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"IT CAN -- IT MUST -- IT WILL BE DONE"

The Sons of Union Veterans, being founded on the same principles as our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, must recognize their duties and responsibilities in taking an active part in national affairs. You may or may not have paid much attention to what is going on around you and in your Nation's Capitol. As Commander-in-Chief, I urge each and every member to be deeply concerned over everything that governs our future and the future of our children. This is not a time to allow petty party differences to over-rule the security of our nation. Such security comes first and party second. Indeed, it is unfortunate that too many people in public office today think only of themselves or their party, and have no concern over what is right and for the good of the nation. Organizations such as ours are more important than ever, but as members, we must personally be interested in the type of people representing us, both State and Nationally.

There is quite a movement on foot proposing World Government. Strange as it may seem, many persons proposing World Government are not "crackpots." They are people of strong influence and we cannot, in the interest of our American form of Government, treat this matter lightly.

Do you know that for the United States to become a part of World Government it would mean that we would surrender 94% of our Sovereignty, that our Constitution would be overshadowed by a World Constitution, that the United States having approximately 6% of the World's population, would only have a 6% vote in such World Government, although, due to our free enterprise and American way of life, the United States has approximately 34% of the World's wealth and 36% of the World's income. World Government would have direct taxing power, irrespective of any other taxes levied by our National Government and would have the right to deal direct with individuals. In reality, the United States of America would become a State within the World Government and under conditions as existing today, clear thinking American citizens can truly picture their position, were the United States to subscribe to such form of Government.

Do not be misled—realize the seriousness of this proposal. Recognize the fact that 22 State Legislative bodies have voted for this program.

As elections come due, challenge your Legislative Body individually as to their stand on World Government. If they are for it, they definitely are not for the American way of life or American form of government. Such persons should be defeated for office and it is up to organizations such as ours to do our utmost in seeing that any person who does not believe in the United States of America as the Government of the people, by the people and for the people should not be permitted to represent you or the people of America in any public position.

Another item of deep concern is the influence of Communism. Fellow travellers are the most dangerous for they usually are people of prominent positions who, unknowingly or otherwise, are promoting the schemes of Communists which definitely are "UnAmerican."

It is my understanding that the organizers of World Federalists, Inc., in many States had Communistic leanings. 'Nough said. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are direct blood descend-

ants of men who preserved and made this Republic. Shall we fail in our obligation to our Dads or shall we get in there and fight?

"ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY."

"BE ALERT"

Brothers, there are so many, many things that Sons of Union Veterans can do to benefit our Country and, in turn, benefit our Organization. We are organized for a purpose—let us do that job in the interest of our Country, ourselves and future generations.

This is my final message to you as your Commander-in-Chief and as we bring to a close this past year I cannot help but feel that while our year may not have produced the increase in membership we had hoped for, there has been a definite increase of activity, enthusiasm and publicity, which, if continued, will eventually lead to a steady and continued growth in membership.

Oh, for the faith and strength to win

Every battle we begin.

Oh, for patience to put through

Every task we plan to do.

Yes, Brothers, we must have faith, strength and patience. With faith in our organization, faith in ourselves and faith in our fellowmen, combined with a will and determination, we can win and, "It Will Be Done."

JUNIOR CAMPS

Particular attention should be given to organizing Junior Camps which will be the nucleus for future Sons of Union Veterans. By instilling into the minds of our children true meaning of patriotism, loyalty and respect to our Flag, we will have contributed much to our Country by creating good citizens and at the same time, insure the future of our Organization.

I was very much interested in learning of the Roy J. Bennett Camp of Junior Grandsons formed in Des Moines, Iowa. Here is an organization of 28 boys, all direct descendants of Union Veterans. These boys, ranging in age from 7 to 15 years are being trained in Civil War history. Observing all National and Patriotic Holidays, they are truly being prepared to be future Sons.

If Des Moines, Iowa, can do it, it can be done throughout the Nation and the sooner each Camp recognizes the importance of organizing youth, the nearer we will be to a steady growth in membership.

UNIFORMS

From Maine to California, I have urged Camps and Departments to adopt the Blue uniform with McClellan cap which clearly sets forth our organization. Wherever there is a uniformed body, there is much publicity for our Organization. With publicity comes more members, which increases interest and activity within the Organization.

In all our efforts let us not forget the grand principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. May we exemplify these three words as did the Grand Army of the Republic. May we have true Fraternity within our Organization—may Charity prevail within our hearts—and may we ever be loyal to our Country's cause and our Organization. If worth belonging to, certainly it is worth working for!

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4

Series 1950

Headquarters

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

Office of Commander-in-Chief

610 North Third Street

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

July 1, 1950.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT

The 69th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will convene in Boston, Massachusetts, August 20-23, 1950, inclusive. Temporary Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Statler where business sessions and social functions of the Encampment will be held. Room rates are as follows:

Room and Bath	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.50
For One—Per Day	4.75	6.00	7.00
	5.00	6.25	10.00
Double-Bed Room	8.00	9.00	10.50
With Bath	8.50	9.50	12.50
For Two—Per Day	8.75		
Twin-Bed Room	10.00	11.50	15.00
With Bath	10.50	13.00	16.00
For Two—Per Day	11.00		

More than two persons in one room:

For each additional person in double or twin-bed room, the extra charge is \$2.50 per day.

Suite—Living Room, Bed Room and Bath:

For One	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$21.50	\$23.00
For Two	20.00	21.00	22.00	24.50 28.00

If a room is not available at the rate requested, one at the nearest available rate will be reserved.

The management of Hotel Statler has guaranteed us sufficient rooms to meet our needs but reserves the right to accept no reservations after August 1, 1950. Make your reservations early and do not be disappointed should you be unable to obtain reservations by your failure to make same on or before August 1.

Reservation cards have been distributed to all Department Headquarters. Those desiring to make reservations may obtain these cards from their Department Secretary.

All Brothers are urged to use the reservation card which clearly indicates the Organization and Encampment dates. Should reservations be made without a card, clearly indicate in your request that you will be attending the Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP

All Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Department Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and present Department Commanders.

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

All elective and appointive officers of the Commandery-in-Chief except aides and members detailed for special duty.

Attention is called to Section 4 of the Constitution and Regulations:

"A Department which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments."

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

Forms 37 and 38 for the Quarter ending June 30 must be forwarded to National Headquarters not later than July 20 in order that the National Secretary-Treasurer can prepare his report for the National Encampment which comes at an early date.

Form 49—Certificate of Elections, etc., in duplicate, are now past due. Forward this report with complete information at once to the National Secretary.

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS

Form 61 shall be forwarded immediately to National Patriotic Instructor, William F. Nemitz, 85 Warwick Avenue, Stratford, Con-

necticut. To keep your Department in good standing, this report is necessary.

Do not forget your contribution to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. His goal of \$1,000.00 can be reached only with the loyal support of Department Patriotic Instructors.

**COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT
REGISTRATION FEE**

In accordance with action taken at the 68th Encampment held in Indianapolis last year, a Registration Fee of \$2.00 is payable at time of registration. Department Secretaries will supply Credential Cards for Delegates, Alternates and Past Department Commanders.

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM

Sunday, August 20, 1950:

- 10:30 a. m.—Services in all churches.
- 1:00 p. m.—Registration.
- 2:30 p. m.—Semi-official Opening.
- 8:00 p. m.—Official Joint Opening with our Auxiliary.

Monday, August 21, 1950:

- 9:00 a. m.—Credential Committee.
- 9:00 a. m.—Meeting of Council-in-Chief.
- 1:00 p. m.—Opening Session (Ball Room Foyer).
- 6:00 p. m.—Banquet—Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents.
- 9:00 p. m.—Entertainment and Dance, Courtesy of Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Tuesday, August 22, 1950:

- 9:00 a. m.—Credential Committee.
- 9:30 a. m.—Business Session.
- 1:30 p. m.—Business Session.
- 3:30 p. m.—Joint Memorial Service.
- 7:00 p. m.—Memorial Service to the Grand Army of the Republic and Review on Boston Common.
- 8:30 p. m.—Joint Exemplification of Ritual and Class Initiation.
- 10:30 p. m.—Courtesy Hour of Auxiliary.

Wednesday, August 23, 1950:

- 7:30 a. m.—Department Commanders Breakfast.
- 9:30 a. m.—Business Session.
- 1:30 p. m.—Business Session.
- 6:00 p. m.—Banquet Honoring Commander-in-Chief and National President.
- 9:00 p. m.—Reception to Commander-in-Chief and National President.

Thursday, Aug. 24, 1950: 9:30 a. m.—Business Session if necessary

May I again call your attention to Class Initiation of Candidates scheduled for Tuesday evening. The Department of Massachusetts will put on the work and will likewise procure applications of new members. All Departments are urged to co-operate with the Department of Massachusetts in endeavoring to have candidates present who have been elected into membership but not initiated. It will be necessary for a letter from the Secretary of the Camp where the application was presented, certifying that such person has been duly elected and the required application fee paid.

You are urged to support the Massachusetts Department in reaching our goal of 100 candidates for this initiation. It can be done!

Your special attention is called to the Memorial Service to the Grand Army of the Republic and Review on Boston Common scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7:00 p. m. This will be one of the highlights of the Encampment and I trust it is well attended by our membership.

I also wish to call your attention to the Sons and Auxiliary Banquet scheduled for Wednesday evening at 6:00 o'clock. Each and every member is urged to procure his banquet ticket immediately upon arrival at Boston which will assist the Committee in knowing how many to prepare for. Plans are being made to have a prominent speaker for this affair who will be enjoyed by all. The Encampment Committee under the Co-Chairmanship of Brother Henry Weiler and Sister Maude Warren are making great plans for your enjoyment. The Governor of Massachusetts and the Mayor of Boston will entertain our National Officers with a Luncheon and Breakfast.

Comrade James A. Hard, Rochester, New York, the oldest Veteran of the Civil War and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has assured me that he will be with us in Boston, if at all possible. We also expect at least two other Veterans to be with us. The city of Boston has agreed to assume

expenses of each member of the Grand Army and his attendant during their stay in Boston.

The Pennsylvania Brigade Band, Sons of Veterans Reserve, under direction of Captain Charles D. Knecht will definitely be present to play for us in Boston. You who were present at Indianapolis will remember the fine music rendered by this splendid band which we can say is ours. The traditional Civil War music will be furnished by our own Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps which has been the life of many Pennsylvania Department Encampments as well as National Encampments.

Much more could be said about the plans for the 69th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. I sincerely trust this will be the largest Encampment ever held, particularly since this is the first Encampment following the final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. There is still time to make your plans and reservations. Do it at once.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The following are hereby appointed to serve on the Credential Committee and are requested to be prepared to receive Credentials on Sunday, August 20, in accordance with the program:

- Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer.
 - James C. Tatman, Department Commander of Maryland.
 - William C. Rule, Department Commander of Massachusetts.
 - Leslie W. More, Department Commander of New York.
 - Chester L. Charter, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.
- The Credential Committee and the Commandery-in-Chief Council will maintain their Headquarters in Parlor F on the Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Statler.

Appointment of other Committees will be made at the Encampment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A number of recommendations regarding finances, application and membership fees will be acted upon at the Encampment. These recommendations are of deep concern to all Camps and Departments. Therefore, it is vitally important for each Department to be well represented at the Encampment.

NATIONAL AIDE APPOINTMENTS

It is indeed a pleasure to appoint the following Brothers as Aides to the Commander-in-Chief and entitled to wear the Commandery-in-Chief Ribbon for the duration of my term of office:

- Department of California & Pacific**
- Clarence A. Curtis, Camp No. 10, Long Beach.....5 new members
- Charles O. Boynton, Camp No. 10, Long Beach.....7 new members
- Department of Iowa**
- Homer L. Young, Department Commander.....12 new members
- Department of New York**
- Truman A. Vincent, Camp No. 77, Elmira.....5 new members
- Department of Pennsylvania**
- Lt. Floyd F. Kemmerer, Camp No. 15, Harrisburg...5 new members
- Robert Delcamp, Camp No. 34, Mt. Carmel.....30 new members

Here is proof "It Can Be Done"—My personal thanks and commendations as well as those of the Commandery-in-Chief to these Brothers. I am positive there are many others whose names should be included above but without information being certified to this office, your Commander-in-Chief is unable to make record of same.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Commander-in-Chief Theodore A. Penland is reported by Secretary-Treasurer E. W. Madison, Department of Oregon & Washington, as being in the Barnes General Hospital at Vancouver, Washington, for a check-up—nothing serious. Why not drop Commander-in-Chief Penland a card to let him know we are thinking of him.

Comrade James A. Hard, 31 Portsmouth Terrace, Rochester 7, New York, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will be 109 years old July 15. Remember our oldest veteran and send him a birthday card.

Comrade William A. Magee, 973 North Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, California, will be 104 years of age August 19, 1950. Remember Comrade Magee likewise.

G. A. R. MEMORIAL DEDICATED

On June 18, 1950, in Atwater, Ohio, the Department of Ohio, Sons and Auxiliary, paid splendid tribute to all Civil War Veterans of Ohio, the Grand Army of the Republic and the last Veteran, Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Grate, by dedicating a monument to their memory.

Commander Robert D. Austin, Department President Ida B. Eichorn and the entire Department of Ohio, Sons and Auxiliary, are to be highly commended and congratulated in completing this project in such a short time.

If a task is once begun,
Never leave it till it's done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it right or not at all.

The Department of Ohio did it well and by so doing, completed a task which in addition to being a tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, was a splendid credit to our organization.

FUTURE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

The success of future Encampments depends largely on a Department desiring to entertain the Commandery-in-Chief. Such can result in a good working committee being formed within the city and state of the Department. The support of each unit within the Department must be extended to the local committee and future Encampments cannot help but be successful.

If your Department desires to entertain the Commandery-in-Chief and the Grand Army Family in 1951 or some future year, obtain full co-operation of your Convention Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Hotels, City Government and your members. Have your Convention Bureau communicate with National Secretary Albert C. Lambert not later than August 1.

While the Grand Army Family will not meet together in 1950, it is the desire of your Commander-in-Chief to have any and all invitations include the entire Grand Army Family in order that we may all be together in 1951.

PUBLICITY AND MEMBERSHIP

It has been pleasing to note the increased publicity our organization has been receiving where there is activity. While the months of July and August are normally vacation months, do not let up on your activities—keep after publicity and plan now for that September class of candidates.

As The Banner goes to press, I am pleased to report that Brother Earl Riggs, P. D. C., Department of California & Pacific, is working on a new Camp in Las Vegas, Nevada. Brother Riggs anticipates instituting this Camp before the Commandery-in-Chief convenes in Boston. Again, proof that "It Can Be Done," even in the Summer months.

By the time you receive this Order the June Quarter and the 1949-50 year of the Commandery-in-Chief will be closed. Whatever the final report is, it cannot be changed. If your Camp and your Department are in the increase of membership column, you are to be congratulated on proving, "It Can Be Done." If your Camp or your Department did not increase during the past year, resolve here and now that during the next year you will consistently report an increase each Quarter and thereby overcome any losses reported this past year.

Prove to yourselves, your Camp, your Department and the incoming Commander-in-Chief, whoever he may be, "It Can Be Done," and work for an increase in membership for the Quarter ending Sept. 30. This can be done with activity and plans being laid now to end the vacation season with a class of candidates in September.

As I bring to a close my final Order before greeting you in Boston, I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid support given me during the year. It has been a pleasure to serve you as your Commander-in-Chief. Before closing, I again urge you to join with me in pledging continued support to a grand organization and one worthy of our efforts.

It has been proven "It Can Be Done." We all know "It Must Be done." And with everlasting teamwork, "It Will Be Done."

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 5
Report of National Treasurer, May-June, 1950, Incl.**

GENERAL FUND	
April 30, 1950, Balance	\$ 182.19
Receipts:	
Per Capita Tax	\$ 970.80
Membership Fees	32.50
Supplies	120.04
Interest on Bonds	46.25
	1,169.59
	\$1,351.78
Disbursements:	
Supplies	\$ 144.96
Commander-in-Chief	250.00
General Expense	924.97
	1,319.93
Balance June 30, 1950	\$ 31.85
G. A. R. FUND	
June 30, 1950, Balance	\$1,436.12

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Traveling With C.-in-C. Runkle

The months of May and June were extremely busy months for your Commander-in-Chief and while it was impossible to attend all of the Department Encampments, with the aid of modern transportation, I did attend 15 of the 19 Encampments, although my visits in some instances were limited to an afternoon and evening. I am indeed sorry my visitations could not have been longer at each place, but considering the number of Encampments scheduled at the same time, it was impossible to spend a longer time at each place and still visit the number of Departments. In addition to visiting 15 Departments at time of their Encampments, I also attended 3 called meetings.

As Secretary of the General Memorial Day Committee in Harrisburg, full details of the Memorial Day Activities in Harrisburg and vicinity were arranged, and as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Department Encampment scheduled in Harrisburg, the week of June 18 was a full one.

In order that you may know some of the activities of your Commander-in-Chief, I give you the following:

May 5 via plane to Baltimore, Maryland, to attend the Department of Maryland Encampment. Visited both Sons and Auxiliary, attended their Evening Banquet and Social and after having breakfast on Saturday morning, May 6, with the Past Department Commanders Association, I left via plane for Boston, Massachusetts, and from there by taxi to Swampscott to attend the Department of Massachusetts Encampment.

Unfortunately, my plane was delayed but I did arrive at Swampscott in time to join with the Sons and Auxiliary Saturday evening at their Banquet and on Sunday, May 7, had quite a nice meeting with the Brothers from the Department of Massachusetts. Attended the meeting of the Auxiliary and Joint Installation of the New Officers.

Leaving Boston Sunday evening, I arrived in Wichita, Kansas, Monday, morning, May 8, where I was met at the airport by Commander A. P. Phillips, with his Reception Committee, who drove me to Newton, Kansas, to attend the Kansas Department Encampment. In addition to visiting the Sons in Newton, I also visited the Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G.A.R. After enjoying the Sons and Auxiliary Banquet in the evening we attended the Campfire Program.

Leaving Newton, Kansas, early May 9, by bus for Wichita, where I took a plane, I arrived in Colorado Springs about 1:00 P.M.,

where I was greeted by Commander James L. Van Gundy and his Counselor, A. G. Myers. That evening a most delightful Banquet and Called Meeting was held with Brothers and Sisters from Pueblo and Denver also attending.

On the morning of May 10, despite sleet and snow, Commander Van Gundy and Brother Myers showed me the sights around Colorado Springs, including the Garden of Gods. Leaving at noon, I arrived in St. Louis, Missouri, where I was greeted by Department Secretary, Theodore Mohr, and his two fine sons, who took me to the Hotel where, after dinner, a Joint Meeting was held with the Sons and Auxiliary, the meeting being well attended and successful.

The morning of May 11, I returned home to attend a meeting of the Harrisburg Memorial Day Committee on May 12.

On May 13, I spoke at the re-dedication of a Monument erected to the memory of Isaac E. Wilde, who served as Lieutenant of Company H, 188th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and who died in the Service of His Country at the age of 23. This monument was restored and re-dedicated by Camp No. 10, Chester, Pa., with the co-operation of the other Veteran Organizations of the City of Chester. In the evening, I attended the 50th Anniversary of the Wilmington, Delaware, Auxiliary, returning home early on the morning of May 14.

May 19, journeyed to Springfield, Massachusetts, where a "Pep" Meeting was held of Western Massachusetts Camps and Auxiliaries to give Massachusetts New Department Commander, William Rule, a good sendoff for his year. Also, to stimulate the Western part of the State in securing members for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment Class initiation to be held on Tuesday Evening of the Encampment. This Meeting was well attended. The National President, Sister Tucker, and the Department President of Massachusetts also attended.

On May 20, more than 250 members of the Sons and Auxiliary of the Vermont Department attended a Called Meeting in Windsor, Vermont. A splendid dinner was served by the Windsor Auxiliary, following which a most enjoyable and successful meeting was held. Our New Camp and Auxiliary from Barre, Vermont, came to Windsor in a bus. This speaks real enthusiasm for the Department of Vermont. The National President, Sister Tucker, National Patriotic Instructor, William F. Nemitz, and other Brothers and Sisters from the Departments of New Hampshire and Massachusetts were present.

Leaving Windsor late that evening, I arrived in Harrisburg on Sunday, May 21, in time to take part in the East Harrisburg Memorial Day Parade, leading approximately 75 men in blue uniform, which I must repeat can be the answer to a successful Camp.

Between Memorial Day Committee Meetings and Planning, the week of May 22 was well filled. On Sunday, May 28, the Veterans Groups of Harrisburg attended Memorial Sunday Church Services and more than 100 Members of the Harrisburg Sons and Auxiliary were in attendance.

Memorial Day, May 30, was a full day for your Commander-in-Chief, being on the Program in the morning, entertaining the Principal Speaker and the Veterans Groups of

Harrisburg at a luncheon, and speaking at the Afternoon Services held in Paxtang Cemetery, near Harrisburg.

June 2 and 3, I attended the New Jersey Encampment at Asbury Park. In addition to visiting the Sons and Auxiliary, I also visited the W.R.C., G.A.R. and D.U.V. Returning from Asbury Park late Saturday night, I was speaker at Memorial Day Services held at Enola, Pennsylvania, on Sunday afternoon, June 4. Again, the Civil War Uniform worn by the Harrisburg Camp Members gave our Organization splendid publicity.

June 6—5:30 P.M., left Harrisburg by plane for Omaha, Nebraska, where I arrived about 1:05 A.M. Being fortunate enough to obtain a room in a Hotel, I remained over night in Omaha, leaving at 7:30 A.M., June 7, for Fremont, Nebraska, to attend the Department of Nebraska Encampment. Had the privilege and pleasure of installing both Sons and Auxiliary Officers, attending the Luncheon under the Auspices of the Auxiliary, and the Dinner under the Auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons, Auxiliary and W.R.C. holding their Encampment together. After attending the Campfire Program and Fun Night, I left Fremont for Omaha at 10:00 P.M. in order to take the 5:00 A.M. plane out of Omaha for Chicago and on to Bay City, Michigan, to attend the Department of Michigan Encampment and meet the National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Ethelyn Tucker, who was to join me for the next ten days of travel.

On arriving at Bay City, I was greeted at the airport by P.C.C. Perle Fouch and Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, daughter of P.N.P. Kathryn Joyce. After meeting with the Brothers of the Michigan Department in the afternoon and enjoying a Dinner in the evening, following which a Joint Meeting between the Auxiliary and Sons was held, the National President and I left for Minneapolis by the way of Detroit to attend the Department of Minnesota Encampment. Arriving at Minneapolis at 3:30 A.M., we went direct to the Hotel and finding the Hotel filled to capacity, your National President and Commander-in-Chief went window shopping in downtown Minneapolis at 5:00 A.M.

June 9 and 10 were spent in Minneapolis and following the Banquet Saturday evening we left for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at 11:30 P.M., arriving in Milwaukee at 1:00 A.M., Sunday, June 11, where we were greeted by Sister Ellinore Konrad and P.N.N. Minnie Groth. Leaving Milwaukee immediately, we drove to Sheboygan, arriving there at 3:30 A.M., where we were greeted by Department President of Wisconsin, Mary Harrison, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Franklin Hubbard.

June 11—The entire day and evening we were with the Department of Wisconsin, being privileged to attend the Memorial Services to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Church Services in the evening and the Grand Army Family Dinner. Late in the evening a Joint Meeting was held with the Sons and Auxiliary which was well attended and enthusiastic.

June 12—Leaving Sheboygan at 6:00 A.M. with Sisters Konrad and Groth, we drove to Milwaukee to board a plane for Chicago enroute to Davenport, Iowa, arriving in Davenport about 12:30 P.M. On arrival at the

W. L. JACQUES FUND

April 30, 1950	\$ 119.16
Paid to Lafayette Camp No. 140, Dept. of New York	119.16
June 30, 1950, Balance	\$ 138.00

U. S. GOV'T BONDS

June 30, 1950, Balance	\$6,700.00
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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT
QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1950

Department:	Camps Members		Date Report Rec'd	
	Dec. 31, 1949	March 31, 1950		
At Large	1	20	1	May 9
California & Pacific	17	460	18	May 9
Colorado & Wyoming	4	81	4	April 27
Connecticut	24	691	24	April 20
Illinois	18	277	18	April 25
Indiana	12	225	12	April 28
Iowa	14	234	14	April 25
Kansas	13	204	13	April 21
Maine	26	659	25	April 29
Maryland	7	166	7	April 11
Massachusetts	86	1,961	87	May 20
Michigan	13	358	13	April 27
Minnesota	6	102	6	May 9
Missouri	4	75	4	May 1
Nebraska	4	64	4	April 18
New Hampshire	13	261	14	April 28
New Jersey	18	476	18	April 28
New York	51	1,178	51	May 3
Ohio	45	1,025	43	May 1
Oregon	7	163	7	April 20
Pennsylvania	77	2,308	72	May 10
Rhode Island	13	209	14	April 8
Vermont	18	375	19	April 8
Wisconsin	10	273	10	May 4
	501	11,845	498	11,679

RECAPITULATION

GAIN:	Camps Membs.		Camps Membs.	
	No. in Good Standing	December 31, 1949	501	11,845
By Initiation	2	142		
By Transfer		2		
By Reinstatement	3	78	5	222
LOSS:			506	12,067
By Disbanded	8	74		
By Death		129		
By Honorable Discharge		8		
By Transfer		6		
By Dropped		171	8	388
No. in Good Standing	March 31, 1950		498	11,679

CAMPS ORGANIZED AND REINSTATED

New Camp—California, No. 14, Pasadena	18 members
New Camp—Vermont, No. 92, Barre	20 members
Reinstated, New Hampshire, No. 39, Pittsfield	16 members
Reinstated, Rhode Island, No. 3	7 members
Reinstated, Massachusetts, No. 28, Fitchburg	22 members

CAMPS DISBANDED

Maine—Camp 17, Monson	13 members
Ohio—Camp 78, Willoughby	15 members
Ohio—Camp 42, West Milgrove	3 members
Pennsylvania—Camp 33, Pittsburgh	21 members
Pennsylvania—Camp 106, Oil City	5 members
Pennsylvania—Camp 129, Fairmont Sp.	10 members
Pennsylvania—Camp 214, Meyersdale	5 members
Pennsylvania—Camp 550	3 members

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

"IT CAN — IT MUST — IT WILL BE DONE"

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MY LAST MESSAGE
In closing this final message, may I urge Camps and Departments to plan now for the coming year. Our Organization must be operated on a business-like basis which does require planning. Be determined that there will be planned activity within your Camp—planned publicity—and planned membership drives.
"Don't wear your wishbone where your backbone ought to be"
—Plan and Do!
Throughout the year our slogan has been, "It Can, It Must, It Will Be Done." With a parting thought, I give you the third

and final verse of "Somebody Said It Couldn't Be Done:"
There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done;
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to us, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you;
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Then take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done" and you'll do it!
JOHN H. RUNKLE, Commander-in-Chief.

Hotel, we were greeted by Department Commander Young who advised that the Fellowship Luncheon of the Sons and Auxiliary had been delayed for our arrival. This was a delightful Luncheon and well attended by the Department of Iowa, both Sons and Auxiliary. A true spirit of fellowship was prevalent. After attending the Sons and Auxiliary Encampments in the afternoon, we attended the Grand Army Family Dinner in the evening, which was a splendid tribute to the organization. The toastmaster of the evening was the Mayor of the City of Davenport, who also was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. Following the dinner, Fun Night was held by the Auxiliary and again, a most enjoyable evening.

June 13—Being unable to obtain plane service, we journeyed to Peoria, Illinois, via bus to attend the Department of Illinois Encampment. Enjoying the fine fellowship of the Illinois Department in the afternoon, in the evening I attended the Grand Army Family Dinner and Campfire, which was well attended by members of all organizations. The next morning I visited the Auxiliary and D.U.V. but due to the W.R.C. and L.G.A.R. holding election at the time of my call, I

was unable to visit with them. In the afternoon P.C.C. Richard Locke and P.D.C. Arthur Rhinesmith drove the National President and myself to Springfield, Illinois, enroute we stopped at New Salem. While in Springfield we talked to the Chamber of Commerce regarding their invitation to hold an Encampment at some future date in Springfield.

June 15—Again by bus and a long ride at that, we journeyed to Terre Haute, Indiana, where I met Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Parker Thornburg. On the 16th, we attended the Sons and Auxiliary Luncheon and Past Department Commanders and Presidents Dinner. The Department of Indiana did not have sessions until Saturday morning but we had a good old-fashioned "Bull-Session" in the evening while the Auxiliary had their exemplification of the Ritual. Following the exemplification, a Joint Meeting of the Sons and Auxiliary was held and at 9:30 the National President and I left by train for Cleveland, Ohio, arriving in Cleveland Saturday morning, June 17, at 5:00 A.M.

Even though it was an early hour, when we arrived in Cleveland we were met by a Delegation of the Auxiliary headed by P.N.P. Edith Nile, drove us to Akron, Ohio, in time

for breakfast. This day was a full one with visitations to the Auxiliary, L.G.A.R. and D.U.V., as well as attending the Encampment of the Sons and the Grand Army Family Dinner in the evening.

Unfortunately, I had to leave at 9:00 P.M. for the airport to board a plane for Harrisburg, via Pittsburgh, arriving in Harrisburg 1:00 A.M., June 18, to attend the Department of Pennsylvania Encampment which was a five day affair, June 18 through June 22. Five days of activity with Public Memorial Services for the G.A.R. on Sunday afternoon, informal reception for all Grand Army Family Heads, Banquets Tuesday and Wednesday nights and a Military Ball Thursday night.

I was indeed sorry that I could not remain in Ohio for the Monument Dedication on June 18 but being Chairman of the Pennsylvania Department Encampment, it was necessary that I be in Harrisburg on that date.

The National President arrived in Harrisburg on June 19 and on the morning of June 23, we left by plane for Rochester, New York, to attend the Department of New York Encampment. The Encampment was almost over but I did get there in time to attend the Election and Installation of Officers. In the

afternoon I also visited with the Auxiliary and on Saturday morning, June 24, I returned to Harrisburg to give some thought to my work, winding up the affairs of the Pennsylvania Department Encampment, and these articles for The Banner, as well as General Orders.

The Pennsylvania Department, United Spanish War Veterans, held their Encampment in Harrisburg beginning June 25 and the Sons of Union Veterans being very close to the United Spanish War Veterans, your Commander-in-Chief was a guest at their dinner the evening of June 27, at which time I extended the greetings of our organization. In addition to this, the Pennsylvania Department, Military Order of the Purple Heart, held their Encampment in Harrisburg June 29 through July 1. Your Commander-in-Chief was a guest of this organization at their Memorial Service on June 30 and their Banquet, July 1.

As you can see, I have endeavored to get around to the various Departments as a Commander-in-Chief should. My only regret is that I could not spend more time in each Department. I also regret that there is not enough space in The Banner to say what I would like to say about each place I visited.

My visitations have been most pleasant and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the fine courtesies extended to me. I do wish I could say more about each of the meetings and each of the Encampments. There is plenty of activity in many parts of our Commandery-in-Chief. Where there is activity, there is publicity and where there is publicity, there are new members coming into the organization which helps to increase the activity.

This will be my last report to you of my visitations although they are not entirely finished. I do anticipate visiting the New England Region Association Meeting July 15 and 16. That, in all probability, will be my last official visit until the Encampment in Boston. Until then and thereafter, live and work Sons of Union Veterans and, "It Will Be Done".

JOHN H. RUNKLE, Commander-in-Chief.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

William F. Nemitz, Jr., Nat. Pat. Instructor, 85 Warwick Ave., Stratford, Conn.

Well, Brothers, we are on the last lap of our financial race for funds, and coming down the home stretch about four more weeks will tell the story whether the drive was a success or failure. At this writing it looks as if the majority of our Brothers do not care much if we raise the amount required or not. But I am not conceding defeat until the last minute. I still have faith and full confidence in our good Brothers, and firmly believe that they will come through with their donations to make my drive for \$1,000.00 a success.

If each one of you would only realize how fortunate you are in being privileged to belong to such a great patriotic society as ours; if you would only realize that thousands of men, in National, State, and Civic positions,

would gladly pay any amount of money, just to be allowed to join our Fraternity, and pay respect and honor to the men who fought to preserve for us our great Union, then, and then only would you snap out of the rut of indifference, and cast away the general attitude of defeatism, which prevails throughout our Order, and start to talk success and enthusiasm.

It was my privilege recently to represent our Commander-in-Chief at the Annual Encampment of the Dept. of Vermont. The Allied Orders of Vermont hold their conventions at the same time, and in the same city, and the wife of the Governor of Vermont, Mrs. Mary C. Arthur, was the Dept. President of the Woman's Relief Corps. The Governor, Hon. Harold J. Arthur, is not eligible to join our organization, but no member of our Order could have more respect and admiration for a group such as ours, than does he. He told me how much he regretted not being able to join with us, in keeping alive the memory of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and remarked how fortunate those of us were, who could claim some descendant who fought for the preservation of our great Republic. He pledged us his support in all our endeavors, and said the conditions of the world required each and every one of us to fulfill his or her patriotic duty to the utmost. How true, and yet, we who do belong, do not fully appreciate, do not support financially, or by our presence, when and where needed, the demands and necessities of our great Order. WHY? We as individuals support everything and everybody, everywhere. We donate to Red Cross—Blue Cross—Green Cross—Community Chest—Relief for Europe—All kinds of Charities, and are content to let our great institution struggle along on the hope that each and every member will sense his obligation, and come across with a few paltry cents to sustain the work of Patriotism, which includes the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, of which we all boasted as our own personal project. If any Brother agrees with me I hope that he will attach his donation to the clipping, and send it along to me now.

Let's lift up our heads and throw off that look of despair, that the majority of our members have acquired. The usual gloomy atmosphere connected with most Camp meetings, is enough to make one want to go back home, before the meeting starts. Let's start cultivating a look of cheer and hope, and inject some enthusiasm into our meetings.

I want you all to read part of the contents of a letter, which I received from a Brother in Massachusetts. I will withhold his name, but this should make the majority of us ashamed of ourselves, for his is the true spirit of devotion to a worthy cause, and anyone who has kept the faith in our Order since 1885, deserves great praise. Let us all take a lesson from him. The letter says:

"In looking over the recent issue of The Banner, I note what looks like a disgracefully small response to the "Sustaining Fund," so enclose my check for \$5.00. It isn't much, but will help some, and I am sorry I can't make it larger. I joined the Sons of Veterans in 1885, and am a charter member of my Camp, and for sentimental reasons, keep my dues paid in advance. I am eighty-six

years old, and am still interested in the Order."

The above is a symbol of devotion and faith, and a copy of this letter should be posted in every Camp room, as a reminder to us all.

Patriotic Instructor's Sustaining Fund

The following contributions have been received at this writing, June 30, 1950:

Table with 2 columns: Department and Amount. Lists contributions from California & Pacific, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and a total of \$288.30.

The Departments of New Jersey, Illinois, Missouri and New Hampshire are to be commended for their loyal support and co-operation, and in result of their efforts, my personal appreciation. To the individual donors, thank you, for your response.

I have yet to hear from the Departments of: California & Pacific, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin.

Come on Boys: Let's make the drive a success. It can only be accomplished with your help.

Remember, the National Encampment is to be at Boston, August 20.

Remember also that: "Keeping alive the memory of the BLUE, Is a task for me, and a task for you. So among our numerous daily chores Let's include our contribution to a very worthy cause."

W. F. N., JR.

My contribution to help sustain the only Male Organization recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic, in its endeavor to carry on the great work of keeping alive the memory of our Union Veterans of the Great Civil War, 1861-1865.

Form with fields for Name, Camp No., and Dept. and State.

When "Johnny" Comes Marching "Home"—to Boston

Mid-year in this mid-century year, the "land of the sacred cod"—the "old Bay State"—Massachusetts in New England, beckons you to historic BOSTON—the "Hub of the Universe"; the S. U. V. and Auxiliary Capitol, for the 69th Nat'l Encampment of our Order, from August 20-23. "Have Faith in Massachusetts."

BOSTON, recently staged a gigantic, jubili-

lee celebration. Staid old BOSTON, bankrupt aggressively and financially, in the eyes of a nation, fed 10,000 a traditional baked bean supper—perhaps the largest out door banquet since the miracle of "the loaves and the fishes." This same year we've observed the 85th, since Grant met Lee, at Appomattox. The 175th of Concord and Lexington has passed into history, rating the U. S. Marine Band—perhaps the reason we won't.

But we'll not be destitute for music. The Sons of Veterans' Reserve of Pennsylvania, Band and Drum Corps, are coming from Harrisburg. These are "the pride and joy" of Commander-in-Chief Runkle. He has spent his life, his money, his efforts and his time on this project. They are his life blood. We have seen them perform at other Encampments—par excellence. Do you think they'll let their beloved benefactor down this year; the year he's Commander-in-Chief and with our gathering comparatively near home? Our answer is "NO;" emphatically "NO."

And no city ever sheltered this group where better results could be forthcoming. We've heard the remark: "Don't they know any other tunes than "Rally 'Round the Flag," "Tenting Tonight," etc.? Our answer is, "What else do we want them to know?" Think what the striking up of these stirring songs will mean in a Metropolitan Boston of 2,000,000 population. Imagine the multitude milling around on the streets, with a dozen to fifteen large theatres within a half mile radius of the headquarters hotel; countless eating establishments and other hotels; Boston Garden and Boston Arena, each less than a mile, in opposite directions. Few convention cities have exceeded BOSTON in size—none in opportunity.

There are numerous other reasons for optimism but music is inspiration for the soul. This music will inspire souls with the spirit of '61-'65, and throngs have yet to hear it for the first time.

So let's have a delegation, filled with firm determination to attain our destination, at dear old BOSTON, tried and true; and prove beyond contention, with recourse to no invention, that our one supreme retention, will be the "BOYS in BLUE." John Runkle says "go to it; I believe that we can do it; in fact no doubt you know it; for we've done it off before." Let's all go into caucus, with lots to help and none to mock us; lots to boost and none to knock us; thus starting things galore. Our time for planning's fleeting; we look ahead to days of greeting; those days when we'll be meeting tasks to test the S. U. V. "You go, I go, we go, they go, from as far as San Francisco." Say "I WILL go" NOT "I MAY go, with a fine Auxiliary."—BAWSTUN DROWN, Publicist. Signing off and saying, "I'll be seeing of you." (There's a B in Boston, Buzzing in Your Bonnet).

VERMONT

Mervin Pierson, Publicity Director, Springfield, Vt.

Vermont Encampment

The 68th annual Encampment was held in Barre on June 13-15, with Dept. Com. Edward Emmons, of Morrisville, in charge. There was a good attendance and we were all made to feel welcome by our new Camp and Auxiliary, which had just been formed

in this city. Our Nat'l Representative was William Nemitz, National Patriotic Instructor, of Stratford, Conn.

The officers installed for the coming year are: Com., Archie Aldrich, Brattleboro; Sr. Vice, George Reed, Chelsea; Jr. Vice, Herbert Friat, Barre; Council—Edward Emmons, Morrisville, George DeWitt, Brattleboro, Will Reed, Chelsea; Sec.-Treas., Fred Cyr, Springfield; Pat. Inst., Alfred Brigham, Barre; Chap., Thomas Chadwick, Saxtons River; Org., Arthur Robinson, Barre; Pub. Director, Mervin Pierson, Springfield.

These officers were installed by Past Dept. Com. John Emery, of Mass. Other honored guests were Dept. Com. Homer Atkins and Past Dept. Com. Homer Atkins, Sr., of New Hampshire.

On Wed., June 14, a parade led by the Barre Drum Corps, with floats and the allied orders marching came up Main Street of the city. This was followed by the Camp Fire at the Armory, where Edward Emmons, Commander of the Sons, was master of ceremonies.

District 5 Meeting

Com-in-Chief John Runkle, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Nat. Aux. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker, of Alton, N. H., and many other guests and members attended the meeting of District Five held at the Goodell Hall, Windsor, Vt., May 22 with local Auxiliary 16 as host. The meeting opened with a supper served at 6:30 p. m. which was attended by more than 150 members and guests.

Brief remarks were made by all the visiting officers and Com-in-Chief Runkle gave the principal address of the evening, stressing the meaning of the Sons of Union Veterans, a heritage which he said should be regarded with pride and a heritage which had come to us from the Grand Army of the Republic.

District No. 5 Picnic

The annual picnic of District 5 will be held in Gassetts August 6. The program will include Hayden Nichols, singer, of Saxtons River Camp, Reading; School Band, and Tom Chadwick as speaker of the day. Roy Buzzell will be on hand with amplifier and records.

INDIANA

Argus E. Ogborn, Correspondent, 258 No. 22nd St., Richmond.

Department Encampment

The 2nd Memorial Encampment to the G. A. R. was held at Terre Haute, June 16-19, by the five Allied Organizations of the G. A. R. More than 600 were in attendance.

This was the 64th Annual Encampment of the Sons and the 61st for the Auxiliary. The attendance for both organizations was larger than anticipated and larger than some previous Encampments. At the banquet for Dept. officers on Friday eve, June 16, at Hotel Deming, there was a total of 28 members, some of whom had to be accommodated in the main dining room. Twenty-two Past Coms. and Past Pres. were present at the banquet for them held on Saturday eve. Com-in-Chief Runkle and Nat. Pres. Tucker attended the banquet on Friday eve.

The following new officers were elected, and installed by Jr. Vice Com-in-Chief Parker Thornburg on Sunday morning, June 18: Com., S. L. Isaac, 506 Franklin St., Connerville; Sr. Vice, Wm. J. Durham, 429 N. Bradley St., Indianapolis; Jr. Vice, John G. Tut-hill, 258 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso; Council: Roy V. Tut-hill, Thomas M. Horn and Parker E. Thornburg; Sec.-Treas. (holdover), C. M. Barksdale, 950 Congress Ave., Indianapolis.

Parker Thornburg re-appointed as Pat. Inst., and Hugh Snider, Chaplain.

Camp 82, Terre Haute

The Camp is mourning the loss of a long time member in the passing of Bro. Everett Sanders, former attorney here and who represented the Fifth District in Congress for four terms, on May 12. He was 68 years old. A former Nat'l Chairman of the Republican party, Bro. Sanders was appointed Secretary to President Calvin Coolidge in 1925, and held this office the four years of Mr. Coolidge's term, until 1929.

Mr. Sanders was a native of Clay County, born near Coalmont, the son of James and Melissa Stark Sanders. He studied at the Indiana State Teachers College then Normal School from 1900 to 1902, and continuing his education at Indiana University.

Besides the widow Mr. Sanders is survived by a brother, the Rev. Bert Sanders, of Hymera.

CONNECTICUT

C. Brown Newton, Publicity Director, 860 Tower Ave., Hartford, Conn.

Camp 26, Derby

Russell Camp held its annual strawberry festival dinner jointly with its Auxiliary and heard reports from the various committees which arranged the programs for Memorial Day exercises in Derby and Shelton. Especially successful was the Sunday evening Memorial service arranged by P. D. C. Louis S. Chapman, and held at the auditorium of the Shelton High School.

The Camp and Auxiliary attended the wedding of Dept. Com. Robert Walter DeForest, a Past Commander of the Camp, to Miss Ruth Jean Lewis, of Shelton, on Saturday, June 24, and the reception which followed the nuptials. DeForest and his bride enjoyed a wedding trip, which included a tour of the Civil War battlefields of Gettysburg and the Shenandoah Valley, and the couple returned to reside in their new home at 25 Holbrook Street, Ansonia.

A summer outing of the Camp will be held on Aug. 14 at the home of Bro. and Sister Chapman, New St., Shelton. A picnic luncheon will be served in the garden of the homes and will be followed by regular monthly meetings. All are urged to attend.

The committee on reception to Dept. Com. Robert W. DeForest have announced that the affairs will take place Saturday evening, Sept. 16.

West Shore District No. 6

A large attendance of members of Camps and Auxiliaries and W. R. C., ladies in the southern section of the state, comprising District No. 6, met with George Van Horn Camp 39 in Milford for the annual business meeting and election of officers of the District on June 20 at the Fowler Memorial in the shore town. A most successful and inspiring meeting took place with reports from the various Camp Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents, indicating that much activity is prevalent among the units of the District. P. D. C. Bertrand O. DeForest, Sr., Camp 26, Derby, was elected District Commander, succeeding C. Harry Curtiss of Bridgeport, who was given a rising vote of appreciation for his work for the District during the past term. Other officers elected were: William Browne, Camp 39, Milford, District Vice Commander, and W. Irving Bassett, Camp 1 New Haven, re-elected District Secretary-Treasurer, which office he has held for several years. Sr. Vice Com. Charles O'Neil, of East Hampton, who is Aide and Advisor to District No. 6 installed the officers-elect, and delivered the address of the evening.—Dee.

MASSACHUSETTS

Harold M. Drown, Publicity Secretary,
187 Pain Street, Stoughton

Leominster's Notable Remembrance

Undismayed by weather difficulties Leominster's May 30 observance went through essentially as planned. After a brief parade, war veterans, patriotic societies and citizens gathered in the City Hall to listen to an appropriate program of recognition to its heroic dead that included 402 Civil War Comrades. A high school senior's fine recitation of the Gettysburg Address and Camp 52's Jasper E. Sawyer's reading of C.-in-C. Logan's historic General Orders came the commemorative address which this year featured the Civil War patriotism, in the rotation of hero tributes, by Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale. The audience warmly appreciated references to Leominster's volunteer heroes and all-out Civil War participation, as well as the speaker's glowing tribute to the valor of local veterans in three later wars. Hero Thomas J. Ames, former Dept. Commander of the G. A. R., and his compatriot E. A. Bennett (Camp 52 bears his name) were featured among other Lincoln Volunteers. Marshal and Camp Commander Lloyd M. Hardy, with Past Com. Fred O. Ames, his valiant aide, presented a fine example throughout the observance of faithful remembrance of the community's patriots.

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Radio Sounds Memorial Message

Over the air wave of WMEX, on the eve of Memorial Day, went to all within radio reach our Massachusetts message reaffirming our unabated devotion to preserving the story of all that our Union defending fathers gave to the cause they loved. In these days the importance of reminding the public that we are resolutely carrying on cannot be over-emphasized. Let us not "haul down the flag" or surrender our rightful place as we pay tribute to our loyal fathers, now that their voices are no longer heard.—Department Radio Committee.

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MAKE it a RULE to PERPETUATE the G. A. R.

Yes, brothers, we suggest the above caption, followed by "IT CAN... IT MUST... IT WILL BE DONE IF WE USE ACTION AND NOT WORDS" with none better able to support it than our Dept. Commander—William C. Rule of Holyoke.

"Bill" Rule has been qualifying fast for leadership. From a comparatively obscure corner five years ago, he has grown years in each of these five. Relatively young and we have been seeking "young blood if it's good blood." Com. Rule received his biggest baptism at Grand Rapids and at Indianapolis, where we saw this vigorous, likeable chap "break up" completely in the waning days of the GRAND ARMY of the REPUBLIC. Dept. Com. Rule loves and knows the G. A. R. as many veteran "sons" much his senior, do not know it.

The Encampment at Swampscott revealed much. Perhaps the greatest revelation was from no less a figure than our Com.-in-Chief, John Runkle was delayed in his arrival. He contended with obstacles which might have turned him back toward home. Obstacles which would have conquered most men, but not John Runkle.

A session was held Sunday morning that he might turn on the light of personal experience and for about thirty-five minutes, thirty-five of our order leaned forward from the edge of their chairs and with bated breath, waited to catch the next word. If this scribe is a judge there must have been

a thump, thump against the inside wall of many a chest, with a lump in the throat. And then John Runkle put on his Sons of Veterans' Reserve uniform; went to installation and served as "guide" while P. C.-in-C. Moran installed the officers elect. Yes, sir; that's the kind of a fellow we have as a national leader. As one of our young leaders aptly put it: "Gee, he'll talk to anybody; you don't need to be a 'big shot'."

We have some staunch men for leadership in our own right for 1950-51. "Herb" Smith will unselfishly serve another year as Sr. Vice Commander; one of rare cases of this being done, adding experience to his wide repertoire. John Day is our Jr. Vice. Energetic with originality, he will head membership drive. Two newcomers, with more years ahead in our order we trust, are sure to add zip in their tenure on Council. We refer to Edwin J. Lennon, Com. Bay State Camp, and Clarence W. Howard, P. C., Saugus. Both sound business men with general ability, and interest in the order. Of course retiring Com. Roy C. Call, third member of this body, knows his way around.

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Rule Endorses "Rule"

The 69th annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in the Hotel Statler, Boston, the week of Aug. 20, 1950. As the host Department, we must do our utmost to make it a success. Our Commander-in-Chief has requested that the Massachusetts Department conduct a class initiation on Tuesday evening, Aug. 22. WE WILL, and we expect CANDIDATES from each Camp in the Massachusetts Department and we also expect CANDIDATES from each Department in the Commandery. This is not a job for one Camp, or one Department, but calls for the "everlasting teamwork of every bloomin' soul." I sincerely trust that everyone will support the Massachusetts Department and that we will have at Boston the largest class of candidates ever initiated at one time; with the co-operation of everyone we will reach our goal. OUR GOAL IS 100. Past Dept. Com. Addison A. Quinn has been appointed Degree Master; give him your co-operation and he will put a TEAM on the floor that evening that will do a BANG-UP job. At this time I take the privilege of commemorating this class to the memory of Dept. Com. Charles B. Burt, who was the last Commander of the Massachusetts Department, Grand Army of the Republic, and the last G. A. R. Veteran in Massachusetts.

May I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to you Brothers for the confidence placed in me by electing me to serve you as Dept. Commander. Realizing the great responsibilities developing upon me and my limitations I promise you that I will carry out the duties of Dept. Commander to the very best of my ability. With the splendid support shown so far by the other Officers in the Massachusetts Department and the promises made by many others VICTORY will be ours.

IT CAN... IT MUST... IT WILL BE DONE IF WE USE ACTION AND NOT WORDS.

Let's make it a RULE to perpetuate the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.—William C. Rule, Department Commander.

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"IT is for US the LIVING"

The above (large headline) on the front page of "Boston Globe," Memorial Day morning, unquestionably deserves our top plaudits. Beneath it followed the Gettysburg Address, from there on and (signed) by whom given, on what occasion. Incidentally, included in story of day, was mention of Fred C. Ames, of Leominster, taking part in his 74th con-

secutive May 30th parade, started when a boy of 8, beside his father. Thus, one of our members drew first page recognition in a big city newspaper. Congratulations, Brother Ames.

Other unusual incidents can be recorded for "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day," to contrast the routine "hum drum" of Camps still willing, able or "allowed" to perpetuate the memory of their noble sires. D. P. I. Frank F. Johnson was Chief Marshal for gigantic demonstration sponsored by the City of Cambridge. P. N. P. I. Addison A. Quinn and P. D. C. George William Kimball still predominate in Chelsea's sacred rites.

Bay State Camp 61 and Bowditch Camp 30 took care of ceremonies and all functions in outstanding cemeteries about Boston. These Camps worked jointly in some instances and the former held forth again, at the State House, where world famous memorials were decorated. Of note in Westboro, Melvin Walker Camp 127, gathered evergreen for 450 wreaths, made up by Auxiliary members and placed on graves, which custom is years old. We strongly suspect that P. N. P. I. Phyllis M. Dean is behind this feature.

Chief cog in Memorial Day exercises around Norwell, and activities pertaining to same, was Plymouth County Sec. Stanley H. Blanchard, who also gives generously of his time to serve as Patriotic Instructor of Curtis Camp 143. He is aided and abetted, always, by Com. William O. Henderson and George C. Turner, P. C., the latter "historian emeritus" of these environs.

Down in this neighborhood, between here and there, Plymouth County Association was royally entertained on April 18, for annual meeting, when Sr. Vice Smith was elected president. May 21 was "Open House and Reception for Civil War Library," an annual affair, through stimulant of which an invaluable collection of books, relics and souvenirs is being assembled. Honored on this occasion by presence of "direct descendants of Civil War Vols. for further service at time of their discharge."

Fifteen Camp members participated on a perfect Memorial Sunday for Divine worship and in caring for all graves, monumental and public sites. Their ardor failed to slacken on May 30, when exercises were held, "out of doors, as planned," despite discouraging weather. All veteran and patriotic groups joined heartily, with Donald C. Wilder of Camp 143, as "officer of the day."

Out where the west begins (and about ends, for us) Tift Camp 15 high-lighted. Springfield was bathed in warmth and sunshine for the day and Past Jr. V. D. C. George A. Adams, Camp Commander, was inspired and inspired an outdoor multitude, surrounded by imposing and impressive Memorial Auditorium and other public buildings around Court Square, as he again gave the Gettysburg Address.

The Publicity Secretary was able to participate on two programs of Bowditch Camp, Dorchester, Memorial Sunday and at Stoughton, Memorial Day, where he is only member of order in town now numbering nearly 12,000 population. Principal exercises were forced inside for second time in history and "P. S." gave address, concluded with Lincoln's immortal words, to a comparatively small audience of 250. Which signifies public interest is about that low—practically likewise, everywhere.

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Senior P. C.-in-C. Gets Senior Assignments

During the Memorial Season P. C.-in-C. William L. Anderson addressed the Men's Club of St. Stephens Episc. Church, Pittsfield, through courtesy of treasurer of the Berkshire Life Insurance Co. and the mes-

sage chosen was "The Price Paid for American Citizenship".

On Sunday, June 11, "Billy" appeared as principal speaker at the Blynman Bridge, Gloucester, where all allied groups united to honor the Navy dead of all wars. A parade preceded ceremonies, drawing several thousand, who assembled in Park at water's edge. Officials and planes dropped floral tributes on waves near speakers' stand.

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Practical Patriotism

In memory of his father, J. Walter Bradley, first Commander of Huntington Frothingham Wolcott Post 102, G. A. R., Milton, and appointed Aide-de-Camp by John S. Kountz, C.-in-C. G. A. R., at Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1884, Past Sr. V. D. C. Charles Bradley, Com. of Oliver W. Peabody Camp 74, presented two historical books to Milton High School Library on May 25.

These are entitled "The Soldier in Our Civil War," illustrating the valor of the soldier on the battlefield and also includes "History of S. U. V." by A. P. Davis, originator, and Frank P. Merrill, C.-in-C., at time of the publication. The frontispiece of Vol. 1 is a steel engraving of Abraham Lincoln. A fitting gift to help perpetuate the memory of the G. A. R.

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Ode to Josephine

Our best wishes to Dept. Pres. Josephine L. Bates, of Worcester, who has reached the pinnacle, after many years of hard work and conscientious effort. We're all in line, discharging "hates," for a year that's fine, let's go with Bates—"the best we've seen," says Josephine.

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Picked Up—En Route

One hundred fifty, from affiliated groups, greeted C.-in-C. Runkle and Nat. Pres. Ethelyn C. Tucker in Memorial Hall, Springfield, May 19, under auspices of the Pioneer Valley Association. Pres. Harold P. Shepardson presided, co-ordinated by Dept. Com. Rule and Dept. Pres. Josephine Bates. A goodly number were present from "east of Worcester."

William "Bill" Tillson, of Taunton, has been chosen president of the Past Commanders' Association and a well deserved tribute, for no one has been more faithful in supporting this branch. "Shep" Shepardson is "V. P.," giving a state-wide flavor. Com. Rule gave us a stirring message at this meeting and joined the P. C. A's.

Com. Rule had four officers in a supporting cast at Leominster June 24, for reception to Mabelle Couillard, Dept. Pres. D. U. V. Included were LeRoy C. Cobb, organizer, Charles W. Hooper, Asst. Organizer, P. D. C.'s Haskell and Drown.

We suspect that Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer and Mrs. Bauer are by now well established, temporarily, in some European nation.

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A Message to All Brothers of Our Order in Massachusetts

Our order was founded on the principles of LOVE and CHARITY. A LOVE of our forbears and a CHARITY devoted to the ideals and aims of a free and united nation, for which our fathers fought and died and our members prayed.

It is now our turn to do something for the perpetuation of these ideals and aims. ALL of us cannot have a mighty ambition, such as Abraham Lincoln's dream of a world of free men, but all of us CAN have a goal of our own. Let our goal be a new member for every member we have at present.

We, in Massachusetts, have an opportunity to set an example to the rest of the nation, as the National Encampment, being held in

BOSTON, is the first since the G. A. R. surrendered their Charter. It is our DUTY to make it the biggest and establish a pattern or precedent that will be duplicated in all future Encampments.

So, get behind your Department officers and prepare a class initiation that will gladden the heart of your energetic and enthusiastic Commander-in-Chief, John Runkle. A suggested quota, approved by Dept. Com. Rule, follows: P. C.-in-C.—new camp or five members; P. D. C.—two members; Every member, at LEAST one new member. The Dept. Commander promises five new members before his retirement from office.

Brothers, go get those members that have been dropped; get new ones—your sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, and make this a BANNER Year for your Camp and Department.—"Jack" Day, Jr., V. D. C., Chairman of Membership Drive.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

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Camp 1, San Francisco

Memorial Day observance was conducted by the members of Calif. State Camp, Auxiliary and Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Family.

Services were conducted by the City, at the National Cemetery Cenotaph, Presidio of San Francisco. There was a parade in which many patriotic organizations, such as the Spanish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, United Indian War, and American Legion, took part, including the Armed Forces, Navy, Coast Guard, Army and Air Force and U. S. Marines.

Present at the services were Rear Admiral J. E. Stika, Commandant 12th Coast Guard District and Rear Admiral O. F. Rodgers, as well as Lt. General A. C. Wedemeyer, Commanding General Sixth Army, and Major C. L. Christenson, U. S. Marines.

There was placing of a wreath at the grave of an unknown soldier by Sister Mary T. Anderson of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and American Gold Star Mothers, Chapter No. 1.

A new member of Calif. State Camp, William H. Wolfram, M. D., gave a talk on the Grand Army of the Republic, which went over in a fine way. Doctor Wolfram also introduced members of the Camp and extended apologies for the absence of the Sec. of the Camp, Bro. William Cohen, who observed Memorial Day Services, conducted by the U. S. Navy, aboard the U. S. S. Shields, Navy Destroyer, which also was well attended by various patriotic organizations. This was held to remember the folks of all wars who lost their lives at sea.

All in all Memorial Day was fittingly observed by all Patriotic Organizations and Military Forces and commendations should be extended to them all for their excellent performances.—William R. Cohen, Sec. Calif. State Camp No. 1, and member of Coast Guard League, Chapter 1201.

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Camp 5, Santa Cruz

Wallace-Reynolds Camp, with their Auxiliary, and members of the Relief Corps and the Daughters, met at the Veteran's Hall and proceeded to the Grand Army of the Republic plot in Evergreen Cemetery for Memorial Service. The flag was raised, and then lowered to half mast. Rev. Squires of the First Methodist Church, read the service from the Grand Army of the Republic Ritual and also offered the prayer. The American Legion firing squad fired the salute.

As a protest against the commercializing

of the parade, the Sons and Auxiliary did not participate. It was a contest of drum-majorettes, strutting secret organizations, and riding academy exhibitions. No patriotic songs of any kind were played by the band. It was not a Grand Army of the Republic parade. However the Daughters had a float truck with an exhibit "The Empty Chair" showing a Comrade's hat and his cane on an empty chair.

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Camp 10, Long Beach

Our first meeting after Convention was largely attended and a grand meeting was held. We brought home first prize for membership, \$15.00, also the Honor Banner. Distinguished guests were D. C. Ralph Garwood, Sis. Bess Garwood, Dept. Pres. of Aux., Bro. Elmer Wohlgenuth, Sr. Vice; Bro. Frank Woerner, Dept. Chief-of-Staff, and Sis. Bessie Woerner, Dept. Chief-of-Staff for Aux.

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Camp 7, Pasadena

We were honored at the Santa Cruz Encampment by having our Camp Commander elected to the highest office in the Department, that of Dept. Commander. We know that under his leadership this will be a successful year in this Dept. and we are happy to pledge to him our support.

At our first Camp meeting following Encampment, Sister Gilberta Taylor, Camp Musician, presented our Dept. Com., Ralph W. Garwood, with the Saber that Mr. Taylor's Grandfather, 1st Lieut. Darius Dirlam carried all through the Civil War. Major McKinley was his commanding officer and later became President of these United States.

We have been busy with Memorial Day activities, on Sunday, May 28, members attended church services at Tremont Baptist Church along with our Grand Army family.

Our Commander attended services at 10 o'clock at Sawtelle, West Los Angeles Veterans Administration. At 1:30 he attended services at the Los Angeles Coliseum in Company with Dr. R. R. Barrett, P. C. C.; Sister Lena Barrett, P. N. P., and our Dept. Pres. Bess E. Garwood. Dept. Com. Douglas T. Storey, Grand Army of the Republic, attended both these meetings. Comrade Storey is 105 years of age. We have one other Comrade in our Department, Comrade Wm. A. Magee.

NEBRASKA

Elmer E. Cram Passes

Funeral services for Elmer Ellsworth Cram were held Feb. 19 at the Bideaux Chapel and at the Methodist Church, with the Rev. A. W. Clarke officiating. Committal was in the Schuyler Cemetery. Graveside services were in charge of Acacia Lodge No. 34, A. F. & A. M.

Elmer, second son of Daniel and Mary Chessman Cram was born on a farm near Shannon, Ill., Sept. 2, 1880. He grew to manhood there and was a graduate of Penn College, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. When a young man he accepted a position with Marshall Field Company of Chicago, as a salesman. He came to Nebraska to represent the company thirty-five years ago.

On Dec. 17, 1917, he married Miss Pauline Severyn, of Schuyler, at St. Joseph, Mo. He came to Schuyler to make his home twenty-five years ago, and after retiring from his position remained in this city.

He was a Past Dept. Commander and Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans, an order in which he labored unceasingly until his health forced him to give up active work. He was instrumental in organizing the S. U. V. and Auxiliary in this city

NEW YORK

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Department Encampment

The 67th Dept. Encampment, held at Hotel Seneca, Rochester, June 21-23, elected the following officers: Com., Leslie W. More, Oswego; Sr. Vice, Milton Armstrong, Newburgh; Jr. Vice, Robert McMahon, Rochester; Sec., Julius Isaacs, New York City (10th term of 3 years); Council: Edwin A. Barber, Syracuse; John Kernon, Albany; Marshall Hope, Oneida; Chap., Rev. William Hallock, Rochester; Pat. Inst., Phillip Sutler, Brooklyn; Press Correspondent, P. D. C. Neil Cranmer (21st year); Counselor, P. D. C. Hermon Brockway, Ithaca; Chief Deputy, Ira Terry, Ovid; Aide, Charles Bell, Buffalo. A total of 61 delegates attended. A gift of \$516 was received from the Auxiliary.

Six 50-year membership badges were presented. A letter of greeting was read from Comrade James A. Hard, only Grand Army man remaining in the state of New York. He is 108. The Encampment was honored by a visit from Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle, of Harrisburg, Pa. He gave a spirited message.

Greeting committees were received from the W. R. C., Ladies of the Grand Army, D. O. U. V., and Auxiliary. Retiring Dept. Com. Judson French was presented a gift of money by the brothers and a government bond by the Western N. Y. P. C. Association.

Invitations for the 1951 Encampment were received from Albany and Elmira. P. D. C. Fred E. Howe, of Niagara Falls, was elected Treasurer of the Allied Bodies of the Grand Army. Past Commanders-in-Chief present were Dr. Ralph Sheldon of Lyons and Neil D. Cranmer of Elmira.

Exercises at Mt. McGregor

The annual birthday exercises in honor of General Ulysses S. Grant, held Sunday, May 7, under the auspices of the Northern New York Club of Sons and Auxiliaries, were attended by about 400. Owing to a piercing wind they were held at the New York Veterans Rest Camp auditorium instead of at Grant's Cottage.

P. D. C. Charles L. Messer introduced the chairman, P. C. John Kernan, of Albany. The invocation was given by Dept. Chaplain of the Auxiliary, Ruth Hart, of Auburn. The principal speaker was P. C.-in-C. Neil D. Cranmer of Elmira. He described the elements of Grant's character. Music was furnished by the South Glens Falls School Band. The pledge of allegiance was given by Hannah Tibbetts of the Auxiliary. Guests introduced were Dept. Com. Judson French, of Batavia; P. D. C. Fred C. Barnard, of Ithaca; P. D. C. Julius Isaacs, of New York City; P. D. C. Francis Addy, of Utica; Past Nat. Pres. Mary Stapleton, of Albany; Past Dept. Pres. Phillips, of Schenectady. Special buses were run from Albany, Schenectady and Utica.

A banquet the evening before at the Troy Y. M. C. A. also honored Grant's birthday. Brother Bross, of Ten Eyck Camp, Albany, gave the address on General Grant. P. C.-in-C. Cranmer spoke on Appomattox. Pat. Inst. Edward Van Voast raised the Flag at Point Lookout, Mt. McGregor. A gift was presented by the club to the Japanese girl who has been the caretaker at Grant's cottage for a number of years.

Camp 20, Brooklyn

Com. Franklin B. Horbelt of U. S. Grant Camp has added 10 new members the past

year. He also has had printed blotters in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has found these of great value in publicity for our organizations and recommends them to other Camps in the Department.

Camp 25, Newburgh

Bradley Camp recently mustered two candidates, Gerald A. Bell and Frank P. Ferguson. Chap. Calvin Ulrich gave them the obligation. The Camp held a public card party Friday evening, April 28, at the J. O. U. A. M. Hall, Francis Milliken was chairman.

Camp 171, New York

Koltes Camp united with Robert T. Lincoln Camp No. 7, the D. O. U. V., and Middle Village Post of the American Legion in Memorial Day services May 30 at the Koltes Post Plot, Lutheran Cemetery, Middle Village. The Rev. Paul H. Wasmund offered the invocation and with Martin J. Knorr gave an address. Com. Henry Kassebaum made introductory remarks. Sec.-Treas. C. Walter gave the Gettysburg Address and The American's Creed. Com. H. Kassebaum gave the address at the Riker Post Plot.

The salute was fired by Middle Village Post American Legion firing squad. Mrs. Mary Bonar was soloist accompanied by Brother George F. Southwick of U. S. Grant Camp No. 20. Services were also held at the Koltes Post Plot.

Department Patriotic Instructor's Message

Dept. Pat. Inst. Phillip Satler has issued the following appeal for the Grand Army fund:

"The time is fast approaching when the veterans of the Civil War are no more, so let us strive to give generously to the Grand Army fund in order to have the Grand Army Highway completed before the last Civil War veteran has gone to the Great Beyond. Brothers, please send your contributions to me as soon as possible. I hope to hear from every Camp in the state."

Camp 201, Friendship

Memorial Day was fittingly observed by Margon Hills Camp, assisted by Dorothea Dix Tent, D. O. U. V., and Hatch W. R. C. A bountiful dinner was served at noon in the G. A. R. Hall at Island Park, followed by the exercises. Pat. Inst. Homer Spencer presided. The principal speaker was Past Com.-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, of Elmira. The invocation was given by the Reverend Roy Black, pastor of the Methodist Church, and the closing prayer by the Reverend Russell Crane. The Gettysburg Address was given by Mrs. Herman Barrett. Readings were given by P. C. Charles Reed, Marian Spencer, Irene Judwin and Kate Barton.

Morgan Hills Camp mourns the death of its first Commander, Floyd G. Spencer. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and Senior Maintenance Supervisor of the Gowanda State Hospital.

Rochester Area

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans played a prominent part in Memorial Sunday exercises held in the Masonic Auditorium. P. D. C. Rev. William A. Hallock was chairman of the committee. Member of the Council-in-Chief Rudolf Genthner presided. P. C. Edwin G. Hartel, of Lomb Camp, brought a message from P. D. C. of the Grand Army, James A. Hard, 108 years of age. County Com. Bertrand A. Goodbread called the roll of Civil War Dead. Taps were sounded by Bugler Raymond F. Decker, of Glidden Pierce Camp. Wreaths were placed on the Lincoln Monument in Washington Square

with P. C. Grover Scott as chairman.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Fremont L. Chapman, Minister South Presbyterian Church. Mayor Samuel Dicker gave the address of welcome. Rev. William Schifferli, Chaplain, Catholic War Veterans, spoke on "Victory or Defeat."

Camp 43, Utica

Memorial Day was fittingly observed in Utica with Winchell Camp taking an important part. The Camp marched in the parade to Steuben Park where the program was rendered. P. D. C. Francis P. Addy read Logan's Order. The principal speaker was Rev. Stanley P. Gusek, rector of Grace Church. A salute was fired and taps sounded by Bugler William Bourant. The invocation was given by the Rev. Vincent Lo Savio, assistant pastor at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church. The Memorial Day parade comprised seven divisions.

P. D. C. Addy has been named president of an organization to secure new members for the Sons and the Allied Bodies.

Camp 88, Waverly

Sunday, May 28, services were held at the Waverly Senior High School auditorium. About 600 people were present. The Waverly Senior High School mixed chorus, directed by James M. Johnson, music instructor for the high school, presented two anthems, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "This is My Country."

Rabbi Norman Seigel, of Elmira, gave address, "The Broken String." He was introduced by Rev. Robert Fox, pastor of Waverly St. James Church. Evening prayer was by Rev. Wilton J. Dobrick, Methodist pastor.

Then Memorial Day a parade was held at 10 o'clock. About 500 adults and children marched to the Mary W. Muldoon Junior High School Park. An address, "A Living Memorial," was presented by Dr. J. Clifton Lynel, of Athens. Stanley Gable, Senior High School Junior, gave the Gettysburg Address.

Rev. Levi W. Lunn, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, offered the Invocation and Rev. Robert J. Fox, pastor of St. James Catholic Church, gave Benediction. The high school band provided several selections.

The parade marched to the Foust Home Cemetery, where a three-gun salute was fired.

The procession then marched to the Memorial Boulder in Junior High School Park. Com. Arthur Lougher of the American Legion presided. The Rev. Frederick M. Homrighouse, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, offered prayer. Mayor Harry Henson placed the wreath on the Boulder.

The Memorial service for the Camp and Auxiliary was held June 1. Tribute was paid Past Presidents Lula Andrews, Mrs. Tena Swartwood and Mrs. Bertha Smith, and Past Commanders Curtis Morgan and Hiram Cronk.

Past Com. Cronk Passes

P. C. Hiram Cronk passed away May 16. He had been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans 68 years, most of which were in Waverly Camp. He prized his 50-year membership badge. He was Commander of the Camp four years and in recent years had been its Chaplain. He was 80 years of age.

Camp 77, Elmira

Members of General A. S. Diven Camp united with Mrs. A. S. Diven Tent, D. O. U. V., Auxiliary 49, and Baldwin Post W. R. C., in Memorial Sunday services at the Northside Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. Harland K. Tuttle, preached the sermon. P. C.-in-C. Neil Cranmer read Logan's Order and

Past President Della Burchard of Diven Tent recited the Gettysburg Address. The Camp marched in the Memorial Day parade and Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Leslie More read Logan's Order. Over 1,400 flags were placed on Civil War graves in Woodlawn, Second Street, Fulton Street, St. Peter and St. Paul's, and Barton Cemeteries, also around the 107th N. Y. Vols. Monument.

Diven Camp mourns the loss of Brother John Allen, who was a veteran of World War I and served 18 years in the Navy.

William Prindle was mustered at the June meeting.

Camp 26, New York City

Sunday, May 28, Tilden Camp held a short service at West Farms Cemetery. This was followed by a complete G. A. R. Ritual service at the Oliver Tilden G. A. R. plot in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx. Chap. A. Quidor conducted the Memorial Service, assisted by Miss Ide Costa as soloist. Sr. Vice Com. R. McGowan, read General Logan's order creating Memorial Day.

On Memorial Day the members of Oliver Tilden Camp acted as escort to the wreath covered hearse in the big parade up Riverside Drive. The Sons carried the G. A. R. battle flags in honor of the "Boys in Blue."

Grant's Tomb Observance

The 128th birthday anniversary of General Ulysses S. Grant was observed in a deeply impressive ceremony at Grant's Tomb, Riverside Drive, New York City, Sunday, April 30. A drizzling rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the several hundred present.

The presiding officers were Capt. Julius Isaacs and Lieut. General Cornelius W. Wickershaw. The invocation was rendered by Rev. Bernard A. Quinn, of St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Lawrence Isaacs, and the American's Creed by George Kaiser. The speakers were Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle; Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker; Captain Messmore Kendall, Past Commander Order Loyal Legion, and Maj. Gen. Willard Wyman, Chief-of-Staff, First Army. Music was furnished by the Harrisburg S. V. Fife and Drum Corps, and the 1st U. S. Army Band.

Wreaths were presented by Dept. Com. Judson French and Dept. Pres. Sophia Isaacs. The committee comprised Past Nat'l Pres. Mayme E. Dwyer, Mrs. Mae Maples, Anna Seitz, Past Dept. Pres. Miss Edith Paulding, Capt. Julius Isaacs, P. D. C. Clarence Maples, P. C. Howard Bunker and P. C. Jack Goldfish.

A banquet was enjoyed in the evening at Rosoff's Restaurant. Mrs. Mae M. Maples presided. The invocation was given by Past Com.-in-Chief Neil Cranmer, of Elmira.

Southern Tier Association

The annual meeting and picnic of the Southern Tier Association, Sons and Auxiliaries, will be held at Hoffman Park, Elmira, Saturday, July 29. Camps and Auxiliaries from Binghamton, Ithaca, Waverly, Auburn, Ovid, Pulteney and Elmira are invited. Mrs. Jennie Humphrey will preside.

NEW JERSEY

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Dept. Encampment Notes

Our annual Encampment was held in Asbury Park, June 2 and 3, in the Monterey Hotel. There was a large delegation present with most Camps of the Department represented. We were pleased to welcome Com-

in-Chief John H. Runkle and his son, Harry, to our meetings.

Friday evening, June 3, a joint banquet was held at the hotel. This was a joint affair with the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons and Auxiliary participating. The National heads of all organizations, as well as all Dept. Officers, were present. There was a fine program of entertainment and an interesting speaker procured by the joint committee.

The Past Dept. Com. Association held a breakfast meeting at which P. D. C. Edwin R. Shaw was elected President, and Fred H. Combs, Sr., Secretary.

Dept. Pat. Inst. George Kilmer 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. Robt. E. McCloud, Sr.; Sr. Vice, William G. Simpson; Jr. Vice, George Kilmer; Council—Russell H. Bogert, Parker P. Nichols and Bernard F. Fox; Chap., Benj. F. Hook; Pat. Inst., Geo. H. J. Grove, Sr.; Couns., Andrew Richardson, and Pers. Aide, Robt. E. McCloud, Jr.

Camp 4, Trenton

Another Memorial Day has passed and our Camp is now planning for the summer and early fall activities. Our duties on Memorial Day were performed in the usual fine way.

We attended Memorial Sunday Service at the Gethsemane Baptist Church, with the Allied Bodies and Veteran Organizations. Memorial Day Services were held at the soldiers' plot in Greenwood Cemetery, led by our Chaplain, Wm. C. Knowles, and our Commander, Wm. R. Mulholland, Jr. A fine address was made by Dr. Lewis M. Case, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church, and Chaplain of the N. J. State Prison, who is a member of this Camp. Salutes were fired and taps sounded by Battery A, Sons of Veterans, with Capt. Wm. R. Mulholland, Jr., commanding. 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 at Asbury Park, at which Com. Russell H. Bogert, a member of our Camp, presided. Brother Geo. H. J. Grove, Sr., of this Camp, was appointed to the office of Patriotic Instructor. All Camp members pledged him their support in his activities during the year. Full support was also pledged to our new Dept. Commander and his staff.

Camp 5, Trenton

During May the Camp and our Auxiliary held a joint anniversary banquet celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Auxiliary, and the 67th anniversary of the Camp. This was well attended by Camp and Auxiliary members as well as visitors, and all agreed that they had a fine time.

The Camp as usual attended to all of its Memorial Day duties. Our attendance was very good at Memorial Sunday Services, decoration of graves, and the Memorial Day Parade. Services were conducted by Camp Officers at Riverview Cemetery on Memorial Sunday morning, after which a rifle salute was fired over the Delaware River for the Sailor Dead, and over the Soldiers Plot for the Soldier Dead. This was followed by taps and echo. The salute was fired by members of Company B, under command of Captain Albert C. Lambert. At noon on Memorial Day, the Auxiliary served dinner in the Camp rooms.

A large delegation from the Camp attending the Encampment held in Asbury Park, at which time Brother William Simpson was

elected to the office of Sr. Vice Commander, and Brother Parker Nichols was elected as a member of the Department Council. To them, and to Dept. Com. Robert McCloud, Sr., of Bloomfield, we pledge our support and co-operation. The Camp furnished a color guard that took part in the massing of the colors at the reception given at the Dept. Encampment.

For the fifth successive year the Camp has arranged fishing parties on Barnegat Bay during the summer months. This year the boat has been engaged for July 16, August 6, September 10 and October 8.

MICHIGAN

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Camp 14, Grand Rapids

At the Encampment of the Allied Orders to the Grand Army of the Republic, recently held in Bay City, I will say we were royally entertained—plenty of good food to eat at a very reasonable price; the weather was fine but we had a very small attendance. We were honored with a visit from our Commander-in-Chief, John H. Runkle, of Harrisburg, Pa., who gave us two wonderful talks that we should all take to heart and make our Camps and Department grow.

Camp 14 was honored with five members being elected to offices, namely: H. F. Finch, Secretary-Treasurer; M. K. Brown, Sr. Vice Com.; F. M. Clough, Chaplain; Homer Savage, Asst. Sec.-Treas.; Edgar Linsley, Organizer.

At our last meeting Past Com.-in-Chief Fouch was present so the Grand Rapids men and Orlo Mutchler, of Allegan, as Member of the Council, were installed by P.-in-C. Fouch, with P. C.-in-C. Mackey as Installing Guide.

Our Camp was well represented in the Memorial Day parade and services were held in Monument Park, with firing squad and bugler. All graves of departed Comrades and those of the allied orders were decorated with the American Flag.

No new members have been added so far this quarter but we hope to add a few new names in the near future.

OREGON

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Department Encampment

Milton L. Knight, Emprre, was elected Dept. Commander of the Sons, and Mrs. Charles G. Smith, Eugene, Dept. President of the Auxiliary, at their Encampment in Eugene June 22, 23, in conjunction with the Woman's Relief Corps.

The dedication of a drinking fountain which had been purchased and installed in the Veterans' Memorial Building in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic was one of the activities on Thursday.

Officers installed for the Sons besides Com. Knight were: Sr. Vice, Charles F. Carey, Portland; Jr. Vice, William R. Baugh, Portland; Chap., Lew H. Hansen, Eugene; Pat. Inst., H. H. Boyd, Coos Bay; Pat. Inst., Dr. W. E. Buchanan, Eugene; Couns., Dr. W. E. Buchanan, Eugene; Sec.-Treas., E. W. Madison, Portland

Camp 17, Eugene

James E. Utterback, a member of the Camp for many years, died at his home in Burns on June 17. Funeral services were held on June 22, Rev. E. S. Bartlam officiating. Interment was at Rest Haven Memorial Park.

OHIO

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Department Encampment

The 68th annual Encampment of the Dept. of Ohio was held in Akron, the rubber city, June 15-17, with Dept. Com. Robert D. Austin, presiding. Headquarters of the Sons and Aux. were established at the Portage Hotel, while the Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of Veterans were domiciled at the Mayflower Hotel. The W. R. C. held its convention at the Neil House, Columbus, June 25-26.

The Sons and Auxiliary held a joint opening Thursday afternoon, and a joint Memorial Service that evening, in which all allied organizations participated. Business sessions and the exchange of greetings was the program Friday and Saturday. Friday night witnessed exemplification of degree work by both the Alliance Camp and Auxiliary. It was disclosed at the Dept. Memorial Service that 48 members of 23 Camps were lost by death during the year. Columbus and Alliance Camps lost six members each, and Cincinnati Camp five.

Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle was a guest Saturday and addressed all the allied organizations. The Sons enjoyed an instructive address.

Election of officers resulted in the choice of the following to guide the Dept. through the 1950-51 term: Com., Warfield W. Dorsey, Mt. Vernon; Sr. Vice, Harold H. Peters, Fostoria; Jr. Vice, Clarence B. Wood, Alliance; Council—Walter C. Winall, chairman, Cincinnati; Carlton N. Edie, secretary, Findlay; L. A. Capwell, Bellville; Sec.-Treas., R. J. Williams, Columbus (holdover).

Delegates to the 69th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Aug. 20-23, at Boston, Mass., are L. A. Capwell, Bellville; Edward S. Glasgow, Wooster; Harold H. Peters, Fostoria; A. J. Reeder, Dayton; W. A. Rowland, Zanesville; Frank F. Sacks, Toledo; Campbell M. Voorhees, Cohasset, Mass.; Clarence B. Wood, Alliance.

Past Dept. Coms. attending its Association annual luncheon Saturday noon, in order of service were: R. J. Williams, Michael G. Heintz, Custer Snyder, W. C. Thobaben, president, Chester O. Bigley, Louis G. Blair, vice president, Carlton N. Edie, George E. Waller, treasurer, C. Edward Wetzel. Retiring D. C. Austin was admitted to membership and elected secretary.

A monument of all Grand Army men in Ohio erected by the Sons and Auxiliary in Atwater Cemetery, last resting place of John H. Grate, their last member, was impressively dedicated with appropriate ceremonies Sunday, June 18.

Dept. Com. Dorsey promises a year of activity and seeks the co-operation of all members in an earnest effort to increase the number of Camps and members.

Crooksville Deluged

Thomas Burley Camp No. 7, Crooksville, is the only Camp in that vicinity which suffered greatly when a terrific rain storm of flood proportions struck on June 16, destroying vast property and making homeless many families. Federal and State aid is being rendered.

PENNSYLVANIA

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The 70th annual Dept. Encampment was held in Harrisburg, June 20 and 21, headquarters being the Penn-Harris Hotel, and the sessions being held in the recreation room

of Post 27, American Legion. Dept. Com. Gilbert Brown presided and every Dept. Officer was present. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15 was the host Camp and this is the Camp of our Commander-in-Chief, John H. Runkle, who was the general chairman.

On Sunday evening, a G. A. R. Memorial Camp Fire was held at Reservoir Park, which was largely attended by not only members of the Sons and Allied Orders, but residents of Harrisburg as well. Monday was given over to sightseeing, and in the evening an informal reception to the heads of the Allied Orders was held, followed by entertainment. Tuesday evening saw a very largely attended Sons and Auxiliary Banquet, followed by courtesy hour and dancing. Wednesday evening was the reception to the Dept. Commander and Dept. President, Sister "Kit" Snyder, and the entire Encampment was brought to a successful conclusion with a military ball on Thursday, staged by the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Two main features of the Encampment business sessions was the legislation enacted and the presence of Com.-in-Chief Runkle and the Nat'l Secretary, Albert C. Lambert, of Trenton, N. J. The Encampment raised the per capita tax twenty cents per year despite the Dept. Council asking for more than twice that amount in order to balance the budget. A permanent Penna. Dept. G. A. R. Fund was established. Numerous resolutions were presented and those of importance that were adopted pertain to the Centennial of the Battle of Gettysburg, and Dedication Day; request that "Armed Forces Day" be hereafter observed at least 30 days prior to or after Memorial Day; urging the attendance of the United States Marine Band at both Nat'l Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of the Confederacy.

No Encampment site is known as yet for 1951, but the matter was left in the hands of the Dept. Commander and Chairman of Department Council.

The following elective officers were installed by the retiring Dept. Commander: Com., Robert E. Delcamp, Camp 34, Mt. Carmel; Sr. Vice, Frank M. Hemminger, Camp 15, Harrisburg; Jr. Vice, Gloyd E. Long, Camp 19, Lancaster; Sec.-Treas. (5 years), John H. Liesee, Camp 200, Philadelphia; Council—Chas. Dern, Camp 9-Ellis, Philadelphia, Francis A. Hall, Camp 10, Chester, and Robert Werkheiser, Camp 295, Hellertown.

The following appointments have since been announced: Pat. Inst., Fred Fisher, Camp 2-Schuyler, Philadelphia; Chap., Rev. Richard O. Partington, Camp 200, Philadelphia; Counselor, P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, Camp 149, Media; Asst. Sec.-Treas. Walter C. Mable, Camp 200, Philadelphia; Chief-of-Staff, Col. C. Leroy Stoult, Camp 16, Reading; Press Correspondent, Howard P. Shutt, Camp 34, Mt. Carmel; Pers. Aide, Harold Maurer, Camp 34, Mt. Carmel; Radio Representative, E. St. Clair Faust, Camp 233, Easton.

Camp 149, Media

During the Centennial of Media held last month, Bradbury Camp participated throughout the entire week, but most outstanding was the parade held on Wednesday evening, during the week of the celebration, at which time the Camp entered a float depicting "Lincoln at Gettysburg, Nov. 19, 1863." Wm. E. Hosmer, impersonated Lincoln. Music was furnished by the combined Darby Camp Sons of Veterans and Darby Camp United Spanish War Veterans Fife and Drum Corps. Leading the Division was P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, dressed as a typical Grand Army man, escorted by his son "Skipper" dressed in the old blue uniform of the Civil War era.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Under the command of Col. C. L. Stoult a very fine street parade of the Sons of Veterans Reserve was held on Wednesday evening, during the Dept. Encampment, with American Legion and V. F. W. Posts of Harrisburg and nearby communities participating. Com.-in-Chief John Runkle was Grand Marshal. Very fine music was in line including the G. A. R. Drum and Bugle Cadets of Reading, but it was evident from the applause all along the line of march "The Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps" were performing as usual—well above par.

Camp 10, Chester

Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle re-dedicated the Lt. Wilde Monument in Chester Rural Cemetery on May 13. City and Veteran organization representatives spoke. Judge Henry G. Sweney of the Delaware County Courts was the main speaker.

Lt. Isaac E. Wilde was one of the first to lose his life from the Chester area during the great Civil War, and it was for him that Wilde Post No. 25, G. A. R., derived its name. The Camp was named for Wilde Post which sponsored the affair, assisted by the Camps of Media and Darby. F. M. Heacock was general chairman and A. B. Hemminger was treasurer.

Encampment Fellowship Luncheon

We would like to comment briefly on this new event which was held during the Encampment at Harrisburg. Seventy-five brothers enjoyed a fellowship luncheon served in the American Legion Hall. This was the first time such was ever held and from the reaction and praise of the affair, it seems to be in order to consider that such will be a part of each Dept. Encampment from now on.

Encampment Visitors

Past Dept. Coms. Gurnon Scott and Warrington Baldwin, of the Maryland Dept., were visitors throughout the entire Encampment and joined in during all the festivities. Brother Scott was formerly from Penna., Wildun Scott having been Dept. Commander of Pennsylvania, 1897-1898, who had passed away during the year, last January to be exact, and for whom appropriate Memorial Services were held during the Joint Memorial Service with the Auxiliary.

Elmer H. Horn Passes

Elmer H. Horn, brother of the late Past Com.-in-Chief S. S. Horn, died Tuesday, June 27, at his home, 80 Old Eagle School Road, Strafford. Funeral services were held Friday evening at Oliver H. Bail's 1820 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Friday evening, June 30, and burial was in the family plot on Saturday at Easton.

Brother Horn, who was in his 85th year, had been a member of the order for well over 50 years, and at the time of his death was a member of Post 2 Camp 295, Philadelphia. He was formerly associated with wholesale jewelry firms in Philadelphia, had been retired for several years. He is survived by his widow, a brother and a sister.

News Wanted!!!

Please send any and all news items pertaining to the Camp and its members to the Dept. Press Correspondent, whose name appears at the top of the Pennsylvania column. The only way it can be prepared for The Banner is to have it in our hands, and to make sure that we do get it, why not send it as the events happen, then you will be sure to have it in on time.

P. S.—Don't forget to make your reservations for the National Encampment in Boston.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight

Department Encampment

The sixty-eighth annual Encampment of the Illinois Department was held in Peoria on June 12 and 13, headquarters being at the Hotel Jefferson, where meetings were held by both Sons and Auxiliary. Twenty-two Delegates were present representing 12 of the 18 Camps in the Department.

On Sunday evening was held a joint Memorial Service for Sons and Auxiliary, in charge of the Dept. Chaplains of each Order. It was beautiful and impressive as usual. One Past Com.-in-Chief Wm. T. Church, and two Past Dept. Commanders, Chas. R. Brush and Harvey Flock, were memorialized, as well as all members of local units, both Sons and Auxiliary, who had passed on since last Encampment.

The first session opened Monday afternoon, when all officers reports were received. These reports showed all Camps paid up and with a substantial sum in the Dept. Treasury. The business of the Encampment was completed at the two sessions on Tuesday, the election of officers resulting as follows: Com., Phil Byron, Camp 5, Kankakee; Sr. Vice, Geo. Lovering, Camp 1, Chicago; Jr. Vice, Paul E. Herschel, Camp 25, Peoria. Members of Dept. Council: P. C.-in-C. Richard F. Locke, Camp 26, Rockford; P. C.-in-C. Allan S. Holbrook, Camp 270, Dwight; Glen E. Davis, Camp 22, Elgin. Delegates to the Nat'l Encampment in Boston in August are to be appointed by Dept. Com. Byron from among those present at that session. Dept. Sec.-Treas. Roscoe Mathis holds over for another year.

The Past Dept. Commanders held their usual dinner Tuesday noon, there being six present. Retiring Com. Reynolds was elected President and A. S. Holbrook Sec.-Treas. of this association.

At the Tuesday afternoon session Com.-in-Chief Runkle was welcomed and gave a stirring account of his administration so far. It was instructive and inspiring, showing an earnest attempt to enhance the order's interests throughout his travels through every Department. A grandson, Com.-in-Chief Runkle has lived and talked Sons of Union Veterans every day. He is genial, a good mixer, stands high and merits great respect in his home community and Department, and is worthy in every way for the position he holds. His appeals for decreasing the seeming lethargy among the brothers and increasing the numbers and greater service that would result is meeting with success in many places, and we believe that the result of his stewardship will mean an aroused membership that will go on to a fuller realization of our order's requirements.

The family party on Tuesday evening was a gala affair, attended by nearly five hundred. The songs by the Shrine Chanters and the address by Publisher Oakley were the outstanding numbers on the program.

MARYLAND

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Department Encampment

The 64th annual Encampment of the Dept. of Maryland was held in the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland, on May 5 and 6. Dept. Com. James C. Tatman called the Encampment to order. The Roll-call of Officers and Delegates was followed by the routine business until noon, at which time a recess was declared until Saturday, May 6, 10

a. m. Just after the recess was declared, we found a visitor approaching the meeting room. Upon closer examination, this well-dressed, but a trifle tired person proved to be none other than Commander-in-Chief Runkle, who had just arrived from the local airport. The Commander-in-Chief had hoped to be with us in our business session, but his plane was flying about two hours late. However, about a dozen of our Brothers had a chance to meet Commander Runkle at luncheon in the hotel.

Our Department and Auxiliary held our joint banquet in the Florentine Room of the Lord Baltimore Hotel on Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p. m. A large attendance of Auxiliary and Department members heard the Commander-in-Chief give a very inspiring talk. Other features included entertainment by one of Baltimore's best dancing schools, introduction of guests, and the Auxiliary Gift Hour, in honor of the Department President.

On the morning of May 6, the Past Dept. Coms. Association held their annual breakfast, in charge of P. D. C. Michael Casey. Commander-in-Chief John Runkle and thirteen Past Dept. Commanders attended and discussed plans for maintaining the success of the Department and each individual Camp. Brother Runkle gave a brief talk, in which he suggested ways of continuing and improving our Department, and then he had to rush to the airport for a trip to Boston, Mass.

The Encampment was again called into session at 10:00 a. m., and the rest of the day saw a constant stream of important business being considered by the Delegates and Members of the Department. In general, it proved to be a very lively session.

The Department of Maryland was proud to announce that Com. James C. Tatman has been re-elected for his second term as Dept. Commander. Com. Tatman has proved to be a person of ability and a great worker in the Department. He is a great-grandson of Wm. Bareford and Louis Hahn, both veterans of the Civil War, and the 25th descendant in lineage to serve in our Order. Jimmy is the youngest Commander the Dept. has ever had and unless our memory is wrong he is the second person to be re-elected to the post of Commander since our Charter was issued. He is a member of Appomattox Camp No. 2, Wilmington, Del.

Other Officers elected were: Sr. Vice, Arnold Goering, Cushing Camp, Washington, D. C.; Jr. Vice, Wm. J. Conlyn, Lincoln Camp, Washington; Council—Elmer P. Corrie, Appomattox Camp; Michael Casey, Lincoln Camp, and Samuel J. Darrah, Garfield Camp, Baltimore, Md.

Much to the surprise and sorrow of all, Brother Conlyn answered the call of Taps before he could be installed as Jr. Vice Commander.

A Joint Memorial Service, with our Auxiliary, was held on the afternoon of May 6. This was a very impressive ceremony, in which the deceased members were paid a tribute.

Appomattox Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Appomattox Camp again took the lead in Memorial Day activities in the State of Delaware. In Wilmington, Howard D. Jester, Sr., was Chairman of the Wilmington Joint Memorial Day Committee, to succeed the late Brother Frank P. Gentieu. This marks the 29th straight year that a member of the Sons of Union Veterans has headed this committee. Howard Jester, Sr., is a great-grandson of a Civil War veteran, and is a member of Appomattox Camp. He is also a veteran of World War II and is a member of the 59th Pioneer Infantry, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is a member of

B. D. Jester, Inc., wholesale commission merchants.

The Camp distributed 3,540 flags to the graves of Comrades of the G. A. R. in the State, and our firing squad went to 19 cemeteries where they fired a total of 1,005 shells. Members of Appomattox Camp, led by the Military Company and newly-formed Girls' Cadet Corps smartly attired in their new uniforms, participated in the Memorial Day Parade, and took part in the ceremonies at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument following the parade. Brother John Shipley Coyle of our Camp served as an Aid to the Chief Marshal and Dept. Com. James C. Tatman was selected by the Marshall to head the First Division of the parade. The parade and ceremony following were given much publicity, being broadcast by four radio stations. It was with regret that it was deemed necessary to refuse an offer of a nation-wide hook-up broadcast from one of the foremost broadcasting companies for the ceremony at the monument. In order to be given this honor, it would have been necessary to estimate the time of arrival at the Soldiers and Sailors monument within five minutes, which is a hard task with a parade. Following the activities, the group was given a fine meal which was prepared by members of our Auxiliary.

Camp 1, Baltimore, Md.

James A. Garfield Camp and their Auxiliary held Memorial Day Services on May 30, at Greenmount Cemetery. There were only a few of our members present, but the spirit was one of Service. Past Dept. Com. Gurnon R. Scott presided. Past Dept. Com. Samuel J. Darrah acted as Chaplain and Past Nat'l Pat. Inst. of the Auxiliary read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The speaker was Past Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Thomas L. Butler, who spoke on the subject "Remove thy shoes from off thy feet, for the ground upon which thou standest is Holy Ground." Past Camp Com. Arnold Goering, Sr., closed the meeting with the benediction.

Camp 2, Washington, D. C.

Lincoln Camp lost one of our faithful members when Brother William Conlyn passed away. Brother Conlyn had just recently been elected to the post of Dept. Jr. Vice Commander. Our Camp is rather small and feels the loss of Brother Conlyn very deeply.

The Camp is proud to see that Brother Michael Casey has been re-elected to the Dept. Council. Mike is one of the real live-wires in the Department.

IOWA

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Camp 58, Fort Dodge

George W. Webb, Commander of C. C. Carpenter Camp, died on April 28, 1950. His right to membership in our Camp came to him through the services of his father, George M. Webb, who served in the Civil War.

George was born Dec. 16, 1887, at Baxter, Iowa, Sept. 29, 1912, he was married to Miss Leland Elsbury of Somers, Iowa. This couple have been a wonderful team in the service of our Camp and Auxiliary.

George became Commander in 1948 and had served well until his death. Three Sons of Veterans and three brothers from the I. O. O. F. served as pall bearers.

Attending the services in groups were members of the S. U. V. and Aux., W. R. C., D. U. V., Grace and Bon Ami Rebekah Lodges and Odd Fellows.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Nat. Pres. has just returned home from official visits at ten Dept. Encampments. Everywhere she was received most graciously and found all these Departments showing much good work being accomplished. These visits complete a round of every Dept. visited, either at their Encampments or at special meetings.

Plans are now about completed for the Nat. Encamp. to be held the week of Aug. 20, 1950, at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass. If you have not already done so, make your reservations with the hotel as soon as possible, giving names, date of arrival and name of the organization.

Please plan to attend the first session, which will be on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. This will be the semi-official opening in charge of the Convention Committee, of which P. N. P. Maude Warren is chairman. On Sunday evening will be the Joint Opening with the Sons, in charge of National Chief-of-Staff.

My best wishes to the newly elected officers of each Department.

Hoping to see many of you at Boston on August 20, 1950. Very sincerely,

ETHELYN C. TUCKER,
National President.

LAST GENERAL ORDERS

Nat. Pres. Ethelyn C. Tucker has issued her last Gen. Order (No. 4). Dept. Presidents or Secretaries are urged to mail these out to Auxs. as soon as received by them, as the time is very short before the Nat. Encamp. at Boston, week of Aug. 20. Gen. Order No. 4 contains lists of appointments and committees for the Nat. Encamp., as well as other valuable information. Pres. Tucker has had a fine, successful year and has made us an excellent Nat. Pres. Best wishes to her for a happy and successful Nat. Encampment.

SEPTEMBER ENCAMPMENT NUMBER

The Sept. issue of The Banner will be the Nat. Encamp. number and the greater part of the Aux. space will be devoted to a report of the Encamp. Dept. Press Cor. are requested to send in only a limited amount of news for that issue.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

New Auxiliary Instituted

On June 12, at Santa Ana, Calif., a new Aux., to S. U. V. was organized with 25 charter members. By special request of Com. R. B. Kelsner of the Sons and members of the Camp, P. D. P. Beatrice S. Riggs, of Ontario, instituted and installed the new Aux., assisted by P. N. P. Mamie Deems and other members of various Auxs. Fifteen of the charter members were present to be installed. Some transfers failed to come through in time and several of the candidates were ill. Pearl Nelson was elected Pres. of the new Aux.; Bertha Thompson, V. P.; Winnifred Hanson, Sec., and Mae Kelsner, Treas. After the officers were placed for obligation, the lights were lowered and the Chap. carried a white lighted cross as she marched with Sister Beatrice to the altar. This was a very impressive scene. Approximately 75 people were present, among the honored guests being P. C.-in-C. of the Sons, Dr. Ralph Barrett, Dept. Pres. Bessie Garwood and her Chief-of-Staff Bessie Wor-

ner, and Elmer Wohlgenuth, Dept. S. V. C. of the Sons. Musical selections were given and greetings read from Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker and others. The new Aux. was presented with a Flag by Sister Riggs and \$15 she had won on a broadcast; Dept. Pres. Garwood presented the new Aux. with \$5.00; a ballot box by P. N. V. P. Charlotte Turner; a Bible from Sister Molly Sneberg; 2 floor flags, Aux. 10, Long Beach; Aux. 14, Pasadena, gave a floor flag, as did the Aux. of Inglewood. Remarks were made by P. C.-in-C. Barrett, P. N. P. Lena Barrett, P. N. P. Mamie Deems, Sisters Garwood and Turner, and Brother Wohlgenuth, also by the new Pres., Pearl Nelson. Refreshments were served.

Modesto—Aux. 10 met June 15 at the F. R. Shiffert home for a luncheon and business meeting. Luncheon was served cafeteria style in the lovely tropical-like garden. At the business meeting plans were made for a district meeting to be held July 9 in the Jewish Center, with luncheon and a program. The President is Effie Darby.

Oakland—Aux. 21 held a social meeting June 12 at the home of Sister Virginia Robinson. A short business meeting was followed by lunch, after which cards were enjoyed.

Pasadena—Aux. 3 was busy with Decoration Day affairs, attending services, assisting the Camp in placing 575 Flags on G. A. R. comrades' graves and marching in the Am. Legion Post parade. At our last Aux. meeting Pat. Inst. Gilberta Taylor presented Dept. Pres. Bess E. Garwood with buttons from the uniform worn through the Civil War by Mr. Taylor's grandfather, 1st Lieut. Darius Dirlam, also two solid silver spoons, Civil War heirlooms. On Flag Day we marched in the Elks parade and later attended the Americanization program for new citizens. We feel honored that our Aux. Treas., Bess Garwood, was elected Dept. Pres. at the Dept. Encamp. at Santa Cruz.

Long Beach—Aux. 20 and Camp 10 came home from the Dept. Encamp. at Santa Cruz with flying colors, each order having won Honor Banners, also the prize money for the most new members. The Encamp. was well attended and most interesting, profitable and instructive. Sisters Mollie Sneberg and Charlotte Turner, of Pasadena, were given special honors and a prize of \$25 for instituting the new S. V. Camp in Pasadena. Aux. 20 has the honor of having Harriet Wyatt as Nat. Aide and Lura Wohlgenuth as Dept. Aide to the Sons. Memorial Day was reverently observed by both Camp and Aux., joining the other allied orders at a service held at Lincoln Monument in the Public Park where floral tributes were placed. At Rainbow Pier another short service was held and wreaths and flowers strewn over the water in honor of those who sleep beneath the waves. We then attended a beautiful program in the Veterans building in charge of the Sons.

San Jose—The Aux. and Camp celebrated the 60th wedding anniversary of two of its members, Mr. and Mrs. James Odell, and the 90th birthday of Mrs. Jessie Nichols, a member of the Aux., when they convened the evening of May 12 in Druids Hall. High lights of the Dept. Encamp. at Santa Cruz were given by various members. Camp Com. James Odell, Dept. Chap. of the Sons, and Sister Pearl Freeman, elected Dept. Pat. Inst. of the Aux., were escorted in with colors and introduced. Memorial Day plans were made and an invitation accepted to participate in the Memorial Day parade. Following the meeting refreshments were served in the dining room, with yellow roses and golden candles as decorations. A most enjoyable program of music and readings was given. Cor-

sages were presented the honored guests and 90-year old Mrs. Nichols was presented with many beautiful birthday cards and handkerchiefs. — Mrs. Gertrude Curtis, Dept. Press Cor., 450 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT

The 35th annual Encamp. of Conn. Dept., Aux. to S. U. V., was held April 15-16 in New Haven with Hotel Garde as Dept. headquarters. Dept. Pres. Alma Doles graciously presided at all sessions. It was voted to hold our annual inspections in April, May and June. Through the efforts of Dept. Pat. Inst. Florence Barker and the Aux. Pat. Instructors we were able to present the Newington Home for Crippled Children with a gift of money to be used for rehabilitation work.

Among the new Dept. officers elected and installed by Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker were the following: Dept. Pres., Minnie Burkhardt, E. Hampton; V. P., Mattie Degenkolbe, Rockville; Sec., Lillian Pierce, New Britain; Treas., Grace Therikidsen, Derby.—Mrs. Celia Goodrich, Dept. Press Cor., 1195 Farmington Ave., Forestville, Conn.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

The 28 Dept. Encamp. of the Rhode Island Aux. to S. U. V. was held April 14-15 in Providence with Dept. Pres. Alice Crossley presiding.

Election of Dept. officers took place and all elective and appointive officers were installed by P. D. P. Laura I. Smith, which included the following: Dept. Pres., Ellen F. Baker; V. P., Mabel Skinner; Sec., Hattie B. Lawton; Treas., Hattie M. Thurber.

Dept. meetings will be held at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2:00 p. m. All members and Sons are welcome.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT

Muncie—At our May meeting of our Aux. to S. U. V. our Pat. Inst. Irene Runyon was in charge of the program, her topic being "The Pledge to the Flag and the Proper Use of It." Our Chap., Clara Vaughn, was in charge of the Memorial Day Service and spoke on "What Memorial Day Stands for." She was also in charge of the memorial service with the American Legion and other Auxs. Sister Jean Hillman, Dept. Chairman on Rehabilitation, gave a report of her work. The project is Riley Hospital. Upon her return from Terre Haute where she attended the Dept. Encampment of the Aux. and allied orders, Sister Hillman delivered a check for \$250 to the Riley Hospital for use in rehabilitation. The money is to be used for rebuilding a motion picture cabinet and buying a voice and recording ribbon for the movie machine. The money was contributed by the 14 S. U. V. Auxs. of Indiana. Naturally it was a pleasure to Sister Hillman to deliver this fine amount of money to the hospital, in person. Miss Williams, at the Medical Center at the Riley Hospital, stated that if the people only knew how much help this was to the children, especially in the evenings, they would be more generous.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT

The 60th annual Dept. Encamp. of the Aux. to the S. U. V. was held in Newton, Kan., May 7-19, which was very profitable and enjoyable. A public Memorial Service was held in the Methodist Church May 7 by members of the allied orders, and a joint Memorial Service was held by the Sons and Aux. Monday p. m. in memory of members of both orders who had departed during the year. The Past Presidents and Past Commanders breakfast held in Fred's Cafe was well attended. Sister Iva Perry of the Aux. was elected Pres. of the organization. The Aux. served a banquet to the Sons, which

was a very enjoyable occasion. Gifts were presented. Only two scrap books were presented at the Encamp. Each Aux. is asked to make one and take it to our next Encamp., which will be held in Topeka in May 1951. The following recommendations were adopted at our Encamp.: That the per capita tax remain the same; that Kitchen Banks and Pat. Inst. Funds be continued; that each Aux. increase efforts to add a little more to the Love Gift for the Sons; that we continue to have a Rehab. Chairman who will lead each Aux. in that work.

Among the Dept. Officers elected and installed by P. C. A. P. Phillips were the following: Dept. Pres., Iva E. Perry, El Dorado; V. P., Elizabeth Stein, Gypsum; Sec., Mildred Morse, El Dorado; Treas., Irene Smither, Salina.—Allie Bartow, Dept. Press Cor., 3047 N. 31st St., Kansas City 2, Kans.

MAINE DEPARTMENT

Coopers Mills—The Aux. and Camp held Memorial Day services by placing flags and holding services at the Whitefield Bridge. Flags were placed in three towns: Whitefield, Windsor and Somerville, for veterans of the Civil War, Sons and Auxs., and also Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Services for the Sailors and Marines, held at the bridge, included "America" and "Rock of Ages," played on the accordion by Lela Cullins and sung by members and children; solos were sung by Sisters Cullin and Margaret Reynolds. Flowers were placed on the water followed by benediction. The attendance was good and after the services a picnic lunch was enjoyed by all. At our next regular meeting, we expect to have several candidates. Get behind our President and Commander, members, and live up to what is expected of us.—(Alice Small, Aux. Press Cor.)

An interesting picture appeared in a recent issue of the "Daily Kennebec Journal," published at Augusta, Maine. It was a picture of Seth Williams Post No. 13, Grand Army of the Republic, taken on Memorial Day, May 30, 1895, lined up in front of the Augusta postoffice, prior to performing Memorial Day duties. The long double line of Civil War veterans shown in the picture, taken 55 years ago, is viewed today with tears and sorrow when one realizes that only a pitiful few remain of the once stalwart ranks of thousands of "boys in blue." The newspaper article accompanying the picture states that only 40 Civil War veterans are now living in the country, including 23 Confederates and 17 Union soldiers. Augusta is proud of her small park in which stands an imposing monument, erected at a cost of \$8,000 to the memory of the heroic sons of Augusta, who gave their lives for the Union. The names of 36 officers and 120 privates are inscribed upon its face.—Mrs. Florence Arnold, Dept. Press Cor., Augusta, Me.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

The Maryland Dept. Aux. to S. U. V., held their 56th annual Encamp. May 5-6, in Baltimore, Md., with headquarters at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The Pres., Miss M. Elizabeth Wackerhouser, was escorted in by P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu through an archway of white snapdragons. Our own Celeste also represented our Nat. Pres., Sister Ethelyn Tucker. We were honored by having our Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle, of the Sons, and his mother, Past Nat. Treas. Sister Mary Liddick, with us. Sixteen P. D. Ps. were each presented with a corsage of red roses by our retiring Pres.

At 7:00 p. m. a banquet was held and the speaker was Com.-in-Chief Runkle. At the Courtesy Hour at 9:00 p. m., our Pres. was showered with gifts. At our P. D. P. Assn. luncheon Sister Mabel Gates succeeded Sister Rama Neimeyer as Pres. Our new Dept. Pres. this year is Sister Carrie Bower, of Ha-

gerstown, Md. We all wish her a successful year and one she will always remember.

Wilmington, Del.—May 13 was a very happy time for Aux. 2, for on that evening we celebrated our 50th anniversary, honoring four charter members, namely P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu and P. D. Ps. Margaret J. Hahn, Maude Mortimer and Meta K. Kellogg. Each was presented with an orchid corsage and a gold bell containing a gold-edged handkerchief. A book was presented to Sister Celeste, with signatures of friends and members who contributed to her G. A. R. Memorial Fund, and also an outline of her life in our Aux work. We were again honored by having our Com.-in-Chief John Runkle and party from Harrisburg, Pa., with us. It was a very interesting and gala affair. Here's wishing, charter members, that you will be with us at the 75th anniversary.—Florence F. Stierle, Dept. Press Cor., 1600 N. Van Buren St., Wilmington, Del.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

The 24th Dept. of Mich Encamp. was held in Bay City June 6-9. The following officers were among those elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Myrtle Hicks, Lansing; Sec., Marguerite Huff, Lansing; Treas., Ethel Hammond, Jackson. We were greatly honored to have our Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker with us for two days of our convention, and also our Com.-in-Chief John Runkle, who could only stay for the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, daughter of our P. N. P. Kathryn Joyce, who resides in Bay City, invited all the members of the Aux. to her home on the Lagoon for tea.

The Dept. of Michigan gave \$100 to the War Memorial Building Fund of Bay City. This building is in honor of all veterans of all wars. Mrs. Dorothy Johnson is very interested in this project.—Margaret Underwood, Dept. Press Cor., 1022 Phoenix St., South Haven, Mich.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT

Missouri Dept. S. of U. V. Aux. held their 34th Encamp. in St. Louis May 8-11. Sister Dorothy Wilson, of Kansas City, was re-elected Dept. Pres. We were so happy and honored to have our Nat. Sec. Sister Olive Haynes, of Ill., with us during this Encamp. A greater thrill was had when Com.-in-Chief John Runkle of the Sons came and gave the Camp and Aux. a most inspiring talk. I'm sure his word will bear fruit.

St. Louis—Fitting Memorial Services for Veterans who lost their lives at sea were held by Aux. 4, of St. Louis. More than 65 persons gathered on the Eads Bridge and strewed flowers on the Father of Waters (Mississippi River). Boy Scouts and Juniors assisted. When taps were sounded by the Boy Scouts, two U. S. Coast Guards, lowered from a Coast Guard Cutter a raft 10 ft. x 3 1/2 ft. entirely covered with flowers, onto the water. Dept. Presidents, or their representative from Orders allied to the G. A. R., took part. As it floated down the river all joined in singing "Nearer My God to Thee."—(Adele Geldmacher, Aux. Press Cor.)

Augusta—Aux. 8 of Augusta, Mo., participated in the Memorial Day Services on May 30, 1950, at the American Legion Hall. This annual program is under the joint sponsorship of the S. of U. V. A., the American Legion and its Aux., and this year was attended by more than 200 people. In the forenoon, flags were placed on the graves of all Civil War Veterans by members of the Aux.—(Hedwig Linns, Aux. Press Cor.)

Cape Girardeau—Aux. 10 held a meeting recently at the home of Sister Ella McGowan, at which time our Chap., Sister Tinsley, escorted to the charter by the Guides and Color Guards, Sisters Rau, Preston, Schultz and

Kilgore, draped the charter honoring the memory of P. N. P. and P. N. T. Lillian Ball, of Ind. Dept., who passed away April 29 of this year. The service was conducted to the strains of religious music played on an old-fashioned music box. Aux. Pres. Thompson presided at the business session that followed and reported on the Memorial Day observance carried out by the Aux. Following the meeting, Sister Ella McGowan, in a belated celebration of her birthday in May, was hostess at a social get-together, serving refreshments after a period of games.

Kansas City—Aux. 36 attended Divine services Memorial Sunday at the Federated Church, inasmuch as our Aux. Pres., Sister Wilson, is Pres. of our local Federation. For the previous three years we attended services at the Evangel. Church, several of our Aux. members belonging to that church. Sister Ida Smith has read Gen. Logan's famous Memorial Day G. O. for many years in the Sunday service, and enjoys doing it. (Ida Smith, Aux. Press Cor.)—Lillie Moeser, Dept. Press Cor., 6206 Winona, St. Louis 9, Mo.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

The 59th annual Encamp. of Mass. Dept. Aux. to the S. U. V. was held at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass., May 5-6-7. It was a very successful and enjoyable Encamp. and was well attended. Dept. Pres. Gladys Milkey presided most ably at all the sessions. Among the new Dept. Officers elected and installed by our Nat. Pres., Ethelyn Tucker, were Josephine Bates, Pres., Worcester; Mabelle Howard, V. P., Springfield; Alice Campbell, Sec., Levington; Gussie Dunlevy, Treas., Brockton. A sum of money was presented to the Mass. Dept. Sons of U. V. by the Presiding President Gladys Milkey, also a check to the Amputee Veterans by Dept. Pat. Inst. Frances Cox.

Joint Memorial services with the Sons were in charge of Dept. Chaplains Rev. George H. Driver and Louise Gardner. An address was given by P. N. P. Margaret Palmer; solos by P. D. C. Addison Quinn; taps by Brother Fred Waugh.

Sat. eve a well attended banquet and reception to Dept. officers, allied orders and friends was given, with Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle, of the Sons, and Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker, of the Aux., as special guests. A very beautiful pageant was presented by P. D. P. Phyllis Dean, assisted by P. D. P. Rita Angier.

Wakefield—Aux. 13 met at the home of Sister Ruby Fuller, who served a dessert luncheon preceding the meeting; Pres. Marion Pohl presided. Plans were made for the observance of Memorial Day, also for the Memorial service to be held May 23 with the Sons and Daughters as guests, in the new meeting room in the Lafayette Bldg. Members were appointed to visit the public schools in connection with Memorial Day observance.

(News items were sent by Dept. Press Cor. Maud Colburn from South Hanson, Brockton, Beverly, Plymouth and Abington Auxs., but they had to be omitted because of so many Dept. Encampment reports having been sent in. News from these Auxs. will appear in Sept. issue of The Banner.—Nat. Press Cor.)

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

The 48th annual Encamp. of the N. J. Dept. was held in Asbury Park June 2-3. Our Dept. Pres. Genevieve Bolan presided most graciously, assisted by a splendid and efficient staff. We were happy to have our Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker with us during the entire Encamp. We also had with us Nat. Vice Pres. Ruth Daly and Nat. Director of the Budget Edna Lambert, P. N. P. We were also very happy to have with us P. N. Ps. Clara Gallagher and Margaret Schroeder; Dept. Pres. of

N. Y. Sophia Isaacs and her Personal Aide, Marlon Werner, P. D. P.; P. D. P.s of Penna. Margaret McKinney and Helen Sprenger and Sister Kathleen Runkle, wife of our Com.-in-Chief, also of Penna.

Our Chief-of-Staff, Florence Jansson, had charge of the social activities and presented a very beautiful opening and also a very lovely courtesy hour. The station of our Dept. Pres. was transformed into a flower garden and at the Courtesy Hour, her gifts were presented in a "pot of gold" at the end of a rainbow. C.-of-S. Jansson's report was most successful and was really breathtaking. Pat. Inst. Lena Williams, who was also Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, gave a very splendid report of a busy year, bringing a great deal of pleasure and happiness to the boys in the various hospitals. Both of these officers are to be congratulated for their splendid work and a fine job, well done.

The highlight of the Encamp. was a Campfire Banquet by the Allied Orders of the G. A. R., with Bro. Andy Richardson as toastmaster. Following the banquet a reception was held in honor of our Dept. Pres., and Dept. Com., with our Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker and C.-in-C. John H. Runkle as our honored guests. During the evening a flag was presented to the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

P. D. P. Kathryn Sharkey presided at a lovely luncheon and meeting of the Past Dept. Presidents with 24 members and guests present. The newly elected officers were installed in a very impressive manner by P. N. P. Mararet Schroeder with a full staff from her own and the new Dept. Pres.'s Aux. 7, of Bloomfield. Among the new officers are: Pres., Frances Winter; Sec., Lillian Alrey; Treas., Ruth Davenport. Best wishes are extended to our Dept. Pres. Frances Winter and her staff for a very happy and successful year.

Seven of our members attended the Encamp. of the Penna. Dept. held in Harrisburg the week of June 18, and had a most enjoyable time. Nothing was left undone to make our stay a most pleasant one. To our Nat. Pres., Ethelyn Tucker, we offer our best wishes for a very happy and harmonious Encamp. in Boston.—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth, N. J.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

The 59th annual convention of New York Dept. Aux. to Sons of Veterans was held in Rochester June 21-24. Tues. eve Stunt Night was held. Wed. morning meeting was called by Dept. Pres. Sophia Isaacs. A welcome was given by drill team of New York City Aux. followed by Dept. Officers. Memorial services were held. Wed. eve the ritual was exemplified in a very able manner. Thurs. nominations and election and among those elected are: Dept. Pres., Rae Maier, Albany; Vice Pres., Margaret Heinsler, Rochester; Sec., Isabel Shaw, N. Y. City; Treas., Cecile Dwyer. We had the honor to have Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker with us, who installed the officers.—Ella Jones, Dept. Press Cor., Syracuse, N. Y.

Peekskill—A Hastings Youth Center Indoor Flag, given by Sister Bertha Dolan, of Aux. 41, Peekskill, was presented by Aux. Pres. Cora Boyce, Peekskill, on June 17.

Amsterdam—Aux. 56 entertained recently in honor of Dept. Pres. Sophia Isaacs and Dept. Com. Judson French, also to celebrate their 31st anniversary at Elks Temple. Mayor B. Deal welcomed the guests and invocation was given by Rev. H. Wood. A large birthday cake with candles was a centerpiece at table. A splendid program was given and announced by Pres. T. Schoffield, assisted by Chairman V. Sweet. Remarks were heard from guests from New York, Utica, Schenec-

lady, Van Renseleer, Albany, Syracuse, Batavia and Amsterdam.

Syracuse—On June 14 a Flag was presented to the Camp Fire Girls by Aux. 25 and S. V. Camp 66.

Fulton—Aux. 38 celebrated its 31st anniversary on May 8. It was organized May 5, 1919, by P. D. P. Winnie Durst, of Syracuse. There were 24 Sons of Veterans present to help celebrate. A large birthday cake was used in center of table, with other decorations. Mrs. Velma Scofield was chairlady. There are still 5 charter members living, 4 being present. Mrs. Maud Dingle, Mrs. Josephine Kelly, Mrs. Mary Miner and Mrs. Isabelle Ricards. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Elmira—The April meeting of Aux. 49 was presided over by Pres. Allie Konkoloski. The Sons and Aux. held a joint social meeting April 14 in Johnson City, which several of the members of both orders attended. On April 25 a dinner celebrating Appomattox Day was held at the Y. M. C. A. A class of candidates was initiated. A card party was held in April with Sisters Evelyn Dolan, Della Burchard, Harriet Day and Marie Cranmer as committee. At our April meeting the charter was draped for two deceased P. D. P.'s, Anna Dickerman and Winnie Durst.—Mrs. Ella Long, Dept. Press Cor., 420 Oakwood Ave., Syracuse 3, N. Y.

OREGON-WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT

A most splendid session of the Oregon-Washington Dept. Encamp., which was held in the new Veteran's Memorial Building in Eugene, Oregon, during the week of June 20, came to a close with the installation of the officers of the S. U. V. and Aux. in joint ritualistic work, on Thursday evening at 5:00 o'clock.

Throughout the full time allotted for the Encamp., Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty seemed to be the watchwords; the Campfire was one of special interest, while the business sessions were filled with emphasis on FRATERNITY. Dept. Pres. Zelah Lindgren presided at all of our Aux. meetings.

The building was well adapted for our work, since the Sons, the Woman's Relief Corps and our own Aux. were housed under the one roof. Besides this, ample space was provided for committee rooms, lounge and dining room, this latter being able to have seated some 300 guests; this was the first time that such accommodations have been provided for our joint meetings in Oregon.

The Dept. Pres. for the new year is Mrs. Charles E. (Frances) Smith, 2795 Monroe St., Eugene, Ore., while the Dept. Secretary is Mrs. Claud W. (Hazel) Gordon, 2892 Bessie St., Eugene, Ore.; Dept. Treas., Mrs. Edna Waterman, Salem.

We had an increase in membership during the past year, and our organization is in a healthy condition.

Among the important events of the Encamp. was a splendid program honoring Dept. heads of the Sons and their Aux. and the W. R. C. A special guest was to have been Past Com.-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Theo. A. Penland, age 101, but illness caused him to go instead to the Veterans' Hospital at Vancouver, Wash. The three above named orders were founded soon after the Civil War and claim to be the oldest active patriotic societies in the U. S. Now that their service to Union soldiers of the Civil War is no longer required, they are turning their attention to rehabilitation needs of veterans of later wars. Another outstanding event was the dedication of a drinking fountain which had been purchased and installed in the Veterans Memorial Building in memory of the G. A. R. as a gift from the local allied groups. Another important event was the joint ban-

quet and campfire on Wednesday evening. This was largely a fun program with much reminiscing of former days. Dr. L. L. Baker, of Eugene, was Campfire chairman. A joint memorial service was impressive and beautiful, and preceded the dedication of the drinking fountain mentioned above.—Mrs. Martha E. Starr, Dept. Press Cor., 1093 West 5th, Eugene, Oregon.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

The 67th Annual Encamp. was held in the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, June 18-22. During the entire time we had the pleasure of the presence of our Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker.

Among the officers elected and installed by Past Dept. Pres. Anna Myers, of Bethlehem, were: Pres., Lottie Trumbower, Aux. 295; V. P., Viola Bremme, Aux. 200; Sec., Virginia Ackerman, Aux. 140; Treas., Mary Liddick, Aux. 7.

We had a very lovely convention and I am sure our retiring President, Sister Kathryn Snyder, was more than pleased to have had so many attending the sessions.—Caroline E. Moeckel, Dept. Press Cor., 3437 N. Howard St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.

Indiana—The Aux. to S. U. V. celebrated Lincoln's birthday by serving a baked ham and covered dish dinner to approximately 50 members, many were unable to attend because of sickness. Decorations in red, white and blue prevailed, and outstanding was a miniature cabin representing Abe Lincoln's birthplace, made by B'air Cummins, great-grandson of William Hanna, a Civil War veteran. A fine patriotic program was given by the many present. Corsages were presented Sisters Hattie Shattuck, Laura Barclay and Gaye George for their years of service in the Aux.—Minnie Hunsberger, Dept. Press Cor.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

The 37th annual Encamp. of the Wisconsin Dept., Aux. to S. U. V., was held in Sheboygan June 11-13, with headquarters at the Hotel Foeste. Wisconsin's last surviving G. A. R. Veteran, Lansing A. Wilcox, was unable to be present.

C.-in-C. John H. Runkle of the Sons, and Nat. Pres. Ethelyn C. Tucker of the Aux., arrived by air in Milwaukee Sunday morning and were brought to Sheboygan by auto, where they attended the Encamp. during the day. They were present at a flag presentation in the afternoon; a dinner of the Allied Orders; a Memorial Service at the First Methodist Church, and a meeting of Sons and Aux. in the evening. Sr. Vice C.-in-C. Franklin S. Hubbard was present during the entire Encamp. We were delighted to have them with us.

The Monday highlights were the Joint Opening of the Sons and Aux.; a Joint Memorial Service in the afternoon; a banquet at 6 p. m., followed by a reception and dance for all Nat. and Dept. officers.

Election took place Tuesday and among those elected were Pres., Mary Harrison, Milwaukee; Vice Pres., Marie Neumann, Sheboygan; Council: Hazel Brittan, Beloit; Bernice Powers, Madison, and Margaret Hayward, Sheboygan; Sec., Ellinore Konrad, Milwaukee; Treas., Evelyn Jung, Pymouth.

The Encampment of the Sons and their Aux. closed with a joint installation. The 1951 Encamp. will be held in Kenosha.—Ann Hubbard, Dept. Press Co., 5020 18th Ave., Kenosha, Wis.

Aux. Nat. Officers' Reports for Officers' Reports pamphlet, to be distributed at the Nat. Encamp. at Boston, are due at The Banner office July 15. If these have not already been sent, Nat. Officers are requested to please send them immediately to Jean M. Thole, Care The Banner, Dwight, Ill.