displayed a few battle flags that had direct and intimate connection with his activities, together with the Headquarters Flag, Army of the Tennessee, which was used by the Grand Marshal at the dedication of the tomb. * * *

In the tomb many beautifully engrossed resolutions of state and national organizations are shown including the Ex-Confederate residents of Chicago. Their resolution commends the action of Mrs. Grant in selecting several Confederate Generals as honorary pall bearers at the funeral. It reads in part * * * "That our hearts, whether they were clad with the Blue or the Gray, may, in the distant future, forever return to their memories and draw therefrom a beautiful healing remedy for every national trouble."

To the right of the entrance is the General's ensign with its four stars denoting General Grant's rank as Commander-in-Chief of all military forces of the United States. * * *

Civil War Enlistments

From April 12, 1861, to the close of the Civil War of the Rebellion, 2,778,204 boys and men were enlisted, of the following ages:

Table with 2 columns: Age group and number of enlistments. Rows include: Those 10 years of age and under.. 25; Those 11 years of age and under.. 38; Those 12 years of age and under.. 225; Those 13 years of age and under.. 300; Those 14 years of age and under.. 1,523; Those 15 years of age and under.. 104,987; Those 16 years of age and under.. 231,051; Those 17 years of age and under.. 844,981; Those 18 years of age and under.. 1,151,438; Those 21 years of age and under.. 2,159,798; Those 22 years of age and over.... 618,511; Those 25 years of age and over.... 46,626; Those 44 years of age and over.... 16,071

During the War of the Rebellion, from 1861 to 1866, over 300,000 lives were lost in the field service, and over 500,000 were wounded, maimed and made helpless in line of their duty, whose lives were greatly shortened and their opportunities and hopes in civil life blasted.

A Student's Prayer After Pearl Harbor

Kind Heavenly Father, out of our confusion and bewilderment, and in humble recognition of our human weaknesses, we turn to Thee.

We ask Thee to strengthen and preserve in us an undying faith in Thee, and in the ultimate good in all men—everywhere; a

faith that when this holocaust is done, we may build anew a world in which men are free to work and play, speak and sing and worship.

We ask that we may have the strength—physical and spiritual—to conduct ourselves as rational men and women: calm, deliberate, and determined; that we may face our task with sobriety becoming of the human dignity in which we believe.

We ask that our energies may be preserved and our consciousness and spirit may be uncrushed by all that lies before us, so that when the final victory has been won, and the firing has ceased, we will not selfishly withdraw ourselves to our long-hoped-for comfort, but will as willingly take up the struggle for a just and lasting peace as we now willingly take up the prosecution of a cause we pray is just. Amen.—Invocation of R. E. Younggren of Kewanee, a student at the University of Illinois, at a Student Convocation.

KANSAS

C. B. Martin, Dept. Press Correspondent, 122 S. 3rd St., Parsons, Kan.

Department Encampment

The Kansas Department Encampment will be held in Dodge City, Kansas, on May 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Headquarters will be in Room 9, and the Auxiliary will have Headquarters in the Jade Room of Hotel Lora Lock.

Every old timer of the Kansas Department will receive a special invitation to attend this Convention, and every member of the Kansas Department is urged to attend. This will perhaps be the last time that Dodge City and the Soldier's Home, near Dodge City, will have the honor of entertaining the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied Organizations, so that this is a very important Encampment and should be very largely attended.

Department Notes

Dept. Com. Krigline had the misfortune of being badly bruised and shaken up in an automobile wreck while he was returning from a visit in Eldorado, Kan., where the Camp and Auxiliary of Eldorado entertained the National President of our Auxiliary and also the Dept. Officers of the Auxiliary and Sons. He was down and out for some time but is now around again attending to the affairs of the Department.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Countryman and C. B. Martin made a trip to Wichita Dec. 11 on business and pleasure. They spent the evening in the home of Past Dept. Com. H. Meade Lewis, and Mrs. Winifred Lewis, who is also a Past Dept. President of the Auxiliary. Members of the Sons and Auxiliary were invited in and the evening was spent very pleasantly telling stories of the past and reminiscing.

ALABAMA & TENNESSEE

Birthday Party

F. W. Waterman, only surviving Union Veteran of the Sixteenth Infantry of the Civil War, was honored Dec. 4 with a testimonial dinner at the Dixie Cafeteria, St. Petersburg, Fla., in celebration of his 97th birthday. Mr. Waterman is a resident of Riverside, Ill., and is spending his eleventh winter in St. Petersburg.

C. W. Jackman, Past Dept. Commander of the Sons, was host for the affair. A large decorated cake was cut by the honor guest. Other Sons present were P. D. C. Harry W. Marden, and Camp Com. O. G. Swords.

PENNSYLVANIA

February — and Two Musts!

Must No. 1

Department Commander Hascher has sent a personal letter to each and every member of the Department asking that each member propose at least one new member into our Order at once.

If our Order is to live, if we are to keep our pledge to our Comrades "that the true story of the Civil War would be told by us, their flesh and blood," then our order must build up and build up at once.

Commander Hascher has spent much time and money in his work of contacting every member of the Department and think of what a success could be attained if each member of the Department contact and bring in just one recruit.

What a wonderful time to show that we not only honor the Nation's Heroes when they are going off to war, but that we honor and keep green their memory seventy-five years and more after the war and will continue to do so just as long as this Nation shall be a Nation.

Must No. 2

Commander-in-Chief Lambert has issued a call for every member to enlist in, and contribute to the War Victory Fund of our Order.

Give what you can afford—collect from others what they can afford.

You who are "Old Timers" remember how during the last war our Order raised and raised funds and funds—how we sent ambulance after ambulance "over there"—how you were thrilled when our boys came home and told you as to how those ambulances were received—and of the help they were to the wounded.

You who are too young to remember that important and impressive period in our Country and our Organization are now given an opportunity to aid by doing everything you possibly can to build up its Victory War Fund.

Let us get behind the Commander-in-Chief in this most worthy effort—let us make it possible for him to proclaim "this Fund represents a contribution from every member of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"—and Brothers of Pennsylvania Department, you have always been the leaders in everything for the good of our Order and we know you will not fail now.

AN APOLOGY

During the month of January this office has received notices from about eighty Camps with news concerning their installation ceremonies—such notices have in most cases contained the names [and in some cases, the addresses] of all the officers installed and other details of events during the evening.

Your Correspondent would indeed like to be able to print ALL of these notices, but to do so would require the entire issue of The Banner and as that is impossible for us to expect, we have just [in fairness to all concerned] had to forego the pleasure of printing any.

Your Department Commander and myself wish to thank every Camp Correspondent for the interest shown.

Fraternally,

WALTER C. MABIE, Department Press Correspondent.

NEW YORK

Nell Dow Cranmer, Dept. Press Correspondent, 518 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.

Camp 42, Troy

Com. Frederick Weaver, of Bolton Post, G. A. R., died Dec. 8, aged 93 years. He was a member of the 22nd Regt., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and took part in several battles. Taken prisoner, he escaped although wounded. He is survived

by his son, P. C. Harry N. Weaver. Members of King Camp, Bolton W. R. C. and Naomi Sayles Tent, D. U. V., attended the funeral services which were conducted by Rev. Seth N. Genung, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansingburg, with interment in Oakwood Cemetery, where taps were sounded by Camp Com. S. J. Kirkpatrick. The death of Comrade Weaver leaves Comrade Henry A. Horton the only Civil War veteran in Troy. The installation of officers took place at our December meeting in charge of P. C. Charles

L. Sharp, the officers elected for the coming year being: Com., Samuel J. Kirkpatrick; Sr. Vice, William H. Burke; Jr. Vice, John A. Straight. P. C. George F. Wood was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, entering upon his 45th term in the latter office.

The Camp adopted a resolution offering its services to the Civilian Defense Committee and renewed its subscriptions to The Banner for the Troy Public Library and its Lansingburg branch.

Two buildings in Eddy's Lane, Troy, badly damaged by fire recently, were years ago used in the manufacture of ink, much of the product being purchased by the U. S. Government to be used in printing currency.

John W. Craver, for many years a prominent resident, died Jan. 5, aged 91. Being too young to enlist in the Civil War, he nevertheless went as drummer boy to the 125th N. Y. Regt. and was in several engagements.

Bro. George B. Kelley was chairman of a committee of citizens to discuss problems of the Negro race in Troy. A movement is being made to establish a branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Camp 223, Buffalo

Officers of Cook Camp 223 and Auxillary 8 were installed jointly Jan. 5 in the North Jefferson Branch of the Buffalo Public Library.

Mrs. Willard B. Stephan, Dept. Chief-of-Staff, and Dept. Com. Harold E. Bellby were installing officers. Officers of the Camp include: Com., S. Grove McClellan; Sr. Vice, Carl P. Feuchter; Jr. Vice, Thomas H. Oswald; Sec., Orin L. Murrell; Treas., Albert S. Stephan; Pat. Inst., Burgess C. McCracken; Chap., Matthew T. Green.

A gift was presented Installing Officer Bellby. He presented the P. C. badge to Bro. S. Grove McClellan. Refreshments were served.

Camp 127, Beacon

Jonathan G. Huston, Cold Spring, was installed Commander of the Camp at ceremonies in the Memorial Bldg., on Jan. 10. Robert W. Doughty was the installing officer. Other officers inducted were: Sr. Vice, Ernest Hubbard; Jr. Vice, Charles Henderson; Sec., Edward Collard; Treas., Warren Budd; Chap., Dr. Charles Kittridge; Pat. Inst., R. W. Doughty. Mrs. Robert Doughty was installed President of the Auxillary with Mrs. Myrtle Henderson as the installing officer. A number of visitors attended from Newburgh. Refreshments were served.

Camp 8, Poughkeepsie

A re-organization meeting of Hamilton-Sleight Camp was held Jan. 14 in G. A. R. Hall. Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Robert W. Doughty, of Beacon, was the principal speaker. A banquet will be held Feb. 11 to which eligibles are invited. Mayor William H. Schrauth, a member of the Camp, is co-operating. Only two members of the G. A. R. remain in Dutchess county to maintain Hamilton-Sleight Post, G. A. R.

Camp 79, Brooklyn

The last regular meeting of Elseman Camp was held Jan. 12 and the sad news was given to the Camp members that the boatman had visited the home of another one of our members, and had taken him away.

Brother John James Atwell, aged 67, and a member since 1913, died on Dec. 31, 1941, from a heart attack. Burial was in Cypress Hills Cemetery, where this Camp and its members will hold Memorial service on Memorial Sunday.

Com. Howard E. Bunker and Past Dept. Com. Clarence A. Maples are working to try to increase our membership. We were in Jamaica where we are working to establish a Camp.

All members of this Camp are doing their best to aid in the War Emergency. Several are Air Raid Wardens, others are Volunteer Firemen, besides we are buying bonds to extent of our treasury limits.

Camp 77, Elmira

Diven Camp has adopted resolutions pledging every resource for defense. P. D. C. Neil Cranmer conveyed Dept. Com. Edwin Morris of the G. A. R. to Ithaca Feb. 7 for the annual installation of Julia Dent Grant Tent, D. U. V. Besides the Elmiraans the speakers included P. D. C. Fred C. Barnard and P. D. C. Herman L. Brockway.

Rochester Area

Installations have been the order of the day in the Rochester Area of late. Among the first to seat its newly-elected officers was Van Altyne Camp No. 29, of Webster, when James Eaton, one of the youngest members of the Camp, was given the honor of Commander. P. D. C. Walter S. Bellby was the installing officer, assisted by his son, Dept. Com. Harold T. Bellby, acting as Guide. Sec. Ed Coleman took charge of the kitchen after the ceremonies and his reputation as champion pancaker held true to form with the Rochester delegation getting away with more than its share of Ed's famous flapjacks.

P. D. C. Rudolph M. Genthner acted as installing officer for Robt. McMahon, who was again re-elected Commander of Glidden Camp No. 6. He also performed the same honors for Bro. Frank Plantz, who is the new Commander of O'Rorke Camp No. 60. P. D. C. Wm. A. Hallock installed Bertram Goodbread, who was re-elected Commander of Pierce Camp 15.

Dept. Com. Harold T. Bellby reversed matters at Batavia, where his father, P. D. C. Walter S. Bellby, acted as Guide while he installed George Johnson as Commander of Upton Camp No. 118. A large Rochester delegation was present and the usual good time afforded by the Batavia boys was enjoyed by all. The old G. A. R. Hall on Maple Street, long a landmark in its own right and for these many years the well-equipped home of Upton Camp, filled with priceless pictures and mementos of the Civil War, has been taken over by the government as the home of the Genesee County Defense Board for the duration and another meeting place will be needed immediately. Several locations are under consideration and no doubt larger and more convenient quarters will soon be secured.

At the January meeting of the Monroe County Council, Rev. T. H. Langdon was made County Commander. Retiring Com. Fred Colwell made his swan song to the Council, in the nature of a suggestion, and as a result a committee of Sons is now arranging details to secure a downtown location from which copies of the Pledge of Allegiance, History of the Flag, and many other patriotic offerings will be distributed gratis to the public. Personnel necessary for this venture will be recruited entirely from the ranks of the Monroe County Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxillary, it being the sense of Council that the Sons and their Auxillary should take over the work necessary and carry it through as their contribution to the war conditions of today. Our Auxillary members plan to conduct Red Cross sewing and knitting classes and indications point to opening a convenient storeroom location at an early date.

The twentieth annual banquet of the Abraham Lincoln Association will again be held at Hotel Seneca, Thursday evening, Feb. 12, and indications point to a record attendance. The prominent reservations include Com-in-Chief George A. Gay and Dept. Com. Edwin Morris, Grand Army of the Republic; Com-in-Chief Albert E. Lambert and Dept. Com. Harold T. Bellby, of the Sons, and Nat. Pres. Mrs.

Margaret Schroeder and Dept. Pres. Edith Paulding of the Auxillary.

Western N. Y. P. C. Association

The Western New York Past Commanders Association held its January quarterly meeting at Blue Blrd Inn, Batavia, Jan. 31. A fine banquet and an evening filled with unusually interesting features held the attention of a fine mid-winter gathering. The highlight of the evening came when Upton Camp No. 118, as host of the event, presented the Association with a beautiful American Flag. This Flag is to be the property of the Association as its official Flag, to be held in trust by the sitting President, and passed on to his successor, and to be used at all future special and regular meetings.

Camp 93, Binghamton

Past Com. Ezra Hamlin, acting as installing officer, installed the new officers of the Camp for 1942, on Jan. 9, in a very impressive manner. Following is the new staff of officers: Com., William E. Miner; Sr. Vice, James Hall; Jr. Vice, Walter Gibson; Pat. Inst., Lewis Starkweather; Chap., George M. Yeomans; Sec., Carl F. Hill; Treas., George E. Lord.

Camp 6, Rochester

Officers for 1942, installed Jan. 13 by P. D. C. Guenther, are: Com., Robt. H. McMahon; Sr. Vice, Louis J. Fertig; Jr. Vice, Henry Gardner; Sec., Nelson S. Robinson; Treas., Rev. Wm. A. Hallock; Chap., Grover C. Scott; Pat. Inst., John Bamber; Press Cor., Chas. S. Quinn.

Committees are already planning a very busy and interesting year, with actively increasing membership.

P. T. Sherman Dies

Philemon Tecumseh Sherman, State Commissioner of Labor from 1905 to 1907, died last December at his home in New York City. Mr. Sherman, the son of William Tecumseh Sherman, Union General in the Civil War, was 74 years old.

Mr. Sherman was a member of the law firm of Taft & Sherman from 1903 until the firm was dissolved in 1938. He was born in St. Louis, and was a graduate of St. Louis University and Yale University. He studied at the Columbia Law School from 1888 to 1890.

P. Tecumseh Sherman became a Charter Member of Lafayette Camp No. 140 in January, 1889.

VERMONT

Clinton J. Smith, Correspondent, Richmond. Camp Officers for 1942

Installation reports have been received with list of the new officers from the following Camps:

No. 2, Wilmington—Com., Rev. M. E. Barber; Sr. Vice, F. E. Sprague; Jr. Vice, F. C. Aldrich; Pat. Inst., C. C. Barlow; Chap., F. C. Aldrich; Sec. Treas., M. A. Busby.

No. 4, Rutland—Com., Rev. Edw. E. Eno; Sr. Vice, E. R. Butterfly; Jr. Vice, F. R. Cutting; Pat. Inst., C. H. Brown; Chap., S. F. Bradford; Sec. Treas., A. J. Stewart.

No. 10, Peacham—Com., L. E. Abbott; Sr. Vice, P. M. Jennison; Jr. Vice, J. A. Chalmers; Pat. Inst., C. F. Moore; Chap., W. P. Thorn; Sec., F. F. Robinson; Treas., W. P. Thorn.

No. 20, Chester—Com., Geo. Farrar; Sr. Vice, Leonard Eddy; Jr. Vice, E. L. Ballou; Pat. Inst., Hugh Henry; Chap., E. R. Eddy; Sec., A. B. Hazeltine; Treas., R. E. Bosworth.

No. 28, Chelsea—Com., E. G. Paul; Sr. Vice, Herbert Lyford; Jr. Vice, Geo. Lyford; Pat. Inst., J. E. Kennedy; Chap., W. A. Reed; Sec. Treas., Robt. Ainsworth.

No. 39, North Calais—Com., E. A. Hughes; Sr. Vice, Robert Morse; Jr. Vice, Rufus Allen;

Pat. Inst., E. C. Sabin; Chap., L. W. Leonard; Sec. Treas., E. P. Wheeler.

No. 50, Morrisville—Com., F. O. Collette; Sr. Vice, H. J. Leach; Jr. Vice, R. H. Farr; Pat. Inst., R. B. Ring; Chap., E. E. Camp; Sec. Treas., W. L. Atchinson.

No. 75, Lyndonville—Com., A. Simpson; Sr. Vice, F. A. Houghton; Jr. Vice, J. R. Page; Pat. Inst., H. O. Allen; Chap., C. E. Morse; Sec. Treas., R. P. Aldrich.

No. 91, Saxton's River—Com., T. A. Chadwick; Sr. Vice, Howard Reed; Jr. Vice, R. A. Tarbell; Pat. Inst., Leonard Tarbell; Chap., Harold Hill; Sec. Treas., Geo. L. Taylor.

District Meeting

District No. 1 held a very interesting and well attended meeting with the Camp and Auxillary at Morrisville, Jan. 29, under the direction of Bro. Harry E. Drown, the District President. A fine supper was served by the local Auxillary at 6:30, which was followed by a fine program.

Camps in the District are No. 7, Underhill; 19, Burlington; 36, St. Albans; 50, Morrisville; 77, Johnson, and 83, Huntington. Auxillaries—No. 8, Morrisville; 19, Johnson, and 22, Burlington.

Annual Encampment

The 60th Annual Encampment of the Vermont Department and the 52nd Annual Encampment of the Auxillary is to be held at Burlington June 23, 24 and 25, in conjunction with the other allied patriotic orders. This being the Diamond Jubilee Dept. Encampment of the G. A. R. plans are being perfected for its observance in honor of this event.

In Memoriam

It is with deep regret we have to report the passing of Comrade George Harvey Nelson, at St. Johnsbury, Jan. 2, who served in the 2nd Vermont Regiment during the Civil War. He was one of the three remaining members of Chamberlain Post No. 1, St. Johnsbury.

The following Brothers have also passed on during the December Quarter: Charles H. Hager of Camp 19, Burlington, and Elmer F. Durkee of Camp 38, Tunbridge.

Camp Reports

Your Dept. Secretary-Treasurer was very much pleased that all of the reports for the December Quarter was in his office on Jan. 10, which is a record for the Vermont Dept., and I have been informed by our National Secretary that our report for the Vermont Dept. was the first one to reach his office. Many thanks from both the Dept. Commander and myself for this co-operation on the part of the Camp Commanders and the Camp Secretaries and Treasurers.

About the Department

Com. DeWitt installed the officers of the Camp at Chester and has already during his term visited nearly every Camp in the Department.

The following brothers are in some branch of the U. S. Service: Richard Collette and Max Draper of Camp 50, Morrisville; Howard H. Rhoades and Walter Taylor of Camp 91, Saxton's River. Robert C. Deal of Camp 19, Burlington, was also in the U. S. Army for several months and was discharged on account of the illness of his father, Bro. Chas. Deal. All Camps should report to the Dept. Secretary the names of any members they may have in the U. S. Service.

Remember February is the month for those Class Initiations.

Every heart that has beat strong and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world, and bettered the tradition of mankind.—Stevenson.

CONNECTICUT

William F. Nemetz, Jr., Publicity Director, General Delivery, Noble Station, Bridgeport.

Camp 7, Meriden

Three hundred members of the allied orders of the Grand Army of the Republic attended the dedication service of the Unveiling of the Plaque, placed on the New Styletex Building, marking the former home of Merriam Post No. 8, Grand Army of the Republic, which was held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25, in Meriden. Through the combined efforts of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and members of Charles L. Upham Camp 7, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mr. and Mrs. Beloff, a bronze plaque showing a fac-simile of the Grand Army Badge, and suitable wording in reference to the Old Post, was purchased and placed on the renovated building at 11 Colony Street.

After a few introductory remarks by Mayor Francis R. Danaher, of Meriden, who is also a member of Upham Camp, the plaque was unveiled by Miss Lucy Upham, granddaughter of Col. Chas. L. Upham, of the 15th Connecticut Volunteer Regiment. Led by Sister Carolina G. Clark, the audience sang the "Star Spangled Banner," "We're Tenting Tonight," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America." Comrade Truman N. Parsons, Dept. Com. of the Conn. G. A. R., delivered a short address, and Labor Commissioner Cornelius J. Danaher was the principal speaker. Henry T. King, an honorary member of Merriam Post 8, G. A. R., gave the history of the Post and its activities. Also present were Dept. Com. Morton H. Gibney of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Dept. Pres. Margaret Clark of the Auxiliary. P. D. C. Allan Spink directed the arrangements.—W. F. N. Jr.

Camp 2, Stamford

Officers of Abraham Lincoln Camp were installed on Jan. 13, at G. A. R. Hall, by Dept. Com. Morton H. Gibney, with Dept. Chap. Ernest E. Barnum acting as Guide. Com. Wm. F. Nemetz, Jr., was returned to office; Wm. Black as Sr. Vice; Owen Carrier as Jr. Vice; Harry Gregory as Chaplain; Samuel Morrell as Sec.-Treas., and P. D. C. Edwin Scott as Patriotic Instructor.

Sister Mary Hogan was installed as President of the Auxiliary by P. D. P. Mabel Wixon, and the Junior Auxiliary is headed by Marion Waring, who was installed by her mother, Past Aux. Pres. Marion Waring. Representatives from all Veterans Organizations and allied orders were present.

The Camp will sponsor a Military Ball on Lincoln's Birthday at Columbus Hall, to which all members are urged to attend.—W. F. N. Jr.

Camp 20, New London

On Jan. 17 Avery Camp lost one of its oldest members in point of service, when Past Com. Peter G. Harris passed on to the Camp of the Great Commander. Brother Harris was seventy-five years of age, and was actively engaged in Civilian Defense work, serving as Air Observation Warden. Representatives from all of the New London Veterans organizations were present at the services, with the committal being conducted by fifteen members of Avery Camp.

Jared Avery Camp is one of the busiest Camps in the Connecticut Dept. All of its members are engaged in National Defense. Bros. A. Gates, S. Lyon, T. F. Hart, Wm. Nason, F. Lewis, B. H. Ross, W. F. Dunbar are on the Air Observation Detail, with Com. Benj. Rose as Quart.-Sergeant of the Police Dept. P. D. C. Robert Leslie is Corporal of an

TRUE BLUE

[Author Unknown]

The kid has gone to the Colors
And we don't know what to say—
The kid we loved and cuddled
Stepped out for the flag today.
We thought him a boy, a baby,
With never a care at all,
But his country called him;
Man-sized, the kid had heard the call.

He paused to watch the recruiting,
When fired by fife and drum—
He bowed his head to Old Glory
And thought that it whispered, "Come!"
The kid has gone to the colors;
It seems but a little while
Since he drilled a schoolboy army
In a truly martial style.

But now he's a man, a soldier,
And we lend him a listening ear—
For his heart is a heart all loyal,
Untouched by the curse of fear.
His father, when he heard it, shuddered—
His mother, God bless her, cried,
But blessed with a mother's nature—
She wept with a mother's pride.

But he whose old shoulders straightened—
Was Grand-dad, for memory ran
Back to the day, when he too a boy
Was changed by the FLAG to a MAN!

Auxiliary Police Detail. P. C. C. Frank Rebbman has enlisted in the Coast Guard Service, and P. C. C. Fred Harrison has joined the Army.

On Feb. 21 the Camp will attend an anniversary party given by the Perkins Post Relief Corps. On Feb. 27 the Camp will celebrate Lincoln and Washington's Birthday with appropriate ceremonies.

The Camp is already making plans for Memorial Day. About fifteen hundred grave markers will be painted, which include G. A. R., W. R. C., D. U. V., and S. V. Com. Rose has received his certificate of merit from National headquarters, for securing three new members.—Rose.

Camp 26, Derby

Col. Chas. L. Russell Camp will hold their next meeting Feb. 12, at which a speaker will be heard on the subject of Civilian Defense. Com. Robert W. DeForest urges all members to be present. Delegates for the annual Dept. Encampment will be elected.

The Camp participated with the Auxiliary in a joint Christmas party held at the home of P. D. Pres. Ella DeForest and the installation of officers of both Camp and Auxiliary. P. D. Com. Fred L. Chapman is the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Camp. Corporal Fred S. Chapman, Past Commander, was a visitor at Christmas time, while enjoying a furlough from his duties in the armed forces of Uncle Sam.

The Camp entertained District No. 6 at the home of Past Pres. Grace Therikildsen in January, and on May 2nd and 3rd will be hosts to the New England Regional Association delegates at the spring sessions to be held in Derby.—Robt. W. DeForest, Com.

Attention, Terryville Members

In addition to the prizes being offered by your Dept. Publicity Director for the news items and pictures, to be presented at the coming Dept. Encampment, to be held at New Britain, on April 10 and 11, a suitable award will be given to the Brother who will furnish this office with information concerning the original list of Union Soldiers who died at Andersonville Prison, Georgia. This list was compiled by Private Dorrance Atwater, who

enlisted at Terryville at the age of seventeen, in the First Squadron, Connecticut Volunteer Cavalry, and who was captured at Hagers-town, Maryland, on July 6, 1863, and sent to Andersonville Prison, where he was confined over two years.

While in the hospital, Atwater made a secret and accurate list of all soldiers who died in the "Black Hole of the South," and secretly kept the same until he was exchanged on Feb. 27, 1865. The list contained fourteen thousand names, for which the United States Government offered Atwater \$300, but refused to let him have a copy. Atwater appealed to Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, who obtained consent from the Government to mark the graves and enclose them, and enlisted the aid of Atwater with his list. Armed with axes, shovels, and wooden markers, and forty-two men, the party traveled through Georgia, identifying and marking Union Soldiers Graves.

When the task was completed 12,920 had been marked. Then began a long fight between the Government and Atwater for the possession of the list. Clara Barton interceded, stating that the list should be published in all papers throughout our Nation. To this, the Government said, No. Clara Barton, fearful that the original list would be confiscated, removed it from Atwater's trunk, and hid it. Atwater was arrested, court martialed, and was given a dishonorable discharge from the U. S. Army and fined \$300. Later through the efforts of Clara Barton, and Francis Atwater, who was one of the founders of the Meriden journal, the stigma was removed, and Atwater obtained a U. S. Consulate in Africa, and later in the South Sea Islands.

In May, 1895, the Town of Plymouth, including Terryville, where Dorrance was born, held a celebration, at which Clara Barton, the Civil War Nurse, was guest of honor. The people of Plymouth received the famous death record of "Andersonville" kept by Dorrance Atwater. Clara Barton spoke of Atwater as follows: You are indebted to the forethought of young Atwater for this record, who although not yet twenty-one years old, an orphan, has had four years of soldiering, with one-tenth of his life spent in an enemy prison; his hopes ruined and heartbroken, he presents this sad gift to you. Later, Clara Barton and Atwater traveled all over the country, on a lecture tour, backed by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Atwater died in San Francisco, Cal., in November, 1910, and a monument stands to his memory at Terryville for his patriotism. What this office desires to know is: What became of the original list of names that Atwater prepared, and which was presented to the People of the Town of Plymouth in 1895? All replies must be sent to your Publicity Director before the coming Encampment.—W. F. N. Jr.

Department Encampment

The Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Connecticut Department will be held in New Britain on Friday and Saturday, April 10-11. It is felt that with working conditions as they are now, it will be more convenient for the members to leave their work on the last two days of the week. All indications point to a very interesting convention.—W. F. N. Jr.

Lincoln and Washington's Birthday

Many Camps will celebrate the Birthday, either separately or together. Let every Camp hold some sort of memorial exercise for our two greatest Presidents. Many stories, anecdotes, and historical data is yet to be uncovered, concerning the lives of these great American Leaders. Washington gave us our Union, and Lincoln preserved it for us. All honor to them.—W. F. N. Jr.

MASSACHUSETTS

George Wm. Kimball, Dept. Correspondent, 75 Bloomingdale Street, Chelsea.

Department Notes

Camp 26 and Aux. 49 of Taunton held a joint installation in G. A. R. Hall Nov. 26. Four 50-year members attended and the Camp's first Commander, Leonard C. Couch, son of Gen. D. N. Couch and for whom the Camp was named, was present. He served as Dept. Commander in 1898. Leon E. Tillson was installed Commander, and his wife, Dorothy E. Tillson, installed President of the Auxiliary.

Camp 101, Westminster, lost a faithful Son during December in the death of Edgar E. Penno, P. C., who joined the Camp May 29, 1889. His countless deeds will live on.

Camp 9 and Aux. 78 held a Christmas Party Dec. 16, which was largely attended. True holiday spirit prevailed and Santa missed no one. On Dec. 11 Camp 9 assisted its Auxiliary 78, when a complete set of four Floor Flags and one for the Patriotic Instructor were presented Auxiliary in memory of Brig.-Gen. Charles Russell Lowell and Comrades Wakefield, Frank Scott, Francis Fernandez and James H. Dexter of Post 7, G. A. R. Officiating at the dedicatory ceremonies were Com. and Pres., Mr. and Mrs. Vernard L. Gordon, of Camp 9 and Aux. 78. Frank L. Kirchgasser, P. C.-in-C, and many Present and Past Dept. Officers were present. Camp 9 is co-operating in the Civilian Defense Activities 100%.

Camp 17, Brockton, is certainly bringing success to its patriotic work by the splendid publicity attained through the Brockton Enterprise. The Camp on Feb. 21 will observe its 51st anniversary and in conjunction to same will hold a class initiation. The minstrel show and dance recently held under the auspices of the Camp's Drum Corps, P. C. Larry Jones, Director, went over in a big way. The show was repeated the last of January at Camp Edwards for the boys in the service, and this fine act was appreciated by the boys at this historic training station.

Jan. 5 Camp 1, Lynn, was installed by Dept. Press Cor. George W. Kimball. The Camp is making fine progress and will entertain the members of the North Metropolitan District Association in February.

Jan. 10 The Hay Association, made up of all members in the former Henry Noble Couden Camp 61 before consolidating with Camp 56, voted to purchase \$1500.00 of Defense Bonds. Most of this Camp were blind Sons of Union Veterans and this patriotic move is to be commended.

Jan. 14 Camp 56 voted to purchase \$100.00 worth of Defense Bonds.

Jan. 23 Camp 80, Malden, was installed jointly with the D. U. V., by Dist. Com. Nelson Towle. Over 100 witnessed the installation ceremonies.

The Department is extremely sorry to hear of the long illness of Comrade and Brother George W. Green, P. D. C. of the G. A. R., who has been confined at the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea. We pray that our genial "GEORGE" will soon be out and around again for he did much to build up our Department.

Jan. 11 twenty-five Sons attended the funeral services in St. Stephen M. E. Church, Marblehead, for Samuel Snow, Dept. Commander of the Mass. Dept. G. A. R. Com.-in-Chief of the G. A. R., George A. Gay, was present at the impressive services.

Camp 6, Beverly, and its Auxiliary were publicly installed Jan. 12 by Addison A. Quinn, P. D. C., in the presence of Mayor and the City Government. The Camp is now located in a building that will serve for genera-

tions to house the many trophies held by the G. A. R. This fine historic building, which is now the property of Camp 6, will increase its membership. The Mass. Dept. wish you luck in your fine quarters.

Worcester County Association held their annual election Jan. 16 and the following will serve this fine patriotic organization for the ensuing year: Pres., Joseph A. Giroux; Vice Pres., David Conger; Sec., Geo. H. Fowler; Treas., Robert F. Libbey; Chap., Walter Hunt. Executive Committee: Walter Allen, Chairman, and Geo. H. Fowler, Francis P. Gillespie, Ernest W. Foley, Chas. C. Hall. The Association endorsed Wm. T. Darling, Past Com. of Camp 25, for Jr. Vice Dept. Commander at the Dept. Encampment in April.

Robert G. Fraleigh, Commander of Camp 62, Everett, died very suddenly Jan. 27. He was a musician of high standing for 50 years and his passing will cause genuine sorrow among a host of friends. On Jan. 29, fourteen members of the Sons of Union Veterans held a memorial service at his late home.

The Drum Corps of Camp 17, Com. George Holmes, musical director, was picked to play on the stage of Brockton Theatre, Friday, Jan. 23, inaugurating the "March of Dimes" week. They played 12 minutes; the Mayor the only speaker, and were introduced by Postmaster Henricks. The theatre was filled to capacity.

Camp 81, Chelsea

Camp is still putting in candidates. Wm. Paul Kimball, P. C., and Lieut. Charles F. Jewell, recently located at Camp Edwards, are now serving overseas. Sergt. Francis J. Lynch is also located at the Cape for the time being. Camp has lost a charter member, Edwin E. Fish, who passed away recently.

Wm. S. Henry, P. C., and Mrs. Henry are enjoying their annual visit to St. Petersburg, Fla. Although a member for over 50 years he is still looking for more work to do for the good of the order.

New officers for the Camp not recently active, were the following two brothers: George B. Smith, well known laundry business man, as Jr. Vice Commander, and Thomas U. Follansbee, a member for nearly 50 years, who was installed as Color Bearer.

Com. Leroy S. Barker is having plans formulated for the proper observance of the 55th anniversary of the Camp.

Geo. Wm. Kimball, P. C., was made the first honorary member of Post 12, United American Veterans, recently instituted in Chelsea, and named in honor of Lawrence Patrick Lyons, Jr., the first to pay the supreme sacrifice in World War No. 2 at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7. Bro. Kimball was made chairman of a large committee to perfect plans for a memorial to this young hero.

Many of the Camp are instructors on the Civilian Defense Committee.

North Metropolitan District Asso. Notes

Dec. 26, Christmas party at G. A. R. Hall, Everett, was attended by over 100. Herbert H. Marshall, P. C., was Santa and his acts were carried out in fine style. A varied program was carried out. Addison A. Quinn, P. D. C., was the chairman. A large decorated tree with gifts for all was set on the platform.

The 16th annual banquet was held in the Malden Electric Co.'s Hall Jan. 17, with 150 in attendance. Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Louis E. Winchell was the chairman. Com.-in-Chief of the G. A. R., George A. Gay, and Mrs. Gay, were guests of honor. Honorary President, Addison A. Quinn, who was the organizer of the Association, which comprises 16 Camps, was toastmaster. Cigars and novelties for the ladies were presented. A beautiful souvenir program was given each patron.

During the evening, Chairman Winchell had Bro. George Wm. Kimball, who has been Secretary for the last 16 years, brought to the head table where he was presented a beautiful leather brief case with zipper compartments. Pres. Nelson Towle is an active worker and the Association is bound to go places under his able leadership.

The Association will sponsor a men's smoker at Camp 1 on Feb. 16, and a large class initiation, to be held in Memorial G. A. R. Hall, Lynn.

On March 18 the Association will hold a class initiation in Memorial G. A. R. Hall, Melrose, as guests of Camp 79.

We extend best wishes to Past Dept. Com. Addison A. Quinn, for he recently became a Grandpa.

Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Louis E. Winchell has been chosen by the Dept. Commander to serve as chairman of the Dept. drive for new members in February. The slogan—"500 New Members."

Past Commanders' Association Notes

Pres. Herbert H. Marshall has kept the ball rolling this year and by his untiring efforts the Association has grown in membership and activities. Feb. 14 the Association will hold an annual Lincoln-Washington Banquet in conjunction with the Past Presidents' Association of the Auxiliary. At the March meeting the guest speaker will be Leo P. Casey, Supt. of the Chelsea Public Schools, and a speaker of note. Bro. Casey is a member of Camp 81.

One of the major events was the Christmas Party which was attended by brothers and sisters from all parts of the state. Many novel acts were presented. Santa and his son were present to present gifts, Christmas Carols sung, and a buffet luncheon served.

RHODE ISLAND

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Department Notes

Twenty-inch dome lights replaced the sixteen year old type of electric lamp which illuminated Dept. Headquarters up to a week ago. Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Ed Baker furnished them. Past Dept. Com. Storrs T. Richmond installed them. Past Dept. Com. Charles W. Senior assisted, and Dept. Com. Harry J. Geer approved them.

Department Orders will appear soon with dates and other particulars concerning our annual Encampment and banquet in April. Rhode Island is hoping, longing and expecting Com.-in-Chief Lambert will be with us on this occasion. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Henry Towle is liable to place the diplomatic relations of Maine and Little Rhody in jeopardy if he fails to honor our Encampment with his presence.

The celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Bill of Rights, arranged and conducted by Dept. Pat. Inst. Frank S. Reavey, at Dept. Headquarters, was an occasion of instruction.

The testimonial dinner held in honor of Dept. Com. Harry J. Geer and Dept. Pres. Florence Mason, at the Crown Hotel, did much to create new interest in both Departments.

Camps 5 and 7 have a candidate each, obligated and waiting for the Dept. Degree Team, which will take care of the initiation during February.

The combined forces of the Department and Elisha Dyer Camp will celebrate with fitting exercises the birthday of our Martyred President, Abraham Lincoln.

Investigate the Past Commanders Association and join it. \$1.00 a year dues.

OHIO

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Mid-Winter Conference

On Sunday, Jan. 11, with forenoon and afternoon sessions, the Ohio Department held their regular Mid-Winter Conference at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, with Dept. Com. Charles T. Warner, of Columbus in the Chair, and most of the Dept. Officers present. The meeting was honored by the presence of Com.-in-Chief Lambert of New Jersey, who had for the group a very inspiring message. As a surprise guest, we had Col. Leonard S. Hopfield, of Portland, Ore., who is Nat. Chaplain of our Order, and also Commander of the Dept. of Oregon. He made a very interesting and enthusiastic talk. He had stopped in Columbus on his return from a trip to Washington, D. C., as he is in War service, having also been in the World War No. 1. Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Gibbony of nearby Newark was also present.

During this meeting we were honored by a visit from Nat. Pres. of the Auxiliary, Margaret Schroeder, of Orange, N. J., who had come to Ohio for the Mid-Winter of the Auxiliary, held at the same time and place. With her in her visit to our meeting was Sister Edith Nile, of Alliance, O., Nat. Vice President. Both sisters made very interesting brief talks.

Bro. D. A. Cush, of Lancaster, was asked as to the status of the proposition to purchase the birth place of Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, Memorial and Museum to the famous Civil War General. He stated it has been in the hands of a Washington, D. C., Dept., headed by Mr. Ickes, and that a Government representative had visited Lancaster some time ago, but it seems difficult to ascertain how the matter stands, though the Congressional representatives have been trying to get action on the matter.

Camp 1, Columbus

Saturday evening, Jan. 10, at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, the brothers of Gov. Dennison Camp tendered to their brother member, Charles T. Warner, a reception in honor of his election at the last Dept. Encampment, to the high office of Commander of the Ohio Department.

The Camp intends to fulfill the request of the Com.-in-Chief of making Feb. "Class Initiation Month" by adding a fine class to the membership. Our fine Degree Team has been busy lately putting on the work for other Camps.

Camp 250, Newark

On Thursday evening, Jan. 15, Incho Camp held their annual Installation of Officers with Bro. Earl Farmer, of Martinsburg Camp, as Installing Officer. The new Commander is George McDaniel, who was Camp Com. several years ago for three terms. The other new officers are: Sr. Vice, Glenn Lawyer [re-elected]; Jr. Vice, Fred Cummings [re-elected]; Pat. Inst., A. G. Gibbony [re-elected]; and Sec.-Treas., Harold Smith [re-elected].

Plans were made for the proper observance of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln on Feb. 19, which will be celebrated jointly with our Auxiliary, and will start with a pot-luck dinner.

Camp 9, Findlay

On Dec. 3, 1941, Stoker Camp initiated a class of eleven new members, when a degree team from Gov. Dennison Camp, Columbus, came up and put on the work in splendid form. The meeting was preceded by a supper put on by their Auxiliary, and the team from Columbus was headed by Dept. Com. Charles

T. Warner. Others on the team were John A. Downey as Com.; H. F. Warner, Sr. Vice Com.; Walter F. Christie, Jr. Vice Com.; John L. Bedell, Pat. Inst.; and others.

Dept. Sec.-Treas. Williams of Columbus, Past Dept. Com. Bigley of Toledo, and Dept. Pat. Inst. C. N. Edie of Findlay were present. A guest was Mrs. Edwards of Columbus, Sr. Vice Dept. Pres. of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Camp Com. E. E. Fouts was in charge, and ninety persons were present.

On Jan. 6, Stoker Camp held their annual Installation of officers with their own brother, Carl Edie, Dept. Pat. Inst., as Installing Officer, at which time new officers as follows were installed: Com., James F. Cole; Sr. Vice, S. E. Frost; Jr. Vice, Doren Kemerly; Sec.-Treas., C. N. Edie; Pat. Inst., E. E. Fouts; Chap., J. C. Dunn.

Stoker Camp has launched another drive for new members to be initiated late in February. The Camp is divided into two teams, with Chap. J. C. Dunn heading one and Com. James F. Cole heading the other, the losing side to banquet the winners. For the February initiation the Columbus Degree Team has promised to return and put on the work. The Camp is in good condition financially and at the last meeting voted to authorize the Sec.-Treas. to purchase some Defense Savings Bonds.

Members in Service

Dr. Chester H. Allen—promoted to Major in the U. S. Medical Corps. Entered service October, 1940. Camp 26, Portsmouth.

Captain Samuel P. Adams—4th Engineering Battalion, 4th Division. Camp 26, Portsmouth.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS!

NEW JERSEY

William G. Simpson, Press Correspondent, 2780 S. Broad Street, Trenton.

Camp 1, Hoboken

Camp 1 meets at 126 Hudson St. on 4th Thursday, Feb. 26. Installation of officers took place in January by Dept. Council Wm. Kronmeyer, who in the most able and impressive manner inducted the following officers: Com., Arthur W. Carsten; Sr. Vice, O. Bergmann; Jr. Vice, F. Williams; Pat. Inst., H. Koeman; Chap., H. Lowe; Sec., F. Hansen; Treas., H. Schroeder.

Delegations of several of the Camps in the vicinity were present and all expressed their good wishes to Com. Carsten and the officers for a successful year. The reputation for Camp 1's hospitality was upheld.

Camp 5, Trenton

The testimonial dinner and reception tendered to Com.-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert by Dayton Camp of Trenton was an outstanding event. The large attendance, both from New Jersey and other Departments, attested to the high regard in which they hold the Commander-in-Chief. Representative were present from Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maryland. Many beautiful gifts were presented to the Commander-in-Chief as tokens of esteem. After the dinner, a formal reception was held, conducted by the uniformed men of Camp 5 and women from Auxiliary 5 in white. The fife and drum corps from Harrisburg played for the marching. After the reception, dancing was enjoyed.

Camp 5 and Auxiliary were installed jointly on Jan. 6. The Auxiliary was installed by Dept. Installing Officer Sister Elizabeth Bolan and her staff, and the Camp was installed by Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Edwin R. Shaw. We were pleased in having the Nat. President, the Com.-in-Chief, the Dept. President and the Dept. Commander present. An unusual sur-

prise was in the person of Nat. Chaplain Leonard Hopfield from Oregon, who dropped into the meeting unannounced.

Plans are being made by the Camp for a public celebration of Appomattox Day. Com. Robert Snedaker has appointed a committee which will announce plans later.

It is the desire of this Camp and this Department that everyone get behind the War Victory Fund drive that is being instituted by our National Officers. Everyone is asking what our Organization is going to do as an Organization and this is our opportunity to help.

Members of the Camp are reminded of the annual Lincoln Dinner to be held by Garfield Camp in Trenton, at Hotel Hildebrecht, on Feb. 13, as well as the annual Lincoln Banquet of the Philadelphia Sons of Veterans Club to be held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel on Feb. 14.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS!

WISCONSIN

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

District Meeting

Approximately 75 members, Dept. and Past Dept. Officers, as well as members of Sons and Auxiliary were present at the meeting of District No. 2, held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2, at Plymouth, in the City Hall Bldg. Delegates were present from Sheboygan, Waupun, Fond du Lac, Horicon and Plymouth. The afternoon session was preceded by a 1 o'clock dinner, after which a fine program was presented, with Mayor Hickery of Sheboygan, [he also is Commander of Carl Witte Camp No. 37] giving a fine talk on "Americanization." An open discussion followed and general round table forum ensued.

The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Theresa Aleff, of Sheboygan, who is Dist. President. She is also a Past Dept. President of Wisconsin Auxiliary.

The Way Pointed Out

Gen. Henry Harnden Camp No. 2 held a joint patriotic meeting with the Auxiliary on Jan. 26. This was the first of what may be a series of meetings. The main feature is a silent three reel feature of the Declaration of Independence, with Brother Leo P. Schleck as the lecturer. Short talks, numbers by the Auxiliary, patriotic songs, with the Junior Auxiliary taking part, made up the program.

Nothing surpasses movies, if properly presented and carefully selected. Any Camp so desiring may take advantage of what the Bureau of Visual Instruction, University of Wisconsin, has to offer, and the expense is moderate.—H. H. S.

That February Class

The Camp at Madison wants to put on muster work at the first regular meeting in February, a Lincoln class, if you please. Also for the meeting of Feb. 23, a couple of reels on Lincoln and a talk on Washington, with a good supporting program, the Auxiliary joining, will provide us with a good program. Anyway February is a great month for classes and the institution of New Camps.—H. S. S.

Camp 37, Sheboygan

Officers of Carl Witte Camp for 1942 were installed by American Legion Com. Richard J. Froehlich, also a member of the Camp; Com., E. O. Hickey; Sr. Vice, Clarence Raatz; Jr. Vice, Ralph DeSmith of Sheboygan Falls; Sec., John Dulmes; Treas., Robert O. Boggs; Chap., the Rev. Josias Friedli, Mission House; Pat. Inst., Attorney Oliver Bassuener.

MARYLAND

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Department Notes

We are very happy to report that we had an increase of 71 new members during the quarter ended Dec. 31st, due to the untiring efforts of Dept. Org. Casey, who brought in 68 of them.

A number of our members are expecting to attend the Lincoln Day Banquet at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia on the night of Feb. 14. It is hoped to have Robert Lincoln Beckwith, great grandson of Abraham Lincoln, present on this occasion. He is a member of Lincoln Camp No. 2 of Washington, D. C., and resides in the suburb of Chevy Chase, Md.

Garfield Camp of Baltimore mourns the loss of Brother Karl A. M. Scholtz. The sincere sympathy of the Department is extended to the family and friends of this brother who was true to his Camp and the memory of his father until the end of his life.

Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Our joint installation of officers on Jan. 5 was a fine affair, with a large attendance of the Auxiliary and Camp. Three grandsons were installed to head the Camp by Dept. Com. F. C. Conner, Com., B. F. Lucas; Sr. Vice, H. Baldwin and Jr. Vice, H. E. Baker. Dept. Com. Conner also made the presentation of 50-year badges to R. B. Wade, a member of the Sons since Feb. 11, 1889, and Chas. W. Hahn, since July, 1891, both coming from Garfield Camp No. 2, Wilmington, into Appomattox when we organized April 9, 1898.

The presentation was the subject of a fine editorial by our morning newspaper and the report of the meeting gave us quite a boost in the local press. Our Auxiliary had Dept. Pres. Miss Minnie Wackerhauser, of Baltimore, as their installing officer and as usual the girls were out in numbers and quality. In other words, "a good time by all."

Our Camp went on record as supporting our local Civilian Defense program and several members have already enrolled. We will keep all members called to the colors in good standing for the duration of the war, and we have invested part of our funds in Defense Bonds.

We are lining up a Lincoln Class to be mustered on Feb. 19, with our new degree team in action for the first time. We hope to make the class well worth while.

Camp 1, Baltimore, Md.

We had a joint installation with our Auxiliary on Jan. 27, with Dept. Com. Conner and Dept. Pres. Wackerhauser as installing officers for their respective units. Among those present were Past Com.-in-Chief Ireland; Chairman of the Council-in-Chief, Michael Casey; Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Bateman; Dept. Sec.-Treas. Lyons and Dept. Chap. Lucas. Inspiring addresses were made by a number of those present and a very enjoyable social session followed.

Camp 30, Washington, D. C.

Our officers with Auxiliary officers were installed on Jan. 16 by P. D. C. Charlie Davis and P. N. P. Elizabeth H. R. Davis. Refreshments and speeches followed the installation ceremonies, and it was past midnight when the merry throng reluctantly disbanded.

Camp 31, Washington, D. C.

We are 100% behind the War Program of President Roosevelt and each member is "doing his bit" by buying a Defense Bond.

The birthday of Lincoln will be honored by appropriate services at which several prominent speakers will memorialize the "Great

Emancipator" of human bondage in our beloved United States.

We are quite happy to welcome into membership the Rev. James L. Pinn and John A. Taylor, both representative citizens and deeply devoted to our principles and objects.

Through our constant vigilance over the graves of Union veterans in Harmony Cemetery, nearly all of the headstones have been replaced and the condition of the graves restored to a respectable appearance.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

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Department Notes

The 1942 Mid-Winter Meeting of Southern California met at Huntington Park, Feb. 8. Sons and Auxiliary held business meetings in the forenoon. After luncheon a joint meeting was held, with a program by the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons and Auxiliary, Jonathan Michelbacher, Sr. Vice Dept. Commander in charge.

Charles O. Boynton, 2302 E. Seventh St., Long Beach, has been semi-invalided for many months, he has been a familiar figure at National Encampments for many years and his absence is a loss to the National, Department and local Camp.

The death of Comrade John W. Jackson, of N. B. Banks Post of Glendale, leaves only one member, Capt. Henry Mingay, 95, and sightless. Comrade Jackson was Regt. Sergt. Major of the 89th Indiana Vol., and at one time operated a chain of flouring mills in Kansas.

Many U. S. Troops are camped in and around Long Beach. Of these any who are sons or grandsons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are invited to attend the meetings of Lawton Camp 10 or any of the luncheons of the G. A. R. group.

Brother Ed J. Parker, P. D. C., mentor of Santa Ana Camp, has been incapacitated for some time due to an old hip accident which caused him to miss the National at Columbus. He has been a loyal attendant at National Encampments for a quarter of a century.

Rosecrans Camp, Los Angeles, installed as Commander, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, P. C.-in-C., with Beatrice Kuechel, President of their Auxiliary.

Santa Ana Camp No. 12 installed Jan. 8 with the Daughters, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. Roy E. Kelchner, Commander; J. R. Moore, Secretary; E. J. Parker, Treasurer. Through the years this Camp's loyalty to the G. A. R. has been most pronounced.

Past Com.-in-Chief Bowley, assisted by members of Camp 1, installed on Jan. 27 the officers of Baker Camp 21, Oakland. J. A. Hughes is the Commander.

Modesto Camp 19 has changed its meeting to the fourth Friday. P. D. C. A. G. Laughlin will install their newly elected officers.

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 donated \$10 to help defray Dept. expense and John A. Logan Camp 20, of Los Gatos, with only ten members, sent the Dept. Treas. five dollars.

Dr. Rawlins Cadwallader has been selected by California State Camp to deliver the eulogy for Gen. U. S. Grant on the anniversary of the birth of the Greatest Captain of Modern Times.

Camp 1, San Francisco

Past Dept. Com. John N. Glass installed the following officers of Calif. State Camp 1: Com., Geo. Boone; Sr. Vice, Earl Smith; Jr. Vice, John Smith; Sec., W. A. Smith; Treas., D. B. Bowley; Chap., J. S. Bachtel; Pat. Inst., F. Railton.

The Camp assisted by the affiliated orders, has purchased the celebrated life-size paint-

MAINE

Bert L. Voter, Correspondent, 92 High St., Farmington

Notes from Dept. Commander

Most of the Camps in Maine have by now had installation of the new officers. I wish for them the very best of everything for their administration.

Commanders of Camps who have not as yet appointed a Special Aide please do so at once. The efficiency of your Department depends upon prompt attention to this matter. Also, names of brothers who are in the Military Service should be sent to me with Company or Ship and Military Camp to which they are attached.

Camp 63, Belfast

A. E. Clark Camp held its installation of officers jointly with the Auxiliary on Jan. 6. "Deck" Robinson is the new Commander and with the officers that have been chosen to help him the Camp expect a good year. Dexter is an earnest worker and the Dept. Asst. Secretary. During the last quarter of 1941 Clark Camp added four new members to the roll. Meetings are held jointly with the Auxiliary and many good times have been held recently, with many more in prospect.

Camp 46, Bath

The following officers were installed by Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Henry Towle Jan. 6: Com., Lynwood V. Miller; Sr. Vice, Earl Leyard; Jr. Vice, Artland K. Rogers; Sec., Clarence Warner; Treas., Vernon W. Miller [this being Bro. Miller's 25th year].

Members in Service

Camp 26, Oakland—Harold L. Fairbrother, Co. D, 10th En., Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga.

Camp 8, Farmington—Mason Prescott, Flying Cadets, Kelly Field, Texas.

Camp 4, Portland

Henry Towle of South Portland, Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, was tendered a reception at Bosworth Hall Nov. 29 by Shepley Camp and its Auxiliary. Everett Platts acted as master of ceremonies for a program which was very interesting. A letter of congratulation was read from Gov. Sumner Sewell, as were telegrams from many national officers.

Shepley Camp and Auxiliary observed Veterans' Night on Nov. 18 with a program arranged by Brother A. Lawrence Calderwood and Sister Susie Renell, the two Patriotic Instructors.

It is with sincere regret we record the passing of Brother Frank H. Berry at his home in Portland on Nov. 15, 1941. A member of Shepley Camp, serving as its Secretary for 22 years, and in various offices in the Department, he was a faithful and consistent worker in both branches. He was ever ready to assist in whatever was possible and graced many functions with his sweet voice. Shepley Camp conducted the funeral services.

Camp 26, Oakland

On Dec. 5, Gilman Camp and Auxiliary, held their annual fair and rally. An oyster stew supper was served from 6 to 7 by the Auxiliary. A short business meeting of the Auxiliary was held. Following this musical numbers were enjoyed and remarks were made by several of the visiting Dept. and Past Dept. officers. Dancing was enjoyed.

ing of Abraham Lincoln from Mrs. Wm. Barr, the wife of the late great Scotch artist, which will be presented to the Abraham Lincoln High School on the anniversary of the birthday of the Great Emancipator.

COLORADO & WYOMING

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"Oh! Dear! What can the matter be? Oh, Dear! What can the matter be? OH! DEAR! WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE?"—not a single item received from ANY of the Camps for this issue of The Banner, and all were notified of the time for the "dead line." With the elections and installations of officers, the Stock Show, the radio and rodeo, the Japs and the Germans, the submarines and bombers and Gen. McArthur's handful of men holding out against great odds, there should have been some news of worth to record. The cause may have been with that one little word that is such a bugaboo—censored.

A brother in New Jersey asked for some annual journals of New Jersey Encampments. We notified him that we had three and he did not answer. Something must be wrong. "It's all in the air," I guess.

The Angel of Death appeared among us again and called from our midst the soul of Bro. Charles S. Macy. He was not an old time member but his experience in other organizations was of valuable help and we listened to him with great respect. A regular attendant from the time he joined in July, 1940, until he went to the Soldiers' Home in Monte Vista, Colo., early last summer. We missed him very much. About three weeks before his death he was brought to Fitzsimmons Hospital, where he died Jan. 18, 1942. Our descriptive book says he was born Nov. 18, 1869, the son of William H. Macy, who was for three years in the Civil War in Co. I, 15th Indiana Vol. Inf. Bro. Macy was a veteran in his own right. He enlisted in May, 1898, at Denison, Texas, in Co. L, 1st Texas Vol. Cav'l. He was honorably discharged at Fort Sam Houston by reason of muster out of Regiment, November, 1898. On April 8, 1922, he was mustered in Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans, who conducted the funeral service. There was a large attendance of Lawton Camp, and several of our members and Auxiliary present at the funeral services.

Vacations? Vacations? Yes. Make your plans to come to Colorado about the middle of June [dates not yet announced] so that you can meet our Grand Old Men and their Allied Orders in annual Encampment at Manitou Springs, in the very lap of Pikes Peak, that much advertised peak but not the highest. There are 49 peaks in Colorado that range more than 14,000 feet above sea level. Pikes Peak is 26th in the high list. If these are too high, there are more than 1,000 others of more than 10,000 feet. Come and try your luck at climbing a low one.

MICHIGAN

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Camp 3, Flint

Flint played host to a Regional Meeting Jan. 17 at Fenton. Banquet was served to about 100 at 6:30. A short program followed the banquet, after which the Dept. officers initiated a class of candidates. Dancing concluded the evening.

Camp 8, Detroit

Thomas Davey Camp held their installation on Jan. 10. Chas. F. Dexter was installed as Commander with Wm. G. Bennett and George Wilson as Sr. Vice and Sec. respectively.

Camp 8 has made a steady gain in membership in the last year with the aid of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The services of the Reserve are used in a Company of Michigan State Troops.

Camp 7, Jackson

Plans are nearing completion for our Regional meeting which is to be held on Feb. 21, in the Otsego Hotel. A large attendance is anticipated to greet our Commander-in-Chief, who will be the honored guest of the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend.

Austin Blair Camp held their installation Jan. 2, at which time Don Hock, and a fine staff of officers were installed.

Camp 14, Grand Rapids

Robert Finch Camp held their installation on Jan. 14 with Comrade Owen of the G. A. R. as honored guest. Dept. Com. U. W. Mackey installed the following officers: Com., Archie M. Shaw; Sr. Vice, Floyd Brown; Jr. Vice, Edgar M. Linsley; Sec., Myrtle K. Brown; Treas., Wm. B. Glasgow; Pat. Inst., U. W. Mackey.

Monday, Jan. 19, was Comrade Owen's 93rd birthday. As a surprise to everyone it was announced by Miss Leah Simpson, Sec. for the G. A. R., that Comrade Owen had been appointed National Quartermaster General of the G. A. R. He was installed into office by Dept. Com. Mackey of the Sons.

Camp 22, Marshall

Dept. Com. Mackey installed our officers on Dec. 10 at a joint installation with the Auxiliary. The Camp voted to present a flag to the U. S. O. Center at Battle Creek, and purchase a \$50.00 Defense Bond.

Past Dept. Com. Charles Wright, along with a group of Sons and Auxiliary, journeyed to Battle Creek on Dec. 16 to make the flag presentation. Maj. Gates accepted the flag on behalf of the U. S. O. Center.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Publicity Director, Dwight.

Comrade Elijah Jones Passes

Elijah Jones, 99, a resident of Springfield for fifty-six years, and a member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., died Dec. 20.

Mr. Jones was born in Kentucky. He enlisted in the First Illinois Cavalry in the Civil War from Coles County, Illinois. He served ninety days in the outfit, then re-enlisted in the Fifty-fourth Infantry Volunteers and served three years. He again enlisted, serving four years and two months to the end of the war.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23 in charge of McClernard Camp No. 4, S. U. V., who furnished pall bearers. The Spanish War Vets furnished a firing squad.

Mid-Winter Encampment

On Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 and 18, at the Hotel Pere Marquette, Peoria, occurred the regular mid-season meeting of this Department, both Sons and Auxiliary. Thrush Camp and Auxiliary were hosts for the affair.

The Sons held a business session Saturday afternoon and received reports from two or three standing committees. The Finance Committee are continuing their work again this year, in anticipation of recruiting activities, which are now under way. Any not familiar with this matter may get further information from their Camp or Dept. Officers.

The evening session was a joint affair, with dinner at 6:30, and followed by a fine program. The officers and distinguished guests were introduced. Songs and readings made up most of the program, the address being given by T. W. Endsley, of Peoria, who took as his subject: "Sons of Soldiers of Yesterday." It was an inspiring address, was given rapt attention by all present, and was received with great applause.

Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Travis was toastmaster.

One Comrade of the G. A. R. was an honored guest.

At the Sunday session a resolution was passed asking that the Department and membership urge the purchase of Defense Bonds and Stamps by units and individuals, and to aid and assist in every way all agencies engaged in welfare work for those in service, and those who are carrying on the struggle forced upon us by our enemies.

The attendance at all sessions was good, the spirit of those present was helpful and fraternal and all officers and members showed a sincere desire to carry out the work for which we are organized to the best of their ability.

Banquet in Chicago in April

The annual reception and banquet given by the Sons and Daughters Banquet Association of Cook County, to the Dept. heads of the Grand Army, Sons and Daughters, will be held at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago in April [we are not yet advised of the date]. This event also commemorates the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

NEBRASKA

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Camp 144, Lincoln

The Camp installed new officers on Friday, Jan. 23, at their regular meeting place. The Auxiliary also held their installation the same evening.

Past Dept. Com. Jesse A. Kelly was the installing officer, and was assisted by Past Dept. Com. I. O. Townsend as installing guide. The officers elected and installed were: Com., Walter F. Glerens; Sr. Vice, Walter Walker; Jr. Vice, Fred Stanley; Pat. Inst., Glen Payne; Chap., Wilber Staley; Treas., I. O. Townsend; Sec., Jesse A. Kelly.

After the joint installation ceremonies were completed, the Auxiliary served a nice lunch and the rest of the evening was spent socially. The Camp is planning an active year, and took in a new member at the meeting preceding the installation ceremonies.

The birthday of our great leader, Abraham Lincoln, will be celebrated in a proper manner, the plans not now being completed.

The S. U. V. has been active in promoting the sale of defense bonds and stamps and have co-operated with the various committees in defense work. The campaign against infantile paralysis has found many workers in the S. U. V. and Auxiliary in order that "we may help others to walk."

Veterans Night Over State

The S. U. V. celebrated Veterans Night in Nebraska as usual.

Schuyler Camp observed the day on Nov. 19. Schuyler is the home of our Dept. Commander, Elmer E. Cram. After a program which was greatly enjoyed, the Auxiliary served a delicious lunch. A group of Sons and Daughters were in attendance from Fremont.

Lincoln Camp No. 144 observed the day on Nov. 28, which is the regular meeting night. A very splendid dinner was served by the Auxiliary, after which the guests and members listened to a program. The speaker of the evening was Supreme Court Justice George A. Eberly, who is a Past Dept. Commander of the Sons, as well as Past Nat. Commander of the Spanish War Veterans. Judge Eberly gave a most impressive talk and spoke of the great honor which has come to those who are descendants of the Civil War veterans.

Of all virtues and dignities of the mind, goodness is the greatest, being the character of the Deity; and without it, man is a busy, mischievous, wretched thing.—Bacon.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR
OUR WAR VICTORY DRIVE!

Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, National President,
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Miss Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent,
Dwight, Ill.

A "WAR" MESSAGE
FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters:

We embark on a most fateful year in the history of the world and of this nation. This year will disclose whether freedom shall perish from the earth. Every American has a part to play. Not everyone can go into the Army or Navy. Work no less important must be done behind the lines. It must be done promptly, cheerfully, thoroughly and without interruption. Everyone has a contribution to make, if it is nothing more than to bear wartime discomforts without complaint or to resist the impulse to spread harmful gossip. No one looks for much happiness in the year ahead, but happiness will come just the same. The happiness we shall know will come from sacrifice, from unselfish service, from facing danger with calm and courage and from making a mighty effort to preserve the decencies of human existence.

As a patriotic organization we must do something worth while and do it now. We are to join with our Brothers in raising a WAR VICTORY FUND and full details are outlined in my circular letter being sent at this time. Our plan will be similar to the one followed during World War No. I. Every Sister should deem it a privilege and an honor to contribute and work for this WAR VICTORY FUND.

We, the members of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, pledge, as individuals, as an Organization, as Americans, that we will obey the call of duty, that we will cheerfully and thoroughly give our utmost strength to the tasks which may devolve upon us, that our Faith will not falter, that we will follow through to VICTORY.

Loyally yours,

MARGARET D. SCHROEDER,
National President.

CONTRIBUTE TO WAR VICTORY FUND!

ON TO INDIANAPOLIS!

Word has just been received that Indianapolis, Ind., is to be our National Convention City this year, instead of Detroit, Mich., which was tentatively selected by the Grand Army at the National Convention held last year in Columbus, Ohio. The heads of the allied patriotic orders met Feb. 4 in Indianapolis to complete arrangements for the convention; these included our own Nat. Pres. Margaret D. Schroeder, and Com.-in-Chief Albert Lambert of the Sons of U. V., and they announce that the convention dates will be the week of Sept. 13. Headquarters Hotel will be the Severin.

Indianapolis is a fine convention city. Just 21 years ago the national convention of the patriotic orders allied with the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Indianapolis, as it also was the year previous to that. The memory of the hospitality of the Hoosier Sons and Aux. will live long in our memory and now this year we will be glad to again meet in Indianapolis, but conditions are very changed for now we are again engaged in a great World War, which cannot help but have its effect on all gatherings of fraternal and other organizations.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

With Mid-Winter Encampment, of Aux. and Sons, held in Peoria, Jan. 17-18, all eyes of Ill. Dept. are fixed on the Dept. Annual Bazaar, which will be held in Memorial Hall, Aurora, April 11, opening at 10:30 a. m. Circulars naming the committees of the various bazaar booths and other information concerning the bazaar, have been mailed-out by Dept. Chief-of-Staff Abbie B. Brush, who asks the hearty co-operation of every sister in the Dept. in this undertaking.

The Mid-Winter meeting mentioned above was a success. Business sessions were held at the Pere Marquette Hotel and Saturday evening Sons and Aux. joined in a banquet. Many past and present Dept. officers were present, headed by Dept. Pres. Ethel Rasmussen. Nat. Chief-of-Staff Gladys Sallman, of Ill., attended the Encampment, and represented the National organization. P. N. P. Eva Blackman was also present.

Aurora—Dist. 3 met in G. A. R. Hall Jan. 24 with members present from Joliet, Naperville and Aurora. A business meeting was held, after which a 6 o'clock dinner was served at the Y. W. C. A. A lovely program was given in the evening in the G. A. R. Hall.—[Mrs. Myrtle Almy, Dist. Press Cor.]

Dwight—Aux. 2 has had very successful meetings this fall and winter. A delightful Christmas party was held at the home of Bro. and Sister Holbrook following the Dec. meeting, with a gift exchange. We collected \$2.10 for the Arlington Home for under-privileged boys as a Christmas gift. We sent Christmas baskets of fruit, etc., to the widows of Civil War veterans. Installation was in Jan. at the Margaret Hager home, officers being installed by P. D. P. Kitty Boyer.

Chicago—Aux. 30 entertained Ill. Dept. officers for dinner at the Sherman Hotel Jan. 29, a meeting of the Aux. following. We had a wonderful affair and a fine meeting. The hall was packed. Aux. 30 has added two new members to our roll, both having been secured through the efforts of P. N. P. Eva B. Blackman.

ASSIST THE RED CROSS!

INDIANA DEPARTMENT

Muncie—At a regular meeting of Aux. 20 announcement was made by Pres. Edith Snider and Dept. Pres. Ola Fight, who are heading state organization work, of a report from P. N. P. Anne E. Lockyer, Nat. Organizer, and Nat. Pres. Margaret D. Schroeder, urging the organization to devote every effort toward increasing membership. Our Aux. held installation Jan. 26, with Dept. Pres. Fight as installing officer.

The Mid-Winter Get-together was held in Muncie Jan. 17 and 18. Meetings were held in Delaware Hotel on Sat. and in the Roberts Hotel on Sunday. Among the distinguished guests present were Nat. Com.-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert of the S. U. V., of Trenton, N. J., and Elizabeth Ireton, Nat. Pat. Inst. of the Aux., of Richmond, Ind.; Will H. Ball, Nat. Organizer for S. U. V., and P. C.-in-C. Frank Shellhouse, both of Ind.; Dept. Pres. Ola Fight and Dept. Com. Louis King, besides many other past and present Dept. officers and other members of the orders. A banquet was held Saturday evening, with interesting sessions on Sunday. It was a very successful meeting.—Edith Snider, Dept. Press Cor.

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT

Newton—The Aux. entertained on Oct. 17. Members of the Kansas Dept. were entertained with a banquet at 6 o'clock, with six Past Dept. Presidents present and three Past Dept. Coms. of Sons. Auxs. represented were Salina, Wichita, Newton, Emporia and El Dorado. Our Dept. Pres. Iva E. Perry, being present, gave us a fine talk; many excellent suggestions were exchanged for Good of the Order.

Salina—Aux. 46 held its annual inspection Nov. 17, with Dept. Insp. Hood, of Newton, as inspector. We were also honored by having with us Dept. Pres. Iva Perry, of El Dorado. A large crowd attended a banquet which was served after the meeting. The new officers were installed Jan. 5, by Sr. Margaret Holstington. Salina Aux. has joined the Radio Council of City Clubs, and they will have their first broadcast over KSAL. We hope to make this a yearly broadcast and to get more publicity. We think it would be well if more Depts. would take up this work.

Gypsum—Aux. 72 held inspection Dec. 8 with P. D. P. Vergie Hargrave as inspector. Some members from Salina attended a covered dish lunch at noon.

Wichita—Aux. 46 held inspection Nov. 24, with Dept. Pres. Iva Perry as inspector. A large crowd attended. The Aux. held their installation Jan. 12, with P. D. P. Kathryn Hill as installing officer.

El Dorado—Aux. 96 was inspected Nov. 27 by Sr. Bessie Hood, Dept. Insp. A good time was enjoyed by all.—Helen Schriver, Dept. Press Cor.

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

The Past Presidents Assn. had a gala day at their Jan. luncheon, held at Hotel Bradford. P. D. P. Viola D. Brunet was the hostess, and had as her guests, the Dept. Presidents of the G. A. R. allied Orders: Mrs. Bertha P. Graham, of the W. R. C.; Mrs. Alice F. Harwood, of the L. of G. A. R., and Mrs. Hazel Buchanan Latter, of the D. of U. V. Of course, our own beloved Pres., Beatrice E. Pike, a member, was present. The luncheon was well attended, and the business meeting followed, under the direction of Pres. Alice Rand.

Lowell Aux. 78, Boston, will celebrate their 25th birthday on Feb. 18, at Evangeline Hall, Roxbury. They are planning for much gaiety and will start the evening with a banquet, Past Pres. Beulah B. Scott in charge of reservations. There will be an orchestra for dancing later on in the evening, one feature of which, will be a Virginia Reel, for which Aux. 78 is famous. The invited guests include P. N. P. Margaret Carney Palmer, who was the I. & I. Of. of the Aux. Feb. 20, 1917; Dept. Pres. Beatrice E. Pike, and Com. Vernard L. Gordon, of Camp 9, S. of V., to which Aux. 78 is allied. P. D. C. and N. S. A. Minnie Scott Pike, was the Charter Pres., and is the only member of the charter list still in the Aux., others transferred or passed on. The members of the Aux. will meet at the home of the Pres., Mary A. Gordon, on the afternoon of their next meeting, to complete the favors, etc., for their gala occasion. Aux. from Greater Boston have been invited to join in the jollification.

Ablington—Aux. 67 held a sewing circle on the afternoon of their last meeting, then had a covered dish supper, followed in the evening with their regular meeting, and a Penny Sale. Quite a real day's work for one Aux.

Lexington—Congratulations have been forthcoming to Pres. Pearl Alger, of Aux. 11, Lexington, on the birth of a new Camp member recently. A long time to wait for a new member, but good ones are worth waiting for.

Melrose—Aux. 79 held their annual "Department Officers Night" on Jan. 8, and many enjoyed the affair. Pres. Jessamy Brown was official hostess.

Amherst—Aux. 12 had a birthday party in Oct. with the last half of year entertained by first half. A covered dish supper was served. Installation of officers in Nov. by Sister Ursula Shephardson, member Nat. Council. In Dec. we had a Christmas party with tree and refreshments. Mystery Pals were revealed.

Dept. Pres. Beatrice Pike represented the Aux. at the Dept. W. R. C. Fair, and the Aux. table was in charge of D. I. & I. Jessie Wells, of Aux. 78. She also represented us at the Dept. D. U. V. C. W. Fair. We were again represented at the banquet, reception and dance tendered to Com.-in-Chief George Gay of the G. A. R., and Dept. Com. Samuel Snow, at Hotel Manger. All of the Allied Orders joined in this affair which was largely attended. Purses were presented to the guests of honor, and a good time was had by all. Beatrice still finds time to attend some of her own meetings in Lexington, showing that a busy person can do more than one who is not so busy. Her example is worth emulating.—Minnie Scott Pike, D. P. C.

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

During the months of 1941 our Auxs. in Minnesota Dept., which includes North and South Dakota, have carried on their regular work of presenting flags, taking in new members, attending Nat. convention and doing hospital work. Now many are working and taking part in our Nat. Defense Work for our country, now at war, such as Red Cross work, buying Defense saving stamps and bonds and taking hospital training.

Aux. 12 of St. Paul and S. V. Camp No. 1 held joint installation on Jan. 10 and had a large attendance. A program and lunch were given and much enjoyed.

Feb. and April both are months in which to remember our great men who founded and built this country. We all will be busy in 1942.—Rose Kilner, Dept. Press Cor.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT

New Hampshire is proud to announce the instituting of a new Aux. at Newport, N. H., of 21 members on Sept. 28. Since instituting there are 29 names for the charter roll. The charter closed Nov. 28.

Hillsboro—Inspection was held Oct. 18 with initiation of one candidate and rating of 99. M. Eveline Grace, Dept. Pres., acted as inspector. Lunch followed.

Bennington—Inspection took place Oct. 20 with Nellie Ellsworth, Dept. Insp., inspecting. One candidate was initiated. Our rating was 99. Lunch and beano followed the meeting.

Keene—Inspection was held Oct. 21, with covered dish supper before the meeting. Many Dept. officers were present, including the Dept. Pres. Eveline Grace and Dept. Com. Clarence Parker. Nellie Ellsworth was inspector. Rating of 99 was received; initiation of one candidate.

Dover—Nov. 7 inspection of books with lunch following.

Alton—Nov. 18 Aux. was inspected and received a rating of 99. Lunch followed.

Penacook—Inspection was held Oct. 22 with a chicken supper. Nellie Ellsworth was inspector. Rating of 99 received; initiation of 3 candidates.

Newport—Nov. 24 the new Camp and Aux. held an open meeting with all allied orders invited in observance of Veterans Night.

Elkins—Inspection was held Oct. 27 with covered dish supper. There was a large attendance of Dept. officers. Dept. Pres. M. Eveline Grace served as Guide in her own Aux. Rating of 100 was received. Many congratulations given to the perfection of ritualistic work and floor work.

New Hampshire is eagerly and earnestly making plans with the allied orders for the memorial to be unveiled at April Encamp. in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a sun dial on the State House lawn.

Clara Messer Thurston Junior Aux. No. 2 of 17 members held their annual visitation with exemplification of Ritualistic work and installation of new officers on Nov. 24. One candidate was admitted. M. Eveline Grace, Dept. Pres., served as installing officer. She was presented by the Junior Aux. with a lovely "Silver lace" beauty kit. Dept. Pres. Grace organized this Junior Aux. Feb. 14, 1938.

New Hampshire regrets the loss of Past Dept. Pres. Diana Rogers, of Troy, N. H.

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OHIO DEPARTMENT

Alliance—Aux. 91 and S. V. Camp held a reception and dance the evening of Nov. 29 in the Moose Home, honoring Nat. Vice Pres. Edith B. Nile, Dept. Insp. Edna Bieri and Dept. Chief-of-Staff Margaret Gehret. Sharing honors at the reception were Nat. Pres. Margaret D. Schroeder, of Orange, N. J.; Nat. Chief-of-Staff Gladys Sallman and her husband, Garfield, of Chicago, Ill.; P. N. P. and Nat. Organizer Anne E. Lockyer, of Steubenville, O.; S. V. C. in-C. Gibbons, of Newark, O., and other distinguished guests. Greetings were brought by the American Legion Aux. Disabled American Veterans Aux., Veterans of F. W. Aux. and Jr. Aux. to McClellan Camp. About 150 were present. The arrangements were in charge of George Waller and Olive Boren.

Youngstown—Aux. 2 held joint installation with the Sons on Jan. 20, with Nat. Vice Pres. Edith Nile, of Alliance, as Installing Officer. Miss Alice Elliott was installed Pres. for the second year. Nine guests from Alliance were present. There was a fine attendance. Later refreshments were served. Guests included N. V. P. Edith Nile, Dept. Pres. Bernice Dietz, Dept. Sec. Margaret Sheret, Dept. C. of S. and Dept. Counselor Willard Badwin. Aux. 2 sends cards and flowers to our sick and shut-ins. We have given to the Red Cross and to all the lodge funds we have been called upon. Have had many social activities, including a birthday bank, to replenish our treasury. We have initiated 4 new members. Dept. Insp. Edna Beiri inspected us in Dec. and we had our annual Christmas party in Dec. with the Sons as guests, with a tureen dinner, gift exchange and revealed our mystery sisters.

After some time of inactiveness, S. U. V. Camp 35, of Middletown, O., have reorganized and at a meeting in December initiated eight new members.

Findlay—Aux. 9 held their annual installation of officers on Jan. 6, at which time Mrs. Bert Crosser was installed as Pres., together with a fine staff of officers which space forbids enumerating. Lunch was served after the meeting.—Josephine Orr, Dept. Press Cor., Middleton, O.

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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

Indiana—Aux. 177 held inspection Oct. 16, 1941, with Kathryn Joyce of Pittsburgh, Pa., as inspector, and won the rating of 100%. After the inspection a patriotic pageant, written and directed by Sr. Estelle Henderson, was given by the Jr. Aux., portraying "Victory," the slogan of our Nat. Pres., Margaret

D. Schroeder. The Juniors formed the letter "V," each in turn pledging their help to bring Victory. Installation of new officers, Jan. 16, by Dept. Pres. Kathryn Kase. New Pres., Sr. Viola Holt, 467 Philadelphia St., Indiana, Pa. A class initiation preceded the installation. The Feb. meeting will be a Washington and Lincoln dinner.

Pennsylvania Dept. mourns the loss of Bro. Daniel Rhoads, of South Williamsport, who passed away Jan. 3 at the age of 84 years. He had been Counselor for Aux. 44, Williamsport, for 11 years. He will be greatly missed by those of the Aux. who have been associated with him for so many years.

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RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

Pawtucket, Aux. 1—Sister Alice Cheney was installed Pres. of our Aux. Jan. 2, together with the other officers of the Aux. P. D. P. Ethel Copeland conducted the installation and was presented with a gift from the Aux. It was announced that a testimonial dinner would be conducted Jan. 31 in Crown Hotel, Providence, honoring Dept. Pres. Florence Mason, of Riverside, and Dept. Com. Harry A. Geer, of Hoxsie. Whist was conducted Jan. 24 at the home of Sister Studley.

Westerly—Joint installation of officers of Aux. 11 and Camp 6 was held Jan. 18. Dept. stall. Of. Mabelle F. H. Oatley installed the officers for the Aux. Sister Marie Alice Lawton is the new Pres. for 1942, and has a fine corps of officers to assist her in her work. A Past Pres. jewel and small maple table were presented Past Pres. Lyon, as a gift from the Aux., who also received a bouquet from her officers. Sister Lyon presented each of her officers with gifts. The new Pres., Marie Alice Lawton, was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Sister Oatley, the installing officer, was also given a gift, in behalf of Aux. 11. Refreshments were served. Many guests from the Sons and Aux. and allied organizations were present.—Mrs. Annie R. Taylor, Dept. Press Cor.

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VERMONT DEPARTMENT

Burlington—Aux. 22 elected officers in Dec. and Mrs. Mabel Lombard was chosen Pres. for 1942. She will be assisted by a fine corps of officers. Joint installation with the Sons was held at the first meeting in Jan. A flag was presented to the first grade room of the Nazareth School Dec. 5 by Pat. Inst. Carrie Munson, and accepted by Patricia Bonnell. A fine patriotic program was carried out by the 48 pupils [all girls] of the school. Mrs. Lana White spoke briefly on the subject "Our Flag," and Mrs. Munson read appropriate verses. The head officers of the Aux. attended the presentation. Our Aux. held a reception for our Past President Oct. 3. Six Past Pres. were present. A social hour was enjoyed by all and refreshments were served. We entertained our District meeting on Oct. 17. The Aux. served a supper.

Lyndonville, Aux. 18—Pres. Beulah Roberts has appointed Rose Allen a Nat. Aide and Florence Morse and Julia Farr as Dept. Aides.

Chelsea—Aux. 15 was inspected by Dept. Insp. Sadie DeWitt, of Brattleboro, who was accompanied by her husband, Dept. Com. Geo. DeWitt, and Dept. Pres. Gladys Buckman, of Windsor. The Aux. was commended for its good work though the work was done under difficulties. It was the 45th wedding anniversary of Bro. and Sister Reed and they were given a little surprise and presented with two specially decorated cakes and a gift from the members of the Camp and Aux.—Inez Morey, Dept. Press Cor., Chelsea, Vt.