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ACTION—Not Words

In the report of the National Secretary for the quarter ending September 30, 1946, it showed our membership as 14,957. Compare these figures with the ones shown in the General Orders in this issue of The Banner. For the quarter ending September 30, 1947, our membership was 13,998, or a loss of 959 members in one year. How long do you expect the Order to continue in existence, if this loss keeps up.

The report for the December quarter will show how many of the Departments complied with our request for an active membership campaign. From my correspondence with some of the Department Commanders, I know that they are trying to overcome our losses, what the others are doing, we will have to depend upon the figures in the National Secretary's report, as nothing has been heard from them as to their plans or activity. Perhaps they are putting into practice, ACTION—NOT WORDS—we hope so.

November 19th I attended the Dedication Day Banquet of Camp 5, at Trenton. It was worth making the trip, and showed what can be done, by a Camp that is active. My thanks are due to Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert for his hospitality.

On November 25, I attended the reception at Pittsburgh, Pa., to National President, Mrs. Katharine L. Joyce, of the Auxiliary. It was a very enjoyable affair. I enjoyed meeting the large number of members of our Order, and especially in hearing the report of the progress of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, from its Chairman, Capt. J. Clark Mansfield.

On November 1st and 2nd I attended the meeting of the New England Regional Association, held at Portland, Maine. It was a very largely attended meeting with good delegations from all of the New England States present, and we believe that much good will come from this meeting. Past Commander-in-Chief Towle showed us through some of the devastated area of the State, where many of our members lost their homes by the forest fires in October.

The holiday season is over. Am I asking too much, when I ask that in this new year you do a little work to build up our organization?

CHAS. H. E. MORAN,
Commander-in-Chief.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

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Headquarters

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Office of Commander-in-Chief

72 Cazilton Street

HOLYOKE, MASS.

January 1, 1948.

INSTALLING OFFICERS REPORT

Installing Officers will immediately report, if they have not already done so, to Department Headquarters on Form 22. Give this prompt attention.

QUARTERLY REPORTS—PER CAPITA TAX

Commandery-in-Chief books for the quarter ending December 31, 1947, were closed on that date. Reports, Form 37 and 38, Department Secretary forms, must be forwarded to the National Secretary not later than January 31, 1948.

Camps reinstated, dropped or disbanded must be reported on Form 35.

All reports must be accompanied by payment of per capita tax, enclosed in the same envelope, addressed to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Colonial Trust Building, Reading, Pa. Checks made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary. See that this is done promptly.

Departments will pay per capita tax of ten (10) cents on each member reported in good standing; In ADDITION to the per capita tax, pay fifty (50) cents membership fee on every member initiated between October 1 and December 31, 1947, 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 the quarter.

PASSWORD

Upon receipts of Reports, per capita tax, and membership fees, Department Secretaries will at once supply Camps with Form 0000—Password—effective January 1, 1948. Do not overlook or delay sending this form to Camps.

OFFICIAL ROSTER

Commandery-in-Chief official roster, 1947-1948 will be 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."

DO NOT FAIL TO FILE THIS REPORT.

BADGES

Orders for Past Commanders' and other badges was placed October 1st. When supplied, requisitions therefor will be filled promptly. No date or time can be given as to when these badges will be delivered. Meanwhile be governed accordingly.

IN MEMORIAM

Clinton J. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, Department of Vermont, died November 7, 1947, after a short illness. He filled that office since 1934, after serving in various positions in the Department.

In the term of 1901-1902 he was Department Commander. He was an untiring officer, enthusiastic, dependable and always active. He was active in Masonic circles and had much to do with the upbuilding of the Department.

Frederic J. McMurtre, for 55 years a member of the Order, Senior Past Department Commander of the Department of Michigan, died suddenly in his office December 14, 1947. He served as Department Commander in 1894 and in different other Department positions prior to that time. In earlier years he attended the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments regularly, and when Michigan became active and increased its membership substantially, he was foremost in producing the results.

Departments and Camps are directed to drape their charters and colors for a period of thirty days in their memory, and the sympathy of the Order is extended to their families, Camps and Departments.

UNION DEFENDERS DAY

February 12 is the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the Commander-in-Chief of our Fathers. All Camps are urged to hold proper exercises on this day.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 2

National Secretary's Reports—November-December, 1947, inc.

August 14, 1947—To Balance\$ 309.78

RECEIPTS:

Auxiliary to S. U. V. of C. W.....	\$ 500.00
Organization Fund	669.50
September	146.52
October	627.85
November	1,047.51
December	38.86

Total 3,030.33

DISBURSEMENTS—September-December, inclusive\$3,340.11

December 31, 1947—To Balance\$1,189.24

To Balance, October 31, 1947.....\$ 497.77

RECEIPTS—November-December, inc.

Membership Fees	\$ 42.50
Per Capita Tax	916.50
Supplies	101.50
Miscellaneous	5.87

Total 1,086.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

By General Expenses	\$ 963.33
Office Expenses	115.50
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	63.56

Total 1,142.39

Adjustment\$ 441.75

December 31, 1947, To Balance\$1,189.24

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1947

Department:	Date Received	In Good Standing:	
		June, 1947 Camps Members	September, 1947 Camps Members
At Large		1	27
California & Pacific.....Oct. 29		17	462
Colorado & Wyoming.....Oct. 29		4	83
Connecticut	Oct. 28	27	812
Illinois	Nov. 11	21	399
Indiana		14	321
Iowa	Oct. 27	14	225
Kansas	Oct. 17	14	213
Maine	Oct. 31	28	739
Maryland	Oct. 9	12	308
Massachusetts	Nov. 1	102	2,516
Michigan	Oct. 24	13	389
Minnesota	Nov. 1	8	130
Missouri	Nov. 3	7	135
Nebraska	Nov. 1	4	68
New Hampshire	Oct. 31	17	368
New Jersey	Oct. 31	20	576
New York	Oct. 29	59	1,338
Ohio	Nov. 1	47	1,159
Oregon	Nov. 1	6	160
Pennsylvania	Nov. 15	84	2,723
Rhode Island	Oct. 20	14	232
Vermont	Nov. 3	19	411
Wisconsin	Oct. 30	12	316
Total		564	14,119

RECAPITULATION

	Camps	Members
Number in Good Standing June 30, 1947.....	564	14,119
GAIN:		
By Initiation	110	
Transfer	3	
Reinstatement	17	
Total Gain		130
Aggregate	564	14,249
LOSS:		
Ey Disbanded	3	25
Death		93
Honorable Discharge		5
Transfer		2
Dropped		126
Total Loss	3	251
In Good Standing September 30, 1947.....	561	13,998

Amount in Department Treasuries	\$ 6,214.96
Amount in Camp Treasuries	53,608.76
No. Members or their families relieved	26
No. Veterans or their families relieved	1

CAMP CHARTERS REVOKED

Camps Disbanded, Dropped—Charters Revoked
 Minnesota—Camps Nos.: 3, Litchfield, Minn., with 10 members.
 83, Wells, Minn., with 10 members.
 Missouri—Camp No. 5, St. Louis, with 5 members.

CHAS. H. E. MORAN,

Attest:
 H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary. Commander-in-Chief.

The priceless treasure of boyhood is his endless enthusiasm, his high store of idealism, his affections and his hopes. When we preserve these, we have made men. We have made citizens and we have made Americans.—Herbert Hoover.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

Edgar M. Linsley, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor, 1047 Madison Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.

By the time this article is read the Holiday Season will have passed and the New Year of 1948 will have started. What kind of a year will it be for the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865?

We have not heard many definite reports as to how Dedication Day was observed but we hope there were many programs given and some broadcasts given.

May I remind all Camps that the next Patriotic Days will be February 12th, Lincoln's Birthday, and February 22nd, Washington's Birthday? These can be made occasions for helpful and instructive programs. It is not too early to begin to prepare for them now. At our meeting near those dates, or on those dates, have an open meeting and invite the Allied Orders to assist in the programs, and also invite the public to attend. These are fine opportunities for the teaching of Patriotism.

Now Brothers, how is the matter of New Members coming on? Much has been said about this subject but I consider it will bear repeating and emphasizing. I want to suggest that each member, who will agree to try and get a new member, be given an application blank to carry in his pocket and when he finds an eligible man he use the blank to instruct the prospect and also get his application. Do not just report the name and expect some one else to get the application, but do it yourself. Also, the Commander or some other officer should have a list of eligibles and assign them to certain Brothers for visiting and securing application. Please be definite and systematic about the matter.

I have received the first offerings for the National G. A. R. and Highway Fund. The first one was from Post 2, Camp 299, Jenkintown, Pa., for \$5.00; another one was from Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Department of Michigan, Grand Rapids, for \$15.00, and \$5.00 from P. C.-in-C. U. W. Mackey. I urge all Department Patriotic Instructors to put this matter before their Camps and make a start on this Fund early in the year. I suggest that all offerings from Camps and individuals be sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor in order that they may have a record, and they will forward the money to the National Officer. Please re-

member our slogan, \$1,000.00 for the National G. A. R. and Highway Fund." Who will be the next contributor?

"Don't worry if your work is hard
 And your rewards are few,
 Remember that the mighty oak
 Was once a seedling too."

Moral Training Needed

Past Dept. Com. Addy, of Utica, New York, writes that in his estimation one reason the Sons are not doing so well just now is because as an organization we have no great interest outside of itself. He stresses that there is a crying need in the world today for the proper moral education of the young in our schools, homes and churches. He had published in a recent issue of a Utica paper a letter, part of which we herewith reprint:

"We do not want to see our glorious country go the way of ancient Rome. The fault is with the improper moral education of the young. The conscience can be educated so that it will prevent human beings from violating the rules of justice.

"It is an awful and binding responsibility for the homes, schools and churches of our country. Teaching must be by illustration, demonstration, example and drama. Faith controls conscience. If the young were made to believe that violating moral rules was harmful to themselves as well as others their self-love and conscience would be effective.

"Of course, there is not much help for the adult criminal except severe punishment. But the schools and homes should everlastingly demand that the youngsters be made strong in character by being rightly instructed. Let's do something more than has ever been done before 'ere we perish. Fifty per cent of our youngsters are receiving little moral instruction."—Frank P. Addy, 1121 Linwood, Utica, N. Y.

Civil War Veteran in Canada

Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer has received the following taken from a Canadian newspaper and sent him by Brother A. C. Marvin, a member of Blair Camp of Jackson, Mich., and now a resident of Port Rowan, Canada.

PIONEER VETERAN CHOPS WOOD AT 106 YEARS OLD

One more proof that the coast cities are the old folks' paradise and no strings attached, is the 106th birthday the other day of George Laramee, believed to be the oldest

resident of Victoria, B. C. He is a veteran of the American Civil War, during which he served with the 17th Wisconsin Regiment and more than once had a close-up of President Lincoln when he reviewed the troops. Mr. Laramee was born near Montreal, however, so is a genuine Canadian.

He claims association with many famous figures of the past, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada's most famous statesman. He has been miner, prospector, farmer, logger and in business during the course of his long and checkered life, and has lived in the Yukon as well as in the United States and Canada. His memory is still excellent and he does all his own marketing in the city and shops every day and visits his many friends.

New England Regional

The fall meeting of the New England Regional Association was held in Bosworth Memorial Hall, Portland, Maine, Nov. 1 and 2. The meeting was in charge of Regional Commander Frank Reavy of Providence, R. I. The Dept. Commanders gave fine reports of their Departments. All gave the reports of membership increases in Camps and this was stressed in all the talks during both sessions. Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran, and his Personal Aide John Emery, were in attendance. Bro. Moran told of his trips and asked that the Commanders and members bring in new members to build up the local Camps.

At 5:45 p. m. the meeting adjourned so that members could attend the radio broadcast over local station WPOR. The program was in charge of P. C.-in-C. H. Harding Hale and P. P. Mrs. Maude Warren of the Auxiliary. Bro. Moran gave the greetings of the National Organization and again stressed the membership drive in his brief talk. The members returned to the Falmouth Hotel for supper.

A fine musical program was presented in the hall at 8 p. m. with moving pictures and a drill by the local Auxiliary members.

At the morning session on Sunday the following officers were elected and installed: Com., Thomas L. Crawford, of Mass.; 'Sr. Vice, Charles C. Webster, of Maine; Sec.-Treas., Louis E. Winchell, of Mass.; Radio Director, H. Harding Hale, Mass.; Publicity, Herbert W. Bogue, Mass.; Exc. Com., Clarence Renell, Maine; Homer Atkins, N. H.; Clarence K. Cameron, Vt.; John Emery, Mass.; R. L. William Nemetz, Jr. Conn. The next meeting will be held in the spring at Boston, Mass.

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War Between the States Fallacy

Evidence is mounting that the letters sent out by Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer to the Congressional Press Gallery relative to the erroneous use of the term "War Between the States" have attracted considerable attention.

Mr. Cranmer received the following communication from Beverly Smith, Washington Editor of the Saturday Evening Post.

"I agree with you that Civil War is the shortest and best title. I wonder if you can tell me how the term, "War Between the States" originated and how long it has been used in the South. My recollection is the Confederate Veterans in the Old Soldiers Home in Richmond around 1905 used to use the term 'Civil War.' Any further information you can give me will be appreciated."

Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer referred this letter to Past Dept. Com. Michael G. Heintz for answer. Mr. Heintz wrote to Mr. Smith as follows:

"The use of the term 'War Between the States' did not become noticeable until about 1920. It had been used occasionally prior to this date. In 1868 Alexander H. Stephens, Vice President of the so-called Confederate States of America, published a book entitled

Indiana—Commander, C. M. Barksdale, 950 Congress St., Indianapolis; Secretary-Treasurer, Louis King, K. of P. Bldg., Winchester. Iowa—Commander, W. F. Hathaway, 112 11th St., Des Moines; Secretary-Treasurer R. I. Snodgrass, 131 Chicago St., Waterloo. Kansas—Commander, Tracy E. Perry, 708 Race Street, El Dorado; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles B. Martin, 122 South 32nd St., Parsons. Maine—Commander, Clarence P. Renell, 26 Spruce St., Portland; Secretary-Treasurer, Leonard C. Holston, 11 Lawrence St., Cumberland Mills. Maryland—Commander, John W. Snider, P. O. Box 584, Grafton, W. Va.; Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas L. Bufter, 3625 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore 15. Massachusetts—Commander, Harold M. Drown, Stoughton; Secretary, Leon H. Palmer, 88 Tremont St., Room 513, Boston 3; Treasurer, George E. Hunt, 88 Tremont St., Room 513, Boston 3. Michigan—Commander, Charles F. Dexter, 3685 Wayburn Ave., Detroit; Secretary-Treasurer, H. Frank Finch, 800 Union Ave. S. E., Grand Rapids 7. Minnesota—Commander, Deway B. Mead, 116 So. 12th St., Minneapolis 2; Secretary-Treasurer, John Douglass Ruffcorn, 3020 47th Ave. South, Minneapolis 6. Missouri—Commander, Albert C. Hayward, 927 N. Jefferson Ave., Springfield; Secretary-Treasurer, Theodore H. Mohr, 3907 Ashland Ave., St. Louis 7. Nebraska—Commander, Arthur W. Smith, Schuyler; Secretary-Treasurer, Elmer E. Cram, Schuyler.

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'Constitutional View of the War Between the States.' This book was so severely criticized in the reviews that the author published in reply a book called 'The Reviewers Reviewed.'

About 1920 the term, War Between the States, came into frequent use. It is generally believed that the Daughters of the Confederacy adopted this name and furthered its use. It is now used in most school text books in the South but not elsewhere.

I think, however, the accredited historians, even in the South, are coming back to the name, Civil War. Recent books such as 'An Experiment in Rebellion,' the 'Beleagured City,' the 'Making of a Southland' and 'Perry, South Carolina Unionist,' all written by Southerners, do not use the name War Between the States."

Past Com-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer has received a very interesting letter relative to the protest made on the use of the term "War Between the States." The letter is from Edmund Sears Sayer, Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Marine Corps Retired, of Santa Barbara, Cal. The letter in part is as follows:

"Thank you, my dear Commander Cranmer, for your protest to radio speakers, politicians, appeasers and molly coddlers in referring to the Civil War as "the War Between the States." Yes, I even include President Truman in that category as I once heard him speaking over the radio and calling the Rebellion—"The War Between the States." I am heartily in accord with you in protesting the misnaming of our past history and calling rebels,—Confederates, and the war glossed in appeasing words.

Of course I am a Yankee and proud of it, my own relatives in the war coming from New York and Pennsylvania, I have been writing a romantic biography of Admiral Farragut and admire his courage in being honest in his official as well as personal letters. He always used the words, Rebel forts, Rebel gunboats, Rebel hotheads, and he called the war, the Rebellion. Farragut was a born Southerner and married a Norfolk belle, but he was true blue when the show-down came in 1861. His last residence was Hastings on Hudson.

So keep on with your own little war against false history, being distorted or appeased when it comes to patriotic preservation of our Civil War sacrifices in the preservation of the Union."

THE CIVIL WAR

MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, P. D. C., of Ohio The following histories and biographies, published in 1947, use the correct name of the war of 1861 to 1865, to-wit:

- Lincoln the President—Springfield to Gettysburg, by J. G. Randall, Professor of History, University of Illinois. The Lincoln Reader, by Paul M. Angle. Lincoln's War Cabinet, by Burton J. Hendricks. The Shaping of American Tradition, by Louis M. Hasker. The American Dynasty—The Story of the McCormicks, Medills and Pattersons, by John Tebbel. The American Dilemma, by Gunnar Myrdal, with the assistance of Richard Sterner and Arnold Roe.

Our Lusty Forefathers, by Fairfax Downey. Brandies—A Free Man's Life, by Alphens Thomas Mason.

The Overland Trail, by Jay Monahan, State Librarian of Illinois.

The Meeting of the East and the West, by F. S. C. Northrop, philosopher and master of Stillman College in Yale University.

Wilson—The Road to the White House, by A. S. Link, Princeton University.

The Marshall Fields—A Study in Wealth, by John Tebbel.

The Metropolitan Life—A Study in Business Growth, by Marquis James.

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

The following authors use the term "War Between the States:

Gallant Rebel—The Fabulous Cruise of the S. S. Shenandoah, by Stanley F. Horn, Nashville, Tenn. This raider was the successor to the Alabama. Since the author calls the ship the "Gallant Rebel" it would be consistent to call the war in which she was engaged "The Rebellion" instead of the War Between the States.

Inside U. S. A., by John Gunther. In this voluminous and valuable book the author uses both terms "The Civil War" and the "War Between the States," but the former is more frequent.

Upper Mississippi Valley Region

There has been considerable activity in the Region since the last issue of The Banner, and it appears there will be still more before the March issue is sent out.

The Departments of Wisconsin and Illinois have held their Mid-year conferences, with splendid interest and attendance, both the Sons and Auxiliary. I did not get to attend the one in Wisconsin but did attend the Illinois conference at Elgin. Such meetings have a good effect on increased activities for the remainder of the winter months and it affords a good opportunity to meet and talk with those who attend. I believe there should be more effort made to get a still larger attendance. Dept. Com. Blackman is to be congratulated on the splendid program he planned and the work he is doing.

The Department of Ohio will hold their Mid-year Conference on January 10 and 11. They have extended me an invitation to attend and I intend to be there if at all possible. The Indiana Department will hold their conference on January 17 and 18. They have also invited the sub Regional meeting for the Departments of Ohio and Michigan to be held at the same time. The invitation has been accepted and we will make an effort to get out a good attendance from those Departments.

We planned a similar meeting for the Departments of Missouri, Kansas and Colorado but the response was so slow it had to be postponed until after the holiday season. It will be held however and the date will be announced later. These are meetings for the Departments that were not very well represented at the Iowa City conference, and have proven to be well worth while in making them become more Regional conscious. Great benefit comes to those who attend and more should receive the same benefit.

The next Annual Conference will be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 17 and 18, 1948. Begin now to make plans to attend.

WHAT MADE MY CAMP TICK?

George A. Adams, Past Jr. Vice Dept. Com., 31 Dunmoreland St., Springfield, Mass.

The following incident, which came to our attention recently, demonstrates one of the major difficulties encountered in putting over a membership drive. While a number of Camps were initiating one or two members, one Camp, with over fifteen members, disbanded. Immediate cause: No funds with which to pay its per capita tax. However this Camp had not held meetings for a long time and consequently had not taken in any money which we all know is necessary to enable a Camp to tick smoothly. If your Camp is not functioning properly, get it moving now. There is much to do. Do not allow your Camp to slide backward.

January is a good time to take inventory, not only of our assets and liabilities, but even more of our responsibilities and possibilities. Make the most of what you have. "A fifth rate something is better than first rate nothing."

We regret that this column is in a predicament similar to that of the above Camp. To continue we must receive from you ideas of "What makes your Camp tick." Will you do your part?

We have learned of a report that Camp No. 11, of Maine, suffered complete loss of their hall and property and homes in that town. It was reported the Dept. Commander and President made an appeal for help for the sufferers in the fire. However I am unable to learn if the Camp intends to continue existence and what help is needed. If any one knows they do need help this Region will respond generously. It is hard to understand why, if there was such a catastrophe, no account appeared in The Banner so we would all know and would be given the opportunity to give the assistance we would like to give.—W. F. Hathaway, President.

MICHIGAN

Cloy V. Smith, Press Correspondent, 272 Douglas St., Jackson.

P. D. C. McMurtrie Passes

On Dec. 14 the Dept. of Michigan suffered a great loss in the passing to the Great Beyond of Bro. Frederick J. McMurtrie, the Dean of the Past Dept. Commanders in Michigan. Bro. "Mac" was Dept. Commander in 1894, and had been a member of the Order for more than 55 years. He was also Past Nat. Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. Under his direction and leadership the Order flourished well. The Dept. Conferred an honor upon Bro. McMurtrie a few years ago when it was voted he should be Dept. Historian for life. He has assembled the most considerable records and history of the order in Michigan for the Department, knowing the Order's history here as no other living son knew. He had been falling the past few years but that did not deter his efforts to keep in close touch with the Department. He attended the 1946 Encampment at Lansing, giving a splendid report on Marking Graves of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to make the nomination of Bro. Dexter as Sr. Vice Commander, now Dept. Commander.

Bro. McMurtrie had worked out some ideas on organizing some new Camps but his health

had not permitted this to be carried out before his death. Your Commander had been in close touch on these matters. Bro. "Mac" is deeply mourned by his many friends and fraternal brothers and will be greatly missed. Only a week before his death he attended the special Dept. meeting at Ann Arbor, where he had given a detailed talk on how to get new members. He had spent his best days building the Order as a living memorial to the G. A. R.

Services were held at Hamilton Funeral Home, with burial services by Camp No. 1 at Evergreen Cemetery. — Charles F. Dexter, Dept. Com.

Department Notes

Dept. Com. Dexter has been officially notified by the Grand Army of the Republic, Michigan Department, that the 1948 Dept. Encampment of the G. A. R. and the Allied Orders will be held at Grand Rapids, June 16-18. I have appointed Bro. H. Frank Finch, P. D. C., to act as the Department's representative in whatever arrangements there are necessary to make.

Brothers, please remember there is a membership campaign on. This is your opportunity to increase your Camp's membership and be of estimable service to the Order. We certainly need the increase—a most worthy memorial to the Grand Army... a living memorial of their sons perpetuated in a living organization.

Brothers, also please remember the National G. A. R. Fund. Michigan Department has the honor of having as one of its members, Bro. Edgar Linsley, who is our National Patriotic Instructor, and I would like to see Michigan at the top when the total contributions are added up.

VERMONT

Thomas A. Chadwick, Publicity Director, Springfield.

Sec.-Treas. Smith Passes

The Vermont Dept. is mourning the death of Dept. Sec.-Treas. Clinton J. Smith, of Richmond. Bro. Smith joined the Huntington Camp in 1893, and was a faithful and active member of that Camp until his death. He was Dept. Commander in 1901, and was always active in Department affairs, becoming Secretary-Treasurer in 1933, and serving with outstanding ability in that capacity until his death. Almost everybody in the Department felt well acquainted with "Clint," he was respected and liked by all. He was buried in his native town of Hinesburg on Nov. 21.

P. D. C. Fred F. Cyr, of 49 Wall St., Springfield, was chosen by the Dept. Council to fill out the unexpired term of the late C. J. Smith as Dept. Secretary-Treasurer. Brother Cyr has been a member of the Springfield Camp nearly 40 years. He was Dept. Commander in 1939.

Dept. Pub. Director Thomas A. Chadwick and P. D. P. Mary Eddy of the Auxiliary spoke over WKNE, Keene, N. H., from 3 to 3:30, on Nov. 19. P. D. C. Chadwick applied the principles expressed in the Gettysburg Address to the problems of today, and was widely complimented on the speech.

The officers of H. E. K. Hall Camp No. 28, Chelsea, were installed on Dec. 13 by P. D. C. Arthur W. Robinson, of Barre, with P. D. C. Clarence E. Cameron as Guide.

P. D. C. Thomas A. Chadwick has installed the officers of Hugh Henry Camp No. 20, Chester, and Milan Parks Camp No. 34, of Springfield. P. C. C. Glenn P. Tarbell, of Springfield, acted as Guide at Chester; P. C. C. Leon H. Bosworth, of Chester, was Guide at Springfield.

PENNSYLVANIA

Kermit L. Wilson, Press Correspondent, 204 N. College St., Carlisle, Pa.

Rambling With Your Dept. Commander

On Saturday evening, Nov. 29, Philadelphia Camp 200 held a reception in honor of its National and Department Officers...

During the week of Nov. 23 your Dept. Commander had the pleasure of attending many business and social affairs of our Department in the Pittsburgh area...

Where Are They? Camps that have not been heard from for some time, and we are wondering why not...

Camp 236, Philadelphia This is one of those small but very active Camps in Philadelphia who have been doing things in their own quiet way...

Dec. 15 they presented a class of twelve candidates to the Department. Your Commander is indeed humble, not only for himself but also for the Department...

Ellsworth Camp 87, Middletown On Tuesday, Dec. 2, the Dept. Commander paid a visit to this Camp and had a grand time...

Reading in "48" The Dept. Encampment will be held in Reading during the week of June 20 to 24. Headquarters will be at the Berkshire Hotel...

Schuyler Camp 2, Philadelphia Don't forget the 54th Annual Lincoln Day Dinner given by Schuyler Camp 2, and Auxiliary 4...

Meade Camp, Reading Camp 16 [The Convention City of "48"] held a joint installation of the Camp and Auxiliary Monday, Jan. 5...

Kilpatrick Camp, Easton Camp 233 was inspected Thursday, Dec. 18, by Personal Aide to Dept. Com. George Luton of Upper Darby...

Yours Truly Come on Fellows, dish out that news. I know you have it, just send it in, I'll do the rest. I have to have something to go on...

from Camp 236 and I also received "The Camp Messenger" as well as a card with the Camp meeting dates for the coming year from Camp 233...

Gov. Duff has appointed the Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee, Bro. Mansfield, of Pittsburgh, to the newly created Brandywine Battlefield Parks Commission...

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Henry W. Smith, Dept. Correspondent, Keene.

Camp 38, Milford Officers of John W. Spaulding Camp were installed at Grange Hall, Nov. 22, at a ceremony conducted by Dept. Com. Doral Whitney...

Officers installed are as follows: Com., Willis E. Jewett; Sr. Vice, Charles H. Colby; Jr. Vice, W. Elbridge Jewett; Sec.-Treas., George R. Foster; Pat. Inst., George A. Dickerman Sr.; Chap., Albert F. Wheeler...

Remarks were delivered by Com. Whitney and other Dept. officials of the allied orders. A dime march was won by Mrs. R. Goodrich. Members of all affiliated orders were present...

Reception to Dept. Commander. A reception was tendered Darrold E. Whitney of Keene, N. H., Commander of the New Hampshire Dept., and his staff...

Special invited guests were Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Catharine Hickey of Elkins; W. R. C. Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Eliza Newell, of Claremont; D. U. V. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Lizzie Rogers, of Nashua; Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Sadie DeWitt, of Brattleboro, Vt.; L. of G. A. R. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Lottie Randlett, of Laconia; and Dept. Com. Harold Drown of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans...

Mr. Whitney was the recipient of many gifts including a guest book which was in charge of Mrs. Arthur DeMond.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Col. George E. Lance, Press Secretary, 35 West Washington, Pasadena

Camp 1, San Francisco Dept. Com. Walter A. Smith spent several days in early November in Southern California, visiting several Camps and Auxiliaries...

Camp 21, Oakland Our Camp is going along fine under the leadership of Com. James E. Hughes, who will begin serving his sixth year sentence in that capacity in 1948...

Camp 2, Los Angeles Rosecrans Camp at the November meeting initiated two candidates, and enjoyed a fine program, prepared by the Patriotic Instructor, Harrie R. Collins...

The Camp re-elected the same Commander, Lou S. Smith, and he has a fine staff of officers, is already making great plans for the coming year...

The Membership Drive, with Asst. Sec. Vernon Cheney as Chairman of the Sons, and Dept. Vice Pres. Beatrice Riggs as Chairman for the Auxiliary, is creating a lot of interest and bringing good results for both orders...

Sure 'nuff it was the "year of Jubilee" for Phil Sheridan Camp on Dec. 12, when we celebrated our 50th anniversary. There was so much merriment and goodfellowship permeating the atmosphere...

Camp 4, San Jose To get in proper condition for the renditions above named, everyone enjoyed a pot-luck dinner at 6:30. We had a grand time and a grand turnout. Our Camp is doing fine work under the leadership of Com. John Smith...

Camp 5, Santa Cruz We are pleased to relate that two of our standbys, Bro. Howard Griffith and Sister Blanche Wilberding, both of whom have been on the sick list, are reported on the road to recovery...

It is a source of satisfaction and pleasure and we are very proud of the new publication "The News Letter," devoted to the Sons and

Auxiliary of the Department of California, published by Bro. A. R. McKinney, a member of Camp 5. Volume I, No. 6, should find every brother and sister in this Department a subscriber...

Our Camp is going along fine under the leadership of Com. James E. Hughes, who will begin serving his sixth year sentence in that capacity in 1948...

On Nov. 30 our Camp presented a pulpit flag to the First Methodist Church of Oakland and several members of the Camp and Auxiliary participated in the presentation program...

Two new members for our Camp so far this year—but we're expectant. Our Camp did itself proud in honoring Comrade John S. Dumser, father of Past Dept. Com. Raymond Dumser, on his 100th birthday...

Pleased to note the activity of Southern California Auxiliaries in bringing to the forefront the candidacy of Mrs. Lena Barrett, wife of Dr. R. R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, for the office of National President of the Auxiliary...

Sorry to note that Bro. George C. Matmiller, of Hayward, Dept. Chaplain, has been confined to his bed with severe burns and other complications; he is gradually improving. The brother has his heart and soul in the good of the Order, and we trust that he may soon assume his activity...

A message from Bro. Martin J. Lowrey, Commander of Sacramento Camp, announces the death of a Camp member, Bro. James G. Winland, Nov. 5. Bro. Winland was Commander of a Camp near Cleveland, Ohio, previous to coming to Sacramento in 1911...

Without question the name, personality and fitting remembrance of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic [less than 50 out of nearly one million men throughout the Nation] grows sweeter and dearer as the days go by as evident by press and pulpit...

Past Dept. Com. John S. Dumser, Oakland, with hip-hip-hurrah, cleared the 100-year hurdle on Nov. 23, 1947, surrounded by all the celebrities of his city and county, including Gov. Warren, of California, as well as all patriotic and civic organizations...

This Camp at a recent meeting initiated two new members, more are expected in the near future. These new members help keep the Dept. on an even keel.

the First Citizen and man of the year 1947." The Daughters of Union Veterans were sponsors of the Celebration.

A letter from Margaret Thompson, Alde of Stanton Post No. 55, Grand Army of the Republic, Los Angeles, says: "I am now getting my Christmas boxes ready for Comrades all over the country, with a personal note in the Christmas card, and to those who are 100 years old this year I am sending an "Honorary 100th Birthday" Club Membership Card for our Com. Chapell, who was one hundred years old July 7, 1947. I have the name, address and birthday of all of the Comrades, 76 of them [4 died in October] taken from the pension rolls. There are 20 who are 100 years old this year. I have sent 16 and have the Nov. and Dec. ones yet to send, and I hope they live to receive them. Comrade Dumser who reached the 100 mark Nov. 15 was the 17th to receive his card and the 100-year badge. I have sent 15 to each Comrade since 1941."

RHODE ISLAND

E. A. Hoyt, Dept. Sec., 146 Beacon Ave., Providence 3, R. I.

Dept. Com. Clarence E. Esten, Sr. Vice Albert B. W. Fowler, Dept. Sec. E. A. Hoyt and Bro. Geo. A. Parker attended the reception to Com-in-Chief Moran at Holyoke, Mass., Nov. 15. It was a very fine affair, held in Veterans Memorial Hall, an ideal place.

A party of 33 from Rhode Island made the trip to Portland, Maine, by special bus to attend the New England Regional Meeting Nov. 2. This was a fine trip, an interesting meeting, and the added pleasure of greeting P. D. C. Geo. A. Laduke, of Vermont, who has been confined to hospital for some time. He was on crutches and minus a leg. George is an addition to any gathering.

We also sympathize with our good Brother Past Dept. Com. Wm. MacCormick, who had the misfortune to be hit by auto and received a broken leg. He is doing as well as could be expected at his age.

The Auxiliary and Sons held their annual Dept. Christmas Party for the kiddies and about 35 had an enjoyable time, Santa Claus and all. Refreshments were served and all went home happy. The Dept. Com. was present, with his granddaughter. Dept. Secretary should get the prize as he was there with five grandchildren. Bazaars and social affairs have kept Dept. Com. Esten on the go, but he is game, for his age, and takes them all in.

Dept. Com. Esten announced date of Dept. Encampment, 1948, to be Saturday, April 24, Arsenal, Benefit St. Auxiliary will meet at same time and place. It is hoped by holding on Saturday we can get larger turn out. Friday evening, April 23, will be Memorial Service and Flag presentation.

Joint Installation with Auxiliary was on Dec. 5. P. D. C. Joseph A. Bridge installed Bro. Geo. A. Parker as Commander. Past Dept. Pres. Mabel Oatley installed the officers of Aux., Mrs. Rivers as President. Dept. Com. Esten and Staff was present also Dept. Pres. Gertrude Peterson and Staff. P. D. C. Frank S. Reavy presented past rank badge to retiring Com. Wm. E. Hooper, with fitting remarks. Refreshments were served by the Aux. Camp made gain of two members past Quarter, with loss of four.

Camp 11, Providence This Camp at a recent meeting initiated two new members, more are expected in the near future. These new members help keep the Dept. on an even keel.

MASSACHUSETTS

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Recent Radio Tributes

Commemorative tributes [the only ones we know of] to those two outstanding liberators of the perilous 1860s—one from human bondage, the other from human suffering—John G. Whittier and Clara Barton, at their respective birthday anniversaries, were our two December broadcasts. The Whittier program, out of WESX, Salem, carried to listeners, particularly those in our coastal communities, and included a remembered visit by one of two small boys [Harding and John Hale] who, with their mother, responded to Poet Whittier's invitation—all three to be his guests at a Boston hotel one day, long, long ago. Past Dept. Pres. Jennie B. Wales made the introduction.

In the Clara Barton remembrance Joe Mitchell Chapple, the widely known author, lecturer and publisher [and a former member of the John E. Gilman Camp, of Roxbury, related his observations from several interviews with the "Angel of the Battlefield," as G. A. R. Comrades loved to call her. His recollections and familiar acquaintance with the remarkable career of this heroine of the Civil War and of many distressing disasters, was heard by New Englanders, near and far, through WEEI [Columbia outlet].

So, with the aid of press notices, thousands of folks of today were reminded and made aware of the great debt of gratitude all owe to these two great Americans. And, oddly enough, at least one Massachusetts listener reported she enjoyed hearing our WTAM [N. B. C.], Cleveland, Ohio, tribute of last August. One never knows how far his voice is carried by radio, does he?—Department Radio Committee.

Perkins Out for Dept. Commander

Carder A. Perkins has announced that he is a candidate for the office of Dept. Commander at the coming Encampment in Worcester in April. His Camp, the Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9, Boston, has appointed John Day as chairman of a committee to work for him. Tiny as he is known through the Order has given of his time for many a night for entertaining also he has always tried to keep things moving at our Dept. and Com.-in-Chief Encampments; so brothers think of Perkins as our next Dept. Commander.

"SAVE YOUR CANDIDATES FOR THIS ENCAMPMENT."

Dept. Com. Drown and your Publicity Secretary wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Christmas Party

Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9 and Auxiliary held their annual Christmas Party for children on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:30 p. m.

For the Camp, Sr. Vice Com. Frank Day, Chairman of the Welfare and Entertainment Committee, appointed a temporary committee of Past Commanders John L. Day, Everard L. Cheney, Leslie Covey, and Ernest G. Wells, who conferred with the Auxiliary Committee under Past Pres. Jessie G. Wells, Chairman.

For forty years and more, Santa Claus has visited the Camp and Auxiliary and deposited presents under their trees. This year was not only no exception in this respect, but there was also carol singing with Past Pres. Mary Gordon at the piano, refreshments served by Pres. Gertrude Day, and the traditional Christmas Postoffice under the direction of "Postmistress" Bernardina Stetson.

Roxbury Sons and Auxiliary Install

Charles Russell Lowell Camp and Auxiliary installed their respective officers for the ensuing year on Nov. 21, at St. Rose Hall, Worcester Street.

Mrs. Margaret Palmer, Past Nat. President, and her efficient staff from Melrose, presided beautifully at the installation of the Auxiliary. Officiating for the Camp was Past Dept. Pat. Inst. Vernard L. Gordon, ably assisted as Inst. Guide by Past Com. Everard L. Cheney.

After the presentation of gifts by Camp and Auxiliary to the outgoing Commander and President, John L. Day and Mrs. Ann Talbot, the guests of honor spoke briefly and well, prefacing a bounteous and tasty collation prepared by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

Officers of the Camp for the coming year are: Com., Elwood J. Hubbard; Sr. Vice, Geo. E. Day; Jr. Vice, Frank Day; Sec., Leslie Covey; Treas., Vernard L. Gordon; Chap., Everard L. Cheney; Pat. Inst., John L. Day; Press Cor., Ernest G. Wells.

Roxbury Sons Start Graves Registration

An ambitious project is currently under way at Charles Russell Lowell Camp with the assistance of the Auxiliary.

Com. Hubbard has established a Graves Registration Committee, under Chairman Vernard L. Gordon, P. C., who has called upon the following brothers to serve: Everard L. Cheney, P. C.; Frank Day, S. V. C.; George E. Day, J. V. C., and Ernest G. Wells, P. C. At the same time, Mrs. Gertrude Day, President of Auxiliary 78, because of her generous assistance in the past, was unanimously elected an honorary member of this committee.

The many hundreds of graves of Civil War veterans in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Forest Hills, Mass., heretofore cared for by no one responsible head, have come under the aegis of Camp 9. It is now the duty of this organization, in perpetuation of the memory of their fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic, to establish the location and condition of these graves, so as to facilitate the future activities of their Memorial Day committees.

Everyone who knows of the grave, or graves, of Union Veterans of the Civil War, heretofore unattended or overlooked at Mt. Hope, is urgently invited to contact Chairman Vernard L. Gordon at Camp headquarters, 16 Eustis St., Roxbury 19, Mass.

Roxbury Sons Committees Appointed

At the last regular meeting of Charles Russell Lowell Camp, Com. Hubbard appointed the following committees for the ensuing year: Welfare and Entertainment, Chairman Frank Day; Recruiting, Chairman Leslie Covey; Friendly Relations, Chairman John L. Day; Graves Registration, Chairman Vernard L. Gordon; Visiting Chairman Everard L. Cheney; By-Laws, Chairman John L. Day; South Metropolitan District, Chairman John L. Day.

"PLAN TO ATTEND THE BIGGEST ENCAMPMENT HELD IN MANY YEARS."

Camp 15, Springfield

Members of Camp attended the installation of Post 326, American Legion, World War II Veterans, and their Aux. on Oct. 7, 1947, at Springfield. Oct. 24 we went to Southbridge to attend the installation of Malcolm Ammidown Camp 55, with Rex Allen being installed as Commander. On Nov. 6 we held our own installation with C.-in-C. Charles H. E. Moran as Installing Officer. Lawrence R. E. Johnson is our new Commander. On Nov. 13 we attended the installation of the James R. Lay Camp. C.-in-C. Moran again did the honors as Installing Officer and Clarence King is their new Commander. On Nov. 19 we visited the

W. R. C., where a plaque suitably inscribed was attached to the picture of Capt. E. K. Wilcox. It was presented by our G. A. R. family of Springfield. Edwin W. Partenhelmer, our Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, attended all these visits with us. He also attended the reception of Dept. Com. Drown in Stoughton on Oct. 25. He also attended the reception to Dept. Com. Whitney, of New Hampshire, held at Keene on Nov. 7. A fine time was enjoyed on all these occasions.

Planning South Met. Dist. Assn.

Sparked by Charles Russell Lowell Camp, Roxbury, and Nathaniel Bowditch Camp, Dorchester, the Sons of Union Veterans in this section are planning to organize a South Metropolitan District Association.

Using as their model the successful North Metropolitan District Association, these Camps feel that such a move will mean much added interest and useful for our local Sons.

Past Com. John L. Day, Chairman of Camp 9's Dist. Assn. Committee, and also a member of the present Dept. Recruiting Committee, believes that these plans will attract many eligibles who might not otherwise hear of the work of this organization.

Their ultimate goal is the amalgamation of these District Associations into a Suffolk County Council.

Camp 1, Lynn

This Camp celebrated the dedication of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on Monday eve., Nov. 17, '47, with a fitting program under the direction of Jr. Vice Geo. O. Walker.

Interesting remarks were made by Dept. Com. Drown; Sr. Vice Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Dept. Pres. of the Aux.; Pres. of W. R. C. No. 29; Pres. of Tent No. 42, D. U. V. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Mr. Bukeo, who gave a fine address on Lincoln. Sergt. Carr of the regular Army put on two reels of very interesting movies.

Several Camps were represented with the North Metropolitan Association, S. U. V., turning out strong.

Camp 25, Worcester

A large delegation from the Camp, headed by Com. Gordon H. Austin, were guests of Aux. 33 at a very specially prepared covered dish supper, in the banquet hall of our G. A. R. quarters on Dec. 22. The Auxiliary certainly exceeded all expectations in the great feast, after which a Christmas party was held with an exchange of gifts. The awarding of two turkeys climaxed a very enjoyable time.

P. C.-C. Wm. L. Anderson, of West Roxbury was a special guest.

Our Veterans Night program will be held Feb. 9, under the direction of P. C. Dexter Willard, chairman, assisted by P. C. Bill Darling, Robert S. O'Toole, Allen E. McCarthy and H. Lyman Rawson.

A very elaborate program is being planned and it is hoped that each and every Camp in the state will want a part in it, so why not make plans and come to Worcester on Feb. 9.

"THE HEART OF THE COMMONWEALTH IS OPENING ITS ARMS TO YOU ON APRIL 23, 24 AND 25."

"GOVERNOR BRADFORD AND MAYOR SULLIVAN WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE."

Camp 17, Brockton

We held our installation on Dec. 29 with Dept. Com. Drown as Installing Officer. This was the first time in 45 years that we have not installed with our Auxiliary but due to the lateness in election of our new officers we had to delay our installation. LeRoy A. Cobb returns for another year as our Commander, and with his new staff of officers we are look-

NEW JERSEY

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Camp 1, Hoboken

Camp meets Jan. 22, the 4th Thursday. The Nov. and Dec. meetings were held on Friday on account of the holidays. At the December meeting the Camp officers were installed by Past Com. Herman Schroeder, who carried out the ceremonies in his usual able and efficient manner.

The newly installed officers are: Com., Fred Williams; Sr. Vice, William Hendberg; Jr. Vice, Chas. W. Miles; Pat. Inst., Henry Lowe; Sec., Fred Hansen; Treas., Herman Schroeder. After the meeting refreshments were served. Inst. Officer Schroeder urged the members to try and get new members and read the Dept. Orders and The Banner for inspiration.

Com. Williams responded and expressed to all members and friends the happiest and most joyful Holiday Greetings, and also wished for himself the pleasure of meeting all members at the meetings.

Camp 4, Trenton

A Christmas party was held in the Camp room on Thursday evening, Dec. 18. A very enjoyable evening was spent with an exchange of gifts and a fine lunch served by our Camp Fire Committee.

At a recent meeting a committee was appointed by Com. Nolan to plan for and arrange the annual Lincoln Banquet, which will be held in the Hotel Hildebrecht on Friday evening, Feb. 13. Plans are already under way and we hope to make this an outstanding affair. A fine program is being arranged and many Nat. and Dept. Officers will be present.

A good number of our members will attend and take an active part in the Mid-Winter meeting, called by Dept. Com. Vincent Hayden, at the War Memorial Building on Saturday evening, Jan. 10.

The boys are out after new members in a great way. Two have been initiated and more are expected in the very near future.

We deeply regret the loss by death of two of our oldest members. Brother Edward Reeger, who was a charter member, and Brother Elbert Mount, who was a member for nearly forty years. Our heartfelt, sincere sympathy is extended to the families of these brothers. Our sincere sympathy is also extended to Past Com. Luther M. Snedaker on the death of his wife, who was an active member of our Auxiliary for many years, a Past President and very active in the Memorial Day work.

Camp 5, Trenton

On Jan. 10 the Department of New Jersey will hold its mid-winter meeting in our Camp room. The Camp and Auxiliary will serve a courtesy dinner, following which the meeting will be held. A feature of the meeting will be a class initiation.

The Camp and Auxiliary sponsored a highly successful Dedication Day dinner on Nov. 19. We were honored by the presence of Com.-in-Chief Moran, and Nat. Pres. Sister Joyce, as well as Dept. Com. Hayden, Dept. Pres. Archer, and Nat. Pres. of the Allied Orders of the

was held Friday, Dec. 19, in Tremont Temple, Margaret Melendy led in the singing of Christmas Carols and "Tiny" Perkins took the part of good Saint Nich. Paul A. Hoey, of Worcester, is Pres. of the Past Commanders and Jane Davis is Pres. of the Past Pres. An exchange of gifts and a luncheon was had, Dept. Pres. Pam. Elder and Dept. Com. Harold M. Drown were special guests.

"350 DELEGATES EXPECTED."

ing for a year full of new programs. Com. Cobb appointed P. D. C. Wm. W. Haskell, P. C. George R. Beckman and Chaplain Edward Davidson as the Memorial Day Committee. Next meeting of the Camp, Feb. 9, 1948.

Dept. Commander's Commitments

Account of stewardship since last report of the Dept. Commander includes attending summer meeting of the New England Regional Assn. at The Welts, N. H.; Mid Year Meeting of the Dept. at Taunton, and several meetings of the Plymouth County Assn., also the North Metropolitan District Assn.

The Dept. Commander was at Holyoke for the reception to C.-in-C. Moran; at Keene, N. H., when Dept. Com. Whitney was honored, and at receptions to Mrs. Grace P. Broderick, Dept. Pres., D. U. V.; Mrs. Blanche O. Gage, Dept. Pres. L. of G. A. R., and our Aux. Pres. Pam. Elder. On the schedule also has been seven installations, Com. Drown conducting five of these and teaming with P. D. C. Bill Haskell at most of ceremonies. A half dozen conferences with the Dept. Council have been held; a meeting each with the Executive Committee, when re-investment of trust funds was order of business, and Staff with Past Dept. Coms. setting up drive for membership; two settings with Enc. Committee at Worcester, and several consultations with Couns. Baur, besides being at Headquarters every Thursday evening. Other functions recognized have been Friendly Relation Committee's Party, Annual Fairs of the W. R. C. and D. U. V.; and guest of the Past Pres. at their monthly meeting, and also present at their Christmas Party.

"THE LARGEST TROOPING OF COLORS EVER DIRECTED."

1948 Encampment

Dept. Com. Drown has announced that the 1948 Encampment will be held in Worcester, April 23, 24 and 25. The Willie Grout Camp of that city will be the host to the Encampment.

P. Sr. Vice D. C. William T. Darling is chairman of the committee in charge. A class initiation, banquet and reception to the Dept. Officers, and Ball, and a joint installation with the Auxiliary is planned. This is the first time the Dept. has held its annual Encampment in Worcester. Watch for further announcements. So

ON TO WORCESTER IN APRIL.

Plymouth County Association

The Plymouth Co. Assn. held its Nov. meeting in Plymouth with Camp 4 on Nov. 25, when a penny sale was held for the benefit of the Department. Dept. Council Member Herbert L. Smith and P. J. V. D. C. Allen B. Howland were co-chairmen. A goodly sum was turned over to the Department.

The Dec. meeting was held Dec. 16 with Camp 143, Norwell. Plans were made for the annual Lincoln-Washington Dinner which is to be held Feb. 21, 1948, in Rockland. P. P. Earl Harrington is chairman of the committee in charge.

A Minstrel Show is planned for the early spring with Dept. Pub. Sec. Wm. W. Haskell directing. Some more girls are wanted for the chorus; the first rehearsal will be held in Rockland early in January. Plans are being made to have the Jan. meeting in Hanover.

"WORCESTER MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, THE LARGEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL CONVENTION HALL IN MASSACHUSETTS."

Past Pres. and Past Coms. Xmas Party

The annual Christmas Party of the Past Presidents and Past Commanders Associations

G. A. R. Sister Lambert. A large number of Dept. Officers from the Sons and Auxiliary from all parts of the State and from Penna. were also present.

The Camp and Auxiliary held a joint Christmas Party on the meeting prior to Christmas that was well attended and enjoyed by all. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

Richard Kucker is our new Camp Commander, and he has a fine set of officers. Bro. Kucker is a Veteran of World War 2 and under his leadership we look forward to another year of activity and success.

Following the Dedication Day dinner the Camp held a formal reception in honor of Dept. Com. Hayden. A receiving line greeted him, and he received many gifts along with the best wishes and congratulations of his many friends.

KANSAS

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Department Notes

At Salina we have one of our best Auxiliaries; they are busy all the time. They gave an old-fashioned tea at the home of Mrs. Trax to raise money for their treasury. Then they held a party at the home of Eva McGee, with the Sons invited. They had a very good attendance.

Camp 30 at Newton gave a Dedication Day program, assisted by their Auxiliary. El Dorado gave a public meeting on Dedication Day, with a program in the G. A. R. Hall. Camp Commander O. C. Allebach presided.

Four hundred eighty-six requests were sent from Dept. Headquarters urging school superintendents, newspapers and broadcasting stations to hold program on Dedication Day, in which "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" was to be given. Results were wonderful.

Next May 2 our Department will go into Encampment at Eldorado. The G. A. R. Memorial Service will be Sunday evening. The first meeting of the Encampment will be 10 a. m. Monday. Now is the time to complete your arrangements to attend this Encampment. We must have a large attendance. Many important matters will be up for discussion. Make up your mind now to attend this Encampment.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Ernest G. Burton, Dept. Sec., 1827 So. E. 38th
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Camp 4, Portland

Oregon & Washington are still on the map. Owen Summers Camp and their Auxiliary started their fall meetings with a turkey dinner for members, their families and prospective candidates, at the same time honoring Dept. Com. L. M. Birch and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Ann Knight, who were present on their official visit. We also had the honor of entertaining Nat. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Comrade Pendleton, who is 99, and Francis Smith, Inspector for the Auxiliary. A large class of candidates were initiated by Camp and Auxiliary.

We are very much pleased to have back with us. Past Nat. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Leonard S. Hopfield, who has been on the sick list.

You hear so much nowadays about war between us and other nations. I say to all members of Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliaries, "Wake up to real fact—that in all wars America has never been the aggressor."

All other Camps are holding their own, and I hope to give you a better report next time. —Ernest G. Burton, Cor.

OHIO

Arthur C. Stolz, Dept. Press Correspondent,
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Dedication Day at Cincinnati

An audience of more than 200 observed the Dedication Day [Veterans Night] program at the President Lincoln Statue in Lytle Park, Cincinnati, Wednesday, 12:30 noon, Nov. 19, 1947, under auspices of U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, and the teachers and pupils of Guilford Public School.

The exercises were enjoyable and included an address by Hon. Carl W. Rich, Mayor of Cincinnati. U. S. Grant Camp has been observing this day for more than twenty years.

Fifty Years Ago

In the "50-years ago" column in the Cincinnati Enquirer, under date of Dec. 11, 1947, appeared an item giving names of officers elected Dec. 11, 1897, in Sanford Bundy Camp No. 75 at Cincinnati. Michael G. Heintz was the new Captain [now Commander]. Helntz and Lou Ireton, now members of U. S. Grant Camp, and Gus Werner are sole survivors of the group. Sanford Bundy Camp No. 105 was originally organized at Wellston, and named for the father of P. D. C. and P. C.-in-C. William E. Bundy. It had been merged with Gen. E. F. Noyes Camp No. 75, Cincinnati.

Harrie F. Goff Honored

In October, 1947, Harrie F. Goff was presented a 50-year button by Bellefontaine Lodge No. 208, F. & A. M., for service recognition. Bro. Goff is a P. C. and for many years has been Sec.-Treas. of Will Riddle Camp No. 231, Bellefontaine. He resides at 316 N. Elm St. and is a retired postal service man.

Gibbons in California

Arthur G. Gibbons, member of Dept. Council, with his wife, are in California for the benefit of Mrs. Gibbons' health, which is much improved. They plan returning to Newark about May 1. Their temporary address is 1326 Rosemead Blvd., Rosemead, Cal.

District No. 3 Meeting

District No. 3, Camps and Auxiliaries, will meet in quarterly session in the G. A. R. Hall, Alliance, Sunday, Jan. 18, 1948, at 1:30 p. m.

The Alliance Camp and Auxiliaries always have a good program and lunch when they entertain the District, and a large turnout of members and Dept. officers is anticipated.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to make arrangements for the annual Lincoln Anniversary banquet for February will make its reports on same, and place and date will be decided upon, also price for tickets.—John Burkhardt, Dist. Press Cor.

Fifth District Meeting

Quarterly meeting of the 5th District Camps and Auxiliaries will be held in Memorial Hall, Newark, Sunday, February 1, 1948, 10:30 a. m. Camps and Auxiliaries are requested to make special effort to have a large representation of officers and members present. District Officers are: Mrs. Maud Fox, Mt. Vernon, President; W. A. Rowland, Zanesville, Vice President; Mrs. Ida Billman Eichorn, Newark, Secretary-Treasurer.

Department Encampment

The Sixty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Dept. of Ohio will be held in the City of Columbus, June 20-23, 1948. Headquarters will be established in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel.

As is generally known expenses of these assemblies are contributed by prominent Columbus citizens. One of these whose annual contribution covered approximately one-half of

the expense was Mr. Simon Lazarus, President of the Lazarus Stores, well known philanthropist, who passed to his reward Sunday, Dec. 21, after an extended illness. His loss was felt by those in all walks of life.

Governor Dennison Camp

Officers-elect of Governor Dennison Camp, Columbus, are: Com., Campbell M. Voorhees; Sr. Vice, John F. Haggard; Jr. Vice, Harrison T. West. Installation is planned for Tuesday, Jan. 13, in Memorial Hall.

Hathaway Coming

W. F. Hathaway, Commander of the Department of Iowa, Des Moines, is expected to attend our Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Columbus, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Sunday, Jan. 11, 1948. He comes in the interest of the Central Regional Association, of which he is President, and Ohio is a member.

Reception to Dept. Officers

Ohio Department officers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary who reside in Alliance were honored with a reception Saturday evening, Oct. 25, 1947, in the Y. W. C. A.

These honored members, other Dept. and Nat. Officers in their organizations and affiliated groups, formed a procession that marched into Haggart Hall, led by Miss Charlene Biery in her WAVES uniform; Rex. Woods in his Army Air Corps outfit, and Edward Bieri in Marine Corps uniform. The three are grandchildren of Union Veterans.

John H. Grate, Commander of Fremont Post, G. A. R., and Nat. Council-in-Chief and Chaplain, headed the honored group. He was escorted by Mrs. E. E. Nile.

M. R. Battey, master of ceremony; Wade W. Shidler, mayor; Mrs. Arnold Gehret, Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary; George Waller, Dept. Com. of the Sons; Mrs. J. E. Boren, Sec.; Robert Austin, Personal Aide to Waller, and Mrs. E. E. Bieri, Personal Aide to Mrs. Gehret, were the honored guests. Another Alliance officer, Judge W. L. Hart, who is Dept. Counselor to Waller, was unable to attend.

Others in the line of march were Mrs. Katherine Joyce of Pittsburgh, Nat. Pres. of the Aux.; Miss Clara Lewis, her Personal Aide; Pauline Keller, Dayton, member of the Nat. Council; Ina Darling, of Youngstown, Dept. Treas.; Wilbur Thobaden, Nat. Jr. Vice Com. of the Sons; Edna Uhl, Dept. Chief-of-Staff; Mary Bennett, Dept. Sr. Vice Pres. of the Daughters of Union Veterans; Gladyd Swallen, Dept. Pres., Ladies of the G. A. R., all three of Canton; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wetzel, Dayton, the former Dept. Sr. Vice Com., and the latter Past Dept. Pres. and Council Member, and Helen Mackey, Dept. Sec. of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Other local people who were introduced to the throng that filled the hall included Mrs. G. V. Gultard, a Past Nat. Pres. of the Daughters of Union Veterans; Ronald Davis, Com. of the American Legion; Mrs. Walter Graham, Pres. of its Auxiliary; Mrs. W. J. Pfie, Pres. of the Daughters of Union Veterans; Mary Knight, Pres. of the Spanish War Aux.; Charles Grate, son of Com. Grate, and the families of George Waller and Mrs. Bieri.

Mrs. Dale Allison opened the program as she sang "The Lord's Prayer" for the invocation. Mrs. Donald Allison was her accompanist. She returned later in the evening to sing two solos, "Love's a Merchant" by Carew, and "Into the Night" by Clara Edwards.

Greetings from the city were voiced by Mayor Shidler. Miss Helen Tate played a violin solo, "Cavatine" by Raff, with Miss Harriet McFadden as her accompanist; Mrs. Rex. Wood gave a reading "Shoes" and Charles Gehm completed the entertainment

with a piano solo, the First Movement from "Sonata Pathetique" by Beethoven. He also is a grandchild of a veteran.

Between these numbers gifts were presented Alliance's Dept. Officers. This was done by Guy Shefelton, Com. of the Sons; Mrs. Harold Greek, Pres. of its Aux.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Deville, C. B. Woods and Spencer Sebrell in behalf of the two groups. They also had a gift for Katherine Joyce. Gifts from other groups and friends followed.

Fox's orchestra furnished music for the round and square dancing that completed the evening. Punch and wafers were served. The committee in charge of the reception was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Van Derkar, Mrs. Elbert Battey and M. R. Battey. Mrs. Theodore Ritzman, another veteran's grandchild, was the pianist for the processional march.

Bouquets of flowers from the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the United Spanish War Veterans Camp added to the bouquets of seasonal flowers that decorated Haggart Hall.

Flag Presentations

On Nov. 7, 1947, The Old Guard Relief Corps No. 121 presented to Memorial Hall, Dayton, a new Flag, size 15 by 25 feet, to hang in the foyer to replace the old one they had presented over 25 years previously. This presentation was attended by Com. Arthur C. Stolz, Earnshaw Camp No. 89, and several members of their Auxiliary.

On Nov. 25, 1947, three Flags were presented to Greenmont School, Dayton. One was presented by Mrs. Becky Clark for the Daughters of America; one by Arthur C. Stolz for Earnshaw Camp No. 89; and one by Nina Downs for the Auxiliary to Earnshaw Camp.

Reception by Dayton Camp

On Dec. 6, 1947, Earnshaw Camp and their Auxiliary gave a reception in honor of two Nat. Officers: Mrs. Helen Newbright, Secretary; Mrs. Pauline Keller, Nat. Council; and Dept. Officers E. Edward Wetzel, Sr. Vice, and Arthur C. Stolz, Press Correspondent, in the dining room of the Ohmer Park Methodist Church. This dinner was enjoyed by all who attended and it was remarked that we were all like one large happy family.

Officers for Dayton Camp

Officers-elect for 1948 for Earnshaw Camp are: Com., Arthur C. Stolz; Sr. Vice, Mose Burkett; Jr. Vice, Roland Clingman; Sec., C. Edward Wetzel; Treas. and Chap., Judson Reeder.

Correspondent's Note

I am requesting that all Camps in the Department send me the names of either or both Camp Com. or Press Correspondents, that I may have a roster of the Department.

WISCONSIN

Herbert S. Siggelko, Press Correspondent,
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Appoint Camp Press Correspondents

Once again we suggest that Press Correspondents be appointed by the Commander of each Camp, reporting to us not later than the 20th of the month prior to issuance of The Banner. Let us have the news direct, first hand.

How to Make Camps Tick

The Dept. Press Correspondent is privileged, now and then, to write a brief editorial. To help make Camps tick call to order at time designated. If it is a business meeting go through with it expeditiously, pay due atten-

tion to Roberts Rules of Order, and all rules and regulations of the Order. Close promptly after all business has been done and let the brothers, so inclined, stay for cards or whatever else they may want to do. No meeting should be delayed by cards, waiting for some one else to come or anything of that sort. The foregoing are some of the ways to make a Camp tick.—H.S.S.

Roaming with the Dept. Commander

The regional meeting has been written up in a prior issue. However, note that Dept. Com. Hubbard was the only one from Wisconsin to stay over for the G. A. R. Highway Dedication, was introduced as the representative from Wisconsin, being also made chairman of the New Program and Policy Committee.

Next he visited Plymouth, Oct. 16, accompanied by wife and Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Chester Hubbard. Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Victor Hoberg, of Sheboygan Camp, was there too, as well as local brethren, Bro. Ed Biering, Chairman of the Dept. Council; Camp Com. Bro. Stannard, and others. A fine meeting is reported the Plymouth Auxiliary participated, luncheon and a social hour concluded the "get together."

Sheboygan was visited Oct. 20. The Auxiliary and the Sons met jointly. Once again the wife came along [splendid practice], also Dept. Jr. Vice Commander. Naturally Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Victor Hoberg, and other brothers of the Sheboygan Camp attended. The Auxiliary was inspected by Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, Elinor Konrad, of Milwaukee. Our Dept. Commander gave a report of the Regional Meeting held at Iowa City.

Nov. 9 Milwaukee staged a joint dinner meeting of the Auxiliary and Sons. This was attended by Brothers Frank and Chester, Dept. Commander and Jr. Vice Commander, respectively. The whole program was well arranged. Brother Chester was the principal speaker and did a mighty good job, confining himself largely to Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Nov. 17 we find the Dept. Commander at Milwaukee again. The trip was made to attend a reception given by the Ladies of the G. A. R. in honor of Mary Schucht, Dept. President. This time not only the wife but three other ladies from Kenosha accompanied our Commander. He spoke specially for the Sons. We note that Past Dept. Com. Henry W. Siemers of the Sheboygan Camp was also present. August last he suffered a sun stroke, was but recently discharged from a hospital and we are delighted to learn he is doing very nicely now.

From the within and foregoing it is readily seen that Brother Frank has been on the go, doing all humanly possible to keep the Flag floating and to advance it.

Reception for Dept. Officers

On Dec. 13 a reception was held at Kenosha in honor of the two Hubbards, Dept. and Jr. Vice Commanders, respectively. It was sponsored by the Kenosha Auxiliary, under the guidance of Mrs. Bertha Pfannmiller, Pres. Kenosha Auxiliary; Sisters Mrs. F. S. Marquise, Mrs. Caroline Saunders and others assisting.

Guests from away were Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Victor Hoberg and wife from Sheboygan, Elinor Konrad, Dept. Pres. Auxiliary; Sister Pillsbury, Sec. of Regional Association, and Mrs. Alma Cheesman, Dept. Sec. G. A. R., all of Milwaukee, as well as Dewey B. Mead, Dept. Com. Minnesota, and others.

Jr. Vice Com. Chester S. Hubbard served as toastmaster most acceptably. A program of talks, music, song followed, topped off by a wonderfully delicious dinner. Evidently our

Dept. Commander and Jr. Vice are not without honor even in their home town.

We have been talking about the many eligibles to our Order in Kenosha and we want to explain this right here by saying we do not mean the names of all are known but we assume that with one male citizen, sixteen years of age and over, out of every five, eligible, there must be hundreds, if not thousands, who could join us, just as there are in Madison, and other places. The crop is bounteous; may we make every effort to harvest it, even thinking now in terms of millions, not thousands!

Kenosha

Kenosha, the home town of both our Dept. and Jr. Vice Commander, has been the scene of two important gatherings. One was the Mid-Winter Meeting held on Nov. 2. The Auxiliary joined in this, it was successful. The resolutions committee was made up of Dr. J. O. Smith, George A. Powers of Madison, also Chester S. Hubbard of Kenosha. A special resolution was to the effect that the Centennial stamp, Wisconsin, have on it the likeness of L. P. Harvey, Governor of Wisconsin during the Civil War, drowned while visiting the boys at the front in the year 1862. A proper resolution to such effect has been submitted and will be considered. Of course Elinor Konrad, Dept. Pres., Auxiliary, Brother Roy Lewis, P. D. C., both of Milwaukee, and a good many others were there.

Madison

A good deal is made of our open, public, patriotic meetings. On Oct. 27, to the accompaniment of the usual singing, musical numbers and so forth, an authority on Esperanto, the world Lingo, appeared before us and gave a fine talk, answering questions. Attendance was fairly good.

Nov. 10, our officials were installed by Past Com. J. O. Smith, Auxiliary officers being installed at the same time.

Nov. 24 we went all out for another open, public, patriotic meeting. Attendance was very good despite rather unfavorable weather conditions. Our speaker was Justice Edward T. Fairchild of the Supreme Court, a Past Dept. Commander. A movie, color and sound, stressing Lincoln's appearance at Gettysburg, was shown. That film is outstanding, members of every Camp should see it. The usual social hour, with light refreshments, concluded the affair.

Presently we are engaged in a campaign to form a Camp quartette, and even plan for a Fife and Drum Corps. It is our ambition to play second fiddle to no Camp. Our next big, open, patriotic meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23. We anticipate a record attendance and a splendid program. All of you are invited.

Dec. 9 the Auxiliary and members of our Camp held a joint Christmas party and it was a success. Sister Helen McGowan, Past Dept. Pres. and now Nat. Aux. Treasurer, had charge of the program, Past Dept. Com. J. O. Smith being the principal speaker, and a fine job was done.

Quality

Any brother who gets the applications of five eligibles will be appointed Special Aide, staff of the Commander-in-Chief. Let us all strive to qualify!

IOWA

J. S. Wason, Correspondent, Davenport.

Veteran Celebrates 100th Birthday

G. A. R. Dept. Com. James P. Martin celebrated his 100th birthday at the home of his daughter in Sutherland, on Nov. 10. Open house was held during the afternoon and eve-

ning and nearly seventy neighbors and friends together with seventy-two members of the family visited him. Members of the American Legion, W. R. C., Sons and Auxiliary, including Dept. Com. W. F. Hathaway, of Des Moines, and Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Jones, were among those who paid their respects to this grand old man.

Comrade Martin served in Battery H of the 1st Wisconsin Artillery. He enlisted Sept. 22, 1864, and was discharged June 26, 1865.

There were some two hundred and fifty cards and presents received by the comrade, coming from fifteen different states.

Department Notes

The Iowa Department has been very active up until holiday season, promoting the observance of Dedication Day in the various Camps. For one of the Camps that has not been very active the Department held a service for them and invited the public to attend. It was a success and will be tried out in other communities.

January and February are the two most important months to our organization in that we celebrate the birthdays—McKinley, Lincoln and Washington. We are planning that each Camp will have appropriate celebrations and to have them planned for the public. There is no better way to impress the public with the importance of our work, than to have a good program with a good old fashioned speaker, one who is capable of making a typical old Grand Army patriotic talk.

A midyear conference is being planned for this Department soon. The date has not yet been set.

Our Camps did a splendid thing by the way they remembered the two remaining members of the Grand Army in Iowa with remembrances of Christmas cards and presents. We feel proud of these two fine men and the way our Sons responded.

MAINE

Vernon W. Miller, Correspondent,
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Maine's Last Civil War Veteran Dies

Zachary McLaughlin, the last of Maine's Civil War Veterans, died at Turner Nov. 7, 11 days before his 99th birthday. A resident of Phillips, McLaughlin died at the home of a son, Charles, where he had made his home for several years. He had been confined to his bed for many months.

A native of Weld, McLaughlin enlisted in the Union Army when he was 16—stretching the truth—to add a year to his age. He arrived at camp four weeks before the war ended but he remained in the service in the South for almost a year, with the 12th Maine Volunteers.

He saw President Lincoln, he often related, when he and other recruits were addressed by the Chief Executive as they passed through Washington. After leaving service, McLaughlin went to Ohio where he worked three years at a saw mill. Returning to Maine, he worked three years in the woods, and at Rangeley Lakes, before settling down as farmer-lumberman.

He leaves three sons, Charles, Edwin and Carl, the latter two of Phillips. His wife, the former Miss Electa Record, of Phillips, died many years ago.

Camp 46, Bath

New officers for 1948: Com., C. L. Hooker; Sr. Vice, A. Razen; Jr. Vice, Norman Fizzell; Sec., Clarence Warner; Treas., Vernon W. Miller.

We are having new members coming in right along.

NEW YORK

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

Camp 140, New York City

Lafayette Camp observed Veterans Night on Nov. 20 with a dinner meeting at Rosoff's Restaurant. The annual election and installation of officers also took place. Past Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Henry Bender was Installing Officer. The Camp mourns the deaths of Cornelius F. Collins and P. C. James T. Pletcher.

Suiter Camp, Herkimer

Suiter Camp mourns the passing of Brother George Smith.

Dept. Officers Honored

Past Com. William E. Kelly and staff and Dept. Pres. Myrtle Phillips and staff were honored with a dinner and reception tendered by Col. A. D. McConihe Auxiliary No. 3, Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Annex, Third Street, Troy.

Camp 93, Binghamton

Binghamton Camp has sustained a severe loss in the passing of P. C. Harry Olney; former Dept. Pat. Inst. He fell and broke his leg July 27 and was confined in the Binghamton City Hospital until Nov. 27, when he died. He was a charter member of the Camp and also a 50-year member. Burial was at Berkshire, the home of his boyhood.

Camp 2, Brooklyn

This Camp has suffered the sudden death of three of its members in the short period of nine days. On Oct. 12 we were saddened by the death of Bro. William Unversagt. On Oct. 19 we were further saddened by the death of Bro. John J. Garrison, and on Oct. 21 we were shocked by the sudden death of Bro. Charles L. Miller. The ritualistic funeral services were held over the caskets of our deceased brothers, and the Camp wishes to extend its thanks to the Dept. Officers and members of the Auxiliaries, who so kindly attended and assisted in the funeral exercises. To the families of the deceased we extend our deep sincere sympathy.

At our meeting Nov. 21 we mustered in one new member. We have others on our list and search of records is the only delaying obstacle that prevents them from being on our mailing list. We are determined to keep our membership at or above the forty mark.

Our latch string is always on the outside and visiting brothers are always welcome at our meetings—third Friday evening of each month.

Camp 52, Glens Falls

Past Dept. Com. Bert Bentley, who served in 1916, passed away Nov. 20. He was a former member of Holden Camp and also belonged to various Masonic fraternities. He resided in Norwich, N. Y., at the time of his death.

Reception for Dept. Officers

Phil Sheridan Auxiliary No. 30, Albany, tendered a dinner and reception on Jan. 3 to the officers of the Departments of Sons and Auxiliary. The event took place at Jack's restaurant, 42 State St. Ann Parmalee was chairman.

Rochester Area Meeting

On the invitation of O'Rorke Camp No. 60, an area meeting was held on Nov. 12 which was largely attended by the Sons of Rochester. Chief Dept. Deputy Raymond Gosnell presided and introduced Dept. Com. William E. Kelly, who stressed his slogan "Hold the

Line" in membership by asking every Camp in the Department to initiate at least two new members. A campaign was immediately started to that end with dead line as of March 30, 1948. Several of those present indicated their respective Camps would go along with Dept. Com. Kelly's idea and voiced their assurance the quota would be exceeded. Many ideas were discussed as to the best way of obtaining these new members and it was finally decided to make a city-wide campaign with the view of securing a large class of candidates for a public initiation to be staged immediately following the close of the campaign.

The Secretary reviewed briefly a copy of the program of the eighteenth annual Encampment of the New York Division held in Newburgh in June of 1901. Among other interesting items was a full page picture of Div. Com. Col. Charles H. E. Moran, father of our present Commander-in-Chief.

Camp 77, Elmira

The following officers for 1948 were selected by General A. S. Diven Camp 77: Com., Truman Vincent; Sr. Vice, Robert Burnham; Jr. Vice, Stuart Hagerman; Pat. Inst., Nell Cranmer; Chap., Gordon Wilcox; Sec.-Treas., Floyd Doland. The installation will take place in January at a date to be announced.

Several of the old time members of the Camp were pleased to have calls recently from P. C. Ulysses Schoonover, now a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., and a member of the Camp there. He was Commander of Diven Camp in 1914, and later enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps.

The Camp sustained a deep loss in the death of Jr. Vice Com. Stuart Hagerman on Dec. 9. He was a well known funeral director and a member of the various Masonic bodies.

Camp 60, Rochester

O'Rorke Camp No. 60, together with its Auxiliary No. 23, staged a testimonial dinner to Dept. Com. William E. Kelly, Rochester, and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Myrtle B. Phillips, Scotia, at Hotel Seneca Saturday evening, Nov. 22, that was the equal of and in keeping with all the traditions of these two hustling units. The banquet was served to a capacity gathering in the main dining room of the hotel and proved to be a meal to outdistance all previous efforts.

Colors were advanced by two of the younger members of the Camp, Sr. Vice Com. Chas. Heinsler and Camp Council Member Richard Pettinger. Song leader and soloist was F. A. Mueller, who proved a fine character artist as well as a soloist and was especially effective in "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground" which was dedicated to and sung especially for Comrade James A. Hard, Monroe County's sole surviving Civil War Veteran, 106 years of age July 15 last. He was guest of honor. Mr. Mueller was accompanied by his daughter Lois. The invocation and benediction were given by Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns of the pro-Cathedral, Department Chaplain. P. D. C. Fred E. Colwell acted as toastmaster and introduced Mayor Samuel B. Dicker, who not only represented the city in his usual finished manner, but paid fine tribute to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary, and to his friend of long standing, Dept. Com. William E. Kelly.

Com. Kelly was both eloquent and stirring in his able talk on Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and "Dedication Day," and he was equally at home on the subject of enlargement and advancement of our Order. Members of Com. Kelly's staff in attendance were: Sr. Vice, Charles L. Messer, of Albany; Jr. Vice, Judson N. French, of Batavia; Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs of New York; Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, Chap., and Chief Deputy Raymond Gosnell, both of Rochester.

Dept. President Phillips' staff was represented by Council Chairman P. D. P. Wilhelmina Tagart; Dept. Chaplain Mrs. Gertrude Begy, Rochester; Press Co. Mrs. Evelyn Doland, of Elmira; Chief-of-Staff Mrs. Sophia Isaacs, of New York; Chief Aide to Sons Mrs. Marie A. Colwell, of Rochester; and Special Aide Mrs. Cora Lombard, of Elmira.

O'Rorke Camp has six living Past Dept. Commanders: W. S. Oberdorf, Rudolph M. Genthner, Walter S. Beilby, Harold T. Beilby and Fred E. Colwell, and only Brother Oberdorf was absent owing to ill health. Auxiliary No. 23 has three living Past Dept. Presidents, and all three were present: Mrs. Harriet Pettinger, Mrs. Eda Klingler Hunt and Mrs. Mattie Beilby.

Toastmaster Colwell reviewed the history of the General U. S. Grant III bronze plaque, given to our Order in 1939 for competition and awarded to Dept. of New York for the third and permanent time at the recent Cleveland Encampment. The plaque received much admiration from its place of honor in the banquet room. Through the courtesy of the McCurdy Company it has been on display in one of the Main street windows of this large department store during the previous week, where a huge flag, a fine large likeness of Lincoln, a facsimile manuscript copy of his Gettysburg Address and two very artistic descriptive placards of the plaque made a fine patriotic window viewed by hundreds of Rochesterians. Dancing was enjoyed by all present in the adjoining Palm Lounge until midnight, after a most pleasant evening. Dr. A. G. Courtney, P. D. C., of Syracuse, and Arthur J. Abbott, P. D. C., of Oneida, were among the out-of-town visitors.

Camp 66, Syracuse

General Sniper Camp and Auxiliary held a joint installation Jan. 6 in the Larned Block. The event was preceded by a covered dish supper.

Dept. Commander's Message

Dept. Com. William E. Kelley, Rochester, sends the following message to the New York Department:

"1947 has slipped by. Election time of Camp officers is here again. All Camps will hold regular elections as provided by our regulations. Joint installation with our Auxiliary is recommended in order that both organizations may have a formidable place in community progress. Installing officers will see that full and complete reports are forwarded to Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs immediately following such installation. This is highly important as we intend to publish a new Dept. Roster shortly after the first of the year, and it cannot be done without your co-operation.

Plan now for proper observance of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays during the month of February. Show the public you are members of a live and progressive organization. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated. A net gain of two members in each Camp will hold the line."

Camp 223, Buffalo

Cook Camp No. 223 elected the following officers for 1948: Com., John W. Haflett; Sr. Vice, Charles B. Bell; Jr. Vice, Howard W. Post; Pat. Inst., George P. Martena; Chap., Matthew T. Gwen; Sec., Orion L. Murrell; Treas., Willard B. Stephan.

On a recent meeting we mustered in a candidate; we have one for our January meeting, and other prospects.

We mourn the passing of one of our old members; Brother Fred W. Troutman, after a long illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Our Camp joins the G. A. R. Memorial As-

MARYLAND

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

Camp 1, Baltimore, Md.

Garfield Camp and Auxiliary observed Dedication Day as a family reunion. The Sons were the guests of the Auxiliary at their regular inspection which was carried out in their usual efficient manner. After the close of their work adjournment was made to the banquet hall where full justice was done to a bountiful spread. After the eats, P. D. Com. Darrah called the meeting to order. Dept. Com. John W. Snider, of Grafton, W. Va., gave an interesting address and in closing quoted a poem they had used at the funeral of a G. A. R. Comrade of Grafton. Nat. Pat. Inst. Miss Minnie Wackerhauser gave a fine address and was also the efficient chairman of the dinner committee. Before taking her seat she presented P. Sr. V. Com.-in-Chief Harry L. Streib with a 50-year badge on behalf of his Camp. Bro. Streib thanked the donors for the gift and he gave an interesting resume of Garfield Camp through its long line. Remarks were made by Past Nat. Chap. Bertha Rannels and Camp Com. Arnold H. Goering spoke on behalf of the Camp. A death in the family of S. Vice Dept. Com. Ludwig Manoly and his wife, Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, prevented their attendance.

Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Nov. 1 our Camp suffered a severe loss in the passing of Bro. Cecil C. Hahn, a charter member, and who was also a member of the Sons prior to the organization of our Camp. He had a continuous membership of over 53 years and was the proud wearer of a 50-year badge. Always loyal and cherishing very highly his membership in the Sons, he will be greatly missed from our ranks.

Wilson Green as Camp Com. and David Green as Sr. Vice, are Sons of P. D. Com. John C. Green, Jr., and with Harold R. Rumer as Jr. Vice we will have three great grandsons as our elective officers for 1948, which will be our 50th anniversary year. W. G. Long and Cyric Cain are two new additions to our ranks and we trust they are the vanguard of many more who will help swell our membership as we celebrate a half century of active work as a Camp.

Camp 3, Wilmington, Del.

Dec. 22 was a sad day for Camp 3 as on that day Past Jr. Vice Dept. Com. John L. Hubert was called out of the ranks and answered the last roll call. Bro. Hubert joined our Camp on Feb. 14, 1899, and for nearly 49 years gave loyal service to his Camp and to the G. A. R.

Bro. Hubert was a leader in his community. Appointed as a carrier in the post office in 1906, he continued in that position for 38 years until his retirement 3 years ago. Converted at the age of 7 years he was a devout member of Bethel A. U. M. E. Church, where the services were held on Saturday, the 27th. He served many years as Pres. of their Board of Trustees and many other positions of honor and trust. High in the Masonic Order, he was past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, a 33rd degree mason, and was eminent grand master of the Grand Encampment Knight Templars of North America at the time of his death. The funeral services, in

sociation in their Lincoln Day dinner, to be held on Feb. 9, at the Sheraton Hotel. The principal speaker will be Dr. John T. Horton, a professor at the University of Buffalo.

APPROXIMATE MILEAGE OF G. A. R. HIGHWAY

Department:	Miles
Ohio	252
Indiana	174
Illinois	174
Iowa	310
Nebraska	353
Colorado	344
Massachusetts	98
Rhode Island	54
Connecticut	109
New York	75
Pennsylvania	362
Utah	430
Nevada	358
California	302
Total	3351

charge of the Masonic Order, were largely attended. Camp Com. J. C. Tatman and Brothers F. C. Conner, J. H. Gentieu, F. P. Gentieu, J. C. Green, Jr., and C. W. Hahn represented Appomattox Camp at the services. A valued leader has fallen.

Camp 30, Washington, D. C.

Cushing Camp and Auxiliary recently held a joint meeting with a large attendance of both members and visitors. Initiatory work was put on by both the Camp and Auxiliary by Com. L. E. Manoly, and Dept. Pres. Cora L. Manoly. Among the visitors and speakers were Maj. General U. S. Grant III, of Cushing Camp; Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Thos. L. Butler; Past Dept. Com. B. Howard Cooper, of Baltimore, Md.; Dept. Com. John Snider, of Grafton, W. Va. After the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the ladies.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.

Dept. Com. Shumate Passes

Hiram Shumate, 93, Dept. Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic since 1940, died Jan. 1 after a long illness.

Born April 3, 1849, in Andrew County, Missouri, Com. Shumate was brought to Illinois by his parents at the age of four. He enlisted May 20, 1864, at the age of 15 with Company "E" of the 233rd Illinois regiment at Rock Island, serving 100 days, but without seeing battle action. He was one of five brothers who served with the Union Army.

He re-enlisted in January, 1865, with the 213th Infantry, which fought in the Indian wars on the western plains. He had been a resident of Riverton for the last 54 years.

On his last birthday anniversary, April 3, Comrade Shumate held open house in uniform, although he was bedridden. Last June he attended the annual Encampment of the Illinois Department in Rockford, riding the 200 miles each way in an ambulance. He was the only one able to respond of the half dozen G. A. R. members remaining in Illinois.

His survivors include the widow, the former Emma Doane, his third wife, whom he married in 1923.

Mid-Winter Meeting

The annual mid-year meeting of the Department was held at G. A. R. Memorial Hall, Elgin, Dec. 6, in conjunction with the members of the Auxiliary. The Sons had a representation from most of the Camps in the northern part of the state.

The business session of the Sons convened at 1:30 p. m. presided over by Dept. Com. Blackman. Most of the Dept. Officers were present. An informal discussion took place concerning the affairs of the Department, and

definite action was ordered on such as required it.

Dept. Com. Hathaway, of Des Moines, Ia., was present [he is also the Commander of the Upper Mississippi Valley Region] and gave us an interesting commentary of his work in Iowa in behalf of his Department, and also in behalf of the Region. Many of his suggestions were workable in any Camp, and were made note of by all present.

At 6:30 both Sons and Auxiliary members gathered in the dining room in the basement and partook of a bounteous turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, served by the Elgin Auxiliary ladies.

In the hall above, following the dinner, an excellent program was carried out, prepared by the members of the local Camp and Auxiliary. The mayor of the city extended a hearty welcome to all present, and told of his delight to meet with such a patriotic group in honoring the memory of the G. A. R. Past Com.-in-Chief Locke made the response to the mayor's speech.

Camp 26, Rockford

John A. Logan Camp has elected new officers for the ensuing year. Dept. Com. James Blackman and Sister Blackman and Dept. Pres. Aux. S. U. V. Helga Galbraith were present at the meeting and deserve credit for reviving the Camp. Three members were reinstated and the new Com., H. Galbraith, is going to get more of them.

Chicago's G. A. R. Hall to be Shrine

The G. A. R. Memorial Hall in the Chicago Public Library, which is to be maintained in perpetuity by the library board, will be made more accessible to the public, Joseph B. Fleming, board chairman, has announced.

Fleming said school children will be invited to visit the hall after the library board takes it over Jan. 1 at the expiration of the G. A. R.'s 50 year lease. Fleming said the board has no intention of altering the hall and hopes pupils and groups would visit it as a shrine and for its valuable historical material.

MINNESOTA

Charles F. Martin, Press Correspondent, 126 So. 12th Street, Minneapolis 2, Minn.

Camp 1, St. Paul

On Nov. 26, St. Paul Camp suffered a loss in the death of its Commander, Louis Sudheimer. Brother Sudheimer had been a faithful member of the Order for over fifty-six years and had received his 50-year membership badge. The sympathy of the Department of Minnesota is extended to his survivors and to St. Paul Camp.

Camp 8, Minneapolis

Edgar J. Walters was elected Commander of Minneapolis Camp at the recent elections, succeeding Roy E. Johnston, who is concluding his second term as Commander. Those who have been chosen to serve with Brother Walters are: S. Vice, Chester L. Charter; Jr. Vice, David Allen Phelps; Sec., George E. Bailey; Treas., Earl W. Boyes; Chap., Robert E. Payne; Pat. Inst., Dewey B. Mead.

The installation of these officers will be held Jan. 13 with Dept. Com. Dewey B. Mead acting as installing officer.

During the early part of December, Dept. Com. Dewey B. Mead was in Milwaukee, Wis., conferring with some of the officers of the Upper Mississippi Valley Region. While in Milwaukee, he made an extra trip to Kenosha to attend a reception for Dept. Com. Frank S. Hubbard. This reception was sponsored by the ladies of the Kenosha Auxiliary and was an interesting and impressive occasion.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Katharine L. Joyce, National President, 507 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa.
Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent, Dwight, Ill.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters:

I hope your Christmas was a very happy one, with Peace and Good-will predominating throughout our fair land. We have enjoyed the most normal Christmas, as well as abundant and thanksgiving for all these blessings. A new year is beginning, and I am looking forward to a banner year for our organization, with an increase in membership that will make our Auxiliaries outstanding. Let us put renewed effort into our work and show the world "IT CAN BE DONE." With united strength we will go onward.

My sincere thanks for the many expressions of love and good will that came to me over the holiday season. In our every-day busy life, let us remember the dear ones in our Homes, and the boys in Arlington Hall. May God's blessings be showered upon every member, and my wish to you is A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

KATHARINE L. JOYCE,

National President.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Nat. Press Cor. acknowledges with thanks receipt of copies of "The Target," published at Weisport, Pa., in the interests of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Vol. 1, No. 7, is an 8-page paper and Vol. 1, No. 8, boasts 18 pages. This magazine is cram full of interesting news of the Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary and is pulling strong for the Pa. Dept. convention to be held in Reading June 20-24, 1948. A picture in Nov. issue taken at the reception to Dept. Pres. Anna Stouidt in Reading, shows several familiar faces of Dept., Nat., and Past Nat. officers and Dept. heads of the Pa. Allied Orders of the G. A. R.

We also again thank the publishers of the magazines and bulletins, mentioned in last issue of The Banner, for their fine, newsy little publications which are very interesting and instructive.

Happy New Year to all Sisters and Brothers throughout our Orders, with the wish for health, happiness and prosperity for all.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

Los Angeles—Aux. 2 was inspected Oct. 20 by Dept. Insp. Marcia Sherfey and received an excellent rating. A potluck supper followed the inspection, with a large crowd in attendance, including members of Rosecrans Camp No. 2. At 8:00 p. m. the Aux. joined with the Camp in honoring their Dept. officers with a reception. Sister Effie Dahms was chairman for the Aux. A wonderful musical program was given by a group of artists from a radio broadcasting station. During the evening a 50-year membership badge was presented to Bro. Roswell J. Hoffman, of the Dept. of Ohio, by P. C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett, for the Ohio Dept. The Camp and Aux. enjoyed a Hallowe'en party at the home of Dr. Ralph and Sister Lena Barrett.

At the regular meeting of Aux. 2, on Nov. 3, P. D. P. Lena G. Barrett was again endorsed as a candidate from California & Pacific Dept. for the office of Nat. Pres. of the Aux. Plans were made for the usual Christmas dinner with the Sons in December.

Modesto—At a meeting of the Aux. held in Nov. at the home of Dept. Press Cor. Effie Darby, Mrs. Marcia Sherfey, of Raisin City, Dept. Insp., was honored. A turkey dinner

was served at noon at an attractively arranged table. The Darby living room was beautifully decorated with fall flowers. The meeting was presided over by Sister Darby. The guest of honor, Sister Sherfey, told of visits to other Aux. and of patriotic work being carried on. A donation to the Arlington Home for Boys was taken. A social hour followed. Sister Sherfey was presented with a painting by Sister Darby. P. D. C. Lenore Glass and Sister Hanna Diable, both of San Jose, spoke briefly. The next meeting will be held Jan. 23 with Sister Bell Ramsey.

San Francisco—Aux. 1 and their Camp mourn the loss of Sister Ola May Knight, Boone, who died Nov. 26, aged 61. She is survived by her husband and several children. She was married to George Boone in Rockford, Ill., March 8, 1905. She was affiliated in several branches of the Grand Army family and served as Past Dept. Pat. Inst. of the Aux. and at the time of her death was a Nat. Aide. She also was a Past Pres. of the L. of G. A. R. Circle.

Santa Cruz—Sister Grace Sears, a beloved member of Aux. 5, died Nov. 24. Funeral services were held Nov. 28, Rev. J. C. Colyer officiating, assisted by members of the Aux. Sister Sears was Pres. of the Aux. at the time of her death, and will be greatly missed. As a wee girl she came to the west with her parents in an overland schooner.

Long Beach—Jeannette Townsend, Pres. of Aux. 20, has received many thanks from Camp 10, of the Sons of U. V., for her splendid work in bringing in new members to the Sons Camp. The Sons expressed their sincere thanks to Sister Townsend at a meeting held Nov. 12.—Effie Darby, Dept. Press Cor., 1735 Helen Ave., Modesto, Calif.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

The Dept. of Illinois held its Midwinter Encampment in Elgin on Dec. 6. It was a very fine meeting and was enjoyed by several guests, including Wisconsin Dept. Pres. Mrs. Ethel Jones and Past Commanders-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook and Richard F. Locke.

Past Nat. Presidents Eva B. Blackman and Gladys B. Sallman and 14 Past Dept. Presidents were also present. We were sorry our Secretary could not be with us because of illness.

At 6:30 p. m. we enjoyed a turkey dinner which was followed by a very nice program. We were welcomed by Mayor Miller. We also enjoyed various musical numbers and readings.

SPECIAL NOTICE—The date of the dance reported last month is January 24. The place is 333 W. North Avenue, Chicago.

Bloomington—Aux. to S. U. V. met the evening of Dec. 8 at the home of P. D. P. and Past Nat. Council Member Edna V. Stewart, in Normal. A potluck supper was held at 6:30 p. m., after which a gift exchange was held for both adults and children.

Kankakee—The Aux. to the Sons of U. V. held a business meeting Dec. 4 at the G. A. R. room of the court house. Five hundred was played and prizes were awarded to Mesdames Estella Rosenberger and Lou Clinton. Plans were made for a Christmas party which later was held Dec. 11 at the G. A. R. room of the court house. A pot luck supper was also held at that time.

Dwight—Aux. 2 held their annual Christmas party Dec. 17 at the home of Brother Allan S. and Sister Minnie Holbrook. Election of officers was held at the business meeting that preceded the party. Sister Chloe Kelch was re-elected Pres. for the fourth year. She

is a splendid, efficient Pres. P. C.-in-C. Allan S. Holbrook will install the officers in Jan. A delightful party followed with a gift exchange. Delicious refreshments were served by Sister Minnie Holbrook and the Misses Mabel and Lidella Thompson. A collection for the Arlington Home for Boys was taken.—Mrs. Ruby Stewart, Dept. Press Cor., 3047 No. Albany Ave., Chicago.

District No. 1 Meeting

Belvidere Aux. No. 60 entertained the officers and members of Dist. No. 1 at a very lovely meeting on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, followed by an enjoyable potluck supper and Christmas party, with an exchange of gifts. During the meeting, under Rehabilitation, it was voted to give a little assistance to one of our own recently bereaved members, Sister Wannetta Schults, of Belvidere, the sister of our Dist. Pres., and to bring a little Christmas cheer to the five small, fatherless children. A nice amount was later presented to the mother by P. N. P. Eva Blackman. Further gifts from anyone who was not present would be most gratefully received, either through our Dist. Treas. pro tem, Sister Winnie Sherman, or direct to Sister Schults, 919 Webster St., Belvidere.

The next Dist. meeting will be held in Chicago, sometime in March. Notice will be given the Aux. Secretaries later.—Capitola Rehrman, District 1 Press Cor.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT

Muncie—We entertained our Dept. Pres., Agnes Boerger, of Fort Wayne, recently for inspection, and also had a Silver Tea for our Aux. No. 20. As our Aux. is celebrating its 25th year we used silver decorations and favors. Aux. Pres. Ho Reser asked how many members would donate \$1.00 for a fund and 15 responded. This money was turned over to Sister Edith Snider, and through her efforts \$51 was turned in and more is coming. We are very grateful for the money to help our Aux. for the coming year. We now have 131 members in good standing, among our group being several Dept. Officers. All patriotic days have been observed and on Memorial Day a special program was given. Aux. 20 has 7 charter members still very active in our Order. Each of these 7 was presented with a gift by Pres. Reser, who in turn was given a beautiful gift. Brother Claude L. Reser is Aux. Counselor for three years and has been very faithful to the Aux.

IOWA DEPARTMENT

Our Dept. Pres. Ethel Jones has been particularly active in visiting the various Aux meetings in the Dept. and attempting to revive old time activities where there has not been much activity of late. Good success has attended her efforts.

Nearly all our Aux. joined with their Camps in putting on a good program for the observance of Dedication Day. We believe we have helped considerably in reviving a renewed interest in these programs.

We have not yet received a complete report on the Christmas activities this season but it appears some splendid Christmas parties were held and many of them for the needy and underprivileged children. No. 8 and 16 here in Des Moines had particularly good Christmas programs this year.

The Dept. Pres. and her Chief-of-Staff report their attendance of one of the finest meetings they have ever witnessed when they visited the Aux. at Fort Dodge, and saw them select their officers for the next year. They were selected carefully and because of their ability to attend the duties of the office they were elected to. A nice luncheon party followed the meeting.

The Dept. President attended the Midyear Conference of the Illinois Dept. at Elgin and is enthusiastic about the good meeting and results it obtained.—Sue Bennett, Dept. Press Cor., 924 Loomis St., Des Moines, Iowa.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

Baltimore, Md.—Aux. 1 gave a reception for Nat. Pat. Inst. Minnie Wackerhauser and Nat. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Thomas L. Butler on Oct. 28. Nov. 28 was Inspection Night with Bro. Butler the Inspector. After inspection, Dedication Day was celebrated by a supper and social meeting. Very fine talks were given by Dept. Com. John W. Snider, of Grafton, W. Va.; Bro. Butler; N. P. I. Minnie Wackerhauser, and Past Nat. Chap. Bertha Rannels. Bro. Butler presented Past Nat. Sr. V. Com. Harry L. Steth with a fifty-year badge. The Camp and Aux. held a joint meeting and Christmas party on Dec. 8. They will hold a joint installation of officers on Jan. 27. The new officers will be installed by Dept. Pres. Cora L. Manoley, of Silver Springs, Md. The new Pres. is Mrs. Emma L. Herbst.

Wilmington, Del.—Aux. 2 was inspected by Past Dept. Com. Frank Gentieu on Nov. 3. Refreshments were served after the meeting. A joint meeting with the Camp on Nov. 17 celebrated Veterans Night. Our Christmas party and election of officers was held on Dec. 1. We exchanged gifts and had an enjoyable evening. New officers for 1948 were elected and will be installed at a joint installation with the Camp on Jan. 5. Dept. Pres. Cora L. Manoley will be the Installing Officer. Mrs. Pauline Gentieu is the new Pres.—Margaret Rogerson, Dept. Press Cor.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

On Nov. 10, 1947, a new Auxiliary was instituted and installed in Newburyport, No. 109, by our Dept. Pres., Sister Pamela Elder. Meetings are held on 1st Wednesday in G. A. R. Hall.

On Nov. 19, 1947, Myles Standish Aux. No. 115 was instituted and installed in Duxbury by Sister Pamela Elder, Dept. Pres., with a large attendance from various Auxiliaries of the South Shore.

The Allied Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic held a very successful entertainment in the Hotel Manger, Boston, on Nov. 8, 1947, the proceeds of which were given to the Chelsea Soldiers Home in Chelsea, Mass.

Aux. 13, the old Aux. in Mass., has initiated six new members in the past three months.

Past Dept. Pres. Myra Blanchard, chairman of the Hospital Committee, held a party for the Veterans of the Murphy General Hospital in Waltham on Dec. 11. The committee furnished the Veterans with gifts, entertainment and refreshments.

Aux. 67, of Abington, will observe their 21st anniversary and entertain the Dept. Officers on Jan. 13, 1948, in G. A. R. Hall.

John Low Auxiliary, of Beverly, celebrated their 47th anniversary on Monday, Dec. 9, in G. A. R. Hall, Dane St., with an entertainment.—Ruby M. Fuller, Dept. Press Cor., 238 Lowell St., Wakefield, Mass.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT

The 3 St. Louis Aux. entertained our Dept. Pres. Sister Mary Bell White, of Kansas City, with a dinner while here on her official visit. Rasseleur Aux., St. Louis, celebrated their 35th anniversary with a dinner and at this time Sister Newman presented us with a set of 5 floor flags in memory of her Sister Alma Scharr, who passed away last February.

Not dead to us who knew her,
Not lost but gone before;
She lives with us in memory,
And will forever more.—Lillie Moeser, Dept. Press Cor., 3655 Alberta, St. Louis 16, Mo.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT

At our Dept. Convention held last May, in

Hastings, Kathryn Kirlin was elected Dept. Pres.; Clara Smith, V. P.; Orphan Kinnaman, Treas.; Mary Wolfe, Sec. Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day were both observed by Aux. throughout the Dept., the Sons taking part at the cemeteries with a short program. In July our annual state picnic was attended by a large gathering of all orders affiliated with the G. A. R. A nice program, community singing and a covered dish dinner were highlights of the occasion. In Aug. Dept. Pres. Kirlin attended the Nat. Convention in Cleveland, O., and upon her return home gave a fine report of it.

Aux. 1, Lincoln, is planning to help a Home for orphans and other children that has been started by a retired minister and wife two years ago in that city. They make things and donate to the Home. Aux. 1 and Aux. 2, Schuyler, both also do all they can for the Arlington Home at Des Moines.

On Sunday, Oct. 26, at Lincoln, occurred the dedication of the Grand Army Highway. The ceremonies took place in the Senate chambers of the Capitol Bldg. All Dept. Presidents of the Grand Army family were present, including Dept. Com. Arthur Smith, of Schuyler, and Dept. Pres. Kathryn Kirlin. Dept. Com. W. F. Hathaway and Dept. Pres. Ethel Jones, of Iowa, were our guests. A reception in the Governor's mansion followed.

Aux. 2, Schuyler, held election of officers last month with a nice program and lunch. The Aux. sends out and helps needy families. The Kensington held-at the home of Dept. V. P. Clara Smith, with exchange of gifts, was well attended.—Mrs. Pauline Cram, Dept. Press Cor., Schuyler, Neb.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

Dedication Day was observed by all Auxiliaries, but the outstanding event was the Dedication Day Dinner, sponsored by Camp 5 and Aux. 5, of Trenton. This affair was held in the Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton, and a very fine program was arranged. John H. Waste recited "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" and his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln was splendid. We were happy to greet our Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce and Com.-in-Chief Charles Moran, who honored us with their presence. Nat. Pres. of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. Edna S. Lambert, our Dept. Pres. Irene Archer and Dept. Com. Vincent Hayden were also honored guests. A fine delegation was present from the Pa. Dept.; among them were P. N. P. Clara Gallagher and Past Com.-in-Chief C. Leroy Stouidt, and Dept. Pres. Anna Stouidt.

Aux. inspections were well attended. At the inspection of Paterson Aux. 3, Bro. George and Sister Amy Bell gave those present a pleasant surprise, by entertaining with a lovely party in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary. Those present, presented "The Bells" with a large basket of fruit. Everyone present had a grand time and wish George and Amy many more years of happiness.

Members of the Rehabilitation Committee entertained several groups of Veterans at Halloran Hospital, Staten Island, at a Christmas Party. These in charge were Dept. Pat. Inst. Loretta Walters, Agnes Holland, Tena Jacobus, Geneva Vaughn, Rose Volker and Lillian Airey. Sister Holland served as Santa Claus. Dept. Pres. Irene Archer and a group of members assisted the committee in distributing 100 filled Christmas stockings and served refreshments. Two portable radios were presented, one in behalf of the Dept. and one from Sister Holland. The Misses Gail Lambert, Marie Mallet and Patricia Bolan entertained with dance numbers and Miss Barbara Amberg sang Christmas songs. Sister Holland presented several recitations.

The 46th annual Encamp. of the N. J. Dept. will be held in Asbury Park on June 3rd, 4th

and 5th. Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Kinsley Arms.

Best wishes to every member of our order for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth, N. J.

OHIO DEPARTMENT

Alliance—On Oct. 25, a party was held honoring Comrade John H. Grate, Dept. Com., and Past Com.-in-Chief of the G. A. R.; Geo. B. Waller, Dept. Com., S. U. V.; Robt. D. Austin, Dept. Per. Aide, S. U. V.; Margaret Gehret, Dept. Pres., S. V. Aux.; Olive Boren, Dept. Sec., and Brenda Bleri, Dept. Per. Aide, S. V. Aux. Guests present were Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce and her Per. Aide, Clara E. Lewis, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Member Nat. Council Pauline Keller, Dayton, O. All members of the G. A. R. family were represented—L. of G. A. R., W. R. C. and D. of U. V. Edith Nile was chairman of the committee. Inspection was held with Dept. Insp. Elizabeth Ferguson as inspecting officer. Our Aux. and Camp were saddened by the passing of our oldest G. A. R. Comrade—Oakley Bailey, age 103, thus leaving only one living Comrade, Dept. Com. Grate.

Dept. Pres. Margaret Gehret is a busy lady these days. She inspected Aux. 32, Hopedale; initiated a class of candidates at No. 34, Canton, among whom was the Dept. Pres. of the L. of G. A. R.; attended the 5th District meeting at Mt. Vernon; attended the 50th anniversary of Youngstown Aux. 2, and many other social events.

Canton—Aux. 34 has had three covered dish suppers; one was on Mother's Day and another on their 25th anniversary. They have also had three country store bingos. The Pres. gave a splendid report on the Dept. Convention at Columbus.

Youngstown—Nearly 100 members and friends of S. V. Aux. 2 enjoyed the 50-year celebration at the G. A. R. Hall recently. Featured was an old-fashioned Style show with many of the garments over a century old. Mrs. Hallie Stoner's costume, 105 years old, won the prize. Distinguished visitors included the Nat. President, Mrs. Katharine Joyce; Dept. Pres. Margaret Gehret; P. N. P. Edith Nile, and Nat. Per. Aide Mrs. Clara Lewis. Mrs. Ina Darling was chairman for the festivity; Mrs. Marion Phillips, dining room chairman, and Mrs. Jennie Getz, music chairman. Table appointments were in gold and green and favors were distributed by little Carol Jane Fowler, Eileen Rae Getz and Helen Rothrock.—Jane T. Beelman, Dept. Press Cor., 112 Atherton Ave., Mansfield.

OREGON & WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT

Eugene, Ore.—At a meeting of the Social Club of Aux. No. 9, held at the home of Mrs. L. E. Fry in Nov., a Thanksgiving program was presented following the regular meeting and refreshments were served. Sister Maria O'Neil read a Thanksgiving poem, and Sister Belle Lammers, Aux. Poet Laureate, read an original poem "I Am Thankful." Christmas and Thanksgiving songs were sung. At a later meeting Sister Marcia O'Neil was elected Pres. of Aux. 9 for the year 1948. She will have a fine staff of officers to assist her in the work during the new year. A venison dinner was served and the assistant Dept. Insp. Mrs. Ross Birch, of Salem, made her annual inspection at this time. At a meeting held last fall Dept. Pres. Ann Knight, of Empire, was guest of honor of Aux. 9. At this time two new members, Sisters Pitts and Carsons, were received into membership. A dinner was served in the Armory, followed by a program arranged by Bro. Frederick K. Davis. A bouquet of roses was presented to Dept. Pres. Knight by Sister Belle Lammers, who read one of her poems. A report of the Nat. Convention held in Cleveland was given by Bro.

Lester Hulln and short talks were given by several.

Empire—Aux. 10 is very active. They hold frequent pot-luck suppers with Camp 18, S. U. V., which promotes sociability. Business sessions follow the suppers. On Nov. 20 we met in the Vaughn club rooms at North Bend, at which time we entertained our Dept. Pres., Anne E. Knight, and Dept. Inspector, Frances Smith. A dinner was held at Rippers at 7:00 p. m., followed by a business meeting at which time the exemplification of the ritual and election of officers took place. Sister Daisy Andrews is the new Pres. of Aux. 10 and will be assisted by a fine corps of officers. Corsages were presented to Dept. Pres. Knight and to Dept. Sec. Edna Roundtree and Dept. Insp. Frances Smith. Following the inspection, light refreshments were served. The Aux. met Dec. 18 for installation of officers. Dept. Pres. Anne Knight was the Installing Of. After Mrs. Knight had concluded the installation ceremonies, she was installed as Sec.-Treas., and also as Press Cor. of the Aux. by Past Pres. Edna Roundtree. There was a Christmas exchange of gifts and refreshments were served.

Seattle, Wash.—The Hiram R. Gale Aux. No. 1 held a pot-luck luncheon No. 24 at the Civic Auditorium Annex in honor of Mrs. Anne Knight, of Empire, Ore., Dept. Pres. of Oregon & Washington Dept., and Mrs. Frances Smith, of Eugene, Ore., Dept. Inspector. The organization donated the flag for the dedication of the High School Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving Day.—Mae E. Washburne, Dept. Press Cor., Junction City, Ore.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

Dept. Pres. Anna Stoudt arrived in Pittsburgh Nov. 17 and was met by Dept. Council Member Clara E. Lewis, and Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, who took her to McKeesport where Aux. 99 had a delicious dinner waiting for them, after which Pres. Stoudt inspected the Aux. in the absence of Grace Gaghagen. Beautiful scarves were presented to Sisters Stoudt and Lewis by Grace Forsyth, Dept. Insp. The Aux. presented Pres Stoudt with money and a billfold. Seven new members were initiated.

On Nov. 20 Mrs. Olive Mowrey Dept. Pat. Inst., of Johnstown, with Mrs. Daisy Herdman, inspected Aux. 198, Pittsburgh. Our Nat. Pres. Katharine L. Joyce had just come in from her trip to New England where she had attended a reception to our Nat. C-in-C. Chas. Moran, and the Dedication Day observance at Trenton. Three new members were initiated and four were balloted for. This makes 14 new members to the credit of Clara E. Lewis, Dept. Council Member and Nat. Personal Aide to the National President.

Friday Clara E. Lewis, with Romaine Tussey of Aux. 198 inspected Aux. 165, Elwood City. There was a large turnout of members and nice work was put on by this Aux. Lunch was served and a gift of money was given to the Inspector.

Saturday, Nov. 22, Allegheny County Assn. of Orders recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic, held their 10th birthday party in the form of a reception to all Nat. and Dept. Officers of Allegheny County at Memorial Hall with over 100 persons in attendance. Nat. Pres. Katharine L. Joyce; Nat. Per. Aide, Clara E. Lewis; Nat. Pres. of the Daughters, Anna Dolan; Nat. Guide of the Daughters, Florence Magwire; Dept. Pres. Ladies of the G. A. R., Laura Byers; Dept. Sec. Ladies of G. A. R., Ma Mae Armstrong; Sec. Vice Pres. Daughters, May Kern; and Jane Reside, Dept. Press Cor. of the L. of G. A. R., were the honored guests. All Dept. and Nat. heads were present or represented except the Woman's Relief Corps. Favors for the reception were secured by Clara E. Lewis and a nice luncheon was served.

Monday, Nov. 24, Nat. Pres. Katharine L. Joyce and her Personal Aide Clara E. Lewis,

went to Indiana to attend a reception given for herself, Dept. Anna. Anna Stoudt, and Dept. Vice Pres. Beulah Cummins. Beautiful corsages containing money were given to the guests, and a lovely banquet was served with red roses presented as favors to all.

The Past Commanders and Past Presidents S. U. V. and Aux. of South Central Pennsylvania held their 17th annual banquet, commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg by President Abraham Lincoln, Nov. 19, 1863, at the Hotel Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Pa. on Nov. 15, 1947, at 7 p. m. We were honored to have the Secretary to the Governor as speaker, who gave us a very interesting speech. We also had Mr. Kammerer, a Lincoln impersonator, who gave Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. There were 118 people present and it turned out to be one of Pennsylvania's outstanding affairs for this year.

Philadelphia—On Wednesday evening, Nov. 19, Aux. 4 had the honor of being inspected by our Past Dept. Pres., Sister Agnes Palmer. It being her first public outing since her severe illness, it certainly did bring many visitors as a very one was anxious to see Agnes. It was a very enjoyable evening having her in our midst. We were all so happy to see her, it really did not seem like inspection. Auxiliaries attending were Aux. 2, 12, 14, 200 and 236. Pres. of Aux. 2, Caroline Henderson, and Margaret Thompson; Aux. 12, Past Pres. Mabel Hotenstein; Aux. 14, Pres. Edna Menig, Vice Pres. Sue Caffery, Past Pres. Madge Fullerton, Asst. Guide Mrs. Rile, Fern Levering and Edith Chase; Aux. 200, Viola Bremme, Florence Rodgers, Christine Bartel; Aux. 236, the President and Florence Deck, Guide. Sister Palmer was presented with a small gift. May she continue to improve so we may have her in our midst again.

On Friday eve., Feb. 6, 1948, S. V. Camp No. 2 and Aux. 4 will hold their 54th Annual Lincoln Day dinner. This will be held in the Blue Room, at McCallister's, 1811 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa. Tickets, \$3.25. Dress optional. Make your reservations not later than Jan. 30, 1948. Come one, come all! Have a good time with Joe Hortir and his orchestra leading in songs and dance. Make reservations to Fred Fisher, 3750 Marshall St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Reception to National Officers

A reception for Nat. Pres. Katharine L. Joyce, Nat. Counselor Clara M. Gallagher and Nat. Personal Aide Clara E. Lewis was given by the Sons and Aux. of Western Pa. It was held at the Mayfair Hotel, Pittsburgh, Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 5 p. m. Following the reception a lovely turkey dinner was served by the hotel. William J. Blakeley, P. D. C., was the Honorary Chairman. Clara E. Lewis' brother, Rev. F. W. Hofmann, gave the invocation; Bessie Warden, Aux. 55, was toast-mistress. Florence Berg, Elaine Beverly and Betty Dugan from KDKA entertained; Lillian Avison, of 198, pianist. The Association presented Katharine L. Joyce with a folding traveling umbrella and \$10; Clara E. Lewis, Per. Aide, was presented with Richlieu pearl beads and earrings. Every Nat. and Dept. head except the Woman's Relief Corps was present and brought greetings from their respective units and presented Sisters Joyce and Lewis with lovely gifts. P. N. P. Clara Gallagher was prevented from attending her reception due to ill health and her doctor's orders to remain at home. She was surely missed by all. Jacob Wentzel, of Uniontown, led the singing and it was good to see Jake back in harness again.

As this was the 40th wedding anniversary of our Nat. President and her husband, John Joyce, the latter occupied a seat of honor beside his good wife, and all her children and

their wives and one grandson were present; 125 guests were present including visitors from Alliance and Dayton, Ohio; Elwood City, Greensburg, Kittanning, Johnstown, Indiana, Sharpsburg, Uniontown, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Nazareth, McKeesport, Pa., and Holyoke, Mass. The manager of the hotel said it was the nicest affair held in his hotel and the tables the prettiest and he heard many compliments on the success of the affair and not one complaint, as they all came out to honor their most worthy officers and were well rewarded for their efforts. A huge basket of flowers was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Joyce in commemoration of their 40th wedding anniversary. All joined in singing good wishes for many happy returns of the anniversary.—Mrs. Elizabeth Ridler, Dept. Press Cor., 50 W. Broadway, Gettysburg, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

Just a line from Rhode Island Department to let our Sisters know what we are doing. In August Aux. 2, Providence, held an outing which was very successful. In Sept. Sister P. N. P. Edna Lambert visited R. I. Her visit was a pleasure and a great inspiration to all. Oct. 4 a Welcome Party was tendered to our Dept. Pres. Gertrude Peterson, and Dept. Com. Clarence Esten, by the Dept. of R. I. Sons and Auxillary.—Mabel N. Skinner, Dept. Press Cor., Pawtucket, R. I.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT

The Mid-Year Conference was held in Montpelier, Nov. 8. The afternoon session was conducted by Dept. Press Sadie DeWitt; 26 members were present from Brattleboro, Windsor, Morrisville, Montpelier, Chester, Johnson, Lyndonville, and Rutland. Several points of ritualistic work were discussed. Dolly Phillips, of Barre, gave a report of the Regional which she attended in Portland, Me. Fire aid is to be given by each Aux. to the Maine families who lost everything in the disastrous fires. At the joint session in the evening an interesting talk was given by Col. Alexander Smith.

The Dept. has suffered a great loss in the death of Clinton J. Smith, of Richmond, on Nov. 17. Brother Smith had been Dept. Sec.-Treas. since 1933. Many past and present Dept. officers of the Sons, Aux. and W. R. C. were present at his funeral.

Junior S. of U. V. Aux.—Mrs. Gussie Emmons, of Morrisville, has been appointed Jr. Aux. Organizer by Dept. Pres. Sadie DeWitt. She has organized a Jr. Aux. at Morrisville with 18 members. The following officers have been installed by P. D. P. Glenna Bumps: Pres., Diana Emmons; V. P., Nancy DeMar; Sec., Shirley Foss; Treas., Mary Jean Town; Pat. Inst., Gerry Morrill; Chap., Loretta Legavi; Guide, Jacqueline Wells; Asst. Guide, Muriel Spaulding; Color Guards, Deanna Tripp and Brenda Parker; Past Pres. Sondra Emmons; Press, Dionne Rice.

Rutland—The Aux. and Sons observed Dedication Day with a banquet and program on Tues. eve., Nov. 13. More than 60 were present. The guest speaker was Gerald E. McLaughlin of the Rutland Herald. Dept. Chap. S. Bradford read the Gettysburg Address. The program also included piano solos and exhibition dancing.

Lyndonville—Dept. Pres. Sadie DeWitt made her official visit at Lyndonville Aux. Dec. 13. Officers for 1948 were elected. Mrs. DeWitt told of her visits to other Aux. and of their work. Supper was served after the meeting.

P. D. C. T. A. Chadwick, Dept. Pub. Dir., and Mary Eddy, P. D. P. of the Aux., broadcast over Station WKNE on Nov. 19. Brother Chadwick explained the meaning of Lincoln's Address today; Mrs. Eddy repeated the Address and told of the work being done by the Auxillary.—Sue Abbott, Dept. Press Cor.