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## Let's Fight for America and the American Way of Living!

To the Sons of Union Veterans of the CIVIL WAR:

We, the Officers and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, should not forget that the Forefathers of this Country said: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

We should not forget that our Fathers fought, bled and died for the purpose of preserving these rights, not only for themselves and their families, but for all the citizens of this fair land, and for all those who cared to come and enjoy the freedom and blessings of the United States of America.

We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who all our lives have enjoyed the freedom, grandeur, justice and liberty of this Country, whose Schools, Colleges, Universities and Free Institutions have been and still are open to us; with memories of the sacrifices and sufferings of our Fathers; with Libby still vocal with the echoes of suffering; with the memory of Bell-Isle, Sallsbury, Millen and Andersonville lighted as though with the lurid fires of Hell; blessed by being entitled to our heritage; nearing the days when the Grand Army of the Republic will be no more; with our promises and pledges back of us to carry on and tell the story when the Boys in Blue are gone; whether you realize it or not the time is here when we must buckle on the armor and go forward in the fight to maintain and protect what has been handed down to us.

Now the question is up to us. Are we going to wither and die, or are we going to grow and grow and grow? Our Fathers volunteered to serve in the Army of the United States three years. Your Commander-in-Chief is now asking that you volunteer some of your spare time to this cause, that by your efforts you awaken the necessary impulse in your neighbor and friend who has the honor and distinction of being a Son of a Union Veteran, to join our ORDER, with the full knowledge of his heritage, and with the purpose of becoming a useful member with a determination to fight if need be for America and the American Way of Living.

Come on Boys! Fall In! We should complete a good year's work, then march straight to Indianapolis for the National Encampment, start in ample time and be sure and be there the week of August 28, 1949.

PERLE L. FOUCH, Commander-in-Chief.



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COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT

The Sixty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will convene in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28 to September 1, 1949.

ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, and Past Department Commanders, in good standing, having served a full term, also present Department Commanders.

One Delegate from each Department regardless of membership, and one additional Delegate for every one hundred members or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based on the report next preceding the Encampment.

Note provision of Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 4, of the C. & R.: "A Department which fails to pay its Per Capita Tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make required reports, shall not be entitled to representation at the National Encampment.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

Form 37 and 38 must be forwarded to National Headquarters promptly because of the early date of the National Encampment.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

Form 49—Certificate of Elections, etc., in duplicate are now overdue. Forward to the National Secretary with all information completed on report.

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS

Form 61—MUST be forwarded to National Patriotic Instructor, Franklin S. Hubbard, 5020 Eighteenth Ave., Kenosha, Wisconsin, immediately to put your Department in good standing.

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM (Tentative)

- Sunday, August 28—
10:30 a. m.—Services in all Churches.
1:30 p. m.—Credential Committee (Registrations) Hotel Severin.
2:30 p. m.—Memorial Service, Grand Army of the Republic, Indiana Ballroom, next to Claypool Hotel.
4:00 p. m.—Meeting of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R.
5:00 p. m.—Meeting of Department Commanders with National Chaplain—Roof Garden, Hotel Severin.
8:00 p. m.—Concert—U. S. Marine Band—World War Plaza.
9:00 p. m.—Memorial Services of Sons and Auxiliary, Roof Garden, Hotel Severin.

- Monday, August 29—
9:00 a. m.—Credential Committee—Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.
9:00 a. m.—Meeting of Council-in-Chief—Parlor A, Hotel Severin.
1:00 p. m.—Opening Session, Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.
6:00 p. m.—Banquet of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents.
7:00 p. m.—Exemplification of Ritual—Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.
8:00 p. m.—Reception to Commander-in-Chief Theodore Penland and Staff of the Grand Army of the Republic—Indiana Ballroom.
9:00 p. m.—Entertainment and Dance, Roof Garden, Hotel Severin. (Auspices of Nat. Past Dept. Commanders Association).

- Tuesday, August 30—
9:00 a. m.—Credential Committee, Hotel Severin.
9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.
1:30 p. m.—Business Session, Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.
6:00 p. m.—Banquet honoring Commander-in-Chief and National President—Roof Garden, Hotel Severin.
8:00 p. m.—Semi-official Meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, Indiana Ballroom, next to Claypool Hotel.
8:30 p. m.—Reception to National President and Commander-in-

- Chief and National Officers—Roof Garden, Hotel Severin.
Wednesday, August 31—
9:00 a. m.—Credential Committee, Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.
9:30 a. m.—Business Session, Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.
1:30 p. m.—Business Session, Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.
6:00 p. m.—Parade of the Grand Army of the Republic. (All Sons of Union Veterans to parade as escorts).
8:00 p. m.—Grand Army of the Republic Camp Fire in Indiana Ballroom.
9:30 p. m.—Courtesy Hour of Auxiliary, Roof Garden, Hotel Severin.
Thursday, September 1—
9:30 a. m.—Business Session, if necessary, Rainbow Room, Hotel Severin.

ENCAMPMENT HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We are advised that the Headquarters Hotel cannot accept any more reservations for the Encampment in August. However, anyone wishing to secure accommodations are advised to write to the Convention Bureau, Indianapolis, Indiana, and state what type of accommodations desired.

Please Note—Dept. Commanders and Dept. Presidents present at the National Encampment will meet with the National Chaplain, Hotel Severin, Sunday, August 28, at 5 p. m., to plan for the Sons and Auxiliary Memorial Service.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

I hereby appoint the following Credential Committee and request that they prepare to receive Credentials on Sunday, August 28th, in accordance with the program:

- Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary, Chairman.
Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California.
William Nemitz, Department Commander, Connecticut.
Russel Bogert, Department Commander, New Jersey.
James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR INDIANAPOLIS

Arrangements are being made by the Pennsylvania Railroad to hold special cars on their "Jeffersonian" train for our trip to the National Encampment in August. All members of all allied organizations from the East are welcome in this group. For detailed information contact Nat. Sec. A. C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, 51 Woodridge Circle, Bridgeport 19, Conn.

SPECIAL AIDES

The following Brothers having secured five or more members to sign applications and become members of our Order, have been by me appointed "Special Aides":
C. Edward Wetzel, Past Dept. Commander of Ohio, 803 Haynes Street, Dayton, Ohio, Zone 10.
Joseph G. Gilliland, of 610 Court Drive, secured 26 names for a Charter List, for the New Camp at Fostoria, Ohio.
Past Dept. Com. James O. Smith, of 919 East Johnson Street, Madison, Wis.

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Before the September Banner is printed the 1949 National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Indianapolis will be held. Some have said this will be the last Encampment of the Grand Army. Let us hope not, but anyway that will be in the province of its members, who shall meet in Indianapolis the week of August 28, 1949. We shall hope and pray they will in some way, and some how, continue to the last man.

On Monday night, at seven o'clock, P. M., August 29, 1949, the Indiana Department will exemplify the Ritual in the Rainbow Room of Hotel Severin. I hope that all Departments who can will have one candidate or more then and there present for initiation. The Indiana Department will do their best, and it will be worth attending. I am sure they will give us some inspiration. Be sure and be there.

The Grand Army of the Republic has been with us ever since our organization and we have basked in the sunshine of their glory. No one will deny it has been very helpful for us, and very gratifying to us that we in turn might do something for them in their declining years, which I am sure has been done as the opportunity presented itself. Now they are nearly gone; the future of the Grand Army of the Republic, its future doings and public functions in all probability will be settled at the coming National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Indianapolis, Indiana, beginning August 28, 1949, by its remaining members; but what-

ever its future may God bless them and keep them happy and free from pain and suffering to the end.

Therefore your Commander-in-Chief admonishes you to give the future and welfare of our Order most serious thought; ponder well its future during the coming month; come to the Encampment with a sincere desire and purpose of accomplishing something; give the benefit of your thought and your presence, that we as the National body of the Sons, can hold council together, and come out with a constructive and settled purpose, one that every member believes in, and can work for. Be sure and meet me at Indianapolis.

IN MEMORIAM

Sympathy is extended to the family of Brother John L. Reeger of New Jersey, who passed away on June 16. Brother Reeger maintained a continuous membership for over sixty years during which time he served as Department Commander in 1924, as Department Secretary-Treasurer from 1915 to 1924, and again from 1928 to 1942. Brother Reeger served the National Organization as a member of the Council-in-Chief from 1936 to 1938, and always took an active part in the affairs of his Camp, his Department, and the National Organization.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 5

Report of National Treasurer, May-June, 1949, Incl.

GENERAL FUND

Table with columns for Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance. Includes sub-sections for G. A. R. FUND and U. S. GOV'T 'G' BONDS.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Table showing Camps Members for Dec 31, 1948 and March 31, 1949 across various departments like At Large, California & Pacific, etc.

RECAPITULATION

Summary table showing No. in Good Standing Dec 31, 1948 and Camps Members GAIN and LOSS.

CAMPS DISBANDED

Table listing disbanded camps by state: Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania.

Dissolution of G. A. R. A Symbol of Progress

[Under date of June 4, 1949, the Columbus (O.) Evening Dispatch editorial writer had the following, under the heading "A Week's Reflection." There is much food for thought in the clipping, sent in by Dept. Sec. Williams.—Ye Editor.]

A lot of sentiment has accompanied the decline of the Grand Army of the Republic from the dominating political force it became during the half century following the Civil War. But while the sentiment for a dying generation of heroes is proper, a greater, sounder feeling is reverence.

There were giants in those days. When America really stood at the crossroads; when the world's greatest freedom was in danger of being split; when the world trembled between falling backward into absolute monarchy and going forward toward independence and liberty the hordes of men and boys necessary to keep alive the Bill of Rights and what they symbolized were forthcoming. The projected dissolution of the G. A. R.

is, indeed, a sad thing to contemplate, but it is sentimentally sad only in retrospect. The dissolution of the G. A. R. actually is a symbol of progress. We in the United States are strong and vigorous and contentious and outspoken because of the G. A. R. and the hardships it withstood to maintain a republic in which every individual could have his say, grasp his opportunity and live as he wished.

The Revolutionary War brought this nation to birth. The Civil War preserved it through its most serious illness. The boys who fought from '61 through '65 are now of an age and of an era comparable for them to the ones who fought from '76 to '83. We today live in a period as far removed from the Civil War as those who fought during the Civil War were removed from the heroes of the Revolution.

Progress has been steady. And not until this present generation have those ideals of extreme personal liberty been threatened as greatly as they were when a deliberate attempt was made to break up the Union.

It is strange, but nevertheless true, that

the paramount political issues of today rival in importance those of 1776 and of 1861. In fact they are nearly the same. We now, who oppose the "welfare state," the "New Deal" and the "Fair Deal" are opposing it for essentially the same reasons the Republic was founded and was preserved, namely, the maintenance of a sovereign nation of sovereign states.

This dual and paradoxical sovereignty is the basis of the opposition to any further extension of federated centralization of government. It is basically the reason for the rising opposition to more and more federal taxes and more and more federal spending. It is essentially the reason for the inherent and innate suspicion of a Washington bureaucracy dictating to local sub-divisions of government, financing them and controlling them.

Democracy's concept of freedom must never include the freedom to destroy democracy; never must it give its deadly enemies that much freedom.—Thomas Mann.

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## Another Victory for the G. A. R. Highway

In Connecticut, the law passed twelve (12) years ago, provided for the erection of only two (2) G. A. R. markers—one at the Rhode Island state line, and the other at the New York state line.

At their own expense, the Daughters of Union Veterans placed some G. A. R. markers, in between, but not of standard design. No other state had such an arrangement.

Connecticut has now passed a law (signed by the Governor) which provides for the erection at public expense, i. e., state expense, of G. A. R. Markers all along Route 6 in Connecticut.

For several years I tried to get some action in Connecticut, but to no avail. Along came Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Nemetz (formerly of Pennsylvania), who promised to help. I gave him a bill to have introduced in the legislature. Brother Nemetz was successful and is entitled to a full measure of credit.—J. Clark Mansfield, National Chairman G. A. R. Highway Committee.

## Additional Hotel Reservations For National Encampment

Following is a list of very good hotels, all within a block or less of Hotel Severin, where rooms can be reserved if application is sent in at once for accommodation at National Encampment at Indianapolis, Ind., August 28 - September 2:

Room rates are practically the same as at Severin.

Hotel Warren, 123 South Illinois St.  
Spencer Hotel, 248 South Illinois St.  
Princeton Hotel, 232 South Illinois St.  
Earle Hotel, 126 South Illinois St.  
Barnes Hotel, 233 McCrea St.  
Stone Hotel, 247 McCrea St.  
Gilbert Hotel, 250 South Meridian St.  
All hotels are first class and within about one block of Union Station.

## Memorial Day Founder Believed Identified

[A recent letter from P. D. C. Michael Heintz to ye Editor enclosed a clipping from a Cincinnati, O., paper, about which Heintz comments as follows:]

The enclosed clipping from the May 30 Cincinnati (O.) Times-Star tells the true story of the inauguration of Memorial Day, at least that is my opinion after considerable research.

I think the suggestion came from Captain Joseph Rudolph, Co. I, 5th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. I knew Captain Rudolph by sight and one of his sons was a classmate of mine in high school.

The story in the paper closes as follows:

"The G. A. R. history indicates it was a man of German extraction who wrote the letter, a man who knew how the Germans decorated soldiers' graves," said Mrs. Correll to a Times-Star reporter. "My husband's father came from Germany and conducted a tavern in Cumminsville. My husband learned from his father of the decorating of soldiers' graves in springtime in Germany. My

Counselor—Mrs. Mamie Deems, 2801 Onyx Drive, Los Angeles 32, Calif.  
Parliamentarian—Mrs. Eva Blackman, 5404 Jackson Blvd., Chicago 44, Illinois.

husband was a Lieutenant with the Fifth Infantry and later became a Captain.

"He was in many battles and in the Southern swamps contracted an illness from which he never completely recovered. He always took us children to Spring Grove to decorate soldiers' graves and hundreds of times we heard him tell how he wrote the letter to G. A. R. officials urging establishment of Memorial Day.

"He was Commander of Nelson Post, G. A. R., and during his long illness soldier comrades would come to the house and I would hear over and over from father the story of his letter that started Memorial Day.

"I tried for years to find the original copy of the letter—even went to Washington to look up the records—but no trace of the letter can be found. But I'm positive father wrote that letter."

Capt. Rudolph operated a number of shoe stores in Cincinnati and died over 50 years ago.

## CENTRAL REGION

The next conference of the Central Region will be held in Decatur, Ill., on October 15 and 16. Headquarters will be at the St. Nicholas Hotel, and all meetings and the banquet will be there also. All who want Hotel reservations should write that hotel direct and do so at once. Difficulty was experienced in getting a hotel to entertain the conference on account of the close co-operation they give to the University of Illinois to take care of football crowds.

Decatur is the place where the Grand Army was born and a program is being prepared for the presentation of information on this fact. The building where the first Post was organized is still there, although it has been considerably remodeled. Decatur is only 40 miles from the Lincoln country around Springfield and New Salem, and those planning to attend the conference should plan to visit all those famous places, en route to or from the conference.

Dept. Commanders and Presidents in the Region should begin at once to urge a large attendance at the National Encampment from their Departments. Those who attend will feel proud in future years to think of the scene of the final muster out of Grand Army Encampments.

Dept. Presidents and Commanders are requested to send me as soon as possible the names and addresses of the new Dept. Officers. Copies of all your Dept. General Orders should be sent me also.

A telegram has just arrived from Congressman Thomas Martin of Iowa that the Bill authorizing the Post Office Department to issue a Grand Army Stamp has passed and will be placed on sale first at the National Encampment in Indianapolis on August 28.—W. F. Hathaway, Regional Commander, 1053 7th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

The greatest curse that can be entailed on mankind is a state of war. All the atrocious crimes committed in years of peace, all that is spent in peace by the secret corruptions, or by the thoughtless extravagance of nations, are mere trifles compared with the gigantic evils which stalk over this world in a state of war. God is forgotten in war; every principle of Christianity is trampled upon.—Sydney Smith.

## MEMORIAL DAY A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

By National Chaplain Heald  
Keene, N. H.

Today you and I have met here as Americans to pay tribute not only to the departed veterans of all wars but we also honor the memory of loved ones, friends and citizens who have passed to the great beyond.

This Memorial Day observance will be observed in cities, towns and hamlets throughout most of our country and so we become a part of a great national event.

Memorial Day speakers will devote their remarks to world problems, domestic affairs, subjects of a political nature and messages directed to Veterans of the Spanish-American War or the World Wars.

However, today I should like, with your permission, to devote the few minutes allotted to me as a time to refresh our memories on the origin and significance of Memorial Day.

This day I meet with you as a representative of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization of direct male descendants of Civil War Veterans, whose main objective is the perpetuation of the memory of the men who wore the Union Blue and the proper observance of Memorial Day.

I am not unmindful of the fact that Memorial Day has come to mean a day when we honor those who served their country in all of its wars, but those of us who are veterans of later wars owe an unpayable debt for the heritage which is ours, to the veterans who founded this sacred day, namely, The Grand Army of the Republic.

At twenty minutes after four o'clock on the morning of April 12, 1861, a shot crashed against the granite walls of Fort Sumter. This was the initial shot of the greatest Civil War ever recorded in the history of civilization.

Would that time permitted us to refresh our memories on the causes and effects of this great struggle. The pages of history record the gallant achievements of the men from New Hampshire who participated in this great struggle, and anything we might say here today would not add or detract from their glorious records.

The preservation of the Union was at a terrific cost—

Over 2,600,000 men were under arms.  
Over 30,000 men were mortally wounded.  
Over 184,000 men died in hospitals.

The losses suffered by the Union Armies totaled more than 300,000 men and it is believed the Confederates lost an equal number.

The war debt in money was over six billion dollars, a colossal sum in that era.

The battles and campaigns of:

Fort Donelson, where General Grant's immortal words, "Unconditional surrender" were first uttered.

The Battle of Shiloh, where losses in killed,

wounded and missing were more than ten thousand on each side. Never before had so many men been killed in a single battle on this side of the Atlantic.

The Siege of Vicksburg and the battles of Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain, where our Flag achieved a victory above the clouds as if rebuking treason before the very throne of God.

The Battle of Gettysburg, the final great battle of the Civil War and the famous march of Sherman to the Sea with his army of a hundred thousand men, are all military engagements which occupy a prominent place in American History.

History recalls the Naval battles of the Merrimac and the Monitor, the Alabama and the Kearsarge.

The Capture of New Orleans and the Southern blockade are but a portion of the tri-



HONORS WAR DEAD. Cleon E. Heald, of Keene, National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans, places flowers on the grave of Frank E. Amadon in Greenlawn Cemetery. Mr. Amadon was the last of the G. A. R. members in Keene, also member of S. of U. V.

umphs of our Naval Heroes.

The names of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Butler, Farragut and a host of others led by that immortal spirit Abraham Lincoln, we all recall when we think of the Civil War.

On June 2, 1865, Gen. Grant in addressing the Union Soldiers, said in part: "Soldiers of the Armies of the United States. Your marches, sieges and battles in distance, duration, resolution and brilliancy of results, dims the lustre of the world's past military achievements and will be the patriots precedent in defense of liberty and right in all time to come."

Is it then any wonder that the name, Grand Army of the Republic, came to mean so much to our country?

Next August in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, the Grand Army of the Republic will hold its last National Encampment.

In 1890 this organization boasted a mem-

bership of over 400,000 members and today it has dwindled to less than 20 men, all of whom are 100 years of age or older, and thus you and I are about to witness the end of a long and colorful episode in the history of our country.

Grand Army of the Republic—that name has ripened and enriched with age. Its honors have multiplied with the years of the Nation. Its beneficent influence has pervaded all public life. It has been the standard of comparison of all patriotic and heroic endeavor. States and cities have builded for it Memorial Halls and imposing Monuments. The Nation guards and cares for the final resting place of its heroic dead who died on the field of battle and remembers those who perished at Sea. Poets, Artists, Sculptors and Historians have made lavish use of the beauties of Art and Literature to preserve and record their fame.

Perhaps one of the greatest, if not the greatest, contribution that this organization has made to our way of life is that of the Annual Memorial Day Observance which you and I are celebrating here today.

It might be well if we paused for a moment to refresh our memories on the origin of this Memorial Day.

In the spring of 1866, the year following the close of the Civil War, a group of southern women decorated with flowers the graves of soldiers buried in a nearby cemetery. These southern women placed flowers not alone on the graves of their Confederate dead, but in this same cemetery were buried men who wore the Union Blue. The graves of these Union Soldiers also received flowers from the hands of these noble women.

The story of this seemingly inconspicuous act of these southern women spread like wildfire throughout the North.

Following this incident, speakers, writers and newspapers carried the story and the poem, which you all know, "The Blue and the Gray," appeared in print

"Under the Sod and Dew  
Waiting the Judgment Day  
Tears and Love for the Blue  
Love and Tears for the Gray."

In the spring of 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued the first Memorial Day Order requesting that Posts and Comrades wherever located, meet at an appointed hour on the 30th day of May and there, each in his own way, as circumstances might permit, to honor the memory of his departed comrades and strew their graves with the choicest flowers of springtime and he further requested that this observance be carried on from year to year as long as a veteran remained to honor the memory of his departed comrades.

How well this order has been carried out down through the years, you and I well know. Now the last member of the Department of New Hampshire Grand Army of the Republic has joined his comrades on the other shore

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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

We have good news for you.

Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, of Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, has informed me that the State of Utah has designated U. S. Route 6 as the G. A. R. Highway. This leaves but one state, Nevada, which has not taken similar action. We should all feel elated that the greatest project in which our organization has engaged is now nearing completion.

When Nevada is won over to our cause, this highway will extend from Provincetown, Mass., on the tip of Cape Cod, to Long Beach, California, a distance of 3652 miles. It will be a fitting reminder of those valiant men who served our country so well both in war and peace.

You brothers, sisters, and friends, who have contributed to the National G. A. R. Fund can feel that you have a very tangible part in this memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. It is from this fund that committee members are reimbursed for personal outlay, and from which comes our love gift of \$500.00 to the Grand Army of the Republic. If you have not already contributed to this fund, won't you do so soon and send your gift either to me or to your Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

Brothers, this is my last appeal to you before our 68th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief in Indianapolis. Will the Dept. Patriotic Instructors please send me your annual report on Form 61. This report, together with donations to date, should be sent to me immediately, so that I may have sufficient time to compile my report to our Commander-in-Chief, Perle L. Fouch. All Camp and Dept. Treasurers having contributions on hand that have been collected by them, should send same to me at my official address, and any additional donations may be sent to the same address up to August 20. After that date you may address me at the Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I wish to thank each one of you for the courtesies and co-operation extended to me during my term of office. With such as you, the Grand Army of the Republic will never die, but will continue to live in the memory of all our citizens.

The following is a report to date of the National G. A. R. Fund as reported to me by the Departments that have participated.

Table with columns for Department, Name, and Amount. Includes entries for New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio.

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and to you and to me, the Sons of Union Veterans, the Veterans of the Spanish War, the Veterans of the World Wars and the citizens of this great country, rests the responsibility of not only decorating their graves with flowers, but more important still, dedicating our lives to the principles and objects for which they lived and died.

stained with the grime of glorious victories, kept step with the rhythm of the drums which had heralded their entrance into many battles. There was not much of pomp beneath those banners of theirs, torn by shot and shell. These men had experienced the rigors of one of the hardest fought wars in all history. They were weary, saddened, and anxious once again to return to their loved ones and to take up the pursuits of private citizens. This great army ceased to exist as an armed force; they returned to their homes, and became the hub from which radiated a spirit of courage, patriotism, and self-sacrifice. Their influence has been felt in every city and village throughout our land, even to the present day.

18 surviving in the nation, but there are a few more Union army veterans who are not members of the G. A. R. IOWA Harlan A. Riggs, Press Correspondent, P. O. Box 41, Des Moines. Department Notes One of the most beneficial and enjoyable Dept. Encampments for many years was held in Cedar Rapids. For the first time a Camp Fire Banquet was held and attended by all allied orders. It was held in honor of the Dept. Commander of the Grand Army, James P. Martin, who was not able to be present. Iowa's only remaining Civil War Veteran, James P. Martin, of Southerland, is not so well. He is able to be up part of the time. New officers elected at the Encampment were: Com., Homer L. Young, 1129 Bertch St., Waterloo; Sr. Vice, Sidney Bemis, Mason City; Jr. Vice, L. W. Hearshman, 3225 Seneca St., Des Moines; Sec.-Treas., R. I. Snodgrass, 131 Chicago St., Waterloo; Chap., Roy Bennett. We were honored by having more high officials with us than is usual. Com.-in-Chief Perle Fouch and wife, Past Com.-in-Chief Dr. Barrett, and Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Roy Bennett were with us all through the Encampment. Brother Bennett was indorsed for the office of Commander-in-Chief. One of the important steps authorized was the appointment of a Memorial Committee, which will have the duty of inspecting all Grand Army and Civil War monuments and other Memorials in the state and have their condition observed and improved if needed, and to investigate the need for other memorials not yet erected. A highlight of the Encampment occurred when the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederates visited our meetings and gave a splendid address. This was a historical event for our Department for no doubt it was the first time the two highest officers of their organizations and ours ever were present at our Encampment. He made a splendid address and pledged his own and that of his organization to work together on problems of mutual interest. He invited all present to be his guests at their National Encampment, which will be held in Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 27, 28 and 29, and many of us expect to accept. Plans are underway now to open a new Camp at Cedar Rapids. They have almost enough now for a charter. They hope to have their Camp going by Sept. 1. The annual Department picnic will be at Iowa Falls Sunday, July 31. KANSAS C. B. Martin, Correspondent, 122 South 32nd Street, Parsons, Kan. Department Encampment The new officers are as follows: Com., A. P. Phillips, 428 W. 5th St., Newton; Sr. Vice, W. H. Dix, R. F. D., Newton; Jr. Vice, Frank T. Green, 620 Poplar, Topeka. Brother Martin remains as Sec.-Treas. These officers were installed following election at Salina on May 3. We held one of the most prosperous and enjoyable Encampments this Dept. has held for many years. Com.-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch was with us and also Past Com.-in-Chief Ralph R. Barrett and Mrs. Barrett as National President of the Auxiliary. Frank T. Sacks, of Toledo, Ohio, was also present during our entire Encampment. The Auxiliary certainly did themselves proud. The local members of the Auxiliary of Salina gave all members of the Sons and

the Auxiliary a free luncheon, and the Dept. Auxiliary gave a fine banquet to which all were invited, and everyone fully enjoyed both the luncheon and the banquet with its entertainment. We have all placed our hopes in our new Dept. Commander, Brother A. P. Phillips, of Newton, and we are looking forward to a fine increase in membership during his term of office. ILLINOIS A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight. Department Encampment The annual Encampment of this Department convened in Rock Island, in conjunction with the other organizations of the Grand Army Family, on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. There were 24 registered, with four visitors from other Departments. The first session was held Friday afternoon, at which time routine business was transacted. Committees were announced and greetings extended. Dept. Com. Reynolds reported Saturday morning, together with other officials. The Commander's and the Secretary's Reports were two of the best reports heard for some years past. These two officers were sincere and untiring in their efforts to advance the Order's interests. The Patriotic Instructor reported \$175 collected for the G. A. R. Fund, and \$100 was ordered forwarded to Nat. Pat. Inst. Hubbard as Illinois contribution to the same National Fund. P. D. C. Hathaway, Iowa, addressed the meeting and proposed a friendly membership contest which challenge was accepted. The whole Auxiliary body came in to our session and Mrs. Reynolds, for that body, presented a check for \$102.08 as a love gift from our sisters. Election of officers resulted as follows: Commander, A. Leroy Reynolds (re-elected), Camp 14, Decatur. Senior Vice, Lee H. Church, Camp 249, Rock Island. Junior Vice, George Lovering, Camp 1, Chicago. Council—A. S. Holbrook, Camp 270, Dwight; James M. Blackman, Camp 1, Chicago; Phil Byron, Camp 5, Kankakee. The Dept. Commander was authorized to fill the required list of Delegates to National Encampment from among those present in Indianapolis. NEW HAMPSHIRE Henry W. Smith, Dept. Press Correspondent, P. O. Box 160, Keene, N. H. Camp 38, Milford Dept. Com. Kenneth Wheeler and Dept. Pres. Emma Wheeler were honored at a reception in the Town Hall recently. More than 250 members of the groups as well as guests representing associated organizations and other patriotic groups throughout the state, Massachusetts and Connecticut, were present to honor the officers on their recent election to the posts. Greetings were given by Com. Elbridge Jewett of the local Sons, by Mrs. Martha Baldwin, President of the Hillsborough Auxiliary, a sister of Mrs. Wheeler, and by officers of the Dept. Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union, American Legion Auxiliary of Hillsborough, the New Hampshire Association of the Weirs, the New England Regional Association. Greetings were also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler by the local V. F. W. and Legion Posts and their Auxiliaries. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler received numerous gifts. About 50 officers formed the receiving line.

New G. A. R. Stamp Ordered

Word from Cong. Martin, Iowa, to those sponsoring a stamp commemorating last Encampment of G. A. R. states that petition for stamp had been granted by Postmaster General Donaldson, and same will go on sale during the coming Encampment at Indianapolis the week of August 28.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rownd, G. A. R., Passes

Robert M. Rownd, 104, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died May 17 at Ripley, N. Y. He had been in failing health since last summer when he suffered a heart attack shortly before he had expected to attend the final state G. A. R. meeting in Syracuse. He had been confined to his bed nearly all the time since the attack. Rownd, who was born in Sarahsville, O., Oct. 22, 1844, had served as Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. for two terms. The first was in 1939 and the second in 1947. He was Junior Vice and Chaplain at the time of his death. His death leaves James A. Hard, 107, Rochester, the only other G. A. R. member surviving in New York State. There now are only

We are gathered here today for the purpose of laying a garland of flowers upon this monument as a token of love and respect for that glorious organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. The remnant of this host of gallant men who composed the Union Army is now so few that in a very short period of time they will be but a memory. Let us vision that great army of men, many of them still in their teens, who eighty-four years ago marched in review past the White House in Washington. There were tears in their eyes and mourning in their hearts for their beloved Commander-in-Chief, Abraham Lincoln, who had been felled by the bullet of an assassin. These comrades, many in rags and tatters,

## NEW YORK

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

## 66th Dept. Encampment

The 66th annual Encampment at Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, June 19-20, was attended by 76 brothers including two Past Commanders-in-Chief and 16 Past Dept. Commanders.

The following officers were installed by Past Dept. Com. Willard B. Stephan of Buffalo, assisted by Past Dept. Com. Fred E. Colwell of Rochester: Com., Judson French, Batavia; Sr. Vice, Leslie W. More, Owego; Jr. Vice, Milton H. Armstrong, Newburgh; Council—Edwin Barber, Syracuse, John Haflet, Buffalo, Robert McMahon, Rochester; Chap., Monsignor George Burns, Rochester; Pat. Inst., Phillip Satler, Brooklyn; Press Cor., Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira (21st year); Chief Deputy, John Kernan, Albany; Aide, Marshall Hope, Oneida; Couns., Robert W. Doughty, Beacon.

Retiring Com. Charles L. Messer, of Albany, whose administration has been A1, was presented a Past Dept. Commander's badge and a gift of money. Past Com.-in-Chief Dr. Ralph Sheldon presented a wheel chair in the name of the Department to the Oxford Home.

Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Roy Bennett, of Des Moines, fittingly represented Commander-in-Chief Perle Fouch and made two addresses. He was unanimously endorsed for the office of Commander-in-Chief at Indianapolis. Rudolf Genthner, of Rochester, member of the Council-in-Chief, also honored the Encampment by his presence. He was unanimously endorsed for re-election.

A gift of \$535 was received from the Auxiliary at the annual banquet of the Sons and Auxiliary.

Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs holds over for another year. The place and time of the 1950 Encampment will be announced later. A resolution was adopted against Communism.

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## Mt. McGregor Dinner

A testimonial dinner honoring Ulysses S. Grant, Major General, U. S. A., was held in the Green Room of Hotel Wellington, Albany, at 6 o'clock, on Saturday, April 30.

This affair was sponsored by the Chairman of the Mt. McGregor Committee, Mrs. Corinne S. Adriance and her husband, Wm. H. Adriance, who is an Honorary Member of Ten Eyck Camp No. 154, Albany.

Special guests of the occasion were Aux. Dept. Pres. Adeline Schleit of Syracuse, and Dept. Com. Charles L. Messer, of Albany.

The guests seated at the head table were escorted in with Military Guests, who were Capt. Clyde R. Argo, Recruiting Officer, Albany, and Lt. Col. James D. Gayle, Executive Officer of the 207th AAA Group, who, with Sister Adriance, escorted the guest of honor, Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd, and our National Vice Pres., Sister Edith M. Paulding of the Bronx.

Mrs. Bessie Counts, Dept. Deputy and Past President of Aux. 57, escorted the participants of the Memorial Program, and other Dept. Officers, to a table very appropriately decorated with little American Flags, with red, white and blue candles alternating. A very special decoration at the head table was an oil painting of President and General Grant, which was painted in 1864, by E. D. Middleton. Atop this painting was a large eagle that was owned by the N. Y. Dept. G. A. R., when first organized many years ago.

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## Mt. McGregor Exercises

On the afternoon of Sunday, May 1, a large appreciative audience gathered on and around

the porch of the Grant Cottage, to witness appropriate ceremonies commemorating the 127th Birthday Anniversary of the Civil War Hero, President and General Ulysses S. Grant.

National and Dept. officers and members of both Sons and Auxiliary were present from surrounding Camps and Auxiliaries, and regrets and greetings and best wishes were read from many who were not present.

Major Gen. U. S. Grant III, retired, a grandson, was the guest speaker, and related that he has a vivid recollection of his family's final visit to the Cottage, although too young to understand the tragedy in which he was taking part, but it did leave a lasting impression. Major Grant spoke of how, with great devotion and effort, his grandfather completed his memoirs during the last weeks of his illness, warding off death by his determination to finish the valuable historic document. He also mentioned the tribute paid his grandfather by Lewis Coolidge, his biographer, and by the Confederate General Longstreet, a West Point classmate of the great Union Leader. The Southern General said of him: "More than any man of the century he embodied the genius of the people, and his life was marked by modesty."

Immediately following a band selection, Dr. Albert B. Corey, State Historian, very graciously responded with most befitting remarks.

A very unusual, but impressive feature of the program, was the presentation to the Northern New York Club, a photograph of President Grant, surrounded by his family and taken at the Cottage during the last months of his life. This photograph, the gift of Leon C. Baldwin of Glens Falls, was given in memory of Mr. Baldwin's Grandfather, Brevet Major General James March of the 6th Volunteer Regiment of Boston, Mass., who fought under General Grant.

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## Camp 201, Friendship

Members of Morgan-Hills Camp were busily engaged in Memorial Day activities. Sunday p. m. the Civil War graves were decorated with flags. On Memorial Day P. C. Homer Spencer raised the flag on the new flagpole in Maple Grove Cemetery. Members of the Camp marched in the Memorial Day parade to Mt. Hope Cemetery. A dinner was served at G. A. R. Hall, followed by a program sponsored by the W. R. C., D. of U. V. and S. of U. V. The Reverend Roy Black was the guest speaker. Mrs. Irene Jadwin read Logan's Order. The services were concluded by furling the flag.

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## Camp 2, Brooklyn

The Du Pont-Eiseman Camp is progressing nicely. At our April meeting we had the pleasure of mustering in Harold T. Holgan, whom we are quite sure will be a very active member.

On Memorial Day we participated in the huge parade along Eastern Parkway with the members of Camp 20. We gave out some application forms and hope that they will come back with new members.

In the afternoon we again had our pilgrimage to the Germain-Metternich Grand Army Post Plot. We had our usual Memorial Service in which several prominent persons took part. At the conclusion Taps were sounded by P. C. Jos. P. McGrath.

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## Camp 126, Oneida

The Allied Patriotic Societies had a dinner at the Armory April 27 with 125 attending. Ora F. Whitford led assembly singing. George R. Schremp, Commander of John R. Stewart Camp, introduced the toastmaster, Arthur J. Abbott, Past Dept. Commander. Mrs. Stanley Mott, President of the D. of U.

V., and Mrs. Silas Foor, President of the Relief Corps, presented carnations to long time members. Mrs. Merrion Olds, Past Dept. Pres. of the Relief Corps, and Mrs. Albert Menzer, Past Dept. President of the D. of U. V., spoke briefly. Dept. Com. and Mrs. Charles Messer, of Albany, were honored guests and Mr. Messer told of the state of the order and urged his listeners to work together and carry on. It was the consensus of opinion that the dinner be made an annual affair.

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

The quarterly meeting of the Western New York Past Camp Commanders Association was held in Brick Church Institute, Rochester, Saturday evening, April 30. With our Auxiliary Past Presidents we enjoyed a fine roast beef dinner, after which both organizations held their separate business sessions.

The highlight of the evening was the showing of the movies made by Bro. John W. Haflett of Cook Camp, Buffalo, at the Rochester convention last year. Owing to illness Bro. Haflett was unable to be present, but through his generosity in providing projector and films, the pictures proved most interesting and recalled many pleasing incidents of a year ago.

At our business session we again endorsed Cong. Kenneth B. Keating, 40th District Representative of New York, for his untiring work in furthering the success of the bill for Dedication Day, and also the G. A. R. commemorative stamp resolution. The next meeting will be a basket picnic to be held at Williams Park, Batavia, Sunday, July 31.

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## Camp 140, New York City

Lafayette Camp omitted its usual exercises and luncheon on Memorial Day but did place a wreath as usual on Grant's Tomb. The committee on decoration of veterans graves functioned per schedule. A delegation of the Camp marched in the Memorial Day parade.

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## Camp 2, Brooklyn

P. C. Howard E. Bunker was a special guest May 30 of the Amityville, L. I., Memorial Day Committee, riding in the official car in the parade, being seated on the grandstand, and dining at the dinner afterwards. The Mayor promised him assistance in securing new members. P. C. Bunker is 82 and has been a member 62 years.

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## Camp 77, Elmira

Over 1200 flags were placed on the graves of Civil War veterans in Woodlawn by a committee composed of the following: P. C. Truman Vincent, Com. Andrew Wright, Col. P. O. Wilcox and P. C.-in-C. Neil Cranmer. In addition 12 flags were placed in Second Street Cemetery and around the 107th N. Y. Regiment Monument and the statue of Thomas K. Beecher. Flags were placed in Fulton Street Cemetery by P. C. Floyd E. Doland and the Junior Auxiliary.

The Camp attended Memorial Sunday service May 29 at the First Church of Christ (Disciples). They were accompanied by Mrs. A. S. Diven Tent No. 7, D. of U. V., Aux. 49, and Baldwin Post, W. R. C. P. C.-in-C. Cranmer read Logan's Order. The Rev. John Belleville preached the sermon.

The Camp headed by Col. Perry O. Wilcox marched in the parade to Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Day. P. C.-in-C. Cranmer read Logan's Order at the exercises there.

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## Camp 26, New York City

The Memorial Day services at the G. A. R. plot in West Farms, and at the Oliver Tilden Post, G. A. R., in Woodlawn Cemetery, as well as at the grave of Capt. Oliver Tilden, were most impressive. The G. A. R. Ritual was used. The main speaker of the day was

Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs, who spoke on Patriotism. A soloist provided the musical background. Taps were sounded by Bro. Clarence Longstreet, followed by closing prayer by Chaplain Quidor.

Tilden Camp joined with other Camps in New York City under the leadership of Com. Jack Goldfish on Memorial Day and acted as the escort to the G. A. R. flower-decked hearse in the parade up Riverside Drive. Each brother wore his blue cap and carried a furled Civil War battle flag to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument where exercises were held and the wreaths placed on the monument.

The Camp also initiated a new brother, John Eugene Benka, a grandson of a veteran, who promises to be an active worker in our Camp. We regret the passing of Bro. Peter J. Cary, who was a Spanish War Veteran as well as a Son of a Union Veteran. The Sons ritualistic service was led by Com. Jack Goldfish and Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs gave the eulogy.

## NEW JERSEY

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

## Dept. Encampment Notes

A well attended Encampment was held in Trenton on June 3-4, at the Hotel Hildebrecht. A large delegation was present. We were pleased to welcome Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Allen F. Spink, of Conn., Past Com.-in-Chief Walter Mabie and Leroy Stoudt, and Past Dept. Coms. John Yocum and Frank M. Heacock, of Pa.

A dinner party was enjoyed by the Sons and Auxiliary on Friday evening with many National and Dept. Officers present.

The Past Dept. Coms. Assoc. held a breakfast meeting at which P. D. C. Andrew Richardson was elected President and P. D. C. Fred H. Combs, Sr., Secretary.

Dept. Pat. Inst. William G. Simpson made a fine report and due to the splendid financial report made by him, the Dept. voted to send \$100.00 to the National G. A. R. Fund.

Officers elected were: Com., Russell H. Bogert; Sr. Vice, Robt. McClour, Sr.; Jr. Vice, William G. Simpson; Council, Daniel F. Oblinger, Willard S. Bryan and Parker P. Nichols; Chap., James C. Steenwerth; Pat. Inst., George Kilmer; Couns., Andrew Richardson, and Pers. Aide Frank A. L. Daubert. P. D. C. Fred H. Combs, Sr., was elected to the unexpired term of two years as Secretary-Treasurer.

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## Camp 1, Hoboken

Camp 1 meets 4th Thursday, 126 Hudson St., Hoboken.

On Memorial Day the delegates to the Joint Memorial Committee with the other veteran organizations visited four cemeteries and decorated more than 800 graves with flags and wreaths. At 11:30 all assembled at the Soldiers' plot and held a memorial service. Com. Fred Williams, who was also Marshal, made the address of welcome. Past Dept. Com. William Kronmeyer made the memorial address, and Comrade C. Kelly of the V. F. W., spoke and acted as master of ceremonies. Camp 1 fired the volleys and Bugler blew Taps.

Sunday evening at 7:30 the committee marched to St. Francis Church for services. Monday at 10 a. m. the usual Memorial Day parade started and marched through the city to Pershing Field for the Memorial Day ceremonies. Marshal Williams and his Aides then placed a wreath on the grave, the municipal firing squad fired the volleys, and a bugler of the industrial band blew Taps.

Commander Williams would like to see every member at our next meeting Thursday,

July 28, as important business must be transacted.

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## Camp 4, Trenton

Another Memorial Day has passed and our Camp is planning several activities for the summer and early fall. Our duties on Memorial Day were done in the usual fine way. We attended Memorial Sunday service at the Central Methodist Church, with the Allied Bodies and Veteran Organizations, where a fine talk was given by Rev. Howard H. Scarborough. Memorial Day our services were held at the Soldiers Plot in Greenwood Cemetery, led by our Chaplain, Fred H. Combs, Jr., and P. D. C. Harrison M. Williams, Chairman of the Joint Memorial Committee. A fine address was given by Rev. Kenneth G. Irwin of the Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chaplain of the 50th Armored Division N. J. National Guard. Salutes were fired and Taps sounded by Battery A, Sons of Veterans Reserve, under command of Capt. Fred H. Mount. Previous to the service the graves of all soldiers were decorated by Camp members assisted by Boy Scouts.

Several of our members attended the Dept. Encampment. P. C. Russell H. Bogert of our Camp was elected Dept. Commander. All members pledged him their full support during his term of office. Past Dept. Com. Fred H. Combs, Sr., was elected to the unexpired term of two years as Secretary-Treasurer.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of P. D. C. John L. Reeger, one of the charter members of this Camp. Brother Jack was always active in his Camp, Department and the National Organization. He served the Department for twenty-five years as Secretary-Treasurer and the National Body as a member of the Council-in-Chief. He served for many years as Capt. of Battery A, Sons of Veterans Reserve, which is connected with this Camp and was known to every one as Capt. Reeger. The organization as a whole has lost one of its finest members. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his daughter, Ella, and the family.

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## Camp 5, Trenton

The Camp performed its Memorial Day work in a very efficient manner again this year, taking part in Memorial Sunday services, decoration of graves, and the street parade. On Memorial Day we decorated Riverside Cemetery and held services at the Soldiers plot, followed by the firing of the National Salute and Taps. The Uniformed Company wore their new uniforms this year for the first time.

At the Dept. Encampment we were honored in having Brother William G. Simpson elected to the office of Jr. Vice Commander, and Brother Parker Nichols to the office of Dept. Council. We pledge them our support during the coming year.

Members of the Camp are planning a number of fishing trips again this year on Barnegat Bay. All members are invited to take part in these enjoyable trips. Arrangements have been made for trips on July 24, August 14, September 18, and October 2.

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## Horace H. Hammer

Brother Horace H. Hammer, Secretary-Treasurer of the Commandery-in-Chief, passed away at his residence in Reading, Pa., on Christmas Day, 1948. He was elected to the office of National Secretary-Treasurer of the Order at Gettysburg, Pa., in September, 1905, and he held that office until a few months before his death.

During his long service Brother Hammer gave his best effort and thought to the order for which he had an enduring love. He was a powerful aid to the more than two score Commanders-in-Chief whom he served. His assistance was freely given to Department

and Camp Officers, as well as to individual Brothers. In recognition of his valuable service to the order the Commandery-in-Chief at the Encampment in Pittsburgh, in 1939, conferred on him the rank of Past Commander-in-Chief.

In the death of Brother Horace H. Hammer our order has lost one of its most devoted and honored members, his community a revered neighbor and the public an invaluable servant.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Dept. of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that this memorial be engrossed on the minutes of the Department, and that copies be sent to the relatives of our deceased brother, to the Commandery-in-Chief, and to The Banner.

## INDIANA

C. M. Barksdale, Dept. Press Correspondent, 950 Congress St., Indianapolis.

The 70th scheduled Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was re-designated as the First Memorial Encampment to the G. A. R., because of the passing of our last two Comrades, Whittinghill and Adams, during the past winter. The Encampment was held by the five allied organizations of the G. A. R., at Marion, June 10-13. Each organization reported the best attendance in recent years, and each promised enthusiastic and whole-hearted co-operation for many succeeding Encampments. The very spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty was in evidence among all.

The Sons met in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A., with an unusually large attendance. We were honored by having Com.-in-Chief Fouch, also Past Com.-in-Chief Barrett, with us throughout the convention; also, we had as a guest, Past Camp Com. Geo. P. Hopkins of U. S. Grant Camp No. 100 at Cincinnati, O. These outstanding Sons, and others of our Dept., added inspiration to our membership, and our honored guests said they were inspired by the many pledges of members of our Dept. to "Carry On" the work and principles of the G. A. R. as a sacred memorial to our Fathers. Several good suggestions were made looking toward the building up of our Order here in Indiana.

Bro. Ray V. Tuthill, 814 Campbell St., Valparaiso, was unanimously elected Dept. Com., as was also Bro. C. M. Barksdale, 950 Congress Ave., Indianapolis, to be Dept. Sec.-Treas. All elected and appointed officers were installed by Past C.-in-C. Ralph Barrett of California.

Very impressive Memorial Services for our departed G. A. R. Comrades, also for those of our Sons and Auxiliary members who had passed on during the past year, were held on Friday eve., June 10, by Dept. Chaplains Hugh Snider and Hannah Kreisher.

Next June we will meet at Terre Haute, Ind.

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## Among the Camps

Many Camps reported they had taken the lead in the proper observance of Memorial Day, with all other Patriotic Organizations taking part in the parades and services.

Bro. Sutherland, of Kokomo Camp 1, reports an usually large attendance at services held at the court house, followed by a parade to the cemetery, where other services were held. The allied orders of the G. A. R. were joined by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and all other organizations, including the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls in the sacred observance of Memorial Day at many places in our State. It would seem that all these other Patriotic Organizations depend upon our G. A. R. allied organization for leadership at this time.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Publicity Secretary, Jack Day, 5 Morton Place, Roxbury, 20.

## Department Encampment

The Mass. Dept. had a very successful and enjoyable Encampment at the New Ocean House at Swampscott, May 6-8.

Accommodations excellent—food out of this world.

P. C. Roy Call, of Camp 30, was elected Dept. Commander in a spirited contest in which two ballots were necessary to decide the winner. Carder Perkins of Camp 9 was the runner-up and Ralph Bickmore was third.

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## Your Dept. Officers

ROY C. CALL, Commander. At the age of 19 years Roy C. Call joined Camp 30 on the record of his grandfather, Warren Call, who enlisted Sept. 10, 1862, as a Corporal in the 26th Infantry, Maine Volunteers, and was discharged as a Corporal on Aug. 17, 1863, on account of expiration of service.

Roy Call has served Camp 30 in most of the offices of the Camp. He was elected a member of the Trustees of G. A. R. Property Jan. 14, 1942, and has served since that time.

He was a member of the Department Council 1947-1948.

He was elected Commander of the Mass. Dept. at the Encampment at Swampscott May 6-7-8, 1949.

He is a conscientious and willing worker for the Sons of Union Veterans and has an everlasting belief in the principles and objects of the Order.

EUGENE G. WALLINGFORD, Personal Aide to Commander Call.

Joined Camp 30 on June 10, 1903, on the record of his grandfather, Samuel F. White, who was commissioned 1st Lieutenant of Co. I, 42nd Mass. Volunteers, on Sept. 16, 1862, and was mustered out of the service Aug. 10, 1864. Samuel F. White was the second Commander of Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, G. A. R. in 1872.

He has held many of the offices in Camp 30. He is the oldest member in point of years, and the oldest living Past Commander of Camp 30.

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## Picnic July 24

The Pioneer Valley Association announces a picnic on Bunker Hill Day, at Mt. Tom Reservation, Sunday, July 24, at 3 p. m.

Meet near the Spring—basket lunch—extend invitation to all orders allied to Grand Army of Republic.—George A. Adams, Sec.-Treas.

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## Pioneer Valley Association

The annual meeting of the Pioneer Valley Association was held on June 12 at Easthampton, as the guest of Camp 57. It was the largest attended meeting since the Association was organized. Much business of constructive nature was transacted. A program committee was appointed consisting of Herbert Bogue, A. M. Bower, George Adams and Ralph Smith, whose duty is to arrange the program, not only for the business meeting, but for the visitations as well.

John W. Emery, Elmer Thorpe and Chas. H. E. Moran were appointed to arrange the annual summer outing, which will be held at the Mount Tom Reservation on July 24.

A fund raising suggestion committee was appointed consisting of William C. Rule, John W. Emery, Edwin Partenheimer and Chas. H. E. Moran. Their duty is to devise plans to raise money for a gift to the Department.

The following officers were elected to serve for year: Com., Harold P. Shepardson, 15;

Sr. Vice, Elmer H. Thorpe, 57; Jr. Vice, Carl E. W. Welcome, 44; Sec.-Treas., George A. Adams, 15; Chap., Walter Hunt, 55; Pat. Inst., A. M. Bowen, 15; Guide, Herbert Bogue, 15; Color Bearer, Harry Young, 55; Guard, Emmett Thrower, 37; Trustees, John W. Emery, 57, Chairman, Rex Allen, 55, W. C. Rule, 60, E. W. Partenheimer, 15, and Chas. H. E. Moran, 60.

The officers were installed by Past Com.-in-Chief Moran.

The main plan of the Association this year is to put in one new Camp, and to see that all the Camps in the Valley are placed in good standing. We are assured of plenty of activities as the new Commander is one who is an active member. He is a Past Commander of Camp 15, has been Dept. Inspector, and Chief of District Commanders.

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## South Metropolitan District

The So.-Met. is the newest of the District Associations organized for the purpose of strengthening our Order.

The So.-Met. held a ladies' night on June 8, which was a huge success. Movies, short speeches and a delicious collation.

Host at the ladies' night was Camp 30, of Dorchester. Guests were P. D. P. Mary Dow, P. D. P. Pamela Elder of Auxiliary; P. D. P. Mary Crocker of W. R. C. and members of Auxiliaries throughout the District.

The So.-Met. is also campaigning to raise funds for the Department.

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## Past Commanders Association

The Past Commanders Association met at Camp 30 in Dorchester in a business session and discussed plans for the Dedication Day exercises and the Lincoln Birthday banquet.

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## Camp 57, East Hampton

Loomis Camp celebrated its 40th anniversary with a banquet on June 12, jointly with Sarah Hinckley Sawyer Tent 41, Daughters of Union Veterans, who were also celebrating their 40th birthday.

Past Com. Elmer H. Thorpe, a charter member, read a history of the Camp, which covered the highlights since its organization.

P. D. C. John W. Emery acted as toastmaster and among the speakers were L. R. A. Johnson, Com. Camp 15; Rex Allen, Com. Camp 55; W. C. Rule, member of the Dept. Council; H. P. Shepardson, Com. of the Pioneer Valley Association, and P. C.-in-C. Chas. H. E. Moran.

A committee representing our organization attended the simple but impressive services at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Eastampton, when a 55 foot steel pole and a five by eight American Flag was presented to the Sacred Heart Parish by the Young Men's Pulaski Club. The Club requested we attend, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Those on the Committee were J. W. Emery, 57; H. P. Shepardson, 15; W. C. Rule, 60; E. H. Thorpe, 57, and Chas. H. E. Moran, 60.

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## Camp 60, Holyoke

One of our oldest members, Fred R. Tower, Past Commander, passed away at Drury, Mass., on June 9. It was the fifth member we lost by death during the past year.

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## Camp 15, Springfield

Tift Camp again issued the Memorial Day Orders in compliance with the custom carried on for many years by E. K. Wilcox Post 16, Grand Army of the Republic, and took part in the parade, and conducted the service at the G. A. R. Monument at Court Square.

The Camp also conducted services at both G. A. R. Monuments in Oak Grove and Springfield Cemeteries.

The Memorial Day Committee of the Camp

is Edwin W. Partenheimer, Chairman; George A. Adams, Sec.; Myron Johnson, Richard Johnson, Alfred M. Bowen, Jr., Guy E. Brayman, Ralph Burnham and Com. Laurence H. E. Johnson, ex-officio.

Tift Camp lost two of its very faithful members, Wallace E. Higgins, who died Mar. 21, 1949, and Guy E. Breyman, who died May 6, 1949. Both will be missed very much at our meetings.

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## In Cheshire and the Berkshires

Dept. Aux. Pres. Gladys D. Milkey, her Chief-of-Staff, Bessie T. Drown, and Harold M. Drown, P. D. C., Counselor, were guests of Maud B. Russell, P. D. P., and Darrold Whitney, P. D. C., of New Hampshire, June 11-12, at Keene, N. H.

This group attended the reception to Dept. Com. Wheeler and his wife, Emma Wheeler, President of the N. H. Auxiliary, at Milford. Past Com. Drown represented the Massachusetts Dept.

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Dept. Com. Roy C. Call, Maude B. Warren, P. N. P., Bessie T. Drown, Dept. Chief-of-Staff, and Harold M. Drown, P. D. C., Counselor of Dept. Aux., were one of groups who went to Greenfield for reception to Dept. Pres. Gladys D. Milkey in the Hotel Weldon, June 18.

All those who stayed until Sunday were guests of the Milkeys at "The Chatterbox," their summer camp just outside Greenfield. There in an inviting spot of woodland, field and stream, the two dozen house guests witnessed hospitality at its best. An appetizing meal was served by our Dept. President and her daughter, Dorothy, with Anna M. White, P. D. P., ably co-ordinating. Ann was also general chairman of banquet and reception. The "Bills" Milkey and P. C.-in-C. Anderson helped to keep the party well entertained.

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## Correspondent's Note

A note of appreciation for all the offers of aid in my new job as Publicity Secretary for the Mass. Dept.

You may be certain that I will take advantage of all these kind offers—believe me. I will need all the help and co-operation I can get. Criticism will be most welcome.

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## A Memory-Stirring May 30 Observance

The visit of Hon. Fred W. Cross, formerly the Civil War authority of the State Adj. General's Office, to Appomattox and the exact spot where General U. S. Grant received the surrender of General R. E. Lee, on the anniversary of the historic meeting proved to listeners a vividly illuminating description of the scene he saw as well as his word picture of the memorable event. The broadcast was for the large and diversified audience of WLAW. It was produced as a special Memorial Day program. Besides, those tuned in heard highlight war recollections of a former leader of the Mass. Dept., G. A. R., the late Charles L. Robinson. His stirring account of the notable "Goldsboro (No. Car.) Expedition," and other army experiences of this 16-year-old volunteer, having been preserved by Brother Hale. That, coupled with the reading of "The Little Bronze Button," by Anne B. Murray, Past Dept. Pres. of the D. U. V. C. W., gave young folks a revealing idea of what Union war service was like.

Then for a colorful framework for such a commemorative program nothing could serve better than some of the Boys in Blue songs they sang finely vocalized on Decca recordings. Now, Attention, Please! Brothers, we know these personal war stories make excellent "ammunition" to arouse the public's interest. Haven't you an unusual war episode or heroic conduct experience of that Civil War veteran ancestor of yours, that you

would share with your fellow-Americans? Thousands of them are hearing our radio programs. They should have a clearer, more appreciative, acquaintance with what happened in that chapter of history our fathers wrote. We promise you, all sketches will receive our most sympathetic consideration. So, come on with your striking war story.—H. Harding Hale, Charles W. Little, Dept. Radio Committee.

## COLORADO &amp; WYOMING

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

## Department Encampment

Once again the affiliated orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming, at 9:00 a. m. June 6, met in Memorial Hall, Manitou Springs, Colorado, for the fifth consecutive Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city.

Past Dept. Com. A. G. Myers, Colorado Springs Camp No. 5, Convention Chairman, made all arrangements and was in charge during the entire convention; it was the most courteous and harmonious ever held we believe.

The Sons and Auxiliary held joint Memorial Services and placed special stress to the memory of the passing of the last Civil War Veteran of this Dept., Comrade Robert T. Bryan, Dept. Commander from 1946-1949, who passed to his reward Jan. 17. He gave his services to his country when a boy of fifteen, a gesture we can see very much in accord with our maker, as he was permitted to remain with us till past his century mark.

Like the leaves, slowly falling, whisper their work is done. So our Grand Army is passing, passing, one by one.

The General Banquet was held at the Cliff House Hotel and was well attended. After the banquet the regular custom of campfire exercises, introducing the heads of the various allied orders, and customary remarks and musical selections, followed by a very brilliant young attorney who made an interesting address.

Mrs. Martha Robertson, Past Dept. Pres., Colorado & Wyoming Ladies of the G. A. R., presented to Colorado Springs Camp No. 5 the Bible which formerly belonged to Rockefeller Camp 7 at Canyon City, Colo. This Bible was presented to Rockefeller Camp by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Phelps June 5, 1908, forty-one years to the day of the first presentation. The Rockefeller Camp was disbanded many years ago.

Also at the Campfire there were three new members obligated; they will become members of Colorado Springs Camp No. 5, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Sons elected and appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Com., J. L. Van Gundy, Colorado Springs; Sr. Vice, E. C. Tobias, Colorado Springs; Jr. Vice, H. C. Bray, Denver; Council—J. B. Fuller, Denver, W. R. Coffey, Colorado Springs, and J. G. Dauterman, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Pat. Inst., E. Elwood Keach, Pueblo; Chap., Wesley C. Mottice, Pueblo; Couns., A. G. Myers, Colorado Springs; Sec.-Treas., Earl Wright, Colorado Springs.

These officers were pretty thoroughly distributed through the Camps of the Department hoping that no Camp would feel slighted, for harmony is the most valuable asset in any organization, in our opinion. In concluding the Convention report, the different orders decided that Manitou Springs, being so centrally located and with city's pressing invitation for us to come back next year, it was accepted and the convention will begin June 11, 1950.

## Camp 5, Colorado Springs

Colorado Springs Camp as one of their regular duties meet with the Veterans Council of the late wars organization to make arrangements for Memorial Day exercises. This was an annual occurrence of the Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 22, Colorado Springs, but when the Boys in Blue began to grow feeble they requested the Sons to assist them, and now that they have all passed on the Sons are trying to fulfill their wish that we continue as long as our Camp is functioning. Past Dept. Com. A. G. Myers is general chairman of the arrangements.

At 9:00 a. m. May 30 the representatives of the Spanish-American War, World War No. 1, World War No. 2, with the Sons of Union Veterans supporting the Grand Army of the Republic Flag, along with the other organizations Flags, met at the gate of Evergreen Cemetery and marched by the music of the 179th Camp Carson Band to the Grand Army Plot where Logan's General Orders and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address were given by high school students. "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner" were rendered by the Band. Wreaths were placed and roll of deceased members of other organizations called, after which Camp Carson Chaplain, Major T. V. Seigler, gave a most extraordinary address, followed by the firing squad, then taps.

We have had loud speakers at the services for some years but this year Colorado Springs broadcasting station KRDO broadcast the entire services and we were informed they were heard and appreciated at many neighboring cities.

## WISCONSIN

Henry Lunz, Press Correspondent, 2220 Monroe St., Madison 5.

## Department Encampment

The 66th annual Encampment of the Wisconsin Department was held in the Milwaukee Auditorium, in conjunction with the 83rd Encampment of the Wisconsin G. A. R., and other allied organizations.

The business session opened in due form with Com. Franklin S. Hubbard in charge. Twenty-two delegates were present representing a majority of the Camps in Wisconsin. Dept. Sec. Doppler reported that the membership in the state showed a slight increase, with Henry Harnden Camp of Madison leading with eight new members.

Ways and means were discussed for improving the finances of the Department and Camps. It seemed to be the general opinion that increased membership rather than increased tax is the only sound method.

Since our Constitution requires that the annual Encampment of the Department of the Sons be held in conjunction with the G. A. R. Encampment, a resolution was presented and adopted to authorize the Dept. Officers, in co-operation with the officials of the allied bodies, to set a time and place for the Annual Encampment, should the Wisconsin Department of the G. A. R. be discontinued or fail to meet.

A committee was appointed to submit a revision of the By-Laws at the next annual Encampment. Greetings were received and sent to the several allied orders meeting during the G. A. R. Encampment.

Tuesday afternoon, the Sons adjourned and the Delegates visited its Auxiliary in a body and were very graciously received by Hazel Brittain, Dept. President.

One of the high-lights of the Encampment was the G. A. R. camp-fire program held Tuesday night, June 14, in the arena of the Milwaukee Auditorium. Com. L. A. Wilcox, 103 years old, and the only surviving Civil War veteran in Wisconsin, was present and

made a brief address. Music was furnished by the United States Army Band. A pageant under the direction of the Busmek-Theatrical Producers, and a Flag Ceremonial by the Elks Club, were interesting and entertaining, also inspirational. No one, after attending the Camp-fire that evening, could leave without being a more patriotic citizen.

The following officers were elected and joint installation was held with the Auxiliary: Com., George A. Powers, Madison; Sr. Vice, Gordon K. Cline, Baraboo; Jr. Vice, Clarence Roth, Milwaukee; Sec.-Treas., Oscar Doppler, Baraboo; Council—Ed. Blering, Milwaukee, Charles Fleming, Milwaukee, Henry Lunz, Madison; Couns., J. O. Smith, Madison; Pat. Inst., Roy Lewis, Milwaukee; Chap., William Nichols, Madison; Press Cor., Henry Lunz, Madison.

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## Death of H. S. Siggelko

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we record the passing of P. D. C., H. S. Siggelko. Bro. Siggelko has held every important office in Henry Harnden Camp No. 2 to which he belonged and also in the Wisconsin Department. He has also held important offices in the Commandery-in-Chief and was a faithful attendant at all meetings. His untimely death, caused by the attack of a crazed assassin, will be a loss felt by all from his local Camp to the Commandery-in-Chief.

He could and did fill with dignity and zeal any office to which he was called or assigned. He will long be known as the grand man of the Sons in Wisconsin. As a Brother in the Camp, he gave generously of his time and money for its promotion and advancement.

The last rites of Bro. Siggelko were well attended by the high and the low. Henry Harnden Camp conducted the services at the cemetery and our Brother was laid to rest in the family mausoleum. A strong pillar for our cause has fallen much to our sorrow and grief.

## OHIO

C. F. English, Press Correspondent, 37 Homewood Ave., Newark, O.

## Department Encampment

The Dept. of Ohio was signally honored at its Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment, held June 19-22 at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, with the active presence of Com.-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch and wife of Michigan, and Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, National President of the Auxiliary, and her husband, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, P. C.-in-C., a former Ohioan, now of California.

Officers installed for the ensuing term are: Com., Robert D. Austin, Camp 91, Alliance; Sr. Vice, W. W. Dorsey, Camp 207, Mt. Vernon; Jr. Vice, Arthur C. Stolz, Camp 89, Dayton; Council—Walter C. Winall, Camp 100, Cincinnati, Carlton N. Edie, Camp 9, Findlay, C. Edward Wetzel, Camp 89, Dayton; Sec.-Treas., R. J. Williams, Camp 1, Columbus (holdover).

The selection of appointive officers will be promulgated in Department Orders.

Past Dept. Commanders, with officers of their association are: R. J. Williams, Custer Snyder, William A. Selz, Chester O. Bigley, Pres.; Louis G. Blair, Sec.; Carlton N. Edie, Treas.; Paul E. Grate, Cecil J. Randall, George E. Waller, C. Edward Wetzel.

The Dept. Committee on Marking Graves, Campbell M. Voorhees, chairman, and the Dept. Committee on Teaching of Patriotism in the Public Schools, Judge Cecil J. Randall, chairman, presented complete reports, which were unanimously adopted and will be announced to Camps in due course.

One of the penalties of success is fatigue.—Dr. Leuman Waugh.

PENNSYLVANIA

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

Department Encampment

The Dept. of Pa. sessions were opened on Tuesday, June 28, in the American Legion Hall, Philadelphia, with Dept. Com. J. Clark Mansfield, of Pittsburgh, presiding.

Visitors present were Com.-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch, of Allegan, Mich.; Past Com.-in-Chief Ralph R. Barrett, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Past Com.-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Roy L. Bennett, of Des Moines, Iowa; Dept. Com. Nemitz, of Connecticut and Nat. Sec. Lambert of New Jersey.

After the roll call, Dept. Com. J. Clark Mansfield submitted his annual report, as did the other officers and they were accepted.

During the report of the Dept. Secretary it was disclosed that Penna. lost 287 members during the past year, leaving us with about 2440 members in the Dept. and 78 Camps.

It was also reported there are 693 members in the Penna. Brigade, S. V. R.

The Press Committee, with Gilbert Brown as chairman, stated that if the Camps send in the doings of their meetings we can have some interesting reading in The Banner.

The Honorable Councilman Charles E. O'Halleran, Chairman of the Greetings Committee of Mayor Samuels, was escorted in and welcomed the members to the city of Philadelphia.

One hundred and seven delegates and officers were reported present for the convention by the Credential Committee.

Representatives from the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps; Aux. to the Sons of Union Veterans; Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion were escorted in and extended greetings of their organizations.

It was suggested that the various allied organizations cut at least one day off their sessions to save expense for the delegates.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary presented a check for \$50.00 to the Dept. Commander from their organizations.

A collection was taken up to help defray expenses of the Dedication of the G. A. R. Highway which now runs through Pennsylvania. The dedication will be held near the city of Scranton.

The Dept. Council submitted a budget for 1949 to 1950 of \$3,160.70.

Past Dept. Com. John H. Ruggles, of Harrisburg, was endorsed for Commander-in-Chief at the sessions to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., in August.

Harrisburg, Pa., was elected to entertain the 1950 Encampment next June.

The following are the newly elected officers: Com., Gilbert Brown, Johnstown; Sr. Vice, Chas. Thompson, Philadelphia; Jr. Vice, Robt. Werkheiser, of Hellam; Council—Phaon Snyder, Mahanoy City, Chas. Dern, Philadelphia, Francis A. Hall; Pat. Inst., Frank M. Hemminger, Harrisburg; Press Cor., Edgar C. Clymer, Philadelphia; Chap., Rev. Richard O. Partington, Philadelphia; Chief-of-Staff, Col. Leroy Stoudt, Reading; Military Committee—J. P. M. Steiger, Phila., Col. J. Edwin Prittle, Phila., Kermet L. Wilson, Carlisle; Asst. Sec., John Liesse, Philadelphia; Per. Aide to Com., Wm. J. Williams, Johnstown; Radio Representative, St. Clair Foust, Easton.

These officers were installed by Past Dept. Com. John Sautter.

Gilbert Brown, the new Commander, stated his motto for the year would be "Increase Our Membership" and asked each member to get at least one new member during the year.

Mt. Carmel Camp offered to get at least 50 new members for the new Commander.

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Department Notes

Post No. 2, G. A. R. Memorial Hall (667 N. 12th St., Phila.) was the mecca for all visiting members while in the city of Brotherly Love. They gave it a good going over during the week. This is the Dept. of Pa.'s Headquarters.

The meeting of the Western District Sons and Auxiliary scheduled for Ellwood City during June was called off when several of the District officers were sick and unable to attend. It will be reached after the Encampment, at a date to be decided on later.

Camp 14, Johnstown, lost three members during the last half of June, one of whom was Past Commander, Wm. J. Watkins, by a heart attack. Mr. Watkins has been a very active worker in the Camp for many years, and his presence will be greatly missed at the future sessions of the Camp. The others were Brothers Rager and Thomas.

More and more each day we'll miss him, Friends may think the wound has healed; But they little know the sorrow That lies in our heart's concealed.

Let us not forget that fourteen years ago the Grand Army of the Republic, in sessions assembled in the city of Detroit, decided that their sons and grandsons should carry on and be their successors in the great work they had accomplished.

Not only inheriting their possessions and carrying on their noble work, but they made them members of their organization and suggested that instead of being called Sons of Veterans, they should be called Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We have accepted the new name, so we must live up to it and carry on the great work of our fathers and grandfathers for future generations. Let it never be said we have lacked the responsibilities that they have placed in our care, and as we pass on, let us see that our sons and grandsons carry on and perpetuate the noble things that were started by the Veterans of the Civil War, known as the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have assumed their responsibilities and shall ever see to it that Memorial Day is observed in memory of the members of the G. A. R., and to see that the Flag of their country is placed each year on their final resting place.

Memorial Day had its origin in connection with the Civil War, and though it pays special tribute to the boys in blue, it has become more general in its application and pays honor to soldiers of all our wars.

We laud the fathers for responding to their country's call, under Washington, in 1776, under Lincoln in 1861-1865; we honor the men who heard the call of McKinley in 1898, the boys who responded to President Wilson's call in 1917, and to those who responded to the call of President Roosevelt in 1941, when we were attacked at Pearl Harbor.

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Camp 16, Reading

Capt. W. Howard Still, Sr., Sergt. Kenneth Reber, Sergt. Lester Donnmyer, Sergt. Harold Knauer and Pvt. Freddy Crouse, of the S. V. Reserve, attended the third anniversary of Gen. Ord Camp No. 54, and Charles D. Kaier Night at Mahanoy City, May 12. The above mentioned represented Meade Camp.

Memorial Day at 6:00 p. m. the Woman's Relief Corps conducted a ritualistic ceremony at Bingaman St. bridge in honor of Sailors and Marines of the Civil War. Capt. W. Howard Still, Sr., officiated as Marshal of the parade.

A pre-Memorial Day service was held in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 9th and Green Sts., Sunday, May 26, 10:30 a. m., sponsored

by Meade Camp and Allied Orders of the G. A. R. All veterans organizations were invited to attend.

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Well Loved Brother Passes

It is with sad hearts that we record the passing of one of our brothers, Charles O. Hohe, of Emmaus, Pa., who for the past 60 years has been one of the outstanding Sons of Union Veterans of our state. God has found it wise to remove him from our presence and this life, but we know we shall meet him again in that Great Camp above, where we shall all be reunited some day.

Bro. Hohe passed away on April 24, 1949, and his demise was caused by a heart attack. He was the father of several noble sons who are affiliated with the S. U. V.

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Camp 273, Bangor

Joel Searfoss Camp had its annual initiation recently and initiated a class of six. In the class were: Kenneth E. Weidlich, Raymond V. Weidlich, Charles F. Searfoss, Robert Gregor, Alfred N. Marsh, and Edward F. Shoup.

The Darby Sons of Veterans Fife and Drum Corps consisting of 24 men accompanied by their leaders, James Yocum and Harry Yocum, played. Clair Faust, of Easton, gave the flag charge. A street parade around the business section of the town by the Fife and Drum Corps and by Company D, Sons of Veterans Reserve was held prior to the initiation ceremony.

Visiting officials introduced were: Walter C. Mabie, of Philadelphia, Past Commander-in-Chief; Raymond Huber, of Nazareth, and John Yocum, of Darby.

One hundred and fifty attended. Sixty-year members present were: Clarence Albert, Albert McFall, Charles McFall and Charles Ackerman, a charter member.

MAINE

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

Annual Encampment

The 67th Annual Encampment of the Maine Department convened Friday, June 10, with Dept. Commander presiding. All officers with the exception of one were present. Officers' reports were read. Mrs. Grace Darling, Secretary to the late G. A. R., was present and gave a detailed report of the work in compiling the reports to date.

Nat. Chap. Cleon E. Heald, of Keene, N. H., was present in his official capacity. Visitors were present from all the Allied Organizations.

Past Camp Commanders held their annual meeting and election of officers Saturday morning, June 11, with Charles Morton as President.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Com., V. Lawrence Calderwood, Camp 4; Sr. Vice, Verne W. Miller, Camp 46; Jr. Vice, Charles Morton, Camp 52; Council, Henry J. Patten, Maurice Warner, Robert Hunt; Sec.-Treas., Leonard C. Holston.

The officers were duly installed by National Chaplain, Dept. of New Hampshire, Past Dept. Com. Martin E. Tilley acting as Guide.

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The annual banquet and business meeting of the Past Dept. Coms. Assn. was held Thursday evening, June 19, jointly with the Past Presidents of the Auxiliary. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Pres., Chas. York; Vice Pres., Harry Warner; Sec.-Treas., Albert DeHaven; Exec. Com., George Melzard, Martin Tilley, Charles C. Webster. It was also voted to have the fall meeting Oct. 8, with guest night.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Edward W. Carmichael, Press Secretary, 122 S. Rosemead Blvd., Temple City, Cal.

Department Encampment

Our Dept. Encampment, held in the lovely city of San Diego, came too late for a report in the May issue, so I will try to give you some of the high lights. Our first meeting was a Memorial, held in the First Methodist Church of San Diego. Many beautiful tributes were paid by the representatives of the different affiliated patriotic orders. The tribute by Dept. Chap. Wood was the most touching. After the ceremonies were finished we listened to a sermon or lecture on the book, "The Big Fish."

We had with us throughout the Encampment Com.-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Theodore A. Penland. Although he had celebrated his 100th birthday in January he was as spry as a cricket; always seemed so happy and gay. When he arose to sing or speak, as he did several times a day, he came up as if propelled by springs. Everyone enjoyed his singing so much but I believe he enjoyed it most of all.

We had several joint meetings with the Auxiliary. Our Dept. Commander, Earl F. Riggs, and the Auxiliary President, his wife, Beatrice Riggs, formed a wonderful team of executives and those joint meetings were very profitable.

Dr. Ralph Barrett, Past Com.-in-Chief, and his lovely wife, Lena, Nat. Auxiliary President, attended most of the joint meetings, as well as the other meetings. Their talks were a great boost to the Encampment. We were sorry that a previous engagement made it impossible for them to finish the meetings.

Bro. A. R. McKinney was elected Dept. Commander for the ensuing year, along with Bro. Ralph Garwood, Sr. Vice, and Geo. Boone, Jr. Vice. I was unable to get all the appointments so that will have to go over for next issue.

The contest for new members during the past year was won by Bro. Geo. Palmer, of Fresno, \$15.00; 2nd prize went to Bro. J. Sidney Bachtel, \$10.00; and 3rd prize of \$5.00 was pocketed by Bro. Curtis, of Long Beach. The Honor Banner for the Camp with the most new members went to California State Camp No. 1, of San Francisco.

The Encampment next year is to be held in the beautiful city of Santa Cruz.

Our new Commander of the California & Pacific Department, who has been printing the very popular "News Letter," writes me that it will be discontinued the first of the year.

Walter Smith, Dept. Counselor, had a very bad accident and injured his leg quite severely. At last report they were burning out an infection.

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Calif. State Camp 1

The regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening in the War Memorial Bldg. was a small but enthusiastic one. We rejoiced over bringing home the Honor Banner. Our Auxiliary tied with Burlingame of Pasadena for the most members. Our Organizer, Bro. Bachtel, and some hard working members, brought in ten new members in April and May. If some other Camp hopes to get the banner next year they will have to get out and hustle. It can be done. At our last meeting Maudie Stout was elected "Mother of the Camp."

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Camp 2, Los Angeles

The Camp and Auxiliary have been quite busy during the month of May with their patriotic duties. The ritualistic memorial service was given at our regular meeting, May

16. The Camp charter was appropriately decorated in honor of our members who passed away during the past year, namely, Dennis S. Taylor, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Indian War Veterans, and Harrie R. Collins, Dept. Council Member.

Regular Memorial Day services were held May 30 at the Camp plot, Rosedale Cemetery, jointly with the Auxiliary in the forenoon. In the afternoon services were held in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, all Patriotic organizations participating.

Bro. John Spielman, of Long Beach, writes me that he and his daughter, Dorothea, were leaving about June 20 for a visit in half a dozen states and will not return until after they attend the National Encampment in Indianapolis. Have a good time, John.

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Camp 7, Pasadena

We were happy with the way the San Diego Encampment honored our Camp and Auxiliary.

Bro. John B. Anderson, our much-traveled member, passed away this month and the ritualistic ceremonies were performed at the funeral by the officers.

Our Memorial Day activities began with our Camp and Auxiliary members on May 28 placing six hundred small American Flags on the graves of members of the Grand Army of the Republic. At one time Pasadena had the honor of having one of the largest Grand Army Posts, but now they have all passed to the great beyond. The placing of these flags is done each year by the Camp and Auxiliary.

We attended, with the Grand Army family, church services at the Pilgrim Congregational Church. We have been guests of this church for the last five years. Rev. Anthony Donat delivered a fine sermon.

On Monday, May 30, we attended services at the Grand Army plot in the Mt. View Cemetery. This service is under the direction of Sister Charlotte Turner, Past National Vice President, and all the affiliated orders have a part.

Monday evening we marched as a unit in the American Legion Memorial Day parade and later attended their services at the City Hall. We were honored to have a car assigned to our National President, Lena Barrett, and Past Com.-in-Chief Ralph R. Barrett. Also we were proud to have marching with us Past Dept. Com. Frank Woerner.

June 14 we participated in the Elks Parade and later attended the New Citizenship Class Graduation at the Civic Auditorium.

Our Commander also had the honor of representing the Department at the services at Sawtelle in West Los Angeles.

MARYLAND

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

Sixty-third Dept. Encampment

We were happy to entertain the 63rd Annual Encampment in our good city of Wilmington on May 13 and 14. The trip on Friday afternoon to Longwood Gardens was a source of much pleasure to the two bus loads of guests and local members and the "stunt night" after the banquet in the evening, by the members of the Auxiliary and Camp, added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The following are the new officers: Com., James C. Tatman, of Wilmington; Sr. Vice, L. Russell, of Baltimore; Jr. Vice, Owen Jackson, of Washington; Council, Elmer P. Corrie, Michael Casey and Samuel J. Darrah; Sec.-Treas., Thos. L. Butler; Chap., Rev. James L. Pinn; Pat. Inst., Charles S. Davis.

Our new Dept. Com., of Appomattox Camp, probably sets a record for the youngest Dept.

Commander in the Order. "Jimmie," a great-grandson, joined our Camp March 15, 1945, just after turning 16 on the 9th. Was elected Sr. Vice of the Camp in 1946 and Camp Com. for 1947. He will not be 21 until March 9, 1950. If any other Dept. can beat this record we will be glad to hear from them in The Banner columns.

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Camp 30, Washington

On July 4, the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of District of Columbia will hold a celebration in our Capital City. Dr. John Proctor of our Camp will preside and will read an original poem in harmony with the occasion. L. E. Manoly, Percy Parker and Horace J. Phelps will officiate at the presentation of the colors. The U. S. Naval School of Music will furnish the music and a general good time will be the order of the day. We have good prospects for the early muster of two new members. Meetings for July and August have been called off on account of vacation periods.

Members of our Camp acted as ushers at the Flag Day exercises held on the East Front of the Capitol Building on June 14, with music furnished by the U. S. Navy Band. They also had part in the exercises at the Washington Monument, where music was furnished by the Army, Navy and Marine Bands for the Fourth of July program, which included a fine display of fireworks. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd and Col. Bethelheim were in charge of the arrangements.

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Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Our Memorial Day celebration was carried out in fine shape. We held G. A. R. services in 18 cemeteries, four on Saturday afternoon, the 28th, and fourteen on Memorial Day morning. By traveling in chartered busses and dividing our force into three details we were able to meet the schedule laid down and still had our place in the parade which started at 10:30. We followed the National Guard who turned out strong this year, with nearly a mile of mechanized equipment in line. Space will not permit an adequate description of the parade but with 14 Bands and Bugle Corps and the line of march crowded with people our city gave a partial answer at least to the query,

"Who Will Tell The World The Story, When The Boys In Blue Are Gone?"

It was twins that came to town to see Past Camp Com. Wilson Green and Mrs., on June 19. One for the Camp and one for the Auxiliary. Congratulations to both and the grandparents as well.

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Camp 3, Wilmington, Del.

While the Band is not connected directly with our Camp we do feel highly honored by having the Howard High School Band of sixty pieces selected by the Chief Marshal to head the Memorial Day parade, which was the largest in many years. The Junior Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., under the able leadership of Mrs. Ada Anderson, had a large turnout of their members and were in the First Division after the Sons of Union Veterans.

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Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore

We regret very much to report the passing from this sphere of action of one of our oldest and most reliable members, Past Dept. Com. E. B. Hoover, on June 27. Bro. Hoover joined the Order Nov. 15, 1894, and all through the 55 years that have followed he gave unstintingly of himself to carry out the principles of the Sons. Possessed of a fine Christian spirit, he was ever ready to assist those who needed a helping hand or a kind word. He will be greatly missed from our Camp circle.

# AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, National President, 7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.  
Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent, Dwight, Ill.

## FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear Members:—National Encampment will soon be here. Details are being taken care of by our Nat. Chairman, P. N. P. Emma Finch, who is doing a wonderful work in finishing these matters. We look forward to a fine meeting with the Grand Army of the Republic, beginning Aug. 28.

Come and be one of us to pay our respects and devotion to the remaining few of those "Boys in Blue." May several of them be able to make the trip to see us.

Make your reservations with the Housing Committee, Hotel Severin, and they will place you in the best possible hotel for your stay there.

The General Orders will soon be out and the program of our Encampment will be included, subject to changes if necessary.

May you have a happy vacation, if not able to attend our Encampment, and be with us in thought if not in person. Best wishes to all our members.

Loyally yours,  
LENA G. BARRETT, Nat. Pres.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESENTS CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

New Hampshire Dept., Aux. to S. U. V., has issued a Circular, presenting the name of P. D. P. Ethelyn Tucker, our present very capable Nat. Chief-of-Staff, for the office of Nat. Pres., at the coming Nat. Encamp. to be held in Indianapolis the week of Aug. 28. Sister Ethelyn has been a member of our organization for many years and during that time has served our order faithfully and capably both in her Dept. and the Nat. organization. In the latter she has served on the Nat. Council and her work as Nat. Pat. Inst. was outstanding, raising the largest amount ever raised for patriotic work and she is now serving ably in the strenuous and demanding office of Nat. C.-of-S. New Hampshire has not asked for the office of Nat. Pres. for 28 years. The circular is signed by Dept. Pres. Emma Wheeler, P. N. P. Blanche L. Beverstock, and a very large number of the Past Dept. Presidents.

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## A "THANK YOU" FROM IOWA DEPT.

Iowa Dept. Aux. to S. U. V. wishes in this way to extend her sincere thanks and appreciation for the many packages that were sent for the Parcel Post Sale at their Dept. convention. The packages were auctioned off, bringing a nice sum into the Dept. treasury. Many thanks to all who contributed.

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## NOTICE TO DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENTS

Congratulations and best wishes to all newly elected Dept. Press Correspondents, and my thanks and great appreciation to the retiring Correspondents. Your consideration and help during your year of work has been invaluable and if the Aux. news in The Banner has been interesting, it is due to your fine co-operation. Many thanks to you all.

It is the policy to print news in current issue from those Departments that have not had news in the preceding issue, in order to give all Departments a fair chance, but this issue (July) being Dept. Encampment number, reports sent me of Encampments have been given first place. I have had to leave out of this issue very interesting news from New York Dept. and Vermont Dept., and the report of the Ill. Dept. Encamp. These Depts. will be given first choice next issue (Sept.), which will also be the Nat. Encamp. issue.

The Banner is printed every other month

only, beginning with January and the price is 18c for the 6 yearly issues, and 36c for 12 issues (2 years).—Sincerely yours, Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor.

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## APPEAL FOR G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND

The Grand Army Memorial Fund Committee is calling on all members to send in your contributions to your Dept. Treas., with all checks or money orders made payable to the Nat. Treas. Helen H. McGowan, not later than August 1.

The Nat. Encamp. to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., will be the last "get-together" of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. The contributions are coming in very, very slowly. Surely we are not going to let our Comrades down at the very end!

We want a suitable memorial to be erected in Washington, D. C., our National Capitol, where six thousand school children alone visit every year during the Easter holidays.

Sisters, please get busy, is the request of your Nat. Chairman Celeste D. Gentieu.

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## MESSAGE FROM NAT. CHIEF-OF-STAFF

Will all Special and National Aides please bring a floor-length white dress to be worn at the opening of the Nat. Convention? A rehearsal for all Aides will be held on Monday forenoon, Aug. 29, at 10:30 sharp, in our meeting hall in the Roof Garden, Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind.

Please bring handkerchiefs for a sale to be held at Encampment.

Time is getting short and donations for my fund are earnestly solicited.—Ethelyn C. Tucker, Nat. Chief-of-Staff, 7 Gilman Road, Alton, N. H.

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## CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

The annual Encamp. of the Dept. of Calif. & Pacific of the Sons and Aux. convened in San Diego April 24-27. On Monday, April 25, there was a joint opening of the 63rd Encamp. of the Sons and the 39th Encamp. of the Aux. This was held in the Marine Room of the San Diego Hotel. Honored guests were Com.-in-Chief Theodore A. Penland, of the G. A. R.; Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett, of the Aux. to S. U. V., and Past C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett, of the Sons of U. V.

On Tues. P. M. the 26th we had an especially happy time when arrangements were made for all visiting committees from the allied orders to be with the Sons and Aux. in the Marine Room at the same hour. All the specially honored guests and a group of Spanish War comrades, as well as the six committees, were greeted with appropriate bits of song as each arrived. The following hour was a highlight of the whole Encamp.

Officers for 1949-1950 elected and installed included Dept. Pres., Nellie E. Smith, Aux. 1, San Francisco; V. P., Bess Garwood, Aux. 3, Pasadena; Treas., Eleanor Dabel, Aux. 12, San Jose.—Lura B. Wohlgenuth, Dept. Press Cor.

Santa Cruz—Aux. 5 and their S. V. Camp held joint installation in Odd Fellows Hall with Dept. Pres. Beatrice Riggs and her husband, Dept. Com. Earl Riggs, of Ontario, as Install. Officers. Nat. Chief-of-Staff Ethelyn Tucker, of New Hamp., and Dept. Insp. Anna Cheney, of Oakland, were Install. Guides. Many out of town guests were present, including Dept. Officers. Refreshments were served at flag decorated tables, carrying out a patriotic scheme honoring George Washington.

Modesto—Members of Aux. 10 met at the home of Pres. Effie Darby, who was hostess at an Easter luncheon. Pres. Darby presided at the meeting that followed. It was

reported that two large comforters and one small one had been made and sold. It also was reported that Sister Ida Keeley had recently celebrated her 80th birthday with Open House. An azalia plant was presented to Pres. Effie Darby, who had been ill.

The Mid-Winter Meeting of Calif. Dept. was held Feb. 13 in Patriotic Hall, Los Angeles. The Dept. Chiefs-of-Staff of the Sons and Aux., Elmer Wohlgenuth, and Teresa Fuller called the meeting to order. P. N. P. Mamie Deems, Nat. Counselor, and Dept. Com. Earl Riggs and Dept. Pres. Beatrice Riggs, the latter also Nat. Per. Aide, were escorted in with colors, as were Nat. C.-of-S. Ethelyn Tucker and P. Nat. Per. Aide Harrie Collins, and other guests of honor. P. N. P. Mamie Deems gave a very thorough and instructive lecture on the C. R. & R. Very many interesting events took place and the meeting was a big success. There were 100 present.

Pasadena—Dept. Pres. Beatrice Riggs paid her official visit to Aux. 14 on March 23. A pot-luck dinner was served at 6:30 p. m. with Sisters Charlotte Turner and Mollie Sneberg in charge. Some 50 to 60 members and friends of the order were present to partake of the delicious dinner. The candle lighted tables made a lovely appearance, decorated with Hawaiian dancing girls, palm trees, a hut and favors. Three beautifully decorated cakes added to the charming appearance of the tables when brought in for dessert. The "Happy Birthday" song was sung to Faye Macy, Ida Shormaker, Irma Armstrong and Viola Ward. Pres. Clark conducted the business meeting that followed. Honors were extended to Dept. Pres. Riggs on her official visit. Among the other honored guests were Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and her husband, Past C.-in-C. Ralph Barrett, and others. An important feature was the class of new members admitted. Talks were made by Nat. Pres. Barrett and Dr. Barrett. An official visit to the Aux. was made by Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett at a later date, at which many other guests were present, including several Dept. officers. The hall was beautifully decorated. On May 25 the Aux. observed the birthdays of Sisters Jennie Green and Charlotte Turner. Decorations and favors were unique; two birthday cakes were served. Pres. Gertrude Clark presided at the meeting that followed, and a number of honored guests were present, among them Sister Emma Connor, mother of our Aux., and Sister Cora Dunster, who helped to organize it. At their June meeting the Aux. honored their Pres., Gertrude Clark, Color Bearer No. 2, Mayme Miller, on their birthdays. Many guests were present and the usual birthday cake and other appropriate decorations were features.

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## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT

The 34th Annual Encamp. of the Conn. Dept. Aux. to S. U. V., was held in New Haven at the Hotel Garde on the 23rd and 24th of April. The sessions were held in the ball room of the hotel.

The opening session was called to order at 9 a. m. by Dept. Pres. Elisabeth Chamberlain. All officers were attired in floor-length white gowns, and the President's table was decorated with a beautiful basket of assorted spring flowers, presented to her by the Pres. of her own Aux.

After the morning session, the Pres. was guest of honor at the Past Dept. Pres. luncheon, at which time she was initiated into the Association.

At 3:30 p. m. the Courtesy Hour was held, at which time representatives of all the Allied Orders of the state extended the greetings of their respective organizations to the

assemblage, and presented the Pres. with many beautiful gifts. The Past Dept. Presidents presented a bouquet of handkerchiefs, beautifully arranged with lace paper frills and streamers of ribbon to simulate an old-fashioned bouquet. The Vice President presented a charming flower bouquet, with streamers of ribbon, each terminating in a crisp new dollar bill tied in a roll. This was from the Dept. officers, to our Pres. Many personal gifts were presented at this time, with best wishes for a most successful convention. The Pres. presented gifts to all her officers, and to Presidents of all the Aux. in the Dept.

At 6 p. m. the groups were assembled for the banquet. Allen Spink, D. Counselor, and J. V. C.-in-C. of the Sons, was toastmaster for the occasion, and presented the various speakers. At the close of the banquet, Mrs. Minnie Burkhardt, D. P. I., presented a beautiful American Flag, complete with staff and eagle to the management of the Hotel Garde, for use in the lobby.

After the banquet, a reception to the D. P., D. C. and Dept. Officers was held, followed by dancing.

Sunday morning's session saw the business of the convention completed, followed by election of officers for 1949-1950. Mrs. Alma Doles, V. P., was elected Pres., and Mrs. Minnie Burkhardt, Vice Pres.

The Memorial Service, in charge of Dept. Chap. Sarah Goodell followed, with the placing of red, white and blue carnations, in a cross of greens, by the Aux. Presidents for each of their departed members, and by the D. V. P. for the departed Sons. The P. D. P.'s held their Memorial Service next, for their departed members.

In the afternoon, the newly-elected officers for the ensuing year were capably installed by P. D. P. Minnie Osborne and staff. Thus closed the 34th Annual Convention of the Conn. Dept., which will long be remembered by all attending as one of the most harmonious and successful in the history of the Dept. Much praise and many compliments were extended to the retiring Pres. on her highly-successful ending of a wonderful year. Janice Lyon, retiring D. P. C.

## INDIANA DEPARTMENT

The 60th annual Encamp. of Ind. Dept. was held in Marion, June 10-12, with headquarters at the Hotel Marion. Meetings were held in the Auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. with Dept. Pres. Chrystal Powell presiding beautifully.

Among the important, outstanding events of the Encamp. were the following: Courtes tea by Marion Aux.; the lovely formal opening with Dept. Chief-of-Staff Charlotte Halter presiding; gift presentation by Dept. Pat. Inst. Hannah Kreisher; Frolic Hour, conducted by Lafayette Aux.; exemplification of Ritual by Muncie Aux.; Joint Memorial Service with the Sons; special breakfast for Dept. Aides; Dept. Officers luncheon, P. D. P. Agnes Boerger, toastmistress; annual banquet for Sons and Aux.; breakfast for P. D. Cs. and P. D. Ps.

Installation ceremonies took place Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The new Dept. Pres. is Sister Hanna Kreisher, of Frankfort; V. P., Mrs. Leona Jones, Muncie; Treas., Mrs. Edith M. Snider, of Selma.

Ind. Dept. will present the name of P. D. P. Lela Shugart as their candidate for the office of Nat. Pres. at the Nat. Encamp., which will be held the week of Aug. 28 in Indianapolis. Sister Shugart has every qualification for this high office and has the endorsement of the Indiana Dept. and its membership.

## IOWA DEPARTMENT

Iowa Dept., Aux. to S. U. V., held her annual Encamp. at Cedar Rapids June 5-7. We were delighted and considered it very fortunate

to have our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and her husband, Past C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett, and C.-in-C. Perle Fouch and Mrs. Fouch with us during the entire Encamp.

A wheelchair was presented to the Methodist Hospital at Cedar Rapids by the Pat. Inst. of the Sons, Roy Bennett, and Pat. Inst. Lila Mae Keller, of the Aux., from funds raised during their year.

A Parcel Post sale, conducted by P. N. P. Willma Combs, proved to be very entertaining and profitable. Bro. Roy Snodgrass was auctioneer. A very nice sum of money was realized from the sale, which helped out our treasury considerably.

We enjoyed grand weather during the Encamp., which of course made it very pleasant.

Among the Dept. officers elected were: Dept. Pres., Lila Mae Keller, Davenport; V. P., Myrtle Young, Waterloo; Treas., Blanche Renner, Des Moines. Space does not permit printing complete list.—Mrs. Nellie Cessford, Retiring Dept. Press Cor.

## KANSAS DEPARTMENT

The 59th annual Encamp. of Kansas Dept. Aux. to S. U. V., was held May 1-3 in Salina, in conjunction with that of the allied patriotic organizations. It was the 66th annual Encamp. for the Sons.

G. A. R. Memorial Services were conducted Sunday eve and a campfire was held Monday eve. Honored guests were our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and her husband, Past C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett, of Calif., and Com.-in-C. Perle Fouch of the Sons and wife, of Michigan.

Business sessions were held in Memorial Hall and Monday p. m. Joint Memorial services were held by the Sons and Aux. for deceased members of the two organizations who had died during the year.

Sister Sadie Dix, Newton, was re-elected Dept. Pres.; V. P., Elizabeth Stein, Gypsum; Sec., Eula M. Brannen, Newton; Treas., Irene Smither, Salina. Newton was chosen for the 1950 Dept. Encamp.

Kansas City, Kan.—The Aux. properly observed Memorial Day and took part in the parade, the wreath being the co-project of the Sons, Aux., D. of U. V. and the W. R. C. At Oak Grove the principal address was given by Aux. Pres. Kate Fairchild, the keynote being that Memorial Day should be an opportunity to renew patriotism; it should be called Memorial Day to remind us of the sacrifices made to preserve our freedom and our country.

Gypsum.—Aux. 12 was well represented at our Dept. Encamp. held in Salina, the members attending the campfire Monday evening, the luncheons and the banquet.—Mrs. Henrietta Shoffner, Dept. Press Cor., Route 2, Gypsum, Kan.

## MAINE DEPARTMENT

The 58th annual Encamp. of Maine Dept. Aux. to S. U. V. opened in Portland June 10, headquarters being established at the Falmouth Hotel. There was a large attendance and the Encamp. was a most enjoyable and instructive one. Dept. Pres. Marguerite Merritt presided in a very pleasing manner. The Portland Aux. did the work very creditably.

The new Dept. Pres. is Lucella E. Blake, of Bath; Vice Pres., Beulah Freeman, of Saco; Treas., Alice Brown, of Portland; Chap., Eva Loury, of Fairfield.—Alice M. Peabody, Retiring Dept. Press Cor.

Maine Dept. and Bath Aux. mourn the loss by death of Past Pres. Jennie Miller, of Bath, who died April 25. Funeral services were held on the 27th, members of the Camp and Aux. attending in a body.—Alice M. Peabody, Retiring Dept. Press Cor.

## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

The 55th annual Encamp. of the Dept. of Maryland was held in Wilmington, Del., May 13 and 14. Headquarters were at Hotel Du-

pont. The meeting was in charge of Dept. Pres. Dorothy L. Hilyard.

The Dept. officers, led by two Junior members, all wearing long white dresses, marched in, each carrying a red gladiola, forming an arch and then sang, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," while the Chief-of-Staff, Margaret J. Hahn, escorted our Dept. Pres. to the altar and presented her to the convention. Sister Margaret Rogerson of Appomattox No. 2, made the address of welcome. The Past Presidents of the Dept. were introduced and each given a red carnation. P. D. C. Helen Sprenger, of Lancaster, Pa., was a guest of the Convention. Our own P. N. P. Celeste D. Gentieu, represented our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett, of California, who was unable to be with us.

Appomattox Sons of Veterans and their Aux. was hostess to the Encamp. for a beautiful trip to Longwood-Gardens. A lovely banquet was held in the Florentine Room of the hotel on Friday evening with a large group in attendance. Brother Joseph Gentieu, our Dept. Counselor, was toastmaster. The program was presented by the Joyce Potter dance pupils.

Dept. Pres. Hilyard received many beautiful gifts, and she presented each of her officers with a gift.

The newly elected officers were installed by P. N. P. Celeste D. Gentieu. Sister Elizabeth Wackerhauser of Baltimore, Md., was elected Pres. and Sister Minnie Wackerhauser, Sec.—Rama B. Niemyer, Dept. Press Cor., 213 High St., Hagerstown, Md.

Hagerstown, Md.—Reno Post Aux. No. 10 has been very active since the new year. The membership attendance has been very good. Lincoln and Washington anniversaries were celebrated in a very appropriate manner. Several successful bingo parties were held to secure funds to purchase flags for Memorial Day. On Memorial Day a group of the Aux. members held Grand Army memorial services at the Rostrum in Rose Hill Cemetery. Also placed flowers and flags in memory of the deceased comrades. In keeping with Flag Day the Aux. held services and had a picnic at the Hagerstown City Park.—Rame B. Niemyer, Dept. Press Cor.

## MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

Minneapolis—Aux. 8 to the S. U. V. were hosts at a reception for their Dept. Pres., Sister Florence Silvers, on April 26. A lovely program was enjoyed with all allied patriotic organizations participating. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the evening, with Mrs. Ruth Berg and Mrs. Edna Lawrence, sisters of our Dept. Pres., pouring. Sister Ethel Rasmussen, P. D. P., of Ill., but now a Minneapolis resident, was chairman of the evening, and her mother, Sister Cora M. Howard, also an Ill. P. D. P., appeared on the program.—Millie Robinson, Dept. Press Cor.

## MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

The 58th annual Encamp. of the Mass. Dept. Aux. to S. U. V., was held jointly with the Sons, May 6-8, closing Sunday at the New Ocean House, Swampscott.

Gladys D. Milkey, of Greenfield, was elected Dept. Pres., succeeding Gertrude Gaffney, of Chelsea, the latter presiding graciously and ably during the entire Encamp.

P. D. P. Phyllis Dean, chairman of the Hospital Committee, will present a television set to the Bedford Hospital. Dept. Pat. Inst. Blanche Foster realized a large sum of money for her fund and presented a check to the Amput. Veterans for their work.

Mass. Dept. endorsed Sister Phyllis Dean as their candidate for Nat. Pres. in 1950.

The newly elected officers were capably installed by P. N. P. Margaret Anderson, assisted by Sister Anna Smith, of Greenfield. P. C.-in-C. Wm. Anderson installed the officers of the Sons. Alice M. Campbell is Dept. Sec. and Gussie M. Dunlevy, Dept. Treas.

Dept. Officers Night of the Aux. was held

in Tremont Temple, Boston, with the Past Dept. Presidents as special guests. Dept. Pres. Gladys Milkey extended a welcome to all. Each P. D. P. was presented a corsage by the Dept. Officers, gift from the Dept. Pres. Plans were laid for many activities for the coming fall and winter. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served.

On Sat. eve., June 18, Aux. 32, Greenfield, gave a banquet and a reception in honor of Dept. Pres. Gladys Milkey, at the Weldon Hotel that city.

Aux. 9, Carver, held their monthly family supper with 30 members present. Both Camp and Aux. are taking in new members.

Aux. 67, Abington, observed Flag Day at their regular meeting June 1, at which time Bunker Hill Day was also observed. Whist was enjoyed during the afternoon, followed by their regular supper. Special guests were the young girls who sold tags on June 11 for our Hospital Fund. Pres. Maud Colburn presided at the meeting.—Maud Colburn, Dept. Press Cor., 42 Cliff St., Abington, Mass.

#### NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT

Nebraska Dept., Aux. to S. U. V., held their annual Dept. Encamp. May 4 in Lincoln, with headquarters in the Chinese Room of the Lincoln Hotel. Dept. Pres. Clara Smith presided most capably at all the meetings. We were delighted to have with us our Nat. Pres., Lena Barrett, of Calif., and her husband, Past C-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett, and Com.-in-Chief Perle Fouch and Mrs. Fouch, of Mich. Warm and hearty greetings were extended these honored guests.

Among the important events of the convention was the presentation of flags and portrait presented to various schools of Lincoln, same taking place in the ball room of the Lincoln Hotel. Another event was the Aux. and Sons luncheon held at noon, with Dept. Pres. Clara Smith in charge. It was a very nice affair and short talks were given by the Nat. Officers, the luncheon ending with community singing. Joint Memorial Services in charge of Dept. Chap. Alta Watts were beautiful and impressive.

At our afternoon meeting Nat. Pres. Barrett gave us a short talk in relation to some of the work of our order and stressed membership. At this time gifts were exchanged and gifts presented to our Nat. Officers. Election of officers took place with Dept. Pres. Clara Smith being re-elected to a second term; Sister Orpha Kinnamon is Dept. Treas., and Sister Pauline Cream, Dept. Sec. Installation was held and we were adjourned.

Wednesday evening Fun Night was held and all organizations had something to do. All stunts were good, clean entertainment. The Aux. stunt was two whistling solos by P. D. P. Pauline Cram.

On Tues. eve., May 3, an impressive Campfire Memorial was held in St. Paul's Methodist Church. Tributes to the G. A. R. were paid by all the allied patriotic organizations. The Memorial Address was given by the Rev. Thos. A. Barton. Music was appropriate to the occasion. A reception for all Dept. Officers and Nat. Officers was held after the Campfire.

Schuyler—A reception and dinner were given on May 9 for our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and her husband, P. C-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett. Dept. Pres. Clara Smith entertained them and also members of the Aux. at a 6:30 dinner. This was followed by a 'Get-together' at our meeting place. A short program was enjoyed, followed by a delicious lunch. We enjoyed having our Nat. Officers with us and hope for them a happy and prosperous year. We were very glad they could be with us.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT

The 41st annual convention of the N. H. Dept. Aux. to S. U. V. was held at Concord April 30 and May 1. Among the officers elected and installed by P. N. P. Maude B.

Warren, of Mass., were the following: Dept. Pres., Emma Wheeler, Milford; Dept. Sec., Maude Russell, Keene, and Dept. Treas. Harriet Brown, of Troy. Lack of space prevents printing full list of officers.

The sessions of the convention, Dept. Pres. Florence Carver ably presiding, were well attended by delegates and members of the Dept. Visitors were welcomed from Maine, Mass., Vt. and Conn. It was an honor to have three Past Nat. Presidents attending—Maude B. Warren, and Margaret Waters, of Mass., and our own Blanche Beverstock. Nat. Chief-of-Staff Ethelyn Tucker, of our own Dept., represented Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett, and extended greetings of the Nat. organization.

The Past Dept. Pres. dinner was held at the Rumford Coffee House in Concord and the business session was very graciously presided over by P. D. P. Maud Russell.

The Campfire, held in Representative Hall at the State House, was largely attended by members of the allied orders. The annual dance, enjoyed by all, followed.

It was unusual that none of the Nat. Presidents were in attendance this year, previous engagements responsible. They were missed by all. Sessions were concluded Sunday.

Nat. Chief-of-Staff Ethelyn Tucker was endorsed by our Dept. in convention for the office of Nat. Pres. at the coming Nat. Encamp. in Indianapolis.

A very beautiful reception was tendered our new Dept. Pres. Emma Wheeler, and her husband, Dept. Com. Kenneth Wheeler, by Aux. 7, of Hillsboro, and Camp 38 of Milford, on June 11. It was largely attended, guests coming from Maine, Mass., Conn. and Vermont, as well as from all over our own state. Bro. and Sister Wheeler were presented with many lovely and useful gifts. They expressed their thanks and pledge their best efforts for a successful year, asking the co-operation of all. A program and dancing followed, and refreshments were served.—Beatrice Lasonde, Dept. Press Cor., 53 Fisherville Rd., Penacook, N. H.

#### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

The 47th annual Encamp. of the N. J. Dept. was held in Trenton June 2-4. Our Dept. Pres. Ella Reeger presided most graciously, assisted by a splendid and efficient staff. We were sorry our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett could not be with us, but we were happy that she chose our Nat. Vice Pres. Edith Paulding, from our neighboring state of New York, to represent her. We were also happy to have with us, P. N. P.'s Clara Gallagher, Margaret Schroeder and Edna Lambert; P. D. P.'s of Pa., Mary Liddick, Helen Sprenger and Anna Stoudt; Dept. I. & I. Officer of Pa., Eva Fisher and Past Dept. Chief-of-Staff of Pa., Kathleen Runkle.

Our Chief-of-Staff Jean Kandrac had charge of the social activities which were enjoyed by all. Both Sister Kandrac and our Past Inst. Genevieve Orme gave a wonderful report of their activities for the year, which was very successful financially. Both these Sisters were given a rising vote of thanks for their very splendid work, and received the congratulations of all. P. D. P. Rose Volker, co-chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, gave a splendid report of the work done throughout the year by this committee. Sisters Lena Williams co-chairman with Sister Volker, P. N. P. Edna Lambert, P. D. P. Agnes Holland, Tena Jacobus, Louise Daubert and Grace Sharp, are to be congratulated for their fine work in bringing so much pleasure and happiness to the boys in the various hospitals.

A banquet was held by both the Sons and the Aux. with P. D. P. Anne Clayton and P. D. C. Fred Coombs, Sr., in charge. During the banquet a flag was presented to Troop No. 3 Boy Scouts of America in memory of

the Grand Army of the Republic. Music and group singing was enjoyed by all during the dinner. Following the dinner a reception was held in honor of our Dept. Pres. Nat. V. P. Edith Paulding and Jr. Vice C-in-C. Allen F. Spink were our honored guests.

P. D. P. Leona Dolbow presided at a lovely luncheon and meeting of the Past Dept. Presidents with twenty-three members and guests present. The newly elected Dept. Officers were installed by P. D. P. Katherine Bolan. Among them are: Pres., Genevieve Bolan; V. P., Frances Winter; Sec., Dorothy Bolan; Treas., Gertrude Murphy. Best wishes are extended to our Dept. Pres. Genevieve Bolan and her staff for a very happy and successful year. We know the work of our Dept. is in very capable hands.

At the opening of our Encamp., Bro. John L. Reeger became ill and was taken from the hotel to the hospital, where he remained until he passed away on June 16. It was quite an ordeal for our Dept. Pres. but Ella carried on just as her Dad would want her to. In the passing of Bro. Reeger, not only the Sons, but the Aux. as well have lost a sincere and good friend, who was ever ready, whenever he could be of service to our beloved Organization. Our deep and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Ella and the members of his family. To our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett we offer our best wishes for a very happy and successful Encamp. in Indianapolis.—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth, N. J.

#### OHIO DEPARTMENT

The 63rd annual Encampment of the Ohio Dept. Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, with well attended sessions. Joint opening ceremonies were conducted by Sister Marjorie Grate and Rev. Thomas Abels, Chiefs-of-Staff, with National and Dept. Officers escorted through red, white and blue arches, introduced and seated in honor positions. We were honored by the presence of our Nat. Pres. Sister Lena Barrett, and husband, of California, also C-in-C. Pearle L. Fouch, and wife, of Mich. Memorial services were held for our Dept. Com. of G. A. R., John H. Grate and Sr. Vice Com. John Bennett. A check was presented to a representative of a Youngstown tuberculosis hospital to purchase bed lamps for patients. Splendid amounts were received for the Chief-of-Staff Fund by Sister Marjorie Grate and for the bazaar fund by Sister Elsie Myers of Canton. Splendid rehabilitation reports were given with Sister Pauline Keller, of Dayton, continuing her presentations to hospitals, homes and Auxs. Sister Ida B. Eichorn of Newark was elected Dept. Pres.; Ida Lang, Cincinnati, V. Pres.; Treas., Bernice Dietz, Youngstown; Sec., Mary Kline, Newark. Lack of space prevents printing entire list of officers.

Alliance Aux. No. 91—Alliance Sons and Aux. are carrying on following the death of their beloved Dept. and Post Com. and dear friend, Comrade John H. Grate, just 10 days prior to the ceremonies planned at his request to officially close the Grand Army of the Republic organization of Ohio. Military services were planned and carried out by the Sons and all hearts are filled with sadness over their great loss. They are proud of the election of Robert Austin as Dept. Com. of the Sons and George Waller, Dept. Pres. of Allied Orders of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and will assist them in carrying the torch laid down by Com. Grate and all the other Veterans of the great Civil War.

Youngstown Aux. 2—Youngstown Aux. members are saddened by the death of Sis. Hallie Stoner, a faithful member of many years.—Oliver R. Boren, Dept. Press Cor., 1105 W. Vine St., Alliance, Ohio.