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# OHIO LEADS THE LINE!

Brother C. Edward Wetzel, Department Commander of Ohio, informs me that a New Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans was instituted at Fostoria, Ohio, on November 10—a Camp of twenty-five charter members, and he promises more.

It will take courage, determination, patience, besides a lot of effort, to enlarge our ranks, but let's follow the example set us by Brother Wetzel. Let the rank and file of our Order go after members, and especially after Sons who are leaders in the Community where they reside; they will get the rest if they are really interested.

I believe if one could visit with a son outside of the Order, find out where his Father or Grandfather enlisted, what battles he was in, then tell him the things accomplished by the Army, Regiment or Company his Father served in, even before he is asked to join; or in case he does not know his Father's record, look it up, then on a second visit tell him what you have found, it would awaken his in-

terest, cause him to desire to become one of us, enjoy his heritage and become a permanent member.

Tell them this story: With springing step, in perfect measure, with waving banners and beating drums, they marched away and returned with faltering tread and slow and painful movement, bearing in their bodies disease that only ended its tortures when life itself faded away.

Go over the history of the troops in the Civil War engaged in actual battle, realizing the vast loss of human life alone, the records of three hundred fighting regiments; show of their numbers one in every three was either killed or wounded.

Brothers, let us always stand as good Americans, working for the continuance of a Great REPUBLIC, and make sure that as the sun each day courses from the Atlantic to the Pacific, it crosses a great Nation, and a Nation of happy homes.

PERLE L. FOUCH,

Commander-in-Chief.

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Camps Members

Form 11/2 Form 1

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

Series 1949

## Headquarters

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

> Office of Commander-in-Chief 562 Elv Street ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN

> > January 1, 1949.

#### A WELL LOVED BROTHER HAS GONE

On Christmas day, January 25, 1948, Horace H. Hammer, beloved of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and past Secretary-Treasurer of the Commandery-in-Chief, passed to the Great Beyond, to the sorrow of every member of that Organization. We who knew him best, shall always remember his exemplary manhood—his love of right—his cultivation of the moral nature his desire to do justice—the inextinguishable love of human libcrty-governed by his conscience. Nothing can be nobler than such a man.

Our Brother, our Friend, our Benefactor, Brother Horace H. Hammer, has been for years one of the sacred standard bearers of Patriotism in the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. His advice, encouragement and interest, not only in our Order, but as a citizen, a man, a friend to all who chanced to meet him; in the paths and highways of life, he was a friend and a patriot.

Therefore, in memory and in mourning of one who has done so much for our Order, and for us as individuals, let all Charters be draped for the next thirty days, and all possible honors put forth in mourning for our deceased Brother.

## QUARTERLY REPORTS—PER CAPITA TAX

Reports, Form 37 and 38, must be forwarded by Department Secretaries not later than January 31, 1949, to National Secretary A. C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J. Where Camps are reinstated, dropped or disbanded use Report No. 35.

Departments will pay per capita tax of ten (10) cents on each member reported in good standing; in addition pay fifty (50) cents membership fee on every member initiated between October 1 and December 1, 1948, inclusive.

Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers will see that their reports, Forms 27 and 28, with per capita tax are forwarded to their Department Headquarters immediately after the end of each quarter.

#### PASSWORD

Department Headquarters have received supply of new passwords-Form 0000. Camps are to be supplied upon receipt of Quarterly Reports, per capita tax and membership fees.

#### OFFICIAL ROSTER

The Commandery-in-Chief official roster, 1948-1949, has been supplied to all Departments. Department Commanders will supply each of his Department Officers with a copy.

#### DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

As soon as possible Department Commanders will notify the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters of the date and place of their Department Encampments.

#### FORM 990 INCOME TAX REPORTS

Department, Camp, Commanders and Secretaries:

Under date of February 19, 1943, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., directed that "Annually beginning with your current accounting period, information returns on Form 990 must be filed with the Collectors of Internal Revenue for the various Districts as long as Exemption from the payment of Income Tax remains in force." This form (990) may be obtained from the District Collectors and is required to be filed with them on or before the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of your annual accounting period.

NOTE: In question on Form 990, "Have you been advised by Bureau letter of your exemption." Answer: "Yes-Date of letter, June 11, 1941, Sub-section of Section 101, under which you are exempt, 8."

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 2 Report of National Treasurer-November-December, 1948, Inc.

GENERAL FUND		
October 30, 1948, Balance		.\$ 447.94
Receipts: Per Capita Tax Membership Fees Supplies Miscellaneous	\$1,026.50 21.50 147.94 8.07	1,204.01
		\$1,651.95
Disbursements:		41,001.55
Supplies Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$1,507.92 43.73 28.38	
Commender in Cinera =		1,580.03
December 31, 1948, Balance		
October 30, 1948—Balance		\$1,354.54
Receipts: Edgar M. Linsley		
December 31, 1948, Balance		\$1,381.79
Bonds		\$6,700.00
Interest received November, 1948		83.75

#### NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT Quarter Ending September 30, 1948 June 30, 1948 Sept. 30, 1948 Report Received Camps Members Camps Members At Large California & Pacific....Oct. 23 17 477 75 17 476 76 Colorado & Wyoming ... Oct. 20 25 18 13 742 Nov. Connecticut -310 292 217 210 712 310 268 217 Nov. 18 14 Indiana Nov. 14 13 27 12 96 13 14 13 27 Nov. owa .. 209 705 305 2,282 379 105 Kansas \_Oct. 25 Maine Nov. 304 2,389 390 105 12 ..Oct. 11 Massachusetts Nov. 99 13 Michigan -..Oct. Minnesota 77 62 79 62 353 525 Missouri .Nov. ..Oct. 27 355 530 1,281 17 19 58 46 17 19 56 46 New Hampshire Nov New Jersey\_ ..Oct. 18 1,252 1,075 147 New York 1,082 144 2,593 Nov.

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No. in Good Standing June 30, 1948.

#### 228 409 14 19 232 405 .Oct. 18 12 307 305 Nov. 547 13,341 539 13,108 RECAPITULATION

IN:		_				
Transfer	******			Mem	1bers 56 2 36	
Total	Gain				_	94
	Transfer Reinstater	Initiation Transfer Reinstatement	Initiation	Initiation Transfer Reinstatement	Initiation Men Transfer Reinstatement	Initiation         Members           Transfer         56           Reinstatement         2           36

Total Gain		94
LOSS:	. 547	13,435
By Disbanded         5         67           Death         103           Honorable Discharge         12           Transfer         3           Dropped         3           142		
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Dropped 3 142		
Total Loss	8	327
No. in Good Standing, September 30, 1948  Amount reported in Department Treasuries  Amount reported in Camp Treasuries		13,108 6,942.82 64,347.98
Amount expended for relief		1 906 60

PERLE L. FOUCH,

Attest: ALBERT C. LAMBERT,

Oregon & Wash ...

Fennsylvania

Rhode Island.

Wisconsin

Secretary-Treasurer.

Commander-in-Chief.

#### PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES

January, 1949

Camps will revise Form No. 1 and Departments will revise Form No. 11/2 to conform to the following price list before ordering

Camps must purchase all official supplies from Department Headquarters on Form No. 1. Supplies from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters will always be shipped to Department Headquarters and NOT to Camps or individuals and only on Form No. 11/2 from Department Headquarters.

	Cost of Camp Supplies To	Depts.	To Camps
No. 1	Requisitions for Supplies[Per 100]	\$1,25	\$1.60
2	Appl. for 50-year Badges[Per 100]	1.25	1.60
3	Apple for Membership [Per 100]	1.25	1.60
4	Transfers[Per 100]	1.25	1.60
5 6	Appl. for War Medals[Per 100]	1.25	1.60
6	Honorable Discharge[Per 100]	1.25	1.60
7	Past Officers Credentials[Per 100]		1.60
8	Delegates Credentials[Per 100]	1.25	1.60
8 1/2	Alt. Delegates Credentials[Per 100]	1.25	1.60
11	Constitution & Regulations Each	.15	.20
12	Statements of Account[Per 100]	1.00	1.30
13	Camp Council Quarterly Report. [Per 100]	1.00	1.30
14	Notices to Delinquent Member[Per 100]	1.00	1.30
A	Descriptive BookEach		2.25
В	Camp Treasurer Receipt Book Each	.60	.80
C	Camp Secretary Requisition Book. Each	.75	1.00
D	Minute Book Each	1.50	2.00
$\mathbf{E}$	LedgerEach	1.50	2.00
$\mathbf{F}$	Cash BookEach	1.50	2.00
I-I	Book-new members to signEach	1.50	2.00
	Electros of BadgeEach	1.00	1.30
	Electros of Coat of ArmsEach		1.30
	Department Supplies		
0000	Password	Free	Free
1 1/2	Dept. Requisition for Supplies[Per 100]	1.50	
2 1/2	P. D. C. Credentials to Commandery-		
	in-Chief Encampment[Per 100]	1.25	*****

	291	Delegates Credentials to Command-			
		ery-in-Chief Encampment[Per 100]	1.25		
	31/2	Alt. Delegates Credentials to Command-			
		ery-in-Chief Encampment[Per 100]	1.25		
	414	Department Transfer Cards[Per 100]	1.00		-
	21	Rituals Each	.75		1.00
	22	Installing Officers Reports[Per 100]	2.00		
	23	Organizers Reports New Camps. [Per 100]	1.00		-
	26	Camp Charter Applications[Per 100]	2.50		
	27	Camp Scc'y Quarterly Reports[Per 100]	2.50		
	27D	Dup. Book—Camp Sec'y Quarterly	2.00		
	עוז	Reports Each	.50		.65
	28	Comp Checking Output only	.50		.00
	20	Camp Treasurers Quarterly	1.05		
	007	Reports [Per 100] Dup. Book—Camp Treasurers Quar-	1.25		
	28D	Dup. Book—Camp Treasurers Quar-	0.4		
	0.5	terly ReportsEach	35		.50
	35	Dept. Sec'y Report Camps Dropped, etc.	Free		Free
	37_	Dept. Sec'y Consolidated Reports  Dup. Book of Form 37 for record Each	Free		
	37D	Dup. Book of Form 37 for record. Each	1.00		-
	38	Dept. Treas. Consolidated Reports Dup. Book of Form 38 for recordEach	Free		
	38D	Dup. Book of Form 38 for recordEach	.80		-
	45	Secret Work Envelopes[Per 100]	1.50		
	49	Certificates of Election-Dept Each	.20		
	60	Camp Patriotic Instructors Reports			
		[Per 100]	1.25		
		Dept. Secretary's Cash Book	6.00		-
		Dept. Secretary's Requisition Book	6.00		
		Dept. Treasurer's Receipt Book	8.00		
		Badges and Decorations	0.00		
		Membership BadgesEach	0.5		
					1.10
		Past Camp Commanders BadgesEach	.85		1.10
		Past Dept. Commanders BadgesEach	8.00		
		War MedalsEach	1.80		2.25
		Fifty Year BadgesEach	1.75		2.25
		Membership Ribbons [Blue] Each	.15		.20
		Department Ribbons [Red]Each	.15		-
		Bronze Recognition Button Fach	20		.25
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## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

Franklin S. Hubbard, National Patriotic Instructor, 5020 18 Ave., Kenosha, Wis.

As your newly appointed Patriotic Instructor, we take this opportunity to offer some suggestions which it is hoped will meet with your approval.

First, we must not forget our most potent project-the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Let us give generously this year to the National G. A. R. Fund that we may have the necessary funds to carry this legislation through the states of Utah and Nevada, where the Sons are not organized.

It was my privilege to attend the Central Region Conference at Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 16-17. This Conference was attended by C. in-C. Perle L. Fouch, Sr. Vice C.-in-C. Roy J. Bennett, Council-in-Chief George E. Bailey and Past Com.-in-Chief Richard F. Locke. There was good representation of both the Sons and Auxiliary of the Departments of this Region.

In compliance with the request of the Central Region, we contacted Acting Governor Oscar Renebohm of Wisconsin, with the result that the following Proclamation was is sued:

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE STATE OF WISCONSIN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT A PROCLAMATION

The Gettysburg address of President Lincoln is recognized as an outstanding classic of the ages. It will touch the hearts of men and inspire them with faith in our priceless heritages as long as time endures.

In his memorable address, President Lincoln adjured his fellow countrymen to dedicate themselves to the principles of democracy in order that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

At the request of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, NOW,

THEREFORE, I, Oscar Rennebohm, Acting Governor of the State of Wisconsin. do hereby designate November 19, 1948, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, as

## DEDICATION DAY

and I suggest that the address be read on that day in the schools and in public assemblages so that our citizens, and particularly our school children, may learn its true significance

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I Have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

> Acting Governor.

By the Acting Governor 

Secretary of State.

We suggest that similar action be taken in each state where the Sons are organized or better yet, have it made permanent by action of the State Legislatures.

At the present time we have knowledge of but four observances of Dedication Day by

At Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1948, U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, together with the School, held a program at the Lincoln Statue of the train were not changed. in Lytle Park.

Under date of Nov. 30, Governor Dennison at Madison and Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 22 tween Chicago and St. Louis. and 20 respectively. At Madison the speaker Judicial Circuit, Wisconsin.

During the evening, the Judge imparted ible."

the information that he is the grandson of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, and requested two application blanks that he and his son might join our ranks. Your National Patriotic Instructor was so impressed with the Judge's address that he asked the privilege of having it printed in The Banner and this was granted

The address appears in this issue and is worth reading carefully.

## THE REBEL

(MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, P. D. C., Ohio)

This paragraph is about a railroad and not a rebellion.

The Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad operates a main line from St. Louis, Missouri, to Mobile, Alabama, traversing the states of Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. Through trains Nos. 1 and 2 are known as the "Rebel" and trains Nos. 15 and 16 are called the "Gulf Coast Rebel." The road itself was formerly called the "Rebel Route." Trains Nos. 1 and 2 run between St. Louis and Mobile.

These names were given to the road and its fast trains by its President, Isaac Burton the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Tigret: When the Alton Road was taken into the Gulf system, the words "Rebel Route" were taken off the timetable folder and "Alteachers and pupils of Guilford Public ton Route" was substituted, but the names

President Tigret is a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln, and the Alton's division's Camp No. 1, of Columbus, Ohio, observed the trains Nos. 2 and 3 are named "The Abraday; and the other two which were attended ham Lincoln," and Nos. 18 and 19 are called by your National Patriotic Instructor were "The Ann Rutledge." These trains run be-

In his history of "American Railroads." of the evening was the Hon. Lyal T. Beggs, Stewart H. Holbrook says "One hopes that Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of For- President Tigret can integrate the tradieign Wars, who is a member of the Madison tions of the Blue and the Gray." It might be Camp. At Milwaukee the guest speaker was added that if the Lincoln trains were operthe Hon. Roland J. Steinle, Judge, Second ated all the way from Chicago to Mobile, it would be a symbol of "one nation indivis-

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## A FRIEND PASSES ON

A friendship of many years was broken last Christmas day with the passing of Horace H. Hammer, the order's long-time faithful Secretary-Treasurer. The nature of the work of ye editor and our Secretary brought about a relation that ripened into a real friendship that was cherished. His knowledge of the history and affairs of the order was extensive; his counsel and advice was cheerfully given when called for and was always of the best; his sense of devotion to duty was strong and showed an intense dewas patient and understanding always; his ed from this life to the beyond. life was an example of industry and integrity. The impress of his character was felt yond with those you cared for, who passed ship I valued above all others. on before you .- A. S. Holbrook.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

The passing of Horace H. Hammer brings sadness to a host of his friends. I first met Horace at Milwaukee in 1923 and our friendship has grown throughout the years. He was always the first to greet one at National Encampment and his Christmas Greetings were always anticipated with much pleas-

Special Aide — Sadie Dix, R. F. D. No. 1. Newton, Kan. Counselor—Mrs. Mamic Deems, 2801 Onyx Drive, Los Angeles 32, Callf. Parllomentarian—Mrs. Eva Blackman, 5404 Jackson Blvd., Chicago 44, Illinois.

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"Sunset and Evening Star and one clear call for me. And may there be no moaning of the bar when I put out to sea."

Death is like a ship departing for another shore. We watch it depart with tears and sadness but to us who remain there is comfort in the realization that just beyond the horizon there is another shore where friends and loved ones are waiting to welcome him home.-Cleon E. Heald, National Chaplain.

## FAREWELL, FRIEND!

On the day we commemorate as the birth sire to live up to his responsibilities: he of the child Jesus, Horace H. Hammer pass-

He would not desire it, for praise from associates and friends was not strange to him. by many who will hold his memory in ten- but as one who was closely associated with der reverence. Farewell, Horace! May the him for more than half a century, in a feepeace and rest of the blessed be granted you ble way, for words are inadequate, I would in full measure as you sojourn in the Be- pay my tribute of love to one whose friend-

Even in the days of his suffering, for his passing was amidst intense pain, I believe. if he could have expressed his thoughts, it would be in the words of that beautiful poem-

Twilight and evening bell. And after that the dark-

And may there be no sadness of farewell When Lembark

Our Order never had a more devoted memure. We shall all miss him in the days to bors. He prized membership in it above that ber, and we have had many devoted memof any other fraternity. Not strange to one who knew the pride he had in the service of Special Aide - Sadie Dix, R. F. D. No. 1, his father to his Country, for he was a member of the Company known as the First Defenders, commemorated by a beautiful monument in the park of the city in which he lived his entire life, Reading, Pennsylvania.

In the passing of Horace Hammer we have lost the one with possibly the longest membership in our Order. The one who had also as National Treasurer, and prior to Bridgeport 4.

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vice he rendered, for he was efficient, loyal and devoted to all. Twenty-two of the Commanders-in-Chief with whom he served have preceded him to the other shore, and of the living Past Commanders-in-Chief Horace Hammer was part of the administration of all save one.

His long membership and service are inseparably connected with the history of our Order, and it is in the hearts of our membership his best epitaph must be written.

The great sorrow in the life of our departed friend and brother was the loss of his devoted wife, known to all the members of the Auxiliary and Sons as Molly, called to her reward five years ago. Since, life to Horace was a lonely one, and while perhaps never expressed in words, a sad one.

It is not always by words that the living pay to the dead the sincerest tribute. The heart is not necessarily the fountain of words, but it is always the source of tears, whether of joy, gratitude or grief.

I cannot think of Horace as dead-he has just left for a while-another added to the many who have crossed the bar-another to meet in the hereafter.

They never quite leave us, the friends who have passed To the shadow of death, to the sun-

light above-A thousand sweet memories are hold-

ing them fast To the places they blessed with their

presence and love. Farewell old pal and coworker for all these years in a work we have always con-

sidered worth while and dear to us. Life's road well run. Life's work well done

Life's crown well won

Now comes rest JOHN E, SAUTTER.

## Past Dept. Commanders' Column

was called to the Past Dept. Commanders' Camps holding regular worthwhile meet-National Association, Organized at Grand ings, we have all too many inactive or those Rapids during the 1948 Commandery-in- not of a representative type. All too often, Chief Encampment, only 44 P. D. C.'s "join- for the good of our order, the Camp is not ed up." The appeal in the November Banner effectively discharging its duties. Officers responded. The cards included with the worn indiscriminately and the general pubboxes of Christmas Cards, brought in only lic impression created is certainly not conone. To make a long story short, there are ducive to attracting eligibles to our order. only a few P. D. C.'s who are members of the Association.

Christmas cards sent to you requesting you tainly we are not increasing our memberonly 18 P. D. C.'s have paid for their Christ- tered upon appeals for added membership, ers! Won't you please send your returns in and Policy Committees, yet our decline has early to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association at 667 N. 12th St., Philadelphia 23, Pa. The proceeds as explained in the letter are for "Monday Night at National"-a real social time for all. Dept. of Penna' still leads with 6 P. D. C.'s having "signed up." The line-up is as follows: California & Pacific, 1; Colorado & Wyoming, 0; Connecticut, 2; Illinois, 3; Indiana, 1; Iowa, 3; Kansas, 1; Maine, 3; Maryland, 2; Massachusetts, 4; Michigan, 2; Minnesota, 2; Missouri, 2; Nebraska, 0; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 2; New York, 5; Ohio, 4; Ore- our Association.

## NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

THE BANNER

Cleon E. Heald, National Chaplain, Keene, New Hampshire

# "GOD GIVE US MEN"

These words were uttered at a time of great stress. Today our order faces a time which tries our every thought and decision, if we as an organization expect to survive and carry out the principles and objectives for which we were organized. What is our basic trouble? What may we do to repair our structure?

takes real manhood to withstand unjust gos- conditions. sip, rumors and half-truths which are so frequently bestowed upon the "faithful few," the workers and mainsprings of our active us a chain of command from the Command-Camps. The only compensation received by ery-in-Chief, to the Regional Association, these giants in our order is the personal sat- to the State Camps and to the local commitisfaction which comes to one from a job tees. well done. Many have become discouraged who have withstood the years of unjust criti-Army of the Republic. God give us more men of this type and caliber of active membership which our order so desperately principles and institutions it symbolizes. l needs.

I am wondering if our physical set-up has kept pace with the day and age in which we performed, altering our physical structure in such a manner that from outward appearance we are become a new order, but retaining that for which we are organized.

I am wondering if the local Camp, as we have known it in the past, has outlived its In the last issue of The Banner, attention usefulness. While it is true that we have was expected to bring results. Only three are negligent or incompetent, uniforms are

I am wondering if our Department set-up is functioning effectively in supervising lo-And don't forget, brothers!! The boxes of cal Camps and Department activities. Certo purchase same for only \$1.00 must be ship or even replacing disbanded Camps. My paid for at an early date. At this writing, earliest recollections of our order arc cenmas cards. Approximately 490 boxes were New Camps, etc. We have appointed Good sent out to each and every P. D. C. So, broth- of the Order, Ways and Means, and Program

> gon & Washington, 0; Pennsylvania, 6; Rhode Island, 1; Vermont, 1; and Wisconsin, 2.

Only one (1) box of Christmas cards was returned "Address Unknown," consequently. all cards have been delivered (before now) it is hoped! So, please-send your dollar for the cards and if you care to sign up for story-acquainting today's Americans with membership, space is provided on the card.

been constant for more than a quarter of a century.

Perhaps our Departments should be replaced by State Camps, our local Camps disbanded, with the membership automatically transferred to a State Camp, holding quarterly meetings and possibly patterned after a Service Club with a dinner meeting, speaker, oustanding program or entertainment. I visualize the members of a State Camp being assigned to a local committee in the town or area in which they reside. These local committees would have the authority now vested in the local Camp, as pertains to the interests of our order. In fact, they I am convinced that our greatest sin or could continue the present Camp set-up if wearkness is that of individual jealousy. It this seemed desirable to meet peculiar local

Our newest unit, the Regional Association, might well replace the Department, giving

It is the prayer of your National Chapand fallen by the wayside. The future of lain that men of stature and wisdom gained our order depends upon those noble men through years of devoted service to our beloved order, may have the courage to so cism and are still carrying on a program alter and revamp our order that it may bewhich, in a measure, will result in at least come an organization so modern and desirkeeping our name before the public, and the able that eligible men will be eager to have perpetuation of the memory of the Grand their names placed upon our roster, thereby enabling us to ably perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the

May the New Year of 1949 bring forth a "Moses" in our order who will lead us out of our wilderness of complacency and inlive. Perhaps a major operation might be ertia, guiding our order to heights of strength and service which will exceed our fondest dreams.

## Civil War Stories Carried By Air at Grand Rapids Letting the public in on the Encampment

visit at Grand Rapids of the handful of survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic was what prompted this writer to secure the co-operation of that city's radio stations WJEF and WOOD in the production of two programs of Civil War reminiscences by Com.-in-Chief Theodore A. Penland, Past Com.-in-Chief John H. Grate, Dept. Com. William H. Osborn, Dept. Com. Albert Woolson, being also in the studio group. These Comrades were so good at narrating that the affair was strongly suggestive of the oldtime campfires. WJEF also had its Kalamazoo station later broadcast its recording of the program. Afterwards the station had a lively demand for copies by listeners, showing that they rated the preservation of the voiced reminiscences as valued remembrances, reminding them too that the career of the G. A. R. has nearly run its course.

As for publicity, my observation at the city mentioned was that the radio channels afforded opportunity to share with more people of Michigan some of the highlight events there than did the local press. Recalling what few Encampment Comrades' broadcasts we've done seems painfully inadequate as a means of communicating the Civil War it. Frankly, does the word commemorate Come on, P. D. C.'s! Let's make a go of really mean much to us nowadays? I wonder.

# ABRAHAM LINCOLN—

(Address by Hon. Roland J. Steinle, Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, Wisconsin, at Medford Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 20, 1948, an excellent comprehension and vision of on the occasion of "Dedication Day," under the auspices of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War).

In those dark days of our country's history, when dismemberment and despair were rampant, it was the prophetic vision of Abraham Lincoln that led the people out of a wilderness of divided opinion and placed this country in the very vanguard of civilization, where it has remained ever since. It is fitting and proper that we who meet here under the auspices of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pay tribute to America's greatest statesman, the Commander-in-Chief of the Union Army, whose loyalty courage, ability and vision have become household examples in the lives of the many millions of our people from the time of his death to this very day. Thousands of volumes have been written in an effort to extel the virtues of the Great Emancipator. Multiple thousands of addresses have been delivered in his honor. The principles expounded by both his private and his public life are daily taught in the classrooms of our schools as the highest type of practical living that Americans may emulate.

There is not a person in this splendid group tonight who is not familiar with the embracing. career of Lincoln. He was the ideal of our ancestors. In our study of history and government and politics we have felt glory in the leadership that he portrayed. We recog- Lincoln's bedside after his life had ebbed nize that his was a full life - complete in every particular of what we like to desig ages. Here lies the most perfect ruler of nate as true Americanism.

On religious Holy Days many of us are wont to pick up Holy Writ and dwell upon some passage or other of the incidents and best profit in concentrating upon some of the statements of the man who was the but time will not permit. But let us, for leader of our grandfathers and fathers and the balance of the time we have tonight, who was the very inspiration of the purpose for which your grand organization ex-

The outstanding quality of Mr. Lincoln throughout his entire life was his visionhis ability to plan and prepare for the fu- sity, must grip even the hardest heart ture. Vision, as we know, means long dis-

As a youth we find him engrossed in study and body which made him strong physically and from whence we trace the beginning of rudimentary principles of business. As a sight, Lincoln said: "If I ever have an opporcaptain of militia we know that he learned tunity to hit that institution, I'll hit it hard." of the rigor of the soldier's life. As the postwhen the apportunity came This indeed in Government service. In his capacity as Con- a demonstration of the greatest type of gressman he enjoyed the views of the states- vision. men of his day, and in that role was given

his debates with Douglas he demonstrated Address. It reads: the needs of the people of his time and those who were to come after. In his relations Dear Madam: with his family and his friends his inflexible rule, quoting his own words, was: "Quarrel not at all. No man resolved to make the most of himself can spare time for personal on the field of battle. contention." In his practise of the law he proved an able and conscientious advocate, profession.

His election to the presidency and his administration thereafter, coupled with the complete turning-around of critics and foe nation

Many declare that Lincoln was a man of dom. Destiny. That destiny, we know, came from the vision developed while his character was being molded under the most trying conditions. Lincoln was great because of his simplicity-great, because of his belief in the capacity of the common people-great, because he understood the common peoplegreat, because his experiences gave him a breadth of vision that, indeed, seemed all-

History records for us that the brilliant Stanton, who believed that Lincoln as President would be a failure, while standing at men the world has ever known." We like to think that by these words Stanton meant that Lincoln's influence would always be with us-as long as this great government characters referred to therein. It seems to endures. On an occasion such as this we me that on an occasion such as this we may might, with profit, contemplate any one of the great incidents in the life of Lincolndrink from the fountain of his wisdom and draw inspiration with which to carry on.

Who has not heard these words: "All that I am-all that I hope to be-I owe to my darling mother!" This sentiment, of neces-

And this expression: "Die when I may, future—five, ten, fifty a hundred or more me best that I always plucked a thistle

rience in New Orleans when he witnessed

he thought was good and what was not so of her five sons had been killed in battle in MAN OF VISION beneficial for the country. His biographers the Civil War, is so tender in sentiment, so point at length to his keen acumen in under- exalted in spirit, and so perfect in form. standing the principles of human nature. In that it will live as long as his Gettysburg

Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C. November 21, 1864.

I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously

I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beand the legion of stories from and about his guile you from the grief of a loss so overpractise are amongst the gems of the legal whelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your beto admirers and friends, were accomplishmemory of the loved and lost, and the solreavement, and leave you only the cherished ments seldom equaled in the lifetime of this emn pride that must be yours, to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of free-

> Yours very sincerely and respectfully, ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

In contrast, we recall the message from Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany to Frau Meter of Delmenhorst-Oldenburg:

"His Majesty the Kaiser hears that you have sacrificed nine sons in defense of the Fatherland in the present war. His Majesty is immensely gratified at the fact, and in recognition is pleased to send you his photograph, with frame and autograph signature."

Once, while Lincoln was practising law in Springfield, the meanest man in town tried to engage Lincoln's services in a lawsuit for away, declared: "Now he belongs to the dence and inquiring into the circumstances a sum of money. After examining the eviof the alleged debtor, Lincoln said: "I could win this case for you if I were engaged in this sort of business. I will just give you some advice for nothing. You seem to be an able and energetic man. Try and make your \$600 in some other way than taking it from a poor widow with five children."

This story is illustrative of Lincoln's great heart for the underprivileged and of his fine sense of equity and fairness.

At Gettysburg, Lincoln gave what is now considered one of the masterpieces of literature. It is the fountain spring of the American way of life. "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, tance thinking. It means looking into the I want it said of me by those who knew beyond our power to add or detract. The years. The preparation made by Lincoln in and planted a flower, where I thought a what we say here, but it can never forget his early years, achieved at great sacrifice, flower would grow." The practical applical what they did here. It is for us, the living, equipped him in excellent fashion for the tion of this magnificent thought by all rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished grave responsibilities that were eventually Americans today would soon eliminate sel. work which they who fought here have thus fishness from the hearts of men, would ban- far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us ish all intolerance and would obliterate such to be here dedicated to the great task reat great handicap. As the rail-splitter we things as class hatred, religious bigotry and maining before us, that from these honored In his early life we recall Lincoln's expecause for which they gave the last full meashis magnificent homespun philosophy. As the sale of a young Negro girl on the slave solve that these dead shall not have died in the store clerk we see him observing the block. Turning away from this sickening vain; that this nation, under God, shall have

We may well at this time recall the words of Lincoln expressed to a trusted friend near The short letter which Lincoln wrote to I never doubted for a moment, that our opportunity to discriminate between what Mrs. Bixby of Boston, on learning that all country would come through safe and undi-

vided. But do not misunderstand me. I do man who stands by and says nothing when not know how it can be. I do not rely upon the peril of his government is discussed, the patriotism of our people, though no peo- cannot be misunderstood. If not hindered, ple have rallied around their king as ours he is sure to help the enemy; much more if the bravery and devotion of the boys in with 'buts' and 'ifs' and 'ands'." blue. God bless them! God never gave a prince or a conqueror such an army as he has given me. Nor yet do I rely on the from within and from without, declared: "I loyalty and skill of our generals, though I appeal to you again to constantly bear in believe we have the best generals in the mind that not with politicians, not with presiworld at the head of our armies. But the dents, not with office-seekers, but with you God of our fathers, who raised up this country to be a refuge and the asylum of the op- country be preserved to the latest generapressed and down-trodden of all nations, tion?" will not let us perish now. I may not live to see it,-I do not expect to see it-but God will bring us through safely."

In the great drama of today, wherein we seek to construct a just and lasting peace in the world, a crisis is facing us. What would be Lincoln's advice to the American people ours, unanimity of action among those seeking a common end is-indispensable."

At another time Lincoln warned: "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

make common cause to save the good old will have a chance to pilot her on another vovage!"

How aptly these words fit our case today. In the crisis of his own day, Lincoln pleaded with his fellow citizens to forget their political differences and join one and all in saving the nation. He said in words that vibrate with timeliness again today: "Almost all men in this country, and in any country where freedom of thought is tolerated, attach themselves to political parties. It is but ordinary charity to attribute this to the fact that in so attaching himself to the party which his judgment prefers, the citizen believes he thereby promotes the when an election is passed, it is altogether election, they should be as one people."

Our aspirations, hopes, dreams and ideals of the last war were all envisioned by Abraham Lincoln in 1861 when he declared: form and substance of government whose leading objective is to elevate the conditions of men-to lift artificial weights from all shoulders; to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all: to afford all an unfettered start, and a fair chance in the race of lifethis is the leading objective of the govern ment for whose existence we contend."

The term "Fifth Column" was unknown in Lincoln's time, but the elements that bore from within to overthrow the government Markham, when he said: were on the job even then. Lincoln was well aware of their activities as he warned of them in 1861, when he said: "Our popular The smack and tang of elemental things: government has often been called an experi- The rectitude and patience of the cliff, ment. Two points our people have already settled—the successful establishment and The friendly welcome of the wayside well, the successful administering of it. One still remains-its successful maintenance against a formidable internal attempt to overthrow The pity of the snow that hides all scars,

To a friend Lincoln wrote in 1863: "The Thus was Abraham Lincoln!

have rallied around me. I do not trust in he talks ambiguously-talks for his country

At Indianapolis, in 1861, Lincoln, speak ing of enemies of this government, both is the question-shall the liberties of this

One of Lincoln's most famous statements was coined by himself and uttered March 13. Civil War, has been budding and growing. 1864: "Keep the jewel of Liberty within the family of Freedom."

who loved his country and his fellow-man, in this hour? It is there in the pages of he concluded a notable address by expound- ers is, also, becoming more prevalent and our history. In 1864 Lincoln gave us this ing this thought: "The people, when they this, also, will draw them together the more counsel: "In a great national crisis like rise en masse on behalf of the liberties of closely. this country, truly, it may be said: 'the gates of hell cannot prevail against them'.'

Lincoln, with his honest heart, open mind. and sad eyes, saw that underneath our di-And again he cautioned: "If we do not versity, our struggles, our selfishness, there is a principle of unity which for a century ship of the Union on this voyage, nobody and a half, in a degree we often fail to appreciate, has made America the beacon light of hope to the peoples all over the world. It and weary millions abroad hang today on cause. the words of an American statesman, as the voice that announces the way out of a world the united efforts of these "Sons," each blackout.

been the well-spring of the strength of one ment, rich in potentialities!-H. S. Siggelko, hundred-forty millions of Americans in Madison, Wis. building up those institutions, economic, social and political, that have made the liberty of human beings a reality instead of a hope.

quarters of a century now we can still hear best interests of the whole country; and the voice of Lincoln expounding in his 82nd National Encampment, on September befitting a free people that, until the next and seven years ago our fathers brought forth a government dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal."

That is no longer mere rhetoric. It is the expression of faith which we shall one day campment, and "This is essentially a people's contest—it is make a reality for every human being. That a struggle for maintaining in the world that is the ideal of America today. There lies her destiny and that of the world.

So, on this occasion when we honor the memory of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, let us draw our inspiration for the task ahead from the slogan coined by their gallant leader, Abraham Lincoln, who said: 'Keep the jewel of Liberty within the family of Freedom."

In conclusion, let us consider the tribute to Lincoln, the man of the people, by Edwin

The color of the ground was in him, the reearth.

The goodwill of the rain that loves all leaves. The courage of the bird that dares the sea, The gladness of the wind that shakes the

The tolerance and equity of light-

## Centenarian on January 23

We are advised that G. A. R. Commanderin-Chief Theodore A. Penland will celebrate his one hundreth birthday at his home in Portland, Oregon, on January 23. His headquarters address is Room 713, Court House, Portland. Our membership should make this anniversary a memorable one with cards. letters or flowers.

## United in Purpose

Recently a movement to bring about closer co-operation, in the pursuit of various worth while objectives between the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans, Not long since, for instance, Forts Moultrie and Sumter were saved from destruction And as if to inspire the generations who and preserved in the interest of history. were to succeed his, with a vision of one through the joint action of these two organizations. The custom of exchanging speak-

All this is as it should be, letting by-gones be by-gones, burying the past, with objects and purposes akin, the goal the same, the preservation of cherished institutions and principles and the American way of life. dear to their hearts. May the Sons, North, and the Sons, South, march together, elbow to elbow, shoulder to shoulder, as did their fathers in the hour of conflict, this time, is a principle which make the displaced though to defend and support a common

In Union there is strength and through maintaining a separate organization, much It is that principle of unity which has will be accomplished. On with this move-

## Commemorative Stamp

A U. S. 3-cent stamp commemorating the Across the silence of more than three- Grand Army of the Republic is in the possibilities through a resolution adopted by the vision and wisdom these words: "Four score 29, 1948, at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS: The Grand Army of the Republic now in session at Grand Rapids, Michigan, is meeting in its next to the last En-

WHEREAS: All living members have reached the remarkable age of over 100 vears, and

WHEREAS: This Grand Army of the Republic has given to the National five Presidents, a record of service and patriotism unequalled in history, be it

RESOLVED: That we earnestly request and humbly petition that the Post Office Department issue a Postage Stamp commemorating the GRAND ARMY OF THE RE-PUBLIC, and that this stamp be first offered to the public at Indianapolis, Indiana, at the occasion of the final National Encampment of our Order.

THEODORE A. PENLAND, Commander-in-Chief.

Submitted by JOHN G. SPIELMAN, Acting Officer-of-the-Day, Post 161, Long Beach, Calif.

The Grand Army of the Republic was organized at Springfield, Illinois, April 6, 1866.

en remain and all have passed the century

At the height of their glory they were a dominant factor in all walks of life-church, literature, industry, schools and public affairs, both national and local. This organization gave to the Nation five Presidents, General Grant, Commander Rutherford B. min Harrison, Major William McKinley. Their little bronze button was worn by Senators, Congressmen, Governors and public officers

Today the widows, daughters, sons and relatives of the "Boys of the Blue" constitue an army of half a million patriotic men and women.

No other organization maintained as high a spirit of patriotism and integrity as the G. A. R. They were "first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of their countrymen" which writes them on the scroll of the nation's history with Washington. The propostage stamp is a well merited honorarium.

## TWO FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Franklin, January 17, 1706; trade well, read a great deal, and wrote articles for newspapers.

Breaking away from his apprenticeship, Organizations. he settled in Philadelphia, establishing a print-shop of his own. He purchased the dered Bro. and Sister Prelle on their 35th Pennsylvania Gazette and attained a posi- wedding anniversary. Honored guests were tion of importance throughout the Colonies. Dept. Pres. Elizabeth Chamberlain, Nat. Jr. His "Poor Richard's Almanac" was widely influential in molding American character.

Daniel Webster, January 18, 1872: "The man who almost became President" might be applied to Daniel Webster. Three times he came near being nominated by the majority party. Educated at Dartmouth College, he entered law and became one of the country's leading advocates. Twice elected to Congress, he became an outstanding leader in international affairs. Later, while a Senator, in his reply to Robert Y. Hayne he reached his height as an orator.

## CONNECTICUT

Wm. G. Winans, Publicity Director. 61 Madison St., New Britain, Conn.

N. E. Regional Meeting

The New England Regional meeting was held at New Haven, at the Hotel Garde, Sat. and Sun., Oct. 30-31. A large delegation of Brothers and Sisters from the New England States attended. A fine radio program was heard in the afternoon, arranged by Bro. James Ledwith. Speakers were P. C.-in-C.

served, credit to be given Bro. James Ledwith, after which an entertainment arranged Dept. Radio Comittee. by Sr. Vice Dept. Com. William Nemitz. A get-together in the form of a Hallowe'en party was enjoyed. Sister May Gibney, of Conn., was elected Regional President.

Camp 6, Hartford

half million veterans. Today about two doz- Com. Arthur Holtz was installed as Commander for the third term. There were many visitors from the various Allied Organizations. An entertainment was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

#### \* \* \* \* Attend Installation

Nov. 18 Dept. Com. Wallace Bassett, Sr. Vice Com. Wm. Nemitz, Dept. Pat. Inst. Pearl Chamberlain, Dept. Pub. Director Wm. Win-Hays, Gen. James A. Garfield, Gen. Benja ans, and Dept. Pres. Elizabeth Chamberlain of the Auxiliary attended the Installation of ladies. officers of Chapter 1, War Mothers, of New Haven. This organization is growing rapidly throughout Connecticut. Some very interestwas served which was enjoyed by all.

#### \* \* \* \* District 6 Meeting

Nov. 20 a meeting of District 6 was held with Franklin Bartlett Camp 11, in Obeh Grotto Hall, Bridgeport, at 8 p. m. This was n observance of Dedication Day.

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District 3 Meeting

Camp 16 and their Auxiliary sponsored a meeting of District No. 3 at their hall Sat. posed Grand Army of the Republic memorial Nov. 27. A fine supper was served at 6:30 under the supervision of Sister Lillian Pierce. and a very fine program in observance of Dedication Day followed. The principal speaker of the evening was Ex-Mayor George Quigley, who gave a very fine address on incidents to his brother, a printer, he learned the Sisters was very good and Jardeen, the Magi-

> National Jr. Vice Com. Allen Spink gave a ery interesting talk on the Nation and State

> Best wishes and congratulations were ten-Vice Com. Allen Spink and Ex-Mayor George Quigley. Guests were also present from East lampton, Hartford, Bristol, Waterbury.

> Com. Winans of Camp 16, New Britain, wishes to thank all for their attendance at this meeting.

## MASSACHUSETTS

William W. Haskell, Publicity Secretary, 109 Burkeside Ave., Brockton, Mass. Tel. Broc. 1892-W.

## Recent Air Programs

Our Oct. 19 air program was designed to interest from that town's station WKOX. Gen. Sheridan was the hero of the half hour on the air, as we observed the anniversary of missions by her Order and ours were ex- enjoyable evening.

A Dedication Day broadcast was done over WCOP that saved the day from being forgot-In the evening a very fine banquet was Boston newspaper publicity for our radio of

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Camp 61, Boston

Com. Stratton, of the Camp, acted as Chairman at the dedicatory services on Long Is-Camp 6 held installation of officers Nov. 5, Rainsford Island. A large monument, with a sonian Institute.

and at one time had a membership of over a Bro. Allen Spink being the installing officer. bronze tablet containing the 79 names, was un-veiled with suitable ritualistic ceremonies by Camp '61 officers.

Participating were the City Treasurer, Public Health Commissioner, Graves Registration Officer of Boston, The Boston Fireman's Band, a Firing Squad from the 182nd Infantry, and a uniformed Color Guard of 12 members of the Sons of the American Revolution. in Continental uniforms.

About 100 were in the party on the city boat to the Island, including some of the

#### \* \* \* \* Camp 5, Hudson

We lost an outstanding member in the reng topics were discussed and a buffet lunch cent death of Brother Charles Balcom, of Newton. Although he rose to enviable heights in Masonic and advertising circles, and his residence of recent years limited his fraternal activities to the vicinity of Boston, he held fast to his Camp membership and the earlier associations with Hudson G. A. R. Post members and the Brothers. Here was a fine example of members of our Order, similarly situated, whose Camp connection can be separated only by death.

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Camp 17, Brockton

Camp 17 held its installation on Nov. 29, with Dept. Insp. Charles Hooper, of Quincy, as installing officer. For the first time in many years all the officers were present and installed. Elmer Shaw, a worker for the "There were giants in those days." Benja- of the Civil War. The Ex-Mayor is a Son of organization for a number of years, was inmin Franklin statesman, diplomat, scientist, a Veteran, Songs of the Civil War days were stalled Commander, and his many friends are and author, was one of them. Apprenticed sung by all. Accordion music by the Gresch wishing him the best of luck for a successful vear.

Com. Shaw, Sr. Vice Elliot Tribou and Jr. Vice Leo Hamilton have been appointed the Welfare Committee for the year and they are planning a program to interest the members. \* \* \* \*

## Plymouth County Association

The Plymouth County Assn. held its annual Christmas Party with Camp 144, Bridgewater, as host. Pres. Stanley Blanchard impersonated Saint Nick and gave each present a gift.

Plans are being made for the annual Lincoln-Washington Banquet to be held in February by a committee composed of P. D. C. Wm. Haskell, Chairman; LeRoy Cobb, Ansene A. Strassell, Earl Harrington and P. D. C. Harold M. Drown.

Plans are also being made to hold a P. D. C. Night in March, at which time a Class Initiation will be held. Camps in the state are asked to send their candidates. The initiation will be in honor of our Dept. Commander, Allen B. Howland, a member of Plymouth County Association.

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Camp 50, Rockland
A well attended reception was tendered Alhis brilliant victory at Cedar Creck. Of course lan Howland, Dept. Com., S. of U. V., in G. there was a generous serving of Civil War A. R. Hall, Rockland, Oct. 9, by Camp 50 and music. Sister Phyllis Dean read the cele- Auxiliary 50. Over 300 were present with five brated poetic description and shared with lis- New England States being represented. Enteners a remembered battle account she had tertainment was enjoyed and the serving of heard from a G. A. R. veteran. Naturally the refreshments and dancing concluded a very

#### . \* \* \* \* Camp 115, Duxbury

ten by that prominent station's many listeners. The responses since received showed it esting one, but too long to be told here. Brief-Harding Hale, P. N. P. Maude Warren, and was welcomed by numerous persons in the ly it was on March 17, 1824, when a group of radio audience. Incidentally, we get good girls and the mother of one William Driver, ferings.—H. Harding Hale, Charles W. Little, birthday presented him with a beautiful American Flag which they had made for him. "I name her Old Glory," said he, in response to their greetings. It went with him twice around the world, once around Australia, and land, Boston Harbor, where the bodies of 79 flew from the dome of the capitol of Tennes-Civil War veterans were re-interred, from see, and now rests behind glass in the Smith-

## MINNESOTA

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January, 1949

## Camp 1, St. Paul

St. Paul Camp on Dec. 12, suffered by death the loss of Col. William R. Boyce. Brother Boyce had been one of the mainstays of his Camp and had served as its Commander. In 1938 he was chosen by the Brothers of Minnesota to be the Dept. Commander, and was most zealous in the work. Brother Boyce was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and World War I. For a number of years he served with credit to himself as Commandant at the Minnesota Soldiers Home. He attended many of the National Encampments. Being a very congenial person, he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

## \* \* \* \* Camp 8, Minneapolis

Chester L. Charter was chosen to be Commander of Minneapolis Camp No. 8 for the

ensuing year, with the following to serve with him: Sr. Vice, David Allen Phelps! Jr. Vice, Jackie Lawrence; Sec., George E. Bailey; Treas., Earl W. Boyes; Pat. Inst., Dewey B. Mead. The installation of these officers will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, with Dept. Com. John M. Aretz as installing officer.

Minneapolis Camp No. 8 had the misfortune of losing some of its most earnest members eighty-third milestone. As those present reduring the past few months. The Great Commander in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call Past Dept. Com. L. L. Foss, Past Camp Com. Thomas Patrick Gleason, and Past Camp Com. Clayton T. Garthwaite from our midst. Brothers Foss and Gleason had been members continuously for over fifty-five years and had received their Fifty-Years Membership Badge of our Order.

## Camp 19, Linwood

their meetings had the initiatory exemplified Our Camp Council, Secretary and Treasurer, in full form with the degree team of Minneapolis Camp No. 8 putting on the work. The meeting was well attended by members and the Auxiliary. Following the meeting Mrs. Ethel Rasmussen favored with several songs with Mrs. Blanche Charter officiating at the piano. The Haskell Auxiliary served a sumptuous luncheon, such as they are noted for.

## VERMONT

Thomas A. Chadwick, Publicity Director, Springfield.

## Department Notes

Dept. Com. Mervin M. Pierson has been making many official calls during recent weeks. He has visited Brattleboro, Chester, Peacham, Montpelier, Morrisville, and of course, his own Camp at Springfield, where he is a leading figure.

A fine meeting was held at Brattleboro on Friday, Dec. 24. Two new members were initiated. Col. H. E. Taylor Camp is now undoubtedly the strongest unit in our Department.

Installation meetings have begun. On Monday evening, Dec. 17, the new officers of Camp 11, at Chester, were installed by P. C. C. Arthur Cilley, of Springfield. Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, Past Dept. J. V. C. Leon Bosworth, of Chester, installed the officers at Saxtons' River.

District No. 5 held its annual election of officers at Chester on Nov. 20. The new officers are: P. D. C. Samuel F. Bradford, Pres. John Herrick, Vice Pres.; Wilma Baker, Treas.; Florence Scovell, Sec. There were 45 present, and a nice program and supper were enjoyed. The retiring Dist. Pres. Edith Lamothe, held six meetings during the past Marcus Aurelius.

year, with a total attendance of 254. This fine record proves the value of a strong District organization. This is the only organization in which the Sons and Auxiliary can actually work together. More District organizations such as this would be of immeasurable help to both Orders. The next District meeting will be held at Springfield, Jan. 29.

## MARYLAND

Frank P. Gentleu, Press Correspondent, 9 Main Ave., Richardson Park, Wilmington 177, Delaware

Our Dept. Commander, L. E. Manoly, of Washington, D. C., extends his greetings and best wishes for the new Year.

## Camp 2, Wilmington

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, a delegation from the Camp presented a 50-year badge to Past Camp Com, Wm. J. Gilling at his home. Due to infirmitles Bro. Gilling was unable to attend our regular meeting. Dept. Couns. Jos. H. Gentieu, made the presentation on behalf of the Camp. P. D. Com. R. S. Valleau presented the certification of his fifty years' membership, P. Nat. Pres. Celeste D. Gentleu represented the Auxiliary and P. D. Com. F. P. Gentieu spoke of the service rendered by Bro. Gilling during his fifty years member ship, and the fact that he is approaching his called events of forty and fifty years ago, our host joined in the recital of interesting events in the early days of our Camp.

New officers have been elected and are ready for the joint installation with our Auxiliary on Jan 3. Our Camp Commander, David J. Green, is a great grandson of Captain Peter B. Ayers, who was active in our G. A. R. and civic affairs fifty and sixty years ago. Sr. Vice Com. David A. Smith is a grandson and also a World War II Vet., and our Jr. Vice G. W. Haskell Camp recently at one of Com., J. Shipley Coyle, is also a grandson. have been re-elected and we are looking forward to a good year.

Preparations are going forward for the Dept. Encampment to be held in Wilmington on May 13 and 14, 1949.

# \* \* \* \* Camp 30, Washington

Our meeting of Dec. 17 was held in conjunction with the Auxiliary at the home of P. D. Pres. Lillian Wood. Out of town guests of the Auxiliary were the Dept. Pres. Dorothy Hilyard; P. N. P. and Dept. Sec. Celeste D. Gentleu; P. D. Pres. and Chief-of-Staff, Margaret J. Hahn, and Past Dept. Chaplain, Alice B. Lucas, all of Wilmington, Del. Maj. General Amos A. Fries, Com. of Lincoln Camp, gave

a very interesting address.

Dept. Com. L. E. Manoly of our Camp has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Inaugural Committee and all Sons of Union Veterans have been invited to take part in the parade.

Our election of officers was held and after he meeting we had a Christmas party, with gifts being exchanged and an abundance of 'efreshments. "Colonel" Michael Casey, of Lincoln Camp, was observed as being among those present, and acted as Secretary of the meeting, pinch hitting for our regular Secretary who was on the sick list.

We greatly regret to announce another prominent member of the Sons has passed rom this scene of action, in the person of Brother Guy F. Glossbrenner, originally from Oklahoma, and since 1905 an auditor in the Internal Revenue Bureau. Funeral services were held on Dec. 23.

Every man is worth as much as the things are worth about which he is concerned. -

## WISCONSIN

Herbert S. Siggelko, Press Correspondent, 220 N. Murray Street, Madison 5.

## Milwaukee

On Nov. 20 this Camp observed Dedication Day, held either on or close to date of Gettysburg address. P. D. C. Smith, of Madison, reported that the affair was a great success, the music, vocal and instrumental, excellent. The address by Circuit Court Judge Roland J. Steinle on Lincoln, "Man of Vision," was a masternicce. Others took part in the program. Sister Hazel Britton, Dept, Pres. Auxiliary, and Dept. Com. Hubbard were there. They offered remarks as did Brother Smith. \* \* \* \*

## Prairie du Chien

This Camp, long, long ago, helped to start on its career by your Press Correspondent, still carries on. Brother W. R. Graves, P. D. C., is a member, he has been recently appointed Dept. Chaplain. This brother is an old war horse, a tower of strength; his influence will be very helpful if once again he can see his way clear to get into the harness and help push.

#### \* \* \* \* , Madison

Election resulted in the choice of Brother Leslie C. Wheeler as Commander. He has capable officials in the Sr. and Jr. Vice Commanders, the Secretary-Treasurer, and has appointed good staff officers.

Oct. 30. Brother William Nichols of our Camp, at his own expense, staged a get-together of the Auxiliary and Sons at a dance with a very fine four-piece orchestra providing the music. This was a Hallowe'en party, really, and we had all the trimmings; the menu was appropriate and appetizing, those so desiring played cards. May other brothers get the spirit of Brother Nichols and stage like events!

Nov. 22 we held one of our open patriotic public meetings. We had invited Bro. Lyall r. Beggs, Commander-in-Chief of the V. F. W., to be our guest. First he, and the members of his family, partook with us of an elaborate pot luck dinner, exceptionally well patronized. Later he addressed one of the largest gatherings we have ever had. This meeting included music by a five piece orchestra, and a sound movie, featuring Lincoln at Gettysburg.

Installation of officers, Auxiliary and Sons, took place Dec. 13. In the absence of our Dept. Commander, P. D. C. Smith acted as installing officer for the Sons. We made of this a Christmas party, really, the program including recitations, a bit of dancing, and Christmas carols. \* \* \* \*

## Baraboo

Dec. 12 Past Dept. Com. J. O. Smith, the Missus and others, went to Barahoo to be present at the installation of officers. Brother Smith was the installing officer. We have not gotten details but a very good time is reported. Our very amiable and efficient Dent. Sec-Treas., Brother Doppler, lives at Baraboo and helps keep the camp fires burning.

## Celebrates Birthday

On the afternoon of Nov. 14, this being the birthday of Dept. Com. Hubbard, he was very agreeably surprised by a number of Milwaukee Auxiliary and Sons members. They brought all the eats, including a very remarkable cake, baked by P. D. P. Ellinore Konrad. Com. Hubbard reports this was about the nicest birthday celebration he has ever expe-

A man doesn't improve his own reputation by spoiling somebody else's.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Gilbert Brown, Press Correspondent, 422 Napoleon St., Johnstown, Pa.

Around the Department

Sunday, Nov. 7, at Indiana, a Western Dis trict Association was organized, with Dept. Com. J. Clark Mansfield, of Pittsburgh, in charge. Representatives were present from Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Somerset, Berlin, Indiana, Greensburg, Eliwood City, Sharpsburg, Imperial, Verona, McKeesport. After discussing the call for the meeting the following officers were elected temporarily: Gilbert Brown, Com. of Speer Orr Camp 14, Johnstown, President; George Hohe, Indiana, was chosen the Sec.-Treas, for the S. U. V. For the Auxiliary groups: Mrs. Kathryn Kase, Indiana, was elected President; Mrs. Olive Mowrey, Johnstown, Vice President; Mrs. Clara Lewis, Pittsburgh, Secretary; Mrs. Iva Forsythe, Ellwood City, Treasurer; Mrs. Genevieve Duncan, Ellwood City, Chaplain; Mrs. Vaida McCurdy, Indiana, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Florence Bennett, Johnstown, Musician; Mrs. Henrietta Huber, Indiana, Special Aide. The Berlin Fife and Drum Corps furnished the music. Next meeting will be held in Johnstown in the Spring.

On Nov. 19 at 10:30 p. m., P. Com. E. St. Clair Faust, Radio Chairman, Dept. of Pa., delivered an inspiring address over Radio Station WEST, at Easton, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the Dedication of the Pa. National Cemetery at Gettysburg in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On Oct. 2, at 7 p. m., in the University Room, Hotel Bethlehem, a testimonial dinner was held by the Lehigh Valley Association, to honor the Dept. officers of the Association. On Nov. 11, Gen. Judson Kilpatrick Camp

233, of Easton, observed their annual Memo-Olivet Presbyterian Church, was the principal speaker. Five members of the Camp received the 50-year service badge. All veteran organizations of the city participated in the services and a lunch was served at its close.

Nov. 16, at Emaus the Lehigh Valley Association held their regular monthly meeting in the Owls Club. Chas. Hohe night was celebrated for Bro. Hohe, who has served his Camp as Treasurer for 61 years. He attended 43 State Encampments and 38 National Encampments. The Auxiliary and the Sons joined in making it a grand success.

Nov. 6 a banquet and recention was held at Connellsville, in honor of Mary Elizabeth Kerns, Dept. Pres. of the Daughters of Union Veterans. The guest speaker was Past Dept. Com. Frank M. Heacock. Dept. Com. Mansfleld also attended.

Nov. 26 Mahanoy City, Camp No. 54, Ord Camp, S. U. V., elected officers for the ensuing year. Those elected were: Com., Jas. Richelderfer; Sr. Vice, Chas. Engle; Jr. Vice, Walter Birklebach; Treas., Teger Reed; Sec. Phaon Snyder; Pat. Inst., Wm. L. Stride; Chap., Martin Houser; Trustees, E. E. Kuder, Wm. Walker and Joseph H. Davies. Installing Officer was Edgar C. Clymer, Personal Aide to Dept. Com., of Philadelphia. Bro. Clymer delivered a wonderful patriotic address on "Americanism," which was well received. Supplementary remarks were made by Phaon Snyder and E. E. Kuder.

Dec. 27 Speer Orn Camp No. 14 elected their officers for the coming year at a meeting in G. A. R. Memorial Hall, Johnstown. They Tues., Jan. 4. On Monday, Jan. 3, P. C. Elton include: Com., Gilbert Brown [re-elected for P. Koch of Camp 295, Hellertown, installed his fifth year]; Sr. Vice, Edward Ream; Jr. his mother, Mrs. Marian Koch, as President wiches, doughnuts, cheese, pie and coffee Vice, Dorsey Lint; Pat. Inst., Wm. J. Wil- of Auxillary No. 182. Bro. Koch is now a were served in the dining-room, by Sisters

Ream and Dorsey Lint. Gilbert Brown was re-elected Pres. of the G. A. R. Memorial Hall Association, which has charge of the 3-story odgo building. W. J. Watkins was elected Vice Pres. and J. W. Little, Sec.-Treas. These officers will be installed Jan. 10 in conjunction with the officers of the Auxiliary to the local Camp. A fine luncheon will be served.

Nov. 6 Geo. G. Meade Camp No. 16 memmel

Nov. 15 the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. observed Dedication Day in their hall, with a literary and musical program. The various units paraded with the combined Veterans Organizations in the annual Armistice Day parade on Nov. 11, accompanied with the G. A. R. Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps.

At the meeting of Meade Camp No. 16 on Nov. 15, officers for the year 1949 were nomber meeting. Col. C. LeRoy Stoudt and Capt. National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 26 to 30, submitted a fine report of the Allied Orders conventions of the G.A.R.

Note: Get your news into your Department Press Correspondent as early as possible so Pennsylvania can make a good showing. Let the members throughout the Keystone State and other states know you are really doing something at your meetings.

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S. V. Club Annual Meeting

The 55th annual meeting of the Sons of Veterans Club, commemorating the 140th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and honoring the Union Defenders, will be held Saturday evening, Feb. 12, 1949, at the Square, Philadelphia. Dues for the year are Wickkiser, Sec. of the Camp, delivered the in your name and remittance at once to John Sr., Treas., Everett G. Freeman. eulogy. The Rev. Robert A. Allen, pastor of H. Liesee, Treasurer, 667 N. 12th St., Philadelphia 23, Pa.

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Southeastern Pennsylvania District

Francis A. Hall, Camp 10, was elected Dist Commander of the newly created Southeast ern District which comprises the Camps of Philadelphia and vicinity. Vice Com. is Andrew Burns, Sr., of 9-C; Dist. Sec. is Andrew Burns, Jr., of 9-C; and Dist. Treas. is John H. Liesee, Camp 200. The appointive officers: Master and Dist. Committees will be formally announced at the January meeting at Camp 236, Frankford Ave. and Ruan St., Philadelphia, Tuesday, Jan. 18. Rev. Richard O. Partington, Camp 200, and former Dept. Chaplain, has been named Dist. Chaplain. Dist. Sec. Burns has been authorized to notify all Camps in the District as to regular District Meetings.

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Bradbury Camp No. 149 at Media

Merle L. Hosgood, of Perkasie, Bucks Couny, will be installed as Commander of Bradbury Camp Monday, Jan. 19, at the Media Boro Hall, State and Jackson Sts., Media, P. C. Carl Ruths, of Camp 34, Mt. Carmel, the home town of Com. elect Hosgood, will be the Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp and Auxillary, Installing Officer. Bro, Ruths will be accompanied by a goodly delegation.

Sons Install Mothers

Chairman of Dept. Council Charles Dern of Camp 9, Ellis, installed his mother, Mrs. Marie Dern, as President of Auxiliary 12 on Palmer; Treas., John W. Little; Press Cor., tains membership in 295. He is a former Sanborn and Alma Perham,

Gilbert Brown; Trustees, W. J. Watkins, Ed Dept. Patriotic Instructor [1942-43] and his father, the late Clifford Koch, was Dept. Patriotic Instructor [1934-35]. \* \* \* \*

D. B. A. Convention

The 55th National Convention of the Death Benefit Association of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the G. A. R. Memorial Hall, 667 North 12th St., Philadelphia. The opening session will bers attended the grand opening of the new be at 10 a. m. Nat. Pres. William M. Romick club house of Garfield Camp 34 at Mt. Car- will preside. A large delegation of representatives is expected.

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Sons' Sunday at Philadelphia G. A. R. Home Arrangements are being completed for services at the Home for G. A. R. Veterans and Wives, 65th and Vine Sts., Philadelphia, by the Southeastern Pennsylvania District. Rev. R. O. Partington will be the speaker. The committee on arrangements includes P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock [149], Chas. Thompson, inated and election took place at the December meeting. Col. C. LeRoy Stoudt and Capt. 2-T. No actual date is set, but it will be in W. Howard Still, Sr., who had attended the February [the 13th if possible]. Letters of announcement will be promulgated.

MAINE

Martin E. Tilley, Press Correspondent, P. O. Box 224, Blddeford

Camp Press Correspondents have been so busy with Holiday duties that no items have come to my attention.

During January most of the Camps will nold installations. We hope the next issue will have plenty of items.

\* \* \* \* Camp 57, Biddeford

Our Camp elected officers recently. The following are to take office at the joint instal-Hotel Sheraton, 19th Street at Rittenhouse lation Friday evening, Jan. 7: Com., Martin E. Tilley; Sr. Vice, John T. Flood; Jr. Vice, rial service and Veterans Night. Stanley M. | \$5.00 and includes your dinner ticket. Send F. Walter Freeman; Sec., Herbert W. Buzzell,

On account of late working hours the Camp is meeting on Friday evening during the winter months as most of the active members ive out of town.

Camp 46, Bath

Hyde Camp and its Auxiliary held their annual inspection in October. A ham supper was served at 6:30. The Sons held their Inspection first with Dept. Com. Henry Patten, of Augusta, as Inspection Officer. Com. C. G. Dist. Pat. Inst., Dist. Press Cor., Dist. Degree Hooker was commended for the fine manner in which he conducted his meeting and much praise was given Hyde Camp degree team, Past Dept. Com. Maurice Warner, Commander. The meeting was then turned over to the Auxiliary President, Mrs. Mildred Cressey, for thein Inspection.

There were many guests from Portland. Augusta, Coopers Mills, Waterville and Brunswick present. The Sons of Union Veterans initiated two candidates and Auxiliary four. \* \* \* \*

Camp 25, Bridgton

We had joint inspection with the Auxiliary Nov. 3 at which nearly fifty members and visitors were present, the visitors being from Shepley Camp and Auxiliary, Portland, and South Paris.

Past Dept. Com. York of Norway [member of Chamberlain Camp] was the Inspecting Officer and a number of Past Dept. Officers were among the guests, one of them being Past Com.-in-Chief Henry Towle.

There were nice remarks by many of the visiting members.

After the meeting refreshments of sandliams; Chap., Rev. S. V. Carmany; Sec., G. G. resident of Ridley Park, Del. Co., but still re- Elsie Towne, Isabel Richardson, Florence

ILLINOIS

January, 1949

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.

Commander's Message

It being impossible to secure a more central location, the Mid-winter Encampment was held in Decatur, Dec. 11, St. Nicholas Hotel, Twenty-one Sons, representing nine Camps, were in attendance. We were honored by the presence of Nat. Pat. Inst. Franklin Hubbard, Dept. Sec. of the Grand Army James Blackman, and a very pleasing delegation of our Auxiliary.

Our banquet was served at 6:30 p. m. in the Pine room, to a capacity attendance. After dinner our meeting was turned into an informal affair. Each member of both Auxiliary and Sons were introduced and given a chance to talk on any subject they wished. Several constructive talks were made pertaining to Memorial affairs, the Grand Army Highway, and increasing our membership. There being a movement to do away with the individal marking of the Veterans graves by the Cemetery Associations and some of the Patriotic Organizations, an idea was presented by Past Com.-in-Chief Holbrook. Should this happen, a plot of ground in each cemetery could be set aside, a Memorial Committee appointed, blooming flowers planted and Flags placed whereby on each Memorial Day we could commemorate the services and sacrifices of our Veterans of all Wars. This system is now used in some places satisfactorily.

Why the marking of the Grand Army Highway, what it means to our Organization and why we should assist in its maintenance, was explained in a very impressive and enthusiastic manner by Past Com.-in-Chief Locke.

Several theories were given as to how our membership could be increased. After diagnosing these talks I am of the opinion that it is the desire of our membership to sell our organization to the public by doing the worth while things our society stands for, and by so doing we not only commemorate the services and sacrifices of our Union Veterans, but we educate the citizens that their fathers and our fathers made it possible for us to enjoy the blessings of a free Country. Let us be alert to these possibilities and work for the assistance we need in these laudable undertakings.

In an old Bannen of 1914, a brief history was printed of our Organization signed by J. B. Maccabe of Mass., L. M. Wagner of Pa. and G. B. Abbott of Ill. They state that no one man has the credit of organizing the Sons but the entire Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, Grand Army of the Republic, Philadelphia, Pa., has the credit. Lewis Vandergrif was the first Commander [at that time he was called Captain] and installed as such Oct. 15

As an Order it is thoroughly American, in that it is composed of all political faiths and religious creeds, and has never departed from its course. It's most practical purposes are to assist the Grand Army as representing the survivors of the Civil War of 1861-65, to honor the man who fought for the preservation of the National Union, and to uphold the principles in defense of which he offered his life. Briefly, therefore, this Order is patriotic, charitable and educational. Let us keep it that way .- A. Leroy Reynolds.

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Recent Deaths

Oscar E. Taylor, 79, a former Chicago real estate broker, and past Ill. Grand Chancellor of the K. of P., dled Oct. 29 at Daytona Beach, Fla. Oscar was a life member of Camp 1,

Camp 100, Chicago, died Oct. 4, in Altadena, brated his 101st birthday on Thanksgiving held with Auxiliary on Jan. 4.

fornia several years ago but retained his ters and telegrams. membership in the Chicago Camp.

Franklyn Hobbs, economist and statistician, and Commander of Camp 100, Chicago, for several years past, died Friday, Dec. 17, of injuries resulting from an automobile accident on Dec. 12. Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 20, with burial at Brooklyn,

\* \* \* \* Camp 1, Chicago

New officers for Custer Camp are: Com. Marion E. Smith; Sr. Vice, Frank Shults; Pat. Inst., Will Boedecker; Sec.-Treas., G. S. Pense. P. D. C. Blackman was installing officer, Dept. Com. Reynolds presented Bro. Shults with a 50-yean membership badge.

The installation exercises were held jointly with Auxiliary 30, whose officers were installed by Dept. Pres. Irene Francis.

A buffet luncheon was enjoyed.

Pat. Inst. Boedecker has been appointed Secretary of the Advisory Board by Dept. Com. Reynolds, a position well suited to his conscientious efforts and willingness to serve at all times.

Reception to Department Commander

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 17, a recepion was given to Dept. Com. Reynolds by the Camp and Auxiliary at Decatur, assisted by the other affiliated organizations. The event was held in the Masonic Temple and the attendance included a number from various points in the Department. Com. Reynolds received a number of gifts, as well as the greetings and good wishes from all present.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Ralph W. Garwood, Press Secretary, 525 Flower St., Pasadena 6.

Department Sponsors Carnival

The Carnival, sponsored by the Dept. Sons and Auxiliary held in Pasadena, has come and cone. It was a lot of fun besides netting the treasury a tidy sum. Our Dept. Com. Dent. Pres. and all officers worked hard on this project and it was a real success.

District Meetings

The meeting of District No. 1 and No. 2, held in Fresno, was well attended. Nearly every Camp and Auxiliary was represented. Close to 100 answered to roll-call.

Sixty-five attended the banquet prior to the reception for the Department Officers.

Much of interest was brought out at the business meeting that would benefit our Order. There should be more of these get-togethers to increase the interest of all the members.

District No. 2 met in Pasadena Dec. 8 at the Pearl St., Clubhouse, with Pres. Ralph R. Barrett, presiding. Nat. Pres. Lena G. Barrett, of the Auxil-

lary, was guest of honor for the evening. Eleven Nat. and Dept. Officers were present. Bro. Ralph and Sister Lena both gave interesting talks on the National Encampment and their trip to Bermuda. \* \* \* \*

Camp 1, San Francisco

A dramatic presentation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the famous speech, was the feature of Nov. 24 at the Frederick Funston Camp 61, U. S. W. V. The program was put on by California State Camp 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The program was enjoyed by all and many members.

Calif. Bro. Dohmeyer had removed to Call- day. He received many congratulatory let-

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Camp 2, Los Angeles

General Rosecrans Camp and Auxiliary observed Veterans Night which was open to the public and was in charge of Bro, Harrie Collins and Sister Mamie Deems. A very deltclous turkey dinner and all the trimmings was served.

Bro. Dennis Taylor passed away and was buried in the Camp plot with ritualistic services. He was a P. Com, in-Chief of the Indian War Veterans Association.

There was a large attendance of members and friends when Rosecrans Camp and Auxiliary gave a public reception for their members who hold National Offices.

Camp 5, Santa Cruz

We are sorry to report the death of Bro. John W. Baldwin. He was a faithful member and will be missed by all.

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Camp 17, Fresno Fresno Camp is happy to say they have some new members. They are Bro. Everett J. Gillis, Bro. Thomas Wells and Bro. Wm. Pyle. Bro. Gillis' father fought in Co. G. 85th Regiment, New York Volunteers. He died

while a prisoner in Andersonville Prison, Our Auxiliary gave our Camp a wonderful turkey dinner and Christmas party at their last meeting. We appreciate all their many kindnesses to us.

\* \* \* \* Camp 21, Oakland

Our last meeting was well attended. Some were able to be out for the first time in many months. Our Camp put on a dinner for our Auxiliary, which was well attended, at the home of Vern and Ann Cheney. Turkey and all the trimmings was prepared by Sister Margaret Cheney, Thomas Cheney and Sister Strom.

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Camp 22, Glendale

Our Camp is back in Veterans Hall again and this time we hope for keeps, Our Officers for 1949 have been duly elected and we will hold joint installation on Jan. 22. Sister Beatrice Riggs, Dept. Pres., and Bro. and Sister Al Deems were present and gave encouraging talks.

Long Beach Camp 10

A group from this city visited Comrade Marcus E. Getter, Dept. Adjutant and Commander of Post 181, Long Beach, at U. S. Birmingham Hospital, 50 miles north. He has been hospitalized since celebrating his one hundredth anniversary on July 29. He enlisted at the age of 17 in Company I, 139th Indiana Infantry.

In the party representing the affiliated orders were Estelle Huntington, W. R. C.; Elizabeth Hoyt, Secretary to Post 181; Harriet McCoy, D. U. V. No. 15, and Tyrone Richardson, D. U. V., No. 58. They were the guests of John G. Spielman, P. D. C., and his daughter. Dorothea. They presented Comrade and Mrs. Getter a potted cyclamen, and were happy to see that he was anticipating a peaceful Christmas.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Henry W. Smith, Dept. Press Correspondent, P. O. Box 160, Keene, N. H.

Camp 10, Keene

New officers for Griffin Camp are as follows: Com., Leonard Wyman; Sr. Vice, Clarence Parker; Jr. Vice, Hiram Clapper; Chap., new friends were gained, and several new Darrold Whitney; Pat. Inst., Wm. E. Pratt; Sec.-Treas., Henry W. Smith; Press Cor., Frank A. Dohmeyer ,a blind member of Past G. A. R. Com.-in-Chief Dumser cele- Hiram Clapper. A joint installation will be

## OHIO

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## Department Notes

Please send all news items in by the 25th of the month so as to get them in the next issue of The Banner. Let others know what you are doing so others may benefit from your activities.

On Friday, Nov. 19, 1948, the U. S. Postal Dept. issued a special 3c stamp commemorating the Gettysburg Address. The first sale was made at the Gettysburg P. O., at 8:00 a. m. They should be pretty well over the nation soon. Watch for them. We suggest use of them in all official communications,

The Ohio Dept. urges all Camps, if not already done, to elect their new officers and turn their names and addresses into the Department Headquarters at once.

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## New Camp at Fostoria

Norris Camp No. 48 was organized in the beautiful city of Fostoria, great railroad center, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1948, under ausniclous circumstances, in the American Legion tended by 108 Sons. Auxiliary and members impressive ceremonies

Credit for the new organization goes to Bro. J. G. Gilliland, District Aide, Findlay, Institution was by Judge Cecil J. Randall, P. D. C., and Dept. Organizer. Exemplification of the long form initiatory work was by the degree team of Governor Dennison Camp No. 1 tions: Albert M. Calland, P. C., Com., also flag charge; John F. Haggard, S. V. C., and acting Chaplain; Harrison T. West, J. V. C. Dept. Sec.-Treas.; C. M. Voorhees, Guide; Frank R. Hogan, C. B.; Sadie J. Williams, pianist.

Other Dept. Officers present were: Dept. Com. C. Edward Wetzel, who expressed great satisfaction of the work, and presented the Commander of the Camp with a gavel; L. A. Capwell, S. V. D. C.; Chester O. Bigley, P. D. C., D. P. I.; Carlton N. Edie P. D. C., and Wm. A. Selz, P. D. C., members Department Council

Harold H. Peters is the new Commander and Dale M. Douglas, Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. Regular meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month. The charter is open and remaining applicants will be initiated January 27 in the Legion Home, permanent quarters. \* \* \* \*

## Camp 12, Mansfield

On Nov. 1, 1948, McLaughlin Camp No. 12, of Mansfield, after being inactive a few years. was reorganized with 15 members, with much interest shown. Bro. W. W. Dorsey, Commander of the Mt. Vernon Camp, was Installing Guide, and Bro. Frank English, Commander of Inscho Camp, Newark, was Installing Officer.

This Camp was formerly one of the best in Ohio and we hope to bring it back as good or even better than it has been in the past.

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## Camp 250, Newark

On Nov. 18 Inscho Camp and their Auxillary jointly celebrated the 35th reorganization of the Sons and the 25th anniversary of the Auxiliary in Memorial Hall, with a grand program and a fine lunch. More than one hundred members of Sons and Auxiliary were present.

We had with us Sons and Auxiliary members from Columbus, Mt. Vernon, Utica, Canton and Fredericktown. Sister Bertha Shel-

ent reported a grand time, both in entertainment and refreshments. More meetings of this kind are needed to make our Order what it should be.

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## Columbus' Veterans Night

In commemoration of the delivery of President Lincoln's address on the occasion of the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, November 19, 1863, in tribute to the nemory of President Lincoln and to the Soldiers. Sailors and Marines of the Civil War. and in honor of the United Spanish War Veterans of 1898, on its 50th Anniversary, the following program was provided, Tuesday, Nov 30 at Columbus

Com. Campbell M. Voorhees was master of ceremonies. Appropriate musical selections were directed by Albert M. Calland, P. C. Invocation, with the rendition of invocation delivered at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, was by John F. Haggard, acting Chaplain, who also gave the benediction. Address in commemoration of the 85th anniversary of the dedication of the Gettys Home. A banquet, at the Y. M. C. A., at- burg National Cemetery and of President Lincoln's Address on that occasion, was by of Allied Orders to the G. A. R., preceded the John H. Cooper. Address, honors to all living Union Veterans of the Civil War, and their deceased Comrades of 1861-1865, by Judge Cecil J. Randall, P. D. C., National Counselor. Refrain: "The Winds." Address. honoring United Spanish War Veterans, Hon. Fred J. Milligan, State Director of Commerce Response, Hon. Edward S. Matthias, Justice of Columbus, with the following in the sta- of Supreme Court, Past National Commander-in-Chief, United Spanish War Veterans.

The Assembly, Taps and Recall by Rossiter John Chappelear, bugler, great-grandson of Judge Randall, P. I.; R. J. Williams, P. D. C., three Civil War Veterans. All speaking parts were by members of Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1. C. Edward Wetzel, Dept. Commander, and Anna Patterson, Dept. President of the Auxiliary, and other members of each organization, were guests.

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#### February Observances

Birthday anniversaries of two greatest American Presidents - George Washington and Abraham Lincoln-will or should be observed by every Camp in Ohio. It is suggest ed that appropriate programs be arranged preferably with a banquet preceding. In many localities joint celebrations are held, and members of organizations allied with the G. A. R. are invited. Nowadays this is a correct procedure. Tell us about your programs in the March issue of The Banner.

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## 5th District at Newark

Quarterly meeting of the Camps and Auxiliaries of the Fifth District will be held Sunday, February 6, 1949, in Memorial Hall, Newark. All organizations should be represented. W. W. Dorsey, Mt. Vernon, is President, and Margaret Ellis, Newark, is Sected tary-Treasurer.

## **NEW JERSEY**

Fred H. Combs, Sr., Dept. Press Correspondent, 105 Slack Ave., Trenton.

#### Camp 1, Hoboken

Meets every 4th Thursday. Next meeting on Jan. 27, at 126 Hudson Street.

At our last meeting the Camp had installation. Past Com. Henry Lowe officiated. It was Com. Fred Williams' 6th term. As most brothers reside so far away it is impossible the office properly.

At the meeting in October the 66th installa- afternoon.

lenbarger of Mt. Vernon, who organized the tion of the Camp was celebrated, and several Auxiliary 25 years ago, was present; also An- of the members remembered many of the frew Mitchell, who was present 25 years ago events that we enjoyed during those years, gave another talk at this meeting. All pres many good wishes and congratulations were extended to us but its a long stretch to look back. In 1921 the Camp went to the Kearney home with Santa Claus and gave Christmas packages to all the Veterans there. That was continued for 10 years until they were moved to the new home. Before that the Camp for many years had a Christmas Kiddle Party. Those are two of the most pleasant memories singled out of the many.

#### \* \* \* \* Camp 4, Trenton

#### Camp meetings have been well attended through the autumn season. Many interesting affairs have been held. Oct. 21 our annual Battery anniversary dinner was held in the Camp room. A fine meal was again prepared and served by our Camp chef. P. C. Luther M. Snedaker. After the dinner a fine program of music and dancing was given by the Clan MacTavish Troupe and the Argyle Highland Dancers. Past Com.-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, Capt. of Co. B. of Trenton, was our guest.

Our new Camp Officers were installed Nov. by P. C. Norman L. Combs. They are: Com. John J. Bellow, III: Sr Vice Bruce B Rellow: Jr. Vice. Geo. V. Booz. Com. Bellow anpointed a fine staff of officers and the usual committees to work with him during his term.

Several of our members attended the Dept. Officers meetings in Lambertville on Nov. 13 This was an interesting meeting with every Dent Officer present

Nov. 18 the Camp entertained the Boy Scouts who assisted us Memorial Day. A fine program was arranged, with moving pictures shown by the Motor Vehicle Dent of our State. After the entertainment refreshments were served by our Camp Fire Committee.

A committee was recently appointed by Com. Bellow to arrange for our annual Lincoln Banquet, which will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 11, 1949.

## \* \* \* \* Camp 5, Trenton

New Camp Officers were installed by Dept. Com. Daniel Oblinger, as follows: Com., George Satterthwaite; Sr. Vice, Walter Davison; Jr. Vice, Robert Gerke, Jr.; Sec., Wm. Simpson; Treas., A. C. Lambert; Pat. Inst., Wm. Severns; Chap., Robert Gerke, Sr.

The Camp held its usual Christmas party with Auxiliary No. 5 on the meeting before Christmas, when Santa Claus presented all with gifts. A fine social time was enjoyed.

The Camp has voted to adopt a Boy Scout roop. More information will be available on this at a later date. Plans are now being made for observance of Lincoln's Birthday.

Several members attended the joint reception to Dept. Com. Oblinger and Dept. Pres. Ella Reeger, and report that this was an outstanding and enjoyable affair.

## IOWA

Harlan A. Riggs, Press Correspondent. P. O. Box 41, Des Moines.

## Camp 12, Davenport

Lincoln Camp and Auxiliary entertained for Dept. officers as well as members on Oct. , with a dinner and program at Lend-a-Hand. Movies were shown of Abraham Lincoln and his home at New Salem, Ill. About 40 were in attendance including many officers, past and present, from both Iowa and Illinois,

About 25 members of Camp and Auxiliary were present Oct. 26 at a banquet at Bishop's Cafeteria, honoring Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Roy Bennett, and Mrs. Sue Bennett, Dept. for them to attend and perform the duties of Pres. of the Auxiliary, of Des Moines. Mrs. Bennett inspected the Auxiliary during the

## **NEW YORK**

January, 1949

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## Department Commander's Message

As the vacation season is over and Uncle Sam is drafting men for the armed services. it is time for the Sons to draft members for our Order. We are one of the oldest and best natriotic organizations in the U. S. A., so brothers be on your toes. Let's Go! As you know New York State is the largest State in the Union and we are third in the Commandery. Let's see if we can't become the first by getting in new members. Your Dept. Commander will help you all he can but he can't do it alone. All of our brothers know by now that our Daddies of the G. A. R. no longer exist as a Department in New York. It means the Sons have to carry on and we need a large membership to do it. I ask all Camp Commanders to name a live-wire member as Dent. Aide so that I can get them together in a membership drive.

The following brothers have been appointed Dept. Deputies: John H. Waste, Camp 15, Rochester; Phillip Sutter, Camp 20, Brooklyn Floyd Hilton, Camp 25, Newburgh; Ceci Baier, Camp 26, New York; William McCarthy, Camp 43, Utica; Robert Wagoner, Camp 61, Schenectady; Alonzo Kennedy, Camp 66 Syracuse; Floyd Doland, Camp 77, Elmira Frank L. Cole, Camp 88, Waverly; John Keernan, Camp 154, Albany; Orion L. Murrell, Camp 223, Buffalo.

#### \* \* \* \* In Memoriam

#### Past Dept. Com. Winfield Scott Oberdorf passed away June 11 at his home in Dunsville, N. Y., at the age of \$7. He served as Dept. Commander of New York in 1892, and was the second oldest in rank at the time of of the Camp. his death. At the Nat. Encampment in 1893 the gold cross of the order was conferred upon him for meritorious conduct. He was a former newspaper publisher.

Past Dent. Com. Walter A. Waterman died Sept. 20, at his home in Mount Vernon, N. Y. He had served two terms as Nat. Patriotic Instructor. He had been prominent in civic affairs, having served on the Board of Education and as City Clerk of Mount Vernon. He was in the real estate business at time of his death. He was 78.

Past Dept. Com. Mortimer J. Downing passed away suddenly Nov. 2, at his home in Upper Stephney, Conn. At the time of his death he was the ranking Past Dept. Commander of New York.

# \* \* \* \* Camp 52, Syracuse

Com. Ernest Deming of Merriam Camp has been named General Chairman of the committee to make arrangements for the Dept. Encampment to be held in Syracuse June 19-22, 1949. George Smith has been appointed Camp Aide.

#### \* \* \* \* Camp 42, Troy

P. C. George B. Kelly has been named Camp Aide by Dept. Com. Charles Messer.

#### Camp 15, Rochester

Pierce Camp has surrendered its charter and the membership has been transferred to Glidden Camp No. 6. The latter will now be known as Glidden-Pierce Camp.

#### \* \* \* \* Camp 71, Fredonia

Fenner Camp has two members, both in miles apart, and of course both a long way from Fredonia. They are Josselyn R. Eddy at Northport, L. I., and LeRoy B. Eddy, residing at Beaumont, Tex. They are sons of and the Fire Department. the late Ernest M. Eddy, a P. C. of the Camp.

E. Blood resided at St. Petersburg, Fla., and we have another brother, Fred Sly, at Flushng, L. I., a new member to be mustered at the next meeting, whose home is Detroit, Mich., although he spends considerable time n Fredonia. A prospective member awaiting his father's record lives at Tacoma, Wash.

#### \* \* \* \* Department Officers Honored

Dept. Com. Charles L. Messer and staff and Dept. Pres. Adeline Schleit and staff, were guests of Tibbetts Auxiliary No. 48 at a dinner and reception Dec. 13, at 405 Broadway,

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#### Camp 223, Buffalo

Cook Camp has elected the following offiers: Com., Charles B. Bell; Sr. Vice. George H. Conover; Jr. Vice, Edward H. Gottschalk; Sec., Orion L. Murrell; Treas., Willard B. Stephan; Pat. Inst., George P. Martena; Chap. Matthew T. Green

Cook Camp has had quite an active year We have mustered in six candidates.

We held a Peach Festival and cleared about \$120. We joined our Auxiliary in a sale, each clearing \$34. \* \* \* \*

## Camp 140, New York City

#### Lafayette Camp held its 60th Anniversary Meeting since its organization at Rosoff's Restaurant, New York City, on Dec. 1, Twenty-seven members and guests were present Andrew H. A. Thompson, the Treasurer, read a historical treatise of the activities of the Camp during its existence, mentioning many of the names of its guests. Past Jr. Vice Com. in-Chief Henry Bender was presented with a 50-year membership badge of the Order by Horace L. Hotchkiss, Jr., a 50-year member

#### \* \* \* \* Camp 93, Binghamfon

Binghamton Camp was dealt a severe blow in the passing of P. C. George E. Lord. He was a charter member and for many years Treasurer, an office which he held at the time of his death. His death occurred Sept. 3. P. C. George Yeomans is in ill health and unable to attend many of the meetings.

## \* \* \* \* Camp 66, Syracuse

#### A very enthusiastic meeting of Sniper Camp took place at the home of Com. Alonzo Kennedy in October. Dept. Com. Messer, of Albany, was the honored guest and delivered splendid address. Two candidates were elected to membership. Dept. Com. Messer

obligated them. Dept. Com. Messer while in Syracuse met with the Chamber of Commerce to map plans for the State Encampment scheduled to be held here in 1949.

Another of the few survivors of the Boys in Blue has answered his last roll call. Comrade Julian Ransier, who was a native of Manlius, died in Hot Springs, Ark., on Nov. 8. Final homage was paid him at Manlius.

Comrade Ransier's widow died three days after her husband at the age of 93. The Color Guard and Firing Squad were from Archie Van Patten Post 141, of the American Legion of Manlius. Root and Lilly W. R. C.'s formed guard of honor to the grave.

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#### Camp 64, Mount Vernon

Another of the old timers of Nordquist Camp has answered his last roll call in the person of Daniel M. DeWitt, who passed away good standing, residing approximately 2,500 the first week in November. He was an active member many years. Since his retirement from the banking business 20 years ago

A stunning blow was dealt the Camp on sociation.

Fenner Camp seems to run to members at Sept. 20, when P. D. C. Walter A. Waterman great distances from the Camp rooms. George died following a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Tuckahoe. He was 78. His interests extended to all phases of community life. He was a graduate of Yale in 1894. He served as Dept. Commander in 1929, and was twice National Patriotic Instructor.

## Western N. Y. P. C. Association

The Western New York Past Commanders Association held their quarterly meeting with Morgan-Hills Camp No. 201 at Friendship, Oct. 30. After a bountiful repast of old-fashioned home-cured baked ham the well attended gathering of members from Rochester, Batavia, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Fredonia enjoyed a splendid meeting which was beneficial to all, and especially to the fine turnout of Morgan-Hills Camp. Owing to the bad driving conditions resulting from a real "peasoup" fog, many of the out-of-towners stayed over night.

The next meeting will be held with Upton Camp No. 118, at Batavia, Saturday evening, Jan. 29.

## Camp 154, Albany

Jacob H. Ten Eyck Camp entertained at a dinner on Oct. 21, at Phil's Tavern, Dept. Com. Charles L. Messer and his staff. Among those present were P. D. C. Edwin W. Sanford, Dept. Counselor. A short business meeting was held at which plans for election and installation of officers were made. Twentytwo members were present.

## Camp 74, Yonkers

McClellan Camp mourns the loss of Brother William J. Townsend, who passed away recently at his home in Irvington,

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#### Camp 26, New York City Oliver Tilden Camp united with Auxiliary No. 31 in an observance of Dedication Day at Vasa Temple, Bronx, Nov. 19, Com. Jack Goldfish presided. Dent. Sec. Julius Isaaca and Past Dent. Pres. Mrs. Rose Isaacs were congratulated on their 25th wedding anniversary. Brother Isaacs gave an account of the events leading up to Dedication Day in history. Brother Baer delivered the Gettysburg Address. Sister Anna Lowenthal spoke on

#### the significance of the American Flag. \* \* \* \* Camp 77, Elmira

With one of the largest attendances in many years General A. S. Diven Camp held its annual election of officers Dec. 6. The new officers are as follows: Com., Andrew Wright; Sr. Vice, Harold Parsons; Jr. Vice, Harry Wheat; Chap., J. Gordon Wilcox; Pat. Inst., Neil D. Cranmer; Sec., Floyd E. Doland, Jr.; Treas., Floyd E. Doland, Sr.; Press Correspondent, Neil D. Cranmer.

The officers will be installed by Dept. Com. Charles L. Messer of Albany at a date agreeable to him.

Congratulations to P. C. Arthur B. Munson now residing, in St. Petersburg, Fla., whose marriage to Lula Belle Barrett took place in that city Nov. 18.

#### \* \* \* \* Department Officers Entertained The Department Officers of the Sons and

Auxiliary were guests at dinners and receptions as follows: Northern New York Club at Cohoes, Nov. 27; McConehe Auxiliary, Troy, Nov. 13; Phillips Sheridan Auxiliary 50th Anniversary, Albany, Nov. 6; Auxiliary 45, Schenectady, Oct. 30.

#### Lincoln Association of Rochester

The banquet of the Abraham Lincoln Association, commemorating the 140th Anniversary of the Great Emancipator, will be held he had given much of his time to the Sons Saturday, Feb. 12, at Seneca Hotel, Rochester. James E. Shaff is President of the As-

# AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, National President, 7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.

Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent, Dwight, Ill.

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Greetings:

I hope this Christmas season was one of much joy in all of your homes, with loved ones around you. May the Christ Spirit be with you all the year in all you do, bringing happiness to all you contact.

Remember the boys at Arlington Home and those who care for them. This is one of the many undertakings we have been vitally interested in. It takes money and care to bring up a child and make a good citizen. Make this a joyous occasion for them.

We are very happy for the new members reported, also for a new Auxiliary and a new Camp. We welcome these new members and hope they will be happy with us. We sincerely thank all who assisted.

Many letters and cards of congratulation have come to our home, also many others to National Officers.

Many of these included congratulations for Mrs. Mamie Deems, Counselor; Mrs. Beatrice Riggs, Personal Aide, as well as myself, and we together wish to express our appreciation.

For the many lovely gifts received we thank you one and all, also for the many friends who came with well wishes.

May this new year bring you much happi ness in your work with the Auxiliary and the Grand Army Family.

We honor the Boys in Blue, Our Guiding Light.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty, LENA G. BARRETT, National President

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#### RECEPTION FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS

The brilliant and lovely reception given by Rosecrans Camp and Aux. 2 of Los Angeles, Cal., on Nov. 30, honoring Nat. Pres. Lena G. Barrett, Nat. Counselor Mamie M. Deems, Nat. Per. Aide Beatrice Riggs and Nat. Special Aide of Calif. Effie H. Dahms, all of the Aux. to S. U. V., was an occasion long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to have been there.

Patriotic hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, with yellow 'mums predominating. Large American flags and California State flags formed a background on the platform, and a large painted banner, "Welcome Home, Lena Barrett, National President,' decorated the center of the wall. Accenting the theme Nat. Pres. Barrett has chosen for her year of service, "Our Guiding Light -The Grand Army of the Republic," two large lighthouses were placed on either side of the hall. Nat. Spec. Aide Effie Dahms acted as General Chairman of the evening, as Pres. of Rosecrans Aux. 2.

Color Guards escorted Nat. Counselor Mamie Deems and Nat. Per. Aide Beatrice Riggs to the platform, and as 30 color guards, carrying American flags entered the hall, forming a double line in the center of the hall, four color guards serving as escort, marched between the flag line, as the Nat. Pres., Lena Barrett, was escorted to the platform by her husband, Dr. Ralph Barrett, P. C.-in-C. of the Sons. Pres. Barrett looked lovely in an aqua blue silk lace gown and carried a huge spray of large yellow chrysanthemums. Upon reaching the platform Dr. Barrett introduced the Nat. President, who was received with very hearty applause

The massed colors formed into a 6-pointed tended from Rhode Island.

star, centered with a large American flag, and was a beautiful sight.

Pres. Effie Dahms welcomed our own Lena Barrett as Nat. Pres. and extended greetings Counselor Mamie Deems and to Nat. Per. Aide Beatrice Riggs.

the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Clara Mosh- Thimmig, Dept. Press Cor. er, Nat. S. V. Pres, of the Daughters of U. V. Earl Riggs, Dept. Com. of the Sons of U. V., and his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Riggs, Dept. Pres. of the Aux, to S. U. V., all of whom extended greetings to Nat. Pres. Barrett. As Comrade Chappell congratulated and extended greetings from the Grand Army of the Republic to Nat. Pres. Barrett, the audience of several hundred rose to their feet. A musical program was rendered during the evening.

Nat. Pres. Barrett received scores of tele-Nat. Officers and friends, among which was one from Perle Fouch, of Michigan, Com.-inthe home of Mrs. Effic Dahms, President of Chief of the Sons of U. V.; Earle Warren. my Auxiliary, at the time of the Reception to Gov. of Calif.; Fletcher Bowron, Mayor of Los Angeles; Jonathan Hollibaugh, Mayor of Huntington Park

Sister Barrett extended her personal greet Nat. Organization of Aux. to S. U. V., and introduced her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hewitt. Other guests present included Mr. and Mrs. Gibbony, of Ohio, and Mrs. Mae Barry, daughter of P. C .- in-C. Walter Mabie, of Pa. Dept.

Many gifts were presented to the Nat. Offi-

guests. Refreshments were served.

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#### DEATH OF HORACE HAMMER

In the death of Brother Horace Hammer of Reading, Pa., on Christmas Day, the Aux to the Sons of Union Veterans has lost a firm friend of many years standing. He was greatly missed at the Nat. Encamp, held at Grand Rapids, Mich., last fall—the first one he had not attended in many years, but when later hoped he could be present at the Nat. Encamp, to be held this year in Indianapolis, and he had hoped so too, and was making plans accordingly, we have been told. He was the husband of our late well beloved Molly Donaldson Hammer. As Nat. Sec.-Treas. of the Sons of U. V. for over 40 years he was an outstanding and influential figure in that organization. His death is mourned by all in both Sons and Aux.

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## NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL

The New England Regional meeting was held at New Haven, Conn., Oct. 30-31, as was inspected by Dept. Insp. Nellie Chaffee, guests of New Haven Aux. The meeting was of Denver. Dept. Pres., accompanied by othheld in the Hotel Carde ball room and was opened by Laura I. Smith, Pres. Reports of at the home of Mrs. Harned. Mable Stockall the New England Department were heard and much improvement shown since the preceding meeting. Election of officers was held. Sister Gertrude Peterson, of Rhode Island, peing again chosen Sec.-Treas. A very fine supper was served, followed by an entertain- shock to the Dept. and her own Aux., as well ment and dance, enjoyed by all. The high lights of the meetings were radio broadcasts was in her work of the Aux. to S. U. V., of under the direction of Past C.-in-C. H. Harding Hale, of Mass., and we had the pleasure She had also served as Dept. Chap. and her of hearing P. N. P. Maude B. Warren, of Mass., and Laura I. Smith, of R. I., at the bered by all Dept. members. She will be sadly broadcasting station. A large delegation at-

## AUXILIARY REORGANIZED

We are glad to announce that the Aux. at Waupun, Wis., has been reorganized. Sister Kate Smith was elected Pres. Her address is from Aux. 2, Los Angeles, to her, to Nat. 3 Young St., Waupun, and a word of encouragement and congratulation to her and the Aux. would be very acceptable. Nat. Treas. Guests seated on the platform included Helen McGowan, of Madison, descryes a great Comrade Charles L. Chappell, Nat. P. I. of deal of credit for this reorganization, as she the G. A. R.; Mrs. Edna Ray, Nat. Pres. of made the necessary arrangements. - Edna

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#### COLORADO & WYOMING DEPARTMENT

Denver-Our Pres., Eva Edison, donated a Flag to the Girl Scout Troop. They were very happy to receive it. The Aux, was very active during the summer and fall. Pres. Eva Edison entertained the Aux, and Sons at a picnic held at her home in Aug. Several attended a picnic held in Pueblo, and a number of people from Aux, and Camp motored to Boulder to attend a party in honor of Com. grams and letters of congratulations from Robert Bryan's 100th birthday. Our Aux, were guests Oct. 24 of the Sons of U. V. when they presented a Flag to the Boy Scouts at Henderson, Col. Dept. Com. J. Fuller pre-sented the Flag. We were honored on Oct. 27 by a visit from Dept. Pres. Rose Keach, of Pueblo, who inspected our Aux, at that time, Several other Dept. officers were present. Dinings, as well as greetings in behalf of the ner was served the guests at the home of Past Pres. May Levine, which was enjoyed by all.

Colorado Springs-The Aux, was guest of the Sons at their annual picnic held at Shatton Park, a basket plenic dinner being served at noon. The Sons furnished the coffee and ice cream. Representatives from Denver, Pueblo and New Mexico were among those Following the reception a receiving line present. Also present were 4 charter memwas formed, many friends and relatives pass | bers who had joined the organization in 1918; ing down the line to congratulate the honored 7 of whom had been members since 1929, and were present who were past 80 years old. This was a fine record for a small Dept. Dept. officers of both Sons and Aux, were present and introduced. Short talks were made and a ocial hour enjoyed. Dept. Insp. Nellie Chaffee of Denver inspected our Aux. Nov. 12. Dept. Pres. Rose Keach, of Pueblo, made her official visit at the same time. A covered dish dinner was served, the Sons joining the meeting. Several other Dept. officers also were we heard his health had improved, we had present and short talks were made. Our Aux. sends cards, candy and fruit to the sick and shut-ins, and a basket of fruit was sent to a soldier's widow at Christmas time. We have held election of officers and our Pres. for 1949 is Pearl Peterson. Our Christmas party was held at our last meeting in Dec., with an exchange of gifts, games and refreshments.

Pueblo-Our Aux, also enjoyed picnics and outings in the summer and early fall. A surprise handkerchief shower was given for Mrs. Beatrice Kinglon, who was leaving for New Mexico. Several attended the Nat. Encamp. at Grand Rapids, Mich., in Sept. Our Aux. ers, attended a meeting at Fort Collins, held bridge is the new Pres. of the Aux, for 1949. We held our Christmas party on Dec. 17, dinner being followed by a program. The Aux. mourns the passing of Dept. Treas. Maude Twombly, whose death Sept. 20 was a great as to her many friends. Her heart and soul which she had been a member for many years. impressive memorials will long be rememmissed by Aux. and Sons and by her other friends and also at Dept. Encampments .-

Belva T. Lee, Dept. Press Cor., 729 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs,

January, 1949

## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT

The annual Dept. Fair was held in Bristol on Oct. 16, under the general supervision of Dept. Pres. Elisabeth Chamberlin. Items for sale included aprons, fancywork, hankies, food and white elephants. Lunch for the work. ers and a most delicious supper for all were served by Sister Genevieve Chase and her committee, of Aux. 12 and a most enjoyable and successful day was the verdict of all who attended.

New Britain-Aux. 1 of New Britain entertained Dept. Pres. Elisabeth Chamberlin and her staff on Oct. 27. This was the 35th birthday of Aux. I and a beautiful anniversary cake was presented by Brother and Sister Gibney to Aux. Pres. Louella Parsons at the sunper. There were six charter members present, and they, with the Dept, officers and members of the Dept. Commander's staff, were the honored guests of the evening. Those present wished Aux, 1 many more happy anniversaries and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all .- Janice Lyon, Dept. Press Cor., 320 Main St., Bristol, Conn.

#### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT Mid-Winter Encampment

The Mid-Winter Encamp, of the Sons of U. V. and their Aux, was held in Decatur Dec 11, and opened with a Council meeting held at the St. Nicholas Hotel. The Encamp. business into the order. Gifts were presented to Dept. session was held in the meeting hall of the Decatur Aux., with Dept. Pres. Irene Francis. of Rock Island, in charge. Dept. Chief-of-Staff Sadie Keefer held a small bazaar and raffle, with the usual 10 cent grab sacks, superintended by our own P. N. P. Eva Blackman. Eight P. D. P.s. two District Presidents and many local Presidents attended the event.

The Dept. Encamp, was announced for June 10, 11 and 12, to be held in Rock Island. The Decatur Aux. officers' team are to be complimented on their splendid floor work and the largest group in attendance.

Two Nat. officers were honored at the meeting, Sister Eva B. Blackman, Nat. Parliamentarian, and Sister Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor.

around the large Christmas tree in the St. G. A. R. Nicholas Hotel lobby, and reminisced on past and present good times. A joint dinner with the Sons was held at 6:30 p. m. in the Green room of the hotel, attended by about 40. This was a very enjoyable affair and very interesting and helpful talks were made by Sons and Aux. members, relative to the advancement and progress of the two orders.

Several articles, donated by Sisters, were drawn for and awards made accordingly .-Beatrice Ross, Dept. Press Cor., 105 W. Vernon, Normal, Ill.

## INDIANA DEPARTMENT

Dept. Pres. Chrystel Powell, Inspector Lela Shugart and three other members of Aux. 10, Indianapolis, visited Aux. 33 at Martinsville,

Six members of the Aux, and Sons went to picnic for Rev. Frank Huston. We attended by the Sutherland American Legion Post. and later held a meeting.

The Muncle and Indianapolis Sons and Aux. Dec. 29, given by the Sons and Aux. 33.

Muncie-Aux. 20 held a banquet Oct. 19 at the Y. M. C. A. in honor of the Dept. Officers. Fall colors were used in table decorations The committee in charge was composed of Blanch Davis, Helen Dailey and Ilo Reser. Dept. Pres. Chrystel Powell and a number of other lowed the dinner, with 48 members and guests even seen the work done. All instruction was lowed the dinner, with 48 members and guests present. The officers were presented with gifts. obtained from the ritual and from visits by Mrs. Alice Lucas were also among the guests

was attended by several Dept. Officers. One Son of U. V., Mr. Brown, was obligated. Several new members were voted on. Four boys from the college sang and Dept. Pres. Powell and others gave brief talks. Following the meeting refreshments were served. The Nat. and Dept. officers and Lafayette officers were presented gifts. - Minnie Champlin, Dept. Press Cor., 260 No. Lincoln, Martinsville, Ind.

The Mid-Winter meeting will be held at the Hotel Riley, Indianapolis, Jan. 15-16. The banquet will be held Sat. eve. at 6:30, and the ousiness meeting on Sunday morn, at 9:00. A good program is being planned for the dinner hour and Sisters Lela Shugart and Nina Mills are arranging an interesting program.

#### IOWA DEPARTMENT

Des Moines - Tuttle Camp and Aux. 16 sponsored an old-fashioned box supper July 17, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Hearshnan. There was a good attendance and many fine boxes were auctioned off. The proceeds were for the Iowa Dept. Sons of U. V. The supper to make us happy and we wish for more such gatherings.

Waterloo-The Sons and Aux. entertained at a 6:30 dinner in Memorial Hall Oct. 12. followed by inspection by Dept. Insp. Grace Hansen, of Iowa Falls. Several out of town guests were present including Nat. and Dept. officers of Sons and Aux. Bertha Cowell was initiated Pres. Sue Bennett, Des Moines, and Dept. Insp. Hansen, Dept. Pres. Sue Bennett gave her report of the Nat. Encamp. at Grand Rap-

Des Moines - A reception and dinner was held at the Doty Tea Room by the Grenville Dodge and Tuttles Camps and their Auxs on Nov. 7 honoring S. V. C.-in-C. of the Sons. Roy Bennett, Other guests were Mabel John in charge of the party. Distinguished guests son, Dept. Pres. of L. of G. A. R., and her included the present C.-in-C. of the Grand Sec. Daisy Dreckerhamer: Daisy Duckworth. Dept. Pres. D. of U. V., and Stella Adams, S. V. Pres., D. of U. V. Members of Sons of U. V. and Auxs. from Newton, Ft. Dodge, Waterloo, Iowa Falls, Monroe and Perry also attended. About 50 were present. An interesting program followed in charge of Amy Noll, After the meeting, the group gathered Pres. of Aux. 8 and also Dept. Sec. of the

A parade and program celebrated the 101st birthday of Jas. P. Martin, Iowa's last Civil War veteran, held last fall [date not given] at Sutherland, Ia. A parade of 15 units passed the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elsie Hill with whom Comrade Martin makes his home. Frank Miles, of Des Moines, long active in veterans' organizations, was the principal speaker, and was introduced by Amy Noll, also of Des Moines, Sec. to the Iowa G. A. R. Miss Noll also gave a brief review of Comrade Martin's service in the Civil War, with the Wisconsin volunteers. The sole remaining veteran to enlist in Iowa for the Civil War is Michael Bondoll, 99, who now lives in Bea. trice, Neb. Comrade Martin was presented with flowers, a birthday cake and a purse of Connersville, Ind., Aug. 29, where we had a money. The birthday party was sponsored church and then went to the Park for dinner Among those attending were Nat. S. V. C.-in-C. Roy J. Bennett and P. N. P. Willma L Combs, both of Des Moines, and Dr. B. A. enjoyed an oyster supper at Martinsville, Bowers, of Sloux City, Dept. Com. of the Spanish-American Veterans. — Mrs. Nellie Cessford. Dept. Press Cor., 809 Fremont St. Iowa Falls, Ia.

## MAINE DEPARTMENT

Sherman-The Aux. held their inspection Sept. 11, with visitors from Portland, Bath,

Lafayette-Aux. 35 held inspection, which Dept. officers. This Aux. is quite far north. Bancor is their nearest Aux, so they are not able to do much visiting. It is in the potato district and most of the inhabitants are busy farmers.

Warren Aux, had their inspection Oct. 18 and Rockland Aux. on Oct. 20. - Alice Peabody, Dept. Press Cor., Warren, Maine.

## OREGON & WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT

Portland, Ore. - S. V. Camp and its Aux. held a reception for the Nat, Com,-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Theodore Penland, Oct. 7, in the county courthouse. Interesting talks were made by C. F. Carey, Wm. R. Baugh and Mrs. Hester Cook, relating to the Nat. G. A. R. Encamp., which had been held in Grand Rapids, Mich., and which they had attended. Refreshments were served at a table presided over by Mrs. Rose Garrison, Mrs. F. E. Melvin, Mrs. Alta Chlarson, Mrs. Hilda Goodell and Mrs. S. P. Olin.

Eugene, Ore .- Dept. Aux. Pres. Edna Waterman, of Salem, was guest of honor and Install. Of. at a meeting of the Eugene Aux. was not only successful financially, but one Dec. 20, held in the Veterans Memorial Bldg. Mrs. John Grady was installed as Pres. for 1949. We are sorry limited space does not permit printing the full staff of these very fine and capable officers. Dept. Pres. Waterman was also present at the meeting, held that afternoon, and which was followed by a potluck dinner and program. Christmas selections were given on his bells by P. Waldo Davis, who was accompanied on the piano by Frederick Davis, who also gave a group of plano solos. Mrs. Dawson told the "Story of Christmas "

Seattle, Wash .- The Hiram R. Gale Aux. honored Hiram R. Gale, Past C .- in-C. of the G. A. R., on his 102nd birthday Nov. 1, at a luncheon at 12 o'clock noon, in the Civic Auditorium Annex. Mrs. Leila Scrimsher was Army, Theo, Penland, of Portland, Ore., and his Nat. Sec., Miss-Cora Gillis: Dent. Pres. of the Aux. Edna Waterman, of Salem, Ore.; Dent. Inspec. Hester Cook, and Dept. Press Cor. Cliff Kern, both of Vancouver, Wash. Member of Nat. Council of the Aux. Zella Lindgren, Pres. of the Aux., presided at a business session that followed, at which time ritualistic work was given.-Cliff Kern, Dept. Press Cor., Rt. 3, Box 86, Vancouver, Wash,

## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C .- Oct. 29 Cushing Camp No. 30 and their Aux, held a joint meeting at their headquarters to receive reports from the National Convention of the Sons and Aux. held at Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 26 to 30. Dept. Com. of Md., Capt. Ludwig E. Manoly, gave the report, which was very interesting. Elmer Carr, a member of Cushing gave a very fine patriotic reading. A number of the members of Lincoln Camp were present. Maj. Gen. Amos A. Freis gave an instructive talk.

The Dept. Com. Manoly and several of the Sons attended Armistice Day exercises. On Nov. 19 they attended Veterans Night banquet given by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Nov. 26 we held a meeting of Cushing Camp and had a fine attendance. Com. Manoly read a letter from Past Com, Harlon Wood of the American Legion, who had appointed Bro. Manoly as Vice Chairman of the Inaugural Committee, inviting the Sons of U. V. of the Civil War to partiipate, which they accepted. After the meeting the Camp members were invited to attend Cushing Aux. meeting of which P. D. P. Cora L. Manoly is the Pres. The Aux. were entertaining the Dept. Pres. of Maryland, Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard, of Wilmington, as she was paying her Augusta and Bangor. They did splendid rit official visit to the Aux. P. Nat. Pres. and ualistic work, none of the members having the present Dept. Sec. Miss Celeste Gentieu, from Del. Music was rendered by P. D. P. Aux. Preceding the meeting the Inspector Lillian Wood and was enjoyed by all. After the meeting supper was served.

Commander Manoly is very happy to state the Md. Dept. is gaining in membership.

The 55th Dept. Encamp, will be held in Wilmington, Del., May 13 and 14, at Hotel Du

#### MISSOURI DEPARTMENT

The many friends of P. D. P. and Past Nat Patriotic Instructor Emma Bolt will be very sorry to learn of the death of her husband, Benj. F. Bolt, of Kansas City, who died suddenly at his home, 1110 E. Armour Blvd., Jan. 1, 1949, at the age of 78 years. Funeral services were held the following Tuesday at St. James Catholic Church, Kansas City. makes it doubly sad is that Sister Bolt is and has been an invalid for many years, being hedfast most of the time.

Brother Bolt will be remembered for his many years of interest in the Sons of U. V. Hearing him paint a beautiful word picture, leading up to the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on many occasions, will never be forgotten by those attending our Lincoln Birthday occasions. Both he and Sister Bolt were charter members of the Maj. Wm. Warner Camp and Aux. 36. Despite her invalidism, Sister Bolt is always vitally interested in news of the Aux. to S. U. V .-- Mrs. Ida Smith, Dept. Press Cor., 305 Bellfontaine Ave., Kan-

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT

Laconia-Aux, 13 held its regular meeting and inspection at the home of Sister Lillian McIntire, Lakeport, with Pres. Iva Hobbs in a goodly number of members present. Aux. 13 was inspected by Dept. Insp. Lilia DeMond, of Keene. After a wonderful meeting, a buffet lunch was enjoyed by all. Out of town guests were Dept. Pres. Florence Carver, of Troy; Dept. Insp. Lilla DeMond, Dept. Counselor Arthur DeMond, Mrs. Elvira Gagne, and Mrs. Irene MacKenzie, all of Keene.

New Hampshire was well represented at the New England Regional, held in New Haven, Conn., Oct. 30 and 31, and also at the Nat. Encamp, held in Sept. in Grand Rapids, Mich. - Mrs. Beatrice Parker, Dept. Press Cor., 606 Marlboro St., Keene.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

Philadelphia-Aux. 1 celebrated their 59th anniversary Oct. 16 with a banquet at Degenharts Hall. P. N. P. Clara Gallagher was presented with a pin for 50-yr, membership. Ida Weakly and Ida C. Daiss, also 50-yr. members, were unable to attend, but received the same kind of gift. The affair was attended by members from Harrisburg, New Jersey, Delaware, Media and all the other Phila. Auxs. with our own member, Mae Berry, now residing in Calif. attending. The success of the banquet was due to the untiring efforts of Caroline Moeckel, who was chair-lady and also toastmistress.

Indiana-Aux. 177 sponsored a testimonial dinner and reception honoring Dept. Pres. Beulah Cummins and Dept. Sec. Katherine Kase on Oct. 9 with 100 members and guests attending. When entering the dining hall, Mrs. Cummins and Mrs. Kase walked through an arch of gladioli and colors. They were escorted by Mrs. W. W. Brillhart and Mrs. Hat. tic Shattuck, who are the oldest members of Aux. 177. John Lowry, P. C. of the Sons, was toastmaster. The success of the evening was due to the efforts of the committee from Aux. 177. Honored guests attending were J. Clark Mansfield, Dept. Com.; Margaret McKinney, Dept. Treas.; Katherine Joyce, P. N. P.; Mary Liddick, P. N. Treas.; and P. D. C. William J. Blakeley and wife. On Oct. 21 Aux. 177 was inspected by Olive Mowery from Johnstown

was honored at a covered dish supper.

Carlisle-Aux. 50 at its regular Oct, meeting honored Sister Schnett, one of its members, who celebrated her 55th wedding anniversary. Although, due to ill health, Sister Sennett was unable to be present, her daughter extended to her the Auxiliary's best wishes and a box of chocolates. During the meeting a surprise "fashion show" was held by various members who modeled and displayed 'Fashion Frock" clothes, which is a money making project of one of the committees.

The regular meeting of the Past Commanders and P. Pres. Assn. of S. Central Pa. was held in Lancaster on Oct. 24. The officers for the coming year were elected with Helen Sprenger of Lancaster elected President.

The Western Pa, Regional Assn. of the S. J. V. was organi<mark>zed Sun., Nov. 7, in Indiana.</mark> This was in compliance with the requests of Com. Mansfield and Pres. Cummins, The purpose is to create more interest in the individual organizations and to increase the membership of both the Sons and Auxiliaries. The Pres. elected was P. D. P. Katherine Kase, of Indiana; V. Pres., Olive Mowery, of Johnstown; Sec., Clara E. Lewis, Pittsburgh; Treas., Iva Forsythe, of Elwood City; Pat. Inst., Vada McCurdy, Indiana; Chap., Genevieve Duncan, Elwood City.

Jan. 29 will be the annual Lincoln Birthday banquet by Schuyler Camp and Aux. of Philadelphia. The dinner and dance will be held at McCallisters Hall, 1811 Spring Garden St.

The annual inspection of Aux, 6, Reading, was held in the G. A. R. Hall with Dept. V. the chair. In spite of the heavy rain we had Pres. Kathryn Snyder of Pottsville as the Inspector. One new member was initiated. The Aux. was given an excellent rating. Following the meeting a covered dish supper was held in the social room.

At a meeting of the Allegheny County Assn. the new officers were installed by Clara Lewis of Aux. 198, Pittsburgh. Grace Forsythe, of McKeesport Aux. is the new Pres.; Louise Blakeley: V. Pres.; Warren Beadling, Com. of Davis Star Camp, Jr. V. Pres.; Gene Bridge, Ladies of the G. A. R., Treas.; and Katharine Joyce, P. N. P., will again serve as Sec. Plans are underway for the Lincoln Banquet to be held in Memorial Hall on Feb. 12 with Martha Fichter as chairman.

Aux. 198. Pittsburgh, had their inspection following the Dedication Day Dinner in Memorial Hall Nov. 16. A large attendance was in evidence, and we were honored with the presence of the Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Emma Snyder. Nan Vernon, Supt. of the Hawkins Home, was also present, as well as several out of town members. The inspecting officer, Martha Fichter, of Mc-Keesport, complimented the members on their fine work and attendance at the meet-

Aux. 177, Indiana, met in the Memorial Hall Thurs., Dec. 18, for a very delightful Christmas party and the election of officers for the coming year. As, the Dept. Pres, is from Indiana we had a number of social activities honoring her. A contribution was made to the Tuberculosis fund. Also a donation to the Arlington Home for Boys. Over 60 gifts were donated by the members and sent by the Pres. to the Brookville Home. Sister Cummins asked her Aux. together with all Sons and Aux. were present. Other honored Auxs. to contribute most wholeheartedly to guests were Homer Atkins, Dept. Com. of N. the Chief-of-Staff fund the entire year. This H.; Lydia Randall, P. D. P., Ladies of the G. most pleasant evening closed with the singing of Christmas carols in a candle lighted W. R. C. After a program of music and Christmas spirited fashion by some 60 members present.

Aux. 50, Carlisle, held their annual Christmas party along with their regular meeting. Rita Osborn and Asst. Insp. Glenna Bumps .-The meeting was called for an earlier hour Sue Abbott, Dept. Press Cor., R. F. D., West who brought with her a group from her own so that the children of the members could en- Danville, Vt.

joy the party. Santa paid a visit and presented each with a gift and the children with paint books. Following the singing of carols and the playing of Bingo, dellclous refreshments were served.—Martha R. Wilson, Dept. Press Cor., 204 N. College St., Carlisle, Pa.

#### RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

Westerly-The Aux. tendered a reception to Dept. Pres. Lucy Leslie Nov. 4, In the V. F. W. hall. The grand march was led by the Aux. Guides and Color Guards, Sisters Mary Lewis, Alice Lawton, Margaret Lyon and Frances Norman, who later escorted through the lines our Dept. Pres. and her husband, Robt, Leslie, P. D. C. of Conn. Dept., and Sister Gladys Lawton, chairman of the committee. With Dept. Pres. Leslie and her staff of officers in the reception line were many Dept. Officers of both Sons and other patriotic orders, as well as Past Nat. Officers of the Aux. A. Waller Lewis of the Sons of U. V., extended a hearty welcome to Dept. Pres. Leslie and husband, and to all others present. A fine program in charge of Sister Gladys Lawton, was then given, which was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served following the program. Many gifts were presented to Dept. Pres. Leslie.

Providence-Aux. 7 celebrated its 26th anniversary at V. F. W. hall. Only two charter members of the Aux. are still living-Sister Martha Barrows, our first Pres., and Sister Amy Martin, the second. Neither were able to be present but sent letters of regret at not being able to attend. During the business meeting the charter was draped in memory of Past Pres. Margaret Reavy, wife of P. D. C. Frank S. Reavy, who presented a gift of money to the Aux, in her memory, Music was rendered by Dept. V. P. Alice Crosley, and songs were sung by the Maybelle F. H. Oatley Jr. Aux. A huge birthday cake was cut by Aux. Pres. Ellen Baker, which was served of orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, with other refreshments. Many Dept. guests were present .- Alice H. Cheney, Dept. Press

## VERMONT DEPARTMENT

District Meetings - The annual pienic of Dist. No. 4 was held on Aug. 1 at the home of P. D. C. L. E. Abbott with an attendance of 43. Dist. No. 5 met on Aug. 21 for supper at the restaurant, after which the meeting was held. Dept. Com. Mervin Pierson and Dept. Vice Pres. Incz Robinson were honored guests. A program was given and P. D. C. Chadwick announced plans for a foliage tour. On Sept. 19 the meeting took the form of a picnic at the Gassetts school, attended by about 100. Dept. Coms. of both Vt. and N. H. were present as well as P. D. Cs. and P. D. Ps. Refreshments were sold, picnic lunch enjoyed and an interesting program given over an amplifier.

Department Receptions-D, of U. V., S. of U. C. W., and W. R. C. tendered a reception to Dept. Com. Mervin Pierson and Nellie Barnard, Dept. Pres. W. R. C., at Springfield, Sept. 18. Among the honored guests was a group of "Gold Star Mothers" from Keene, N. H. An interesting program was given, refreshments of punch and wafers served to over 200, and dancing was enjoyed.

On Oct. 22 a reception was tendered Dept. Pres. Gladys Premo and her staff in K. P. Hall, Montpeller. Many Dept. officers of both A. R.; Laura Phillips, Dept. Jr. V. P. of the speaking, refreshments were served to about

Inspections have been conducted by Insp.