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

"IT AIN'T THE INDIVIDUAL,
NOR THE ARMY AS A WHOLE,
BUT THE EVERLASTING TEAMWORK
OF EVERY BLOOMIN' SOUL!"

Yes, Brothers, "Teamwork of every bloomin' soul" is needed to accomplish our goal and to place your Camp in the position of "First" in your community. An individual can do much but cannot possibly do it all. With this in mind, put YOUR shoulder to the wheel and we will reach our goal.

Has your Camp secured their quota share of membership increase set in the November Banner? If you have, strive on for further increase between now and June 30. If not, "Get on the Job" and "Do It."—"It Can Be Done."

There is nothing that cannot be done if an effort is made and teamwork is had. Publicity—Activity—Interesting Meetings.

New Camp Officers have now been in office two months—long enough to complete plans to place their Camp on a "Progressive and Business" basis. As an officer and a member of the Sons of Union Veterans, will you fulfill your obligation or "Let George do it?"

"What can I do to help build the Order?" This is the question you should ask yourself—answer it—then go to work!

Which of the "IS" Will You Be?

I WON'T—IS NOT WORTHY OF HIS HERITAGE.
I CAN'T—IS A QUITTER.
I DON'T KNOW—IS LAZY.
I WISH I COULD—IS A WISHER.
I MIGHT—IS WAKING UP!
I WILL TRY—IS ON HIS FEET.
I CAN—IS ON HIS WAY.
I WILL—IS AT WORK.
I DID—IS SUCCESS!!

I CAN, I WILL, I DID, Should be Those of a "True Son."

During the next several months much activity will surround the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. With Memorial Day programs and exercises, much publicity can and should be obtained by each Camp which, in turn, will be beneficial in recruiting new members. However, do not permit your Camp to be a "Memorial Day Camp" only. Activity throughout the year is of vital necessity to the growth and welfare of the Sons of Union Veterans. New members want action. For prosperity and growth of your Camp, action must be throughout the year—not just on Memorial Day.

The Grand Army of the Republic, our parent organization, took an active part in all civic and governmental affairs. We, as true Sons of noble sires, in fulfillment of our obligation as members of the Sons of Union Veterans and as American citizens, must give constant thought, consideration and effort to the problems which face our Republic today.

We have the largest hereditary male organization in the United States. Within our ranks are many members prominent in public

life. There are also many eligibles who are prominent citizens and who will affiliate themselves with our organization if given an invitation to join. We must, however, recognize the importance of a worthwhile meeting with plenty of activity which will make attendance worthwhile.

Under no consideration should a Camp Commander fail to conduct meetings without proper form as prescribed in the Ritual. If there is only a quorum, I urge each Commander to conduct his meeting according to regulation which will eventually pay large dividends.

The past two months have been busy months for your Commander-in-Chief. That you may know some of the visitations and affairs attended, I am outlining them as follows: January 6, Carlisle, Pa. I installed the officers of Captain J. P. Brindel Camp No. 50. January 13, Harrisburg, attended the joint installation of my own Camp and Auxiliary, General John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15 and Auxiliary No. 7. January 14, York Pa., Past Commander's and Past President's Association of South Central Pennsylvania meeting and installed the Association officers for 1950. January 15, Reading, Pa., Brigade Officer's meeting of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, at which time I was assured by Captain Charles D. Knecht that the Pennsylvania Brigade Band would be in Boston at the National Encampment and Colonel C. Leroy Stoudt assured me that all efforts would be made to have the Reserve also at Boston.

January 22, with National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Ethelyn Tucker, a meeting was held at the Hotel Statler in Boston, at which time the Encampment Committee was formed with P. D. C. Henry F. Weiler and P. N. P. Maude B. Warren, Co-Chairmen. On the same date we were guests of the Massachusetts Department Past President's Association at a luncheon and subsequent meeting which was attended by a fine representation of Sons of Veterans of the Massachusetts Department, including Past Commanders-in-Chief William L. Anderson, Charles H. E. Moran and H. Harding Hale.

January 25 to 27, Washington D. C. On Thursday, the 26th, I attended the annual meeting of the American Coalition at the Hotel Mayflower and at their noon luncheon was accorded the honor as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, to be seated at the guest table. The purpose of attending this meeting was to ascertain the advisability of Sons of Union Veterans taking an active part in the coalition.

In the evening I attended the annual dinner of the Woman's Patriotic Conference held at the Hotel Statler and had the privilege and pleasure of personally meeting the honorable Louis A. Johnson, Secretary of Defense, and George H. Craig, National Commander of the American Legion.

Also, while in Washington, I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Mrs. Harriette McCullough, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Margaret Worrell, National President, Ladies of the G. A. R. Unfortunately, I did not meet Mrs. Clara Mosher, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, but trust that we may meet sometime in the near future.

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**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2**

Series 1950

Headquarters

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Office of Commander-in-Chief

610 North Third Street
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

March 1, 1950.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

1950 Department Encampments as reported to National Headquarters are hereinafter enumerated:

California & Pacific—Santa Cruze, April 23-27; Casa Del Ray Hotel.

Colorado & Wyoming—Manitou Springs, June 11-13; Cliff House.

Connecticut—New Haven, April 15-16; Hotel Garde.

Illinois—Peoria, June 11-13; Jefferson Hotel.

Indiana—

Iowa—Davenport, June 11-13.

Kansas—Newton, May 7-9; Ripley Hotel.

Maine—Bangor, June 9-10; Bangor House.

Maryland—Baltimore, May 5-6; Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Massachusetts—Swampscott, May 5-7; New Ocean House.

Michigan—Bay City, June 7-9; Winona Hotel.

Minnesota—

Missouri—

Nebraska—

New Hampshire—Concord, April 28-29; Endicott Hotel.

New Jersey—Asbury Park, June 2-3; Monterey Hotel.

New York—Rochester, June 21-23; Hotel Seneca.

Ohio—Akron, June 15-17; Hotel Portage.

Oregon—Eugene, June 21-22; Hotel Eugene.

Pennsylvania—Harrisburg, June 18-22; Penn Harris Hotel.

Rhode Island—Providence, April 14-15; Hotel Crown.

Vermont—Barre, June 13-15; Hotel Barre.

Wisconsin—Sheboygan, June 11-13; Foeste Hotel.

Departments of Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri and Nebraska not reported to date. Dates for their Encampments will be printed in the next Order.

ENCAMPMENT JOURNALS

Journal of Proceedings of the 68th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Indianapolis, Indiana, have been promulgated to all Departments. Department Officers shall, in turn, promulgate one copy to each Camp. Camp Secretaries shall make the Journal available to all members of the Camp, subsequently filing same with Camp records.

69TH ENCAMPMENT

P. D. C. Henry F. Weiler, 3 Vine Street, Melrose, Massachusetts, has consented to accept and is hereby appointed chairman for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Encampment Committee. Past National President Maude B. Warren has been appointed by National President Sister Ethelyn Tucker as chairlady of the Auxiliary Committee.

Those appointed to serve with Brother Weiler on the Sons Committee are as follows:

W. L. Anderson, Sr., P. C. C., 40 Robn St., West Roxborough, Mass.

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As stated in General Order No. 1, Series 1950, Headquarters

will be established in the Hotel Statler. 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.

Captain Charles D. Knecht, Director of the Pennsylvania Brigade Band, Sons of Veterans Reserve, will have his band in Boston for the Encampment. Captain Knecht and his men are now raising funds for their expenses and any assistance given them in their endeavor will be appreciated.

Colonel C. Leroy Stoudt, Chief-of-Staff and Commanding Officer of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, is endeavoring to have the Reserve Units at Boston.

IN MEMORIAM

The ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic grow thinner as the months pass. Regretfully I announce the passing of:

Thomas Ambrose, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Illinois, at the Hines Veterans Hospital, November 16, 1949, at the age of 100 years.

John S. Dumser, Adjutant and Quartermaster General and Past Commander-in-Chief, at the Veteran's Hospital in Oakland, Calif., December 9, 1949, at the age of 103 years.

Charles Douglas, Department Commander and last member of the Department of Connecticut, at his home, January 19, 1950, at the age of 102 years.

The passing of these grand old "Boys in Blue" should spur us on, for our job in keeping alive their memory, ideals and traditions becomes greater each day.

PUBLICITY AND MEMBERSHIP

Your attention is directed to previous issues of The Banner requesting activity in obtaining publicity which, in turn, will result in increased membership. Four short months remain in the period to be reported at the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Special recognition shall be given each member responsible for five or more new members. Camp Secretaries are directed to certify to National Headquarters any member responsible for five new members.

"GET ON THE JOB TO HELP THE JOB"

Congratulations are in order for the Departments of California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, Kansas and Minnesota for increased membership reported at the close of the December Quarter. Special commendations to the Department of Colorado & Wyoming and the Department of Minnesota for an increase in membership

in two successive Quarters. While the gains were not great, consistency of increases shall result in success.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Fred E. Colwell, Chairman of the National Legislative Committee, has prepared for this issue of The Banner another article on "How You Can Help" your Organization in accomplishing much for the benefit of our Order. Read it—then act!

PATRIOTIC AND IMPORTANT EVENTS

April 9 marks the 85th anniversary of General Lee's surrender to General Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Camps are directed to observe this event with appropriate commemorative exercises, either in the Camp room or elsewhere and are urged to invite their Auxiliary, Allied Orders of the G. A. R., Veteran's groups and the general public to attend. As Armistice Day commemorates cessation of hostilities in World War I, April 9 commemorates the close of the Civil War, America's greatest test. We, the Sons of Union Veterans, should bring this date and commemorative occasion to the attention of those in our community.

April 14 will be the 85th anniversary of the assassination of the greatest President our country has ever had. While we remember Lincoln's birthday, may we not forget the date of his assassination.

April 27 will mark the 128th anniversary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant, victorious Commander of the Union Army and 18th President of the United States. Again, Camps are directed to observe this date with appropriate program and exercises.

MEMORIAL DAY

It is not too early to begin plans for Memorial Day. All Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall make plans to properly observe this day, designated and established in 1868 by General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic as "Memorial or Decoration" Day.

General Logan's Memorial Day Order and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address are a traditional part of each program and service held. Sons of Union Veterans shall see to it that these are a part of each program. Camps, by virtue of their heritage, shall take an active and leading part in the arrangements of all services and shall invite other veteran's groups to participate.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 3

Report of National Treasurer, January-February, 1950, Incl.

GENERAL FUND

December 31, 1949, Balance\$ 128.78
 Receipts:
 Per Capita Tax\$1,418.76
 Membership Fees 37.00
 Supplies 335.26
 Charter Fees 10.00 1,801.02

\$1,929.80

Disbursements:

Supplies\$ 271.55
 General Expense 916.38 1,187.93

February 28, 1950, Balance\$ 741.87

G. A. R. FUND

December 31, 1949, Balance\$1,445.37
 Printing 9.25

February 28, 1950, Balance.....\$1,436.12

W. L. JACQUES FUND

February 28, 1950, Balance.....\$ 119.16

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

February 28, 1950, Balance.....\$ 138.00

U. S. GOV'T BONDS

February 28, 1950, Balance\$6,700.00

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Quarter Ending December 31, 1949

Department:	Sept. 30, 1949 Camps	Members	Dec. 31, 1949 Camps	Members	Date Report Rec'd
At Large	1	20	1	20	
California & Pacific	17	448	17	460	2/1/50
Colorado & Wyoming	4	79	4	81	1/16/50
Connecticut	24	697	24	691	2/1/50
Illinois	18	283	18	277	1/16/50
Indiana	13	242	12	225	2/1/50
Iowa	14	237	14	234	1/25/50
Kansas	13	202	13	204	2/1/50
Maine	26	676	26	659	1/31/50
Maryland	7	170	7	166	1/20/50
Massachusetts	87	1,973	86	1,961	2/4/50
Michigan	13	364	13	358	1/27/50
Minnesota	6	99	6	102	1/31/50
Missouri	4	75	4	75	2/1/50
Nebraska	4	64	4	64	2/1/50
New Hampshire	16	318	13	261	1/31/50
New Jersey	19	489	18	476	1/26/50
New York	51	1,200	51	1,178	1/31/50
Ohio	45	1,037	45	1,025	1/31/50
Oregon	7	165	7	163	1/24/50
Pennsylvania	77	2,341	77	2,308	2/9/50
Rhode Island	13	213	13	209	1/17/50
Vermont	19	390	18	375	1/7/50
Wisconsin	10	278	10	273	2/3/50
	508	12,060	501	11,845	

RECAPITULATION

	Camps	Members
In Good Standing September 30, 1949.....	508	12,060
GAIN:		
By Initiation	83	
By Transfer	5	
By Reinstatement	37	125
	508	12,185
LOSS:		
By Disbanded	4	31
By Death		113
By Honorable Discharge.....		5
By Transfer		4
By Dropped	3	187
	7	340
In Good Standing December 31, 1949..	501	11,845

CAMPS DISBANDED AND DROPPED

- Indiana—No. 146, Jonesboro..... 10 members
- Massachusetts—No. 32, South Braintree..... 5 members
- New Hampshire—No. 11, Deerfield..... 6 members
- No. 32, Elkins..... 33 members
- No. 39, Pittsfield..... 16 members
- New Jersey—No. 19, Jersey City..... 3 members
- Vermont—No. 88, Tunbridge..... 13 members

NEW CAMPS

Two new Camps have been instituted since January 1:
 George M. Burlingame Camp No. 14, Pasadena, California, instituted January 6, 1950, with 18 charter members.
 Lieutenant Azel Brigham Camp No. 92, Barre, Vermont, instituted January 17, 1950, with 24 charter members.

I wish to extend congratulations to the Department of California & Pacific and to the Department of Vermont in acquisition of these two Camps. The appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief as well as my personal gratitude is extended to all those responsible for these Camps.

To the officers and members of the new Camps, we welcome you in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. May your Camp ever prosper and be a guiding light in your community, reminding others that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are truly patriotic and loyal citizens of this great nation, our heritage from our forefathers.

JOHN H. RUNKLE,
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
 National Secretary-Treasurer.

Central Region

At the Central Region Conference held at the Wisconsin Hotel in Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 16-17, 1948, a trophy to be known as the Albert Belding Hubbard Memorial Trophy, was donated to the Region by his grandson, Chester S. Hubbard. This trophy is to be used to stimulate a healthy rivalry between the eleven Departments of this Region in securing new or re-instated members.

The Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents

of these Departments have been sent personal letters advising them of the terms of this contest.

We hope this matter will be taken up immediately by the officers of this Region, and may the best Department win.

The next Regional Conference will be held in Kankakee, Ill., soon after the Boston Encampment of our Commandery-in-Chief, and as Kankakee is centrally located, we are looking forward to a good attendance.—

FranKlin S. Hubbard, Sr. Vice C.-in-C., Commander Central Region.

I know that all things considered, the United States of America, with all of its abuses of democracy and of liberty itself, is still the garden spot of the world, where peace, co-operation and constructive effort can and should prevail always and the cause of a higher Christian civilization advanced.
 —George M. Verity.

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Abraham Lincoln

The following timely article on the Great American was submitted to Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer by S. Grove McClellan, Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp, Buffalo, N. Y.:

In an excellent article on Lincoln appearing in the Buffalo Evening News, and probably syndicated in other papers throughout the country, Paul Gallico, noted writer, declares, "To an immigrant newly-arrived in this land, or to a youth born no more than ten or fifteen years ago, it must be an abiding and ever-baffling mystery how the American people ever fought one another through the four long, bitter, bloody years of the Civil War. Someone, however, was able to egg the North and the South onto each others throats."

The latter part of this statement, it seems to your correspondent, is typical of the confused thinking and inadequate understanding of the cause of the Civil War which exists today in the minds of some journalists and authors. It is because of the importance

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of accurate teaching of United States history to the "immigrant newly arrived in this land" and the "youth born no more than 10 or 15 years ago" that thoughtless statements like that of Mr. Gallico, however well meant, should be corrected.

No one "egged the North" on to the throat of the South. President Lincoln, upon assuming office, was faced with the de facto secession of seven Southern states, with at least four more likely to go. As president, it was his sworn duty to uphold the Constitution and enforce all federal laws. The states which proclaimed their secession refused to recognize the authority of United States civil officers, which made impossible the enforcement of federal law or the performance of federal functions. The Southern leaders finally demanded the evacuation of government garrisons from military posts in the South. Lincoln refused to bow to their ultimatum, for to have done so would have amounted to tacit recognition of a "Southern Confederacy." Seven thousand rebel troops thereupon attacked Fort Sumter. This was the overt act which precipitated the war. No one "egged" Abraham Lincoln into doing anything he thought was wrong, much less making unprovoked war on his fellow-countrymen.

Lincoln, with his high moral courage and keen powers of discernment, interpreted correctly his duty under the Constitution. He was able to see through the maze of legalistic debate which had gone on for decades over the right of a state which had voluntarily entered the Union voluntarily to withdraw from it. He saw that the Founding Fathers had set up within the Constitution the machinery for its own amendment, or even its termination, should the people so will.

"The chief magistrate derives all his authority from the people, and they have conferred none upon him to fix terms for the separation of the states. The people themselves can do this also if they choose; but the executive, as such, has nothing to do with it. His duty is to administer the present government, as it came to his hands, and

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Wisconsin—Commander, George A. Powers, 3017 Oakridge, Madison 4, Wis.; Sec.-Treas., Oscar Doppler, 625 Second Ave., Baraboo, Wis.

to transmit it, unimpaired by him, to his successor."

So spoke Lincoln in his first inaugural address. Nowhere does the Constitution provide a method for a state to secede, as he pointed out. By preventing the illegal dissolution of the Union he was simply carrying out his oath of office "to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Provision for the right of secession of a state could be made today, or at any future time, by the due process of Constitutional amendment, as Lincoln himself implied. However, since one of the bloodiest wars of all time was fought to prevent secession, and since only as a strong nation, united and free, can our country preserve its liberties and remain the hope of mankind, it is hardly likely that our people will ever voluntarily vote to commit political suicide by permitting disintegration of the Union.

From the Author of the River Book, "The Ohio"

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 22, 1949.

Dear Mr. Heintz:

Thanks for your letter and the carbon of the manuscript for The Banner.

I certainly agree with you; the euphemism "War Between the States" is pretty weak stuff! Actually, I think, "War of the Rebellion" would have been the best descriptive title but since our Union ancestors—and even the more literate of the Confederate brethren—started calling it "The Civil War," I'm all for that title. The old boys should be permitted to name their war; they were there.

Sincerely,
R. E. BANTA.

There's a B in Boston Buzzing in Your Bonnet

You'll want to visit BOSTON, the "Hub of the Universe" and "Birthplace of American Freedom" with Plymouth, the birthplace of America, not far away. Concord and Lexington, too where "shot heard 'round the world" was fired. Nearby ruggedly beautiful "North Shore," with it's rock bound beaches, vies with the restful sands and rolling boulders of the picturesque "South Shore," centering celebrated Nantasket.

Every concession has been made by the City of Boston, Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Statler to make the 69th National Encampment, to be held August 20-24, pleasant for delegates and profitable for the Commandery-in-Chief and Auxilliary. All sessions and functions are to be under one roof. Women will find excellent stores and good restaurants, on all sides. Those arriving early enough may attend divine worship in Tremont Temple, known internationally as the "Strangers Sabbath Home" or in Park Street Church, on "Old Brimstone Corner."

The headquarters hotel almost directly faces historic Boston Common and delightful Public Garden. Fringing on the northerly and easterly sides of these is the state capitol, much of business and financial areas and sacred shrines of American liberty. In close proximity is nestled Faneuil Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty" and those who desire can readily find Paul Revere's home; Old

North Church—"where lanterns were hung" and site of "Boston Tea Party."

The Robert Gould Shaw monument faces and is faced by the State House—an honor both ways. This fine replica in bas-relief, unique in sculptural splendor, depicts this Negro, Civil War hero, leading a portion of his Regiment and reminds us of indirect reasons for war being fought. Equestrian statues of other Civil War heroes, guard approach to the Capitol buildings. In view from many of rooms in headquarters hotel is the famed Lincoln emancipation monument, in Park Square, with the skyscrapers of modern years now surrounding it and surmounting it's former imposing size.

All this and many other thrills can be experienced with little or no loss from Encampment activities. Longer time needed for excursions may likely be arranged officially. Those who can be in Boston for time outside the Encampment period, will find their stay worth while.

Commander-in-Chief John Runkle has spent no little time in Boston, setting up plans, and our Nat'l President, Ethelyn Tucker, is even closer, geographically. She knows Massachusetts and Boston: knows what can be done and who can do it. The Encampment Committee co-leaders: Henry F. Weiler, P. D. C., and Maude B. Warren, P. N. P., are veteran campaigners. The general committee of twenty-five comprises those who have lived in or near Boston for a life time. They know the environs; they know our order; they know the score.

Many have never attended an Encampment in Boston. Not a few were not members when last we met there, in 1924. Some were not born. We have seen the awe inspiring spectacle in thriving mid-western cities. But we believe "Boston 1950" will have been unsurpassed, when ended. There's a Bee in Boston buzzing in your bonnet. Be in Beantown in August and revive the shop-worn slogan—"You don't know beans 'til you've been in BOSTON." —Harold M. Drown, Publicist.

Members Will Please Act Immediately

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS! To help in the effort now in progress to secure a Congressional Charter for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Rochester, N. Y., "Times-Union" carries daily a short but pointed feature entitled "It's Your Business" and State Senator Earl W. Brydges recently contributed the following:

"I cannot repeat too often the importance of having individual citizens inform their representatives of their positions on matters coming before the Legislature. The groups with special interests certainly make their views known. The opinion which is oftentimes sadly lacking is that of the average citizen."

Only recently our National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke wrote me: "By all means make arrangements for contacting the members of the Judiciary Committee in both the House and the Senate." There you have it, Brothers, and above advice should stir you to action. For your convenience I submit the names of both the House and Senate Judiciary Committee with

the earnest request that you write the ones from your own State or those nearest you. Just a brief, forthright note asking his favorable vote on Congressional Charter for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; giving your Camp number and station, if any; and your mailing address. If you will supply enough of such plain homespun statements from constituents interested enough to put their requests in writing, the much desired Charter is well on its way. Don't put it off—DO IT NOW—and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from having performed another good service for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.—Fred E. Colwell, Chairman, National Legislative Committee.

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THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Pat McCarran, Chairman, Nevada; Garrett L. Withers, Kentucky; Harley M. Kilgore, West Virginia; Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin; James O. Eastland, Mississippi; William Langer, North Dakota; Warren G. Magnuson, Washington; Homer Ferguson, Michigan; Herbert R. O'Connor, Maryland; Forrest C. Donnell, Missouri; Frank P. Graham, North Carolina; William E. Jenner, Indiana; Estes Kefauver, Tennessee.

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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

The last Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic of Connecticut was recently laid to rest in New Haven, and the sad duty of conducting the Grand Army burial service fell to your National Patriotic Instructor. With the able assistance of my good brothers, this rite was performed in a most admirable manner. As I stood looking at the flag draped casket, my thoughts turned rapidly back through the years to the time when Comrade Charles L. Douglass carried on the business of Admiral Foote Post 17, Grand Army of the Republic, all alone, he being the last survivor of the Post, with a few of the Sons of Union Veterans filling the chairs.

Regularly each Saturday, he would arrive at the Post Room, in all kinds of weather, even when blindness overtook him, he insisted on conducting the meetings with an almost religious fervor, until forced to remain indoors, and they were discontinued. But do you think for one minute, that these physical

IT CAN — IT WILL — IT MUST BE DONE

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On January 28, together with National President Ethelyn C. Tucker, I attended the Annual Dinner of the Past President's Club of Greater New York held in New York City. This dinner was also well attended by members of the New York Department, Sons of Union Veterans.

February 3, Philadelphia, Pa., 56th Annual Lincoln Banquet of Captain Philip Schuyler Camp No. 2. February 4, Harrisburg, Pa., 15th Annual Lincoln Banquet of Hartranft Camp No. 15 and Auxiliary No. 7. This banquet was climaxed by public initiation into membership, the speaker of the evening, Dr. Clarence E. Zorger, Superintendent of the Harrisburg Schools.

February 10, Trenton, New Jersey, Annual Lincoln Banquet of Camp No. 4 and on February 11 the Annual Lincoln Dinner of the Sons of Veterans Club of Philadelphia. February 13, Rochester, New York, 27th Annual Dinner of the Abraham Lincoln Association of Rochester. February 18, Bethlehem, Pa., the 27th Annual Lincoln Dinner of the Lehigh Valley Association, and on February 25, the Annual Lincoln-Washington Dinner at Shamokin, Pa., under the auspices of the Shamokin Auxiliary of which National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Maude Schroyer, is a member.

I deeply regret that I could not attend more of these fine commemorative tributes to Abraham Lincoln. It is a privilege to listen to the many fine things said about him and to be able to say that although Lincoln was assassinated 85 years ago this coming April 14, he still lives in the heart of each true American. We do not remember Lincoln as dead. We remember him as "living." As is inscribed in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., "In this temple, as well as in the hearts of those for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever!"

Were people of America to practice more of Lincoln's philosophy of life, there would be a distinct difference in the way we live and our consideration to our fellowman.

If at all possible, it is my desire within the next four months to reach all Departments, either by a called meeting or by attending Department Encampments. I sincerely trust that either at called meetings or Encampments I shall be privileged to meet many of my Brothers.

The Department of California is arranging a meeting in Los Angeles, Monday, March 27, and a meeting in San Francisco, Tuesday, March 28. I will be in Portland, Oregon, on March 29, and anticipate a meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 31; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 1, and Chicago, Illinois, April 2, returning to Harrisburg the same day.

Good reports from various parts of the Commandery-in-Chief are still coming in. Department Commander Homer L. Young of Iowa, advises that on February 28 he would have a class of 12 to 14 candidates to be initiated into the Waterloo Camp.

As you can see by General Orders, two new Camps were instituted in January—one in California and one in Vermont. This proves, it can be done, but to do so effort must be put forth and Brothers must subscribe to my seven Resolutions set forth in the September Banner.

I deeply appreciate the many letters received and while I have not had the opportunity to answer all of the correspondence, I do appreciate hearing from any Brother of our Order and am especially interested in progress being made.

Carry with you at all times a Membership Application. You are then in an immediate position to solicit membership. Without an available application, you may lose a prospect.

Remember, you have only four more months to meet the quota share assigned to your Camp. Shall we have "everlasting teamwork" and will you be a "I DID?"

Sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN H. RUNKLE,
Commander-in-Chief.

handicaps, the pain and suffering he endured, kept him from being interested in his work, and the work of the allied orders? Or from wishing to know what was taking place at the Memorial Day Committee meetings? If the Grand Army and the Sons of Union Veterans were equally represented with the numerous other Military Organizations? No Sir; The fact that he could not get around personally made him more alert than usual, and more eager to know what was taking place, and if things were being carried on, as the Grand Army desired, and if the Sons were going strong, for Comrade Douglass was also a Son of a Union Veteran, and understood doubly the need for "Eternal Vigilance" in these changing times.

He was typical of the Union Veteran that once lived in every State of our Republic, and many of you Brothers have had this same sad experience in your respective communities. The point I wish to bring out is this: It is very easy for us to offer up excuses and regrets for not wanting to attend Camp meetings, where our presence is sorely needed, and would give inspiration to the Camp Commander and his staff. We are sometimes unmindful of those brothers who have journeyed long distances, only to find upon arriving at the hall that the meeting has been postponed, due to an insufficient number of members. We can find the time to attend the motion pictures, the bowling alleys, our other lodges, and our television, then why do we let our organization that was founded upon the principles of patriotism and remembrance, founder upon the sea of indifference and neglect? From my own observations, I would say that all we need to make our Order greater, is just a little more feeling and consideration for our fellow members, and to realize our responsibilities to

the organization that has pledged itself to forever cherish the fond memories of our Sires, the Union Veterans of the great Civil War, 1861-1865. Remember, the Art of being kind costs nothing, but pays huge dividends.

To the Grand Army of the Republic

Fast fades the Blue
From glorious past, mid changing scene
To take on robes of lighter hue
And dwell in mansions more serene.

A valiant host, unbeaten and sublime
Before us now, is passing in review
Conquered only by the hands of time
The Nation's tears reflect the sad adieu.

Across elysian fields in last parade
The struggle o'er, the battle won,
They hear the "GREAT COMMANDER'S"
words "WELL DONE"
When shall their glory fade?

—W. F. N., Jr.

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Brothers: If you should happen to meet up with an eligible would you be able to give him one of our application blanks, and our pamphlet of information? They certainly do not take up much room in your pocket, or brief case, and if they become too worn before being used, they can always be replaced. Just a reminder.

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It has been the policy of our organization to shy away from political activities, but there was recently called to my attention by United States Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, a situation regarding Immigration and Naturalization, that is serious and alarming, and something that needs the support of any group of citizens that call themselves true Americans. Senator McCarran has called upon all Patriotic groups to speak out firmly on this subject, which vitally affects each

one of us. For further information, you can write to the Senator, in care of the United States Senate, Washington, D. C., and ask for a copy of "Displaced Persons, Facts Versus Fiction."

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The month of April is fast approaching, and with it will come many of the important dates that we observe, and that were so dear to the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. Department Patriotic Instructors and Camp Patriotic Instructors are urged to give their attention to the following dates:

April 6—Grand Army Day.
April 9—Appomattox Day.
April 14—Assassination of President Lincoln.

April 27—General Grant's Birthday.
Try and arrange District meetings for the above events, and invite a schoolteacher and one of her pupils to be present.

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Where are you? Now that I need you. Remember me, Fellows? I'm the guy in charge of the Sustaining Fund Campaign. Last year the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund amounted to \$800.00, and this year I hope to make it One Thousand Dollars or more, but in order to accomplish this, I must have the assistance of every member in our Organization. Our National Organization is faced with new problems, now that the Grand Army of the Republic has closed their books, and we are the only ones here to represent them.

In addition we are to meet with our Auxiliary alone this year, in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, and the expenses of the Encampment will be high. Also, let us not forget our main project, "THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY" which with able assistance and services of our many

Brothers, will become an everlasting memorial to the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

It is for these things that you are asked to donate to the limit, and it is for these things alone, that you will experience the thrill that comes from the willingness to give. Our organization does not, and cannot exist without funds, and without the voluntary gifts of each individual member, which is solicited once each year, we are forced to condone collections at the Annual Encampments. Let us look to the task before us, and resolve that the fund will be raised. Send in your donations now.

I have compiled the following table for comparison and have set an estimated amount that I hope each Department will use as a guide:

Department	Membership	Possible Amount Expected
California & Pacific	448	\$ 112.00
Colorado & Wyoming	79	20.00
Connecticut	697	174.00
Illinois	283	70.00
Iowa	237	59.00
Kansas	202	50.00
Maine	676	169.00
Maryland	170	42.00
Massachusetts	1973	493.00
Michigan	364	91.00
Minnesota	99	25.00
Missouri	75	18.00
Nebraska	64	16.00
New Hampshire	318	79.00
New Jersey	489	122.00
New York	1200	300.00
Ohio	1037	259.00
Oregon	165	41.00
Pennsylvania	2341	585.00
Rhode Island	213	53.00
Vermont	390	98.00
Wisconsin	278	69.00
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		\$2,945.00

How wonderful it would be if the amount above could be turned over to our National Secretary-Treasurer at the Boston Encampment. I realize that the several amounts listed above will not be realized, but at least Brothers, we can use this as a mark to shoot at. Department Patriotic Instructors, please do not wait, but start now to plan for the raising of funds in your own Departments. Remember, if every Brother in the Order donated ten cents, we would have a sum of \$1206.00 and I am sure we can do better than ten cents each.

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Brothers: Are you having difficulty with the various Military Organizations in your respective communities regarding just who shall have charge of the Memorial Day exercises? In most cities and towns, there is harmony between Veterans groups and our Members, but on the other hand, there are also many cases where the later groups want to take over completely, and ignore us altogether. If you have this trouble read the following from the Proceedings of the 65th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Des Moines, Iowa, September 14-17, 1931:

Resolved—That as the Grand Army of the Republic established, and have given proper observance to Memorial Day since 1868, we in National Encampment now assembled grant whatever right we have to maintain our memories, and see that our graves are properly decorated on Me-

morial Day, to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and protest against any other organization usurping that right in any place where a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War exists.

If there be any one who doubts the above, tell them to refer to House Document 46, Seventy-second Congress of the United States of America, First Session.

All proceedings have been published by the U. S. Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

I trust that this will help some of you Brothers, as it has helped me.

In closing, Brothers, let's all wear our Badges when attending Camp, District, and Department Meetings, and public functions where we are invited to attend and represent our Order. Some of us have become a little slack on this matter, and I have been asked several times to identify our members at these affairs. Our Badge speaks for itself. Let us all be proud to wear it. Good luck to you all.

FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR MAN

Our Vermont Brothers and Sisters ought to feel proud in the fact that Julian Scott, a fifteen year old Drummer Boy in the Third Vermont Infantry, was the first soldier to win the coveted Medal of Honor, for his act of bravery, several months before the Congressional Act, instituting the reward, was passed.

It was on the morning of April 16, 1862, at a forest and river near Lee's Mills, or Burnt Chimneys, that the famous Vermont Brigade, consisting of the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Regiments were ordered forward to attack the Rebel Fortifications. Under heavy fire, four companies of the Third Regiment, in one of which Scott was serving, succeeded in crossing the river. The water was breast high, and with their paper soaked cartridges useless, the Vermonters used the bayonet, and drove the enemy from his position, and pursued him some distance, when noticing that their support had failed to come up, they started back across the river, only to find that the reserve units of the enemy had opened the flood gates farther up stream, causing the river to rise above their heads, and also had placed sharpshooters in position to command a full view of any one attempting to re-cross. Many Vermonters were drowned in attempting to cross, and many were shot in mid-stream. Young Scott plunged into the stream and rescued eleven comrades who were either wounded, or too exhausted to keep above water. The twelfth man died before Scott could get him ashore, and at the same time, he himself received a bad head wound. This act won for him the Medal of Honor. Scott is buried in a Cemetery in Plainfield, New Jersey.

A G. A. R. Memorial in Birth Place of Order

There has been much talk about our membership growing old; some have even dropped their affiliation and have declared their activities are no longer needed.

Since the Civil War Veterans are just about gone, and will not be here to speak for themselves, the need of your help is far greater than ever before if their deeds are to be remembered.

The Grand Army of the Republic was limited to such a few; when the last honorably discharged Veteran of the Union Army was recruited into that unique organization the books were closed and there could be no more; but they were far-sighted and made it possible for you and I to guard and protect the principles and objects for which many laid down their lives and fortunes to make it possible for the citizens of this United States to enjoy the blessings of a free Country.

It is true that many of us are getting old, but we have a vast field to work upon—our sons and grandsons. Too many of us are sitting around feeling sorry for ourselves and hollering calamity, basing our neglectful attitude on the lack of time. I often think of the remarks of a great humorist: "Time is the only commodity in America that the rich and poor have the same amount of." The last half of our life is spent in trying to find something to do with the time we rushed through the first half trying to save. Let us spend our last few years educating our youths, who belong to that endless chain of eligibles for our Organization.

Even though we are one of the smaller of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army, I do not recall any worthwhile project the Sons have started that has not been completed, or is now in the process of completion. We have many qualified members in our organization that will not let it be otherwise.

At our last National Encampment, held in Indianapolis, Ind., a resolution was presented and adopted whereby we use our influence in the building of a National Memorial at Decatur, Ill., commemorating the birth of the Grand Army of the Republic, which took place in that city April 6, 1866.

The Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are now sponsoring a canvass of the citizens of Decatur for the purpose of finding the sentiments of this community as to just what kind of a Memorial they think appropriate. There is need for an Auditorium in this city of approximately 85,000 inhabitants, and it is well worth our efforts.

Let us, the Sons of these Union Veterans of the Civil War of 1861-1865, apply ourselves to the task that has been presented to us in order that our children and our children's children will always have faith in God, our Country and the freedom made possible by our Fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic.—A. Leroy Reynolds, Dept. Commander, 703 W. North St., Decatur, Ill.

Original Minutes of First Meeting G. A. R.

At an informal meeting held April 6, 1866, for the purpose of organizing an Encampment of the G. A. R., the following persons were mustered by Major B. F. Stephenson, and constituted charter members: I. C. Pugh, Geo. R. Steele, J. W. Routh, Joseph Prior, J. A. Nale, J. T. Bishop, G. H. Dunning, B. F. Sibley, M. F. Kanan, C. Riebsame, I. N. Coltrim, Aquilla Toland.

When, upon motion, the Encampment entered into an election of officers, with the following result: M. F. Kanan, Commander; George R. Steele, Adjutant; G. H. Dunning, Quartermaster; C. Riebsame, Officer of

the Day; J. T. Bishop, Officer of the Guard; J. W. Routh, Surgeon. All of whom were duly mustered by Major Stephenson, who then declared the Encampment duly organized and ready for the transaction of any and all business which might come before it, and assigned it to the post of honor as Decatur Encampment No. 1.

On motion Captains Kanan and Dunning were appointed to secure suitable rooms for the Encampment.

On motion Tuesday was agreed upon as the night for regular meetings.

On motion, adjourned to meet April 10, 1866.—M. F. Kanan, Post Commander; Geo. R. Steele, Post Adjutant.

Heads G. A. R. Corporation

Lee R. Pennington, Past Department Commander of the American Legion in the District of Columbia and an official of the Disabled American Veterans, has been elected President of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day Corporation, which carries on May 30 tradition at the Nation's Capital.

Other officers chosen were Calvin B. Lucas, United Spanish War Veterans; William Leo Collins, American Legion, and Ralph L. Chambers, Disabled American Veterans, Vice Presidents; Arthur C. Fowle, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Secretary, and Harry F. Patterson, USWV, treasurer.

Never Felt Better Says G. A. R. Officer on 103rd Birthday

Some people just don't act their age. Albert Woolson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is one of them.

He was 103 years old Feb. 11, and he'd easily pass for 65. He eats like a man in his 40s, chain-smokes cigars, reads everything he can get his hands on, and can't remember the last time he's been sick.

If more than a century on this globe has made any inroads into the gentleman, Comrade Woolson doesn't admit it. "Never felt better in my life," he told a St. Paul (Minn.) Dispatch writer.

Commander Woolson, Minnesota's last Civil War veteran, made big plans for his birthday. A lot of people came in. He admitted he'd probably overeat and maybe even smoke too much.

"Ah, but what's the difference. A man isn't 103 every day, you know."

Birthdays are Woolson's favorite holidays. Not only because a lot of people drop in but because they give him a chance to don his Civil War uniform. He put it on and was fairly busting the buttons off as he told how he joined the colors as a drummer boy when Abe Lincoln issued a call for volunteers. He served with Co. C and Co. D, 1st Minn. Heavy Art., in 1864-65.

Woolson's hearing is gone, but that's all the Grim Reaper can claim to date. And his appetite!

"I used to diet once in a while when I was a kid. Now I eat anything. I think that's why I live so long."

And any resemblance between a man running up and down the stairs and Woolson is no coincidence—it's Woolson. A downstairs bedroom?

"People might think I'm getting old."

He's in bed every night by 8 and rustling around in his room by 6 a. m. No sleeping pills for him, either. Woolson sleeps sound as a lamb.

As for all the other aches and pains generally associated with old age, Woolson knows not a whit. He's never been sick. Had a cold last winter but got over it in two days. No doctor would dare tell him to lay aside his pipe and cigars.

Woolson is one of 11 surviving members of the Grand Army, and one of only 20 living veterans of the Northern Armies of the Civil War.

Food for Thought

O. F. Barnhart, 608 Pacific Southwest Bldg., Pasadena, Calif., submits the following, entitled "In Spite of It." We consider the words as an acceptable morsel of food for thought.

"Go to the mouth of any river. What do you find? Debris! It floated down the river, when the current no longer carried it, it came to rest.

"Man's inclination is to float. It is hard work to go against the current. Were it not for that something within our hearts which says 'Keep on,' 'Fight,' 'Your reward is in White Water,' we, too, would beach ourselves on the shore of inactivity. There our ambitions would bleach like the timbers of a shipwreck.

"Man, in his search for wealth, finds it where the going is the toughest. He finds his greatest contentment when he is busiest, his wits pitted against that of the many, his ability against that of his contemporaries.

"He wins the laurels of success 'In spite of it!'"

Timely Reflections

Sunday, February 12, was the 141st anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the nation which he forced to remain united and at the same time removed forever the curse of human slavery from the land.

Lincoln's anniversary was appropriately observed throughout the country and especially in his native state of Illinois, where a reproduction of the old log cabin post office at New Salem, where Lincoln distributed the mail and made many home deliveries of letters which he carried in his hat in lieu of a mail bag, and where he studied law and campaigned for the state legislature, was again opened for business with elaborate ceremonies. The name, "Lincoln's New Salem," has been adopted to avoid confusion with another New Salem established in Pike county after the original New Salem became a deserted village and postal service was discontinued.

The year 1950 also marks the eighty-fifth anniversary of the Great Emancipator's tragic death at the hand of an assassin, whose dastardly deed made more difficult the rapprochement between the North and South, as Lincoln's magnanimity and bigness of heart would have softened the bitterness throughout the South due to the "Lost Cause" of the Southern Confederacy, and the era of good will and genuine friendship which have prevailed for so many years would have been very materially hastened.

January 15 of this year marked the eighty-fifth anniversary of the death of Edward

Everett, who was a vice presidential candidate on one of the three opposition tickets to Lincoln in the 1860 presidential campaign which sent Lincoln to the White House.

However Everett's defeat did not seem to have embittered him against Lincoln as Everett cast his electoral vote for Lincoln in the presidential landslide in 1864, which retained Lincoln in the presidential chair biding the night of the fatal theatre party at the Ford theatre which ended so tragically.

Probably in all history there has not been recorded the lives of two great contemporary statesmen so dissimilar or of greater contrast than were the lives of Lincoln and Everett from the cradle to the grave. Lincoln was born in a log cabin in the frontier wilderness. His parents were penniless and unable to supply him with the cheapest of elementary school books, but undaunted Lincoln proceeded to educate himself, which he succeeded in doing after long years of hardships and self-denial; while Everett's parents lived in a comfortable home on the outskirts of Boston, the "Hub of Culture," and possessed sufficient means to send young Everett to Harvard, from which university he graduated at a very early age.

At nineteen Lincoln was working on a flatboat down the Mississippi to New Orleans, while Everett at the age of nineteen was pastor of a Unitarian church in Boston, and it is said that only three years later Everett preached a remarkable sermon in the House of Representatives at Washington, and from that time on filled position after position of responsibility and his political achievements were great as greatness was then considered in the fast growing Republic of the West.

On the other hand Lincoln met with failure after failure in his various undertakings, but he tried again and again as often as Opportunity knocked again, and he finally won a seat in the Illinois legislature and later was elected to Congress. Lincoln's unusual ability as a public speaker was brought to public attention by his debates with Douglas, the great political leader of that tempestuous period preceding the outbreak of the Civil War, and his splendid Cooper Union speech in New York City, and his election to the presidency followed in due course.

Lincoln unknowingly climbed to the pinnacle of everlasting fame at the dedicatory ceremonies on the battlefield of Gettysburg, when his few remarks following the great address delivered by Everett, the polished orator and the most accomplished scholar of his day, will live forever due to their simplicity, yet expressing in the fewest possible words the world's greatest enunciation of man's eternal right of self-government.—Alonzo Newton Benn.

"STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

Our country had no official anthem until March 3, 1931, when the United State Senate finally adopted the bill initiated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars three years earlier. Capt. Walter Joyce, then National VFW Patriotic Instructor and Director of Americanism, campaigned to have the "Star-Spangled Banner" officially recognized. The words to the song were written by Francis Scott Key, Baltimore lawyer, in 1814. The music is from the song "Anacreon in Heaven."

Runkle says it can and will be done.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

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New Camp

The best news to report for this issue is the formation of a new Camp. The Burlingame Auxilliary have been called orphans and widows for some years. In December the girls, headed by Molly Sneberg and Lottie Turner, got busy and before it seemed possible they had twenty-one (21) signed on the charter, men who were not members of any Sons Camp except one.

On Jan. 6 we had our organization meeting. The Dept. Sec.-Treas. came down from Oakland, and Past Com.-in-Chief Barrett organized the Camp, and gave the boys the obligation.

Then we elected the following officers and the good Doctor installed them: Com., Edward W. Carmichael; Sr. Vice, Otto Thomas; Jr. Vice, Leonard DeFord; Sec., Lou Weaver; Treas., Harlan Clark; Pat. Inst., Jimmy Riggs.

Dr. Barrett kept our spirits high with his keen wit, and Sec. Vernon Cheney gave a fine talk on the object of the organization. We are known as the George M. Burlingame Camp No. 14.

We held our first regular meeting Wednesday eve., Feb. 8. It was preceded by a pot-luck dinner, put on by the Auxilliary. We had quite a large attendance from out of town, and received invaluable help from Bros. P. D. C. Al Deems and Mell Riggs.

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Lincoln Club Banquet

The patriotic organizations held a Lincoln Memorial Banquet in Los Angeles Sat. eve., Feb. 11. It was a very fine fried chicken dinner. There were more than 75 served, followed by a very excellent program. Jeff Taylor, Com. of Rosecrans Camp, was elected President for the coming year.

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Nat. Pres. Tucker to Visit

Here in the South we are making great preparations for the visit of the National Pres. Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker. She is expected here for the first week in March and many good programs are planned.

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Dept. Mid-Winter Meeting

The meeting was held in the Odd Fellows hall in Pasadena on Sunday, Feb. 12. There were eleven attending from Middle and Northern California. Our Com., A. R. McKinney, was prevented from coming down by the passing of his brother on the 10th. The Sr. Vice Com., Ralph Garwood, took his place.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. by the Chiefs-of-Staff, J. Wilbur Coursey and Molly Sneberg. A fine program had been arranged by Charlotte Turner and Molly Sneberg with the co-operation of the ladies of the Burlingame and Phil Kearney Auxilliaries. Everything went off very smoothly. One of the high-lights was the human cross formed by the ladies, dressed in long white dresses and carrying Bibles, while the Chaplain, Molly Sneberg, asked the divine blessing.

At 11 o'clock the Sons and Auxilliaries met in separate rooms for the business sessions, until 12:30 p. m. Then 137 sat down to a delicious dinner which had been prepared by Lottie and her staff.

At 1:30 the Chiefs-of-Staff called the meeting to order again. After the opening exercises the ladies of the two Auxilliaries, in a well prepared drill, spelled out the letters "S-O-N-S-A-U-X." which was followed by the letter N at the same time the Sons were

forming the letter R. The N was for Dept. Pres. Nellie Smith, who with her husband and daughter were present, and the R was for Ralph Garwood.

We all went home satisfied this was the best Mid-Winter Meeting yet.

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Camp 9, Pomona

The Camp was invited to and held a joint installation with the Daughters of Veterans Jan. 19. This was the high light of the year for the Camp. Earl Riggs and Staff installed the officers.

The Camp has only 14 members and holds its meetings in the homes of the members, mostly with Bro. F. N. Wilder, Sec. They have very good meetings and the officers were all re-elected.

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Camp 10, Long Beach

The installation of Camp officers and those of Auxilliary 20 were installed the evening of Jan. 11. Bro. Van Wye did the installing for the boys, while Beatrice Riggs officiated for the girls. Lottie Turner took care of the music. There were 125 present.

The Camp held its first regular meeting Feb. 8. All the officers were present. Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Ralph Garwood and Dept. Vice Pres. Bess Garwood, P. D. C. Frank Woerner and P. D. P. Bess Woerner were present. Bro. Frank inspected the Camp and later reported on how the Commander, Walter Hawks, U. S. N. Ret., conducted his meeting and initiated a candidate without the use of the Ritual, proving it can be done. War badges were presented to Bros. Walter Hawks, U. S. N. Retired, and Lloyd Norman, Com. of Army and Navy Union Veterans of World War. 1. At the close of the meeting Ann Ethridge Tent of Daughters served a nice lunch.

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Camp 1, San Francisco

Unity among the armed forces of America was displayed on Feb. 11 at the rotunda of the San Francisco City Hall when the Camp held a joint celebration for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. The U. S. Navy, Army, Coast Guard, Airforce and Marines, along with our Auxilliary and the allied orders of the Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic, the D. A. R.'s and the Sons of the Revolution were represented. Commendations are offered to Maj. C. L. Christenson, of the Marines, who attended personally with Mas. Sgt. T. P. O'Donoghue.

Invocation was given by Chap. Albert C. Click of Lettermans Gen. Hospital. Supervisor Geo. Christopher was Honorary Chairman.

A wreath was placed on Lincoln's and on Washington's Monument. The music was by the Polytechnic Chorus.

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Installations

Rosecrans No. 2 and its Aux. held a joint installation and had such a good time that they were rushed from the Patriote Hall when the clock struck 12. Jeff Taylor is their new Commander.

Stanton Camp No. 8 was unable to get enough of its members, which are badly scattered, together to hold an election, but the Auxilliary had a grand installation.

Podrosnik Camp No. 15 and Aux. had a grand joint installation. Dr. Barrett used his wit to install the boys and Beatrice Riggs was all there with her grace to install the ladies.

N. P. Banks No. 22 with the Aux. chose a rainy night but had a goodly crowd when they installed. Bro. Maj. Tenney and Sister Ruth Ryan are live wires and are an asset to any organization.

Phil Kearney Camp No. 7 and Aux. No. 3 held a joint installation Jan. 4. The meeting was preceded by a pot-luck dinner and

an hours entertainment by the Red-headed Wood Peckers Marimba Band of 9 from Hollywood. Bro. Geo. Lance was responsible for getting the music. Bro. Ralph Garwood was installed for his 2nd term as Commander. Bro. Frank Woerner did the installing very nicely for the Camp and Charlotte (Lottie) Turner officiated for the ladies.

WISCONSIN

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Madison, Wisconsin

Department Notes

On Nov. 17, E. W. Stannard Camp No. 47, of Plymouth, Wis., met jointly with its Auxilliary to honor the official visit of Dept. Com. George A. Powers and Dept. Pres. Mary Harrison. Visitors included Elinore Konrad, P. D. P., Milwaukee, and Henry Lunz, Dept. Council, Madison. The exemplification of the Ritual by the Auxilliary was impressive and well done. A tasty lunch was served after the meeting which was held at the City Civic Center, where space is reserved for the G. A. R. allied orders.

Dedication Day was celebrated in Milwaukee with a suitable, patriotic program on Nov. 19. In addition to the program, the Dept. President, Mary Harrison, was honored at a reception. Dept. Com. G. A. Powers and P. D. Com. J. O. Smith were present.

Phillip Cheek Camp 18, at Baraboo, honored the visit of Dept. Com. George A. Powers and Dept. Pres. Mary Harrison at its annual meeting on Dec. 11. Although bad weather interfered with the attendance, a goodly number were present. A fine dinner was served followed by informal talks. Baraboo is the home of Dept. Sec.-Treas. Oscar Doppler. Each year this Camp excels in extending fellowship and hospitality. This meeting was no exception.

Our Dept. Commander, George A. Powers, is home again after a few weeks of hospitalization. He is doing well and will soon be out and with us again.

Commander Lansing Wilcox, the only surviving veteran of the Civil War living in Wisconsin, will be 104 years old on March 4. We all salute you, Commander Wilcox!

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Camp 33, Kenosha

Gov. Harvey Camp and their Auxilliary, sponsored a Lincoln, Washington Dinner on Feb. 15. Members of the Allied Orders were invited and the attendance was good.

Mary A. Harrison, D. P., and several members of the Auxilliary were guests from Milwaukee. Lieut. Col. Matt Taylor, guest (a Kenosha attorney), was the speaker. His subject was "Lincoln—Dreamer or Realist."

Camp Com. Chester S. Hubbard served as toastmaster and Sr. Vice C.-in-C. Franklin S. Hubbard and Aux. Pres. Maud Coleman were the committee on arrangements.

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Camp 2, Madison

Another Washington-Lincoln program was presented at the G. A. R. Hall under the auspices of Henry Harnden Camp. The allied orders joined with the Camp in making the meeting an outstanding event.

Prof. Grant Hyde, of the Journalism Department of the University, gave a very interesting discussion of "What the Newspapers of His Day Thought of Washington." Prof. Hyde has done considerable research on this subject and his presentation aroused great interest.

Prof. M. C. Palmer, a retired Normal school president, gave a most interesting talk on "The Private Life of Abraham Lincoln" and commented on the book by the late Fred Holmes entitled "Lincoln Came This Way."

Mary Kinsella presented an interesting and

well delivered reading on Washington and Lincoln.

Refreshments were served by the Auxiliary, followed by a social hour.

P. D. C. Dr. J. O. Smith arranged the program.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.

Department Encampment

The 68th Annual Encampment of this Department will be held in Peoria on Monday and Tuesday, June 11 and 12, in conjunction with the other affiliated organizations. Headquarters for the Sons and Auxiliary will be at Hotel Jefferson.

Following is a tentative program for Sons:

Sunday, June 11, 1950
8:00 p. m.—Joint Memorial Service with Auxiliary to Sons; Black Hawk Room.
Monday, June 12

9:00 a. m.—Registration; Black Hawk Room.
1:00 p. m.—Business Sessions; Black Hawk Room.

6:30 p. m.—Joint Banquet with Auxiliary; Black Hawk Room.

Tuesday, June 13
9:00 a. m.—Business Session; Blue Room.
12:00 noon—Past Commanders' Luncheon; Mirror Room.

1:00 p. m.—Business Session; Blue Room.
6:00 p. m.—G. A. R. Family Dinner; Pere Marquette Ball Room. Tickets \$2.50 including tax and tips.

8:00 p. m.—Camp Fire.
9:30 p. m.—Reception; Pere Marquette Ball Room.

Hotel Jefferson Rates (all modern rooms)

Rooms—Mr. T. Schwarzclose, Asst. Mgr.

Single Room— \$3.75 \$4.00 \$4.25 \$5.00.

Double Room— \$5.50 \$5.80 \$6.00 \$7.00.

Twin Bed Room—\$7.00 \$7.50 \$8.50 \$9.00.

Additional Rollaway Bed—\$2.25 per day.

When writing to hotels for room reservations, please mention the allied order of which you are a member, the type and price of room, who will share room with you, the date and approximate time of arrival, and your departure date.

No reservations will be held after 6:00 p. m. unless arrival time is specifically stated.

Long Time Member Dies

Wm. H. Huen, 86, a transportation executive in Joliet, died recently at St. Joseph's Hospital where he had been a patient since Christmas.

Mr. Huen will be remembered by some of the older members as one of the faithful members of the Joliet Camp, before it disbanded some years ago.

He was a member of the Sons, Klwanis Club and the Masonic Order. His wife preceded him in death in 1946. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frank Paul, of Aurora, and Mrs. Rex Carey, of Joliet.

Changes Address Again

Past Com. A. D. Rhinesmith has changed his address, and now may be reached at the Washington Pine East Hotel, 5501 W. Washington St., Chicago; Tel. Mansfield 6-1442.

VERMONT

Thomas A. Chadwick, Publicity Director, Springfield, Vt.

New Camp at Barre

Maj. L. A. Abbott Camp No. 14, of Barre, disbanded in 1945, after several years of inactivity. Jan. 17 was a red-letter day for the Vermont Department, when a new Camp, with twenty Charter members, was instituted, and its officers elected and installed. A new Auxiliary was also formed, replacing the one

which disbanded in 1938. The new Auxiliary has 22 Charter members.

The new Camp is No. 92, named Lt. Azel P. Brigham. Dept. Com. Edward J. Emmons installed the following officers: Com., Howard Bryan; Sr. Vice, Ernest Perkins; Jr. Vice, George T. Brigham; Pat. Inst., Charles Hamilton; Chap., Wayne Bryan; Sec.-Treas., A. A. Brigham.

This new Camp, with new blood, new enthusiasm and new plans, should give a real boost to the Department and to the Order. May it long stand as a monument to the loyalty and courage of those whose hard work formed it. Everyone concerned must feel a glow of pride and satisfaction, and they are to be congratulated.

Camp 34, Springfield

On Jan. 26 this live Camp initiated a new member. A degree team made up of Clifford Baker as Commander, George A. DeWitt as Chaplain, Wesley Irish as Jr. Vice Commander and Archie Aldrich as Guide, all from Brattleboro; and Clarence N. Pratt as Sr. Vice Commander, with Fred F. Cyr as Patriotic Instructor, both from Springfield; and Thomas A. Chadwick, giving the Flag Charge, from Saxton River, went through the initiation in the long form without a ritual in sight. It was an impressive ceremony. The Auxiliary served a splendid supper.

On Feb. 23, the Sons of Camp 34 served a surprise supper for their Auxiliary. It really was a surprise. With Com. Ed. Barnard as chef, delicious pork chops and mashed potatoes were served, with all fixin's. Everybody there reported an unforgettable evening.

Death of Roscoe E. Bosworth

The sudden death on Feb. 24 of Roscoe E. Bosworth, of Chester, was a blow to his many friends, and a great loss to his Camp and to the Order.

Brother Bosworth was born March 1, 1881, in Winchendon, Mass. He joined the Camp at Athol, Mass., in 1897, and was a member there until he moved to Chester, Vt., in 1907. He joined the Chester Camp as a charter member when it was formed in 1911, and has been continuously active in its affairs ever since. He is a Past Commander, and has served as Treasurer for many years. Roscoe Bosworth has been a leader in planning and carrying on Memorial Day activities for more than a generation.

Brother Bosworth did not aspire to high office in our organization. He did not seek personal glory or prestige; rather, in true loyalty to the memory of his father, and in true appreciation of his privileges as an American citizen, he gave his time and energy to the less spectacular actual doing of the patriotic work that he felt was necessary.

Brother Bosworth will be sadly missed, especially on Memorial Day. He was one of those solid, dependable members, who are the real backbone of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mr. Bosworth was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Athol, Mass., on March 1.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Frankfort Camp Holds Services

Camp 236 of Frankfort held services, in co-operation with the Pa. Volunteers and the Sons of Veteran Reserve, at the National Chaplain's Church, Coral and Cumberland St., Philadelphia. Rene Dunmoyer of the Pa. Volunteers played Taps, Richard O. Partington preached the sermon on the "Life of Lincoln," and gave a history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Over 200 Re-

serves and Pa. Volunteers took part. Capt. George W. S. Johnson was in charge of the Pa. Volunteers. Col. Prettie, Major Kerner, Thompson, Shada, Dehl and others took part.

Honors Brothers Service

Camp 233, Easton, honored Bro. Harry Ballantyne for his 54 years in service of the Gen. Judson Kilpatrick Camp. Ballantyne was Commander of the Post when the monument in Centre Square was dedicated on May 10, 1900, by the Grand Army of the Republic, and citizens of Northampton County. Past Com. E. St. Clair Faust installed officers of the Camp.

Installations

Gen. E. O. Ord Camp 54, Mahanoy City, installed officers Jan. 2, 1950, after which a turkey supper was served to the members of the Camp.

General James A. Garfield Camp 34, Mt. Carmel, installed officers both in the Camp and Auxiliary, at a joint installation Thursday, Jan. 5, 1950, at their headquarters.

Another Battle in Germantown

Camp Ellis, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Germantown Historical Society staged another Battle of Germantown. Plans by the Historical Society to move the Civil War Monument from Market Square, where it was erected by the Grand Army of the Republic in 1883, and still stands on this site where the Market Square has stood since the Colonial days, are under consideration. The Germantown Historical Society wants this Civil War Monument moved to make way for restoration of its pet project, Restoration of Market Square to a close approximation of its appearance during Colonial days. Members of Camp Ellis, representing their Sires, descendants of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, is determined to have the Statue remain where the Grand Army erected it 67 years ago, and promised to fight to the finish with the Germantown Historical Society, and if necessary in Court, also take it to the Department body, and if necessary to the National Body.

That's the stuff, Brothers, let us all stick together. In union there is strength. Back up the Ellis Camp of Germantown.

Mr. Leighton P. Stradley of the Germantown Historical Society said that they did not want to destroy the Statue, simply have it moved to another location, but the Ellis Camp is determined to keep it where the Grand Army erected it in 1883. The Germantown Historical Society has written to Frederick D. Garman, President of City Council, to have the City act on removal of this Statue. Let all Camps and Auxiliaries write to Mr. Frederick Garman, President of City Council, City Hall, Philadelphia 7, Pa., and oppose the moving of this Statue. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are ready to fight to the finish.

Let's Go, pick up your pens and write at once, demand our rights and back up the Ellis Camp. Do it now, at ONCE.

Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prized liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere.—Abraham Lincoln.

Shall any of us repine that it is our lot to live in perilous and sacrificial days? Rather I say we are glad that we live in this time of mortal struggle and are doing our share to put to fight the powers of darkness. Our children and grandchildren will be proud that this country saved freedom for itself by helping to preserve it for the world.—Thomas W. Lamont.

OHIO

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Monument Unveiling Celebrated

Uhrichsville-Dennison, Ohio, will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary of the unveiling of the Civil War Soldiers Monument, that was dedicated on May 30, 1890, by a committee of Civil War Soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is asked by the members of the James M. Anderson Camp No. 110, Uhrichsville, that all next to kin present themselves at the usual service that will take place on Memorial Day this year since we will have full fledged firing squads, as well as several bands and prominent speakers for the afternoon, with a County-wide turnout from this vicinity. Come and give the two old towns another visit with your old time friends. The writer will entertain any one who wishes to write and let him know who you are and who might be coming from various parts of the country for another visit.—Charles L. Russell, Commander James M. Anderson Camp 110, P. O. Box 146, Dennison, Ohio.

NEW YORK

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Camp 223, Buffalo

Our Lincoln Dinner was held at Lenox Hotel, 140 North St., on Feb. 11 at 6:30 o'clock. A Membership Committee has been appointed to work for new members. The committee has several eligibles they are hoping to sign up.

Tentative plans are being formulated to hold a Checker Tournament this winter. A Dedication Day Service was held at our November meeting.

Our Officers for 1950: Com., George H. Conover; Sr. Vice, Edward H. Gottschalk; Jr. Vice, Harry E. Gibbons; Sec., Orion L. Murrell; Treas., Willard B. Stephan; Pat. Inst., George P. Marten; Chap., Matthew T. Green.

Cook Camp will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Saturday, March 11, with a dinner at The Park Lane Restaurant, Gates Circle.

Rochester Area

P. D. C. and Mrs. Fred E. Colwell have been chosen as joint chairmen of arrangements for the Dept. Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary at Rochester June 21-23.

Mt. McGregor Exercises

Past Com.-in-Chief Nell D. Cranmer has accepted an invitation from the Northern New York Club, John Kernan, chairman, to be the principal speaker at the annual exercises to be held Sunday, May 7, at Mt. McGregor. A banquet will be held the evening previous at a place to be announced later.

Camp 154, Albany

Ten Eyck Camp observed its 50th Anniversary with a dinner Nov. 20. We had 129 guests from all over the State, the guest of honor of course being our only Charter Member, Past Com.-in-Chief Dr. Ralph Sheldon. Others present were: Dept. Com. Judson N. French; Dept. Pres. Sophia Isaacs; Dept. Jr. Aux. Advisor, Edith Clifford; Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Milton Armstrong; Dept. Chief-of-Staff Eulla Armstrong; Dept. Pat. Inst. Hannah Tibbets; and Dept. Press Cor. Ella Jones. Among the Nat'l Officers were Member of Nat'l Council, Rudolph Guenther, and Marion Werner. Past Com.-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran and Past Nat'l Presidents Mayme E. Dwyer, Margaret C. Brady and Mary E. Stapleton. The event of the evening was the

pinning of the 50-Year Badge on Dr. Sheldon. Charles L. Messer of Albany made the presentation while Mayme E. Dwyer pinned the Badge on Dr. Sheldon.

Camp 26, New York City

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, at Vasa Temple, a joint public installation of Tilden Camp and Auxiliary was held at which the newly elected officers were installed.

A large number of members of both Camp and Auxiliary, as well as many dignitaries and guests were thrilled by a most colorful and inspiring ceremony. Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs acted as the installing officer for Oliver Tilden Camp and Sister Sophia Isaacs as installing officer for Auxiliary. Outgoing Com. Jack Goldfish welcomed the members and guests.

Following are the newly elected officers: Com., Cecil M. Baer; Sr. Vice, Robert McGowan; Jr. Vice, John E. Benko; Sec., Julius Isaacs; Treas., Sydney H. Ehrenreich; Chap., Arthur Quidor; Pat. Inst., Sol Goldfish.

Among the many guests were four representatives of the United Spanish War Veterans, headed by Past Dept. Com. Ben Rosenberg.

After the services were completed the assemblage retired to the dining room of the temple where refreshments were served.

Camp 2, Brooklyn

On Jan. 20 a joint Installation of Officers of Du Pont Eisman No. 2 and U. S. Grant Camp No. 20 was held at the Headquarters of Du Pont-Eiseman Camp in Ridgewood. Dept. Sec. Julius Isaacs was the Installing Officer and a very good number of Sons and Auxiliary representatives were on hand. The Commander of Camp 2 was re-installed and the new Commander of U. S. Grant Camp No. 20 is Franklin B. Horbelt. Fifty Year badges were awarded to P. C. George D. Krebs and the badge for Bro. George Eberhardt will be presented to him by the Commander. A number of National and Department Officers were present and it is the hope of the members of both Camps that this will be but the start of a closer fraternal plan to gain more members and to make the meetings more pleasant.

The only bad feature is the fact that both Camps meet on the same night in different parts of the city. Many members who had not been to a Camp meeting for years were warmly greeted and promised to be on hand much more often.

Department Encampment Changed

The 67th annual Department Encampment will be held at Rochester June 21-23 instead of Lake Placid as previously announced. Headquarters will be at the Seneca Hotel. The Department Encampment of the Auxiliary will also take place at Rochester on the above dates.

Western N. Y. Past Com. Association

The regular quarterly meeting of Western New York Past Camp Commanders Association, with Upton Camp No. 118 as host, was held at American Legion Club, Batavia, Saturday evening, Jan. 21. The dinner, preceding the meeting, was enjoyed by our Auxiliary Past Presidents Association, and the club dining room was filled to capacity. Dept. Com. Judson N. French, of Batavia, presented Brother Zoa A. Williams, of Niagara Falls, with his 50-year badge, which added the completing touch to a very enjoyable social hour.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., John Russ, of Fredonia; 1st Vice Pres., Orrin Morrell, of Buffalo; 2nd Vice Pres., George Burch, of Friendship; 3rd Vice Pres., Loren Wicks, of Batavia; Sec.-Treas., Robt. McMahon, Rochester; Chaplain, Wm. A. Hal-

lock, Rochester; Press Correspondent, F. E. Colwell, Rochester.

Fredonia was tentatively chosen as meeting place for April meeting. The event was climaxed by P. C. Grover Scott, of Rochester, who reviewed a recent trip throughout the Southern battlefields of the Civil War.

Camp 140, New York

Lafayette Camp held its 60th annual Lincoln Dinner at Rosoff's Restaurant, 147 West 43 Street, Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p. m. The Ladies were special guests. Instead of an after dinner speaker special motion pictures were shown of the United States Navy.

The Camp mourns the passing of Brother James A. Todd. He joined the Camp in November, 1903, and died December 18.

Camp 77, Elmira

Diven Camp mourns the death of one of its oldest Past Commanders, Charles F. Berry. Four members of the Camp acted as pallbearers.

P. C.-in-C. Neil Cranmer attended the annual Lincoln dinner at Rochester, Feb. 13, and also spoke at a Lincoln and Washington birthday celebration of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

New members of the Camp are Wallace J. Howell, John Winquist and Edward J. Mochrie.

Lincoln Association of Rochester

The 27th annual banquet of the Abraham Lincoln Association of Rochester was held Feb. 13 at the Seneca Hotel. Despite the worst storm of the winter over 150 attended. The principal speaker was Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, William F. Love. Special guests included Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Ethelyn Tucker, of Alton, N. H.; Dept. Com. Judson French, of Batavia, and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Sophia Isaacs, of Bayside.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by member of the Nat'l Council, Rudolf Guenther. Edward G. Hartel, Com. of Lomb Camp, was song leader. The Reverend Roy B. Morphy, Assistant Pastor of Corpus Christi Church, gave the invocation and P. D. C. Rev. William A. Hallock, the benediction.

A letter of greeting was read from Comrade James A. Hard. Greetings were extended by Samuel Dicker, Mayor. President William E. Kelly introduced the toastmaster, Brig. Gen. Alfred H. Doud. Dancing followed.

Dept. Pat. Inst. Message

Do you remember the passage of Scripture, "In strength will I establish my kingdom" so forcibly impressed upon the tablets of memory? As we enter the shortest month of the year, let us reflect upon the lives of those two great men of our country who were born in the month of February. The two men above all others of our country who gave it strength and establishment. Upon these two great pillars rest the glorious arch of America's strength and union.

THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY. To his energy, bravery, devotion and tenacity of purpose is due the establishment of our nation and the development of our greatest and most precious national characteristics—Freedom of Thought and Freedom of Action. He gave our nation life.

THE GREAT LINCOLN. Whose clear-sighted wisdom saw through all the clouds of passion and storms of emotion; whose soul towered above malice, envy, hatred and strife; whose mind could piece the dark curtain of war and behold a nation united in peace, love and prosperity; he whom we of all these whole United States esteem as the greatest friend of mankind, and whose death

was our greatest loss and deepest sorrow. His was the task of preserving our country.

With such exemplars of greatness and virtue held constantly before us, our nation can be nothing but great.

To our Officers who are just starting out upon the task of the new year with the guidance of your Camps in your hands, let me suggest that the example of these two shining lights be ever before you. In strength you will establish your Camps.

To those Officers who are confronted with seemingly impossible difficulties, I especially recommend the study of the lives of these two great men.

May you ever keep in mind these quotations of our martyred Lincoln: "We must not promise what we ought not, lest we be called upon to perform what we cannot."

"We must not be led by excitement and passion to do that which our sober judgments would not approve in cooler moments."

"If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do, and how to do it."

Camp 127, Beacon

P. D. C. and Past Nat'l Counselor Robert W. Doughty has returned home from St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, where he underwent an operation on his knee. His physician has advised a three months rest period.

MASSACHUSETTS

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

North Met. Dist. Asso'cn

The North Met. Dist. Asso. will meet with Camp 81 of Chelsea on Feb. 27 and a large attendance is expected as matters of interest will be taken up, and the usual good time of entertainment and refreshments will be enjoyed.

The North Met. was well represented at the Plymouth County Asso. Banquet at Rockland on Feb. 25.

Then came the big event of the season, The North Met. Banquet, to be held on March 11, at Everett, with Camp 62 this year. Everyone enjoys the feed, entertainment, and goodfellowship of these banquets, of which this will be the North Met.'s 24th.

The bowling match with Worcester has had to be postponed on account of sickness, but we look forward to a happy get-together before long.

The Winnecoettes

The Winnecoettes Club, composed of members of the Sons and Auxiliaries, held their winter meeting at the home of Past Dept. Pres. Mae L. Bush in Westfield. It was largely attended and enjoyed by all. A turkey dinner was served by the members in the Western part of the State who were the host to the members from "down east." One of the highlights was a letter from our absent member, Past Nat'l Pres. Katharine L. Joyce. President Rule presided at the business meeting. The next meeting will be held at The Weirs in July.

Lincoln Honored

Lincoln was honored in a double feature Feb. 11 and 12 by the Past Commanders' and Past Presidents' Associations. A banquet opened the week-end program Sat. Eve. in Tremont Temple, attended by the faithful supporters.

Mrs. Nathalie Brown, Dept. Insp. of Aux., and Emerson Whitman, Pres. of No. Metropolitan Asso., headed the committee. Seated with Harold M. Drown, Pres., and Mrs. Nora Robinson, Vice Pres., were Dept. Pres. Gladys D. Milkey, Past Nat. Pres. Maude B. Warren,

escort to guest speaker Rev. Hiram Bennett, of Everett; Herbert L. Smith, S. V. D. C., representing Dept. Com. Call; P. N. P. Margaret Palmer and Leon, Dept. Sec., with Mrs. Brown as mistress of ceremonies.

Others present were: P. C.-in-C. Hale, George Laduke of Burlington, Vt., Past Council-in-Chief; Elizabeth Kirchgassner, P. D. P. of Daughters of Veterans. Also noted were P. D. P.'s Anna M. White, Mary Dow and Pamela S. Elder, who served untiringly on committee. P. D. Cs were Weiler, Quinn, Crawford, Winchell and Haskell.

Exercises were at the Emancipation Monument in Park Square Sunday noon, when these groups joined with City of Boston's public celebrations committee. Asst. Atty. Gen. James G. Wolff presided and introduced in turn, Mayor John B. Hynes, Harold M. Drown and Dept. Pres. Marguerite L. Flynn, D. U. V., who all placed wreaths. Dept. Com. Call spoke briefly and Mrs. Etta Smith Bickmore represented Dept. Aux. for Pres. Gladys D. Milkey. Others attending were: Florence Mason, Dept. Pres. L. of G. A. R., P. C.-in-C. H. Harding Hale, Louis E. Winchell, P. D. C., with colors, and Emerson Whitman, Pres., and Ralph P. Bickmore, Sec., of "Nomet" Association.

Camp 60, Holyoke

At the regular meeting of Camp 60, held on Jan. 2, it was unanimously voted to endorse Past Com. William C. Rule for the Office of Dept. Commander.

Brother Rule is a veteran of World War II, and has been an active member of the Camp for many years. He has served in the various offices of the Camp and was its Commander for three terms. He has served the Department as District Commander, Sr. Vice Dept. Commander, and a member of the Dept. Council.

Past Com.-in-Chief C. H. E. Moran is Chairman of the Committee from the Camp to promote his candidacy.

Pioneer Valley Association

On Feb. 11, in G. A. R. Hall, Springfield, the annual Washington-Lincoln observance was held by the Camps in the Connecticut Valley. The principal speaker was Mayor Raymond Cowing, of Westfield, a veteran of two world wars and a good friend of our Order. Other speakers were Mayor Daniel B. Brunton of Springfield, Past Coms-in-Chief Anderson and Moran, Dept. Com. Roy C. Call, Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Hooper, Chairman of the Council W. C. Rule, Past Dept. Coms. Wentzel of Penn. and Emery of Mass., Dept. Vice Pres. Josephine L. Bates of the Auxiliaries, and Ursula W. Shepardson, Vice Pres. of the New England Regional Association of the Auxiliaries, also Robert S. O'Toole, Dist. Com. of the Worcester District, and Dist. Com. H. P. Shepardson, of this Association. Russell Porter of Camp 15 was Master of Ceremonies.

At the business meeting Mayors Cowing and Brunton, Past C.-in-C. Anderson and P. D. C. Wentzel were elected to honorary membership in the Association.

A letter was received from Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle congratulating the Association for observing Lincoln's birthday with a banquet. He also stated "May your Association continue this commemorative banquet for many years to come and may you always remember that through the sacrifices and services of the men who wore the Union Blue, we have the privilege to have an organization such as ours."

All Camps in the Association will receive a visit from our members in the next three months and it is expected that at each vis-

itation, candidates will be initiated into our Order.

Department Notes

Camp 9 and Aux. 78 will hold their birthday banquet at Camp Headquarters at 16 Eustis St., Roxbury, March 15, at 6:30 p. m. Carder A. Perkins, D. P. I., is continuing his quiet campaign for the office of Mass. Dept. Commander. Last year at Swampscott, Carder surprised the entire Encampment by running second in a three man election, losing by only 6 votes. But, win or lose, Carder will be in there pitching.

Belated notice of the death of Bro. Albert H. Bellows was received by your Correspondent. Bro. Bellows died on July 27, 1948. He was a charter member of the Brookfield Camp, and according to information received, held office in the Camp until his death.

MARYLAND

James C. Tatman, Commander, 213 Concord Ave., Wilmington, Del.

P. D. C. Gentieu Passes

Frank P. Gentieu, 73, of 9 Maine Avenue, Richardson Park, who for 28 consecutive years served as chairman of the committee in charge of the Memorial Day parade in Wilmington, Del., died Jan. 14 in Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia. He had been a patient in the hospital for two days. He had been suffering from a heart condition for a long time.

Born in Brooklyn on Oct. 7, 1876, a son of the late Pierre and Sarah Gentieu, Mr. Gentieu came to Wilmington when two years old. As a boy he worked at the old DuPont Powder Mills at Henry Clay and later served his apprenticeship as a cabinet maker at the old Jackson and Sharp Plant.

He returned to the DuPont Company when the plant at Carney's Point was opened and put in 41 years of service in all. The veteran powder maker was serving as a ballistic engineer when he was retired in 1941.

Mr. Gentieu was the first Commander of Appomattox Camp, Sons of Union Veterans, and served at one time as Department Commander of the Maryland Division of the organization. He was also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. E. Mary Gentieu; a daughter, Mrs. George G. Davis, and a son, Frank G. Gentieu, both of Claymont; two brothers, Frederic A. Gentieu, Vennor, N. J., and Joseph H. Gentieu, Richardson Park; two sisters, Mrs. William Estlow and Miss Celeste D. Gentieu of Wilmington, and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral was held Jan. 7, the Rev. Lester E. Loder, pastor of Mt. Salem Church, officiating. Interment was in Mt. Salem Cemetery.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Camp 38, Milford

Resolutions of respect were passed by the Camp for Geo. R. Foster, who passed away recently.

Brother Foster became a member of the Camp on May 25, 1905. He attended all meetings of the Camp with very few exceptions. At his death he was Secretary-Treasurer of the Camp, having held this office since 1930. Sincere sympathy is extended the family and friends.

Society is a partnership not only between those who are living, but those who are dead and those who are to be born.—Burke.

IOWA

Harlan A. Riggs, Press Correspondent,
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In Memoriam

Judge H. W. Stowe, a member of Carpenter Camp, passed away on Dec. 6, 1949. He was born April 14, 1879, at Postville, Iowa, and moved to Fort Dodge in 1886. He held membership in the Order for more than fifty years; served as Camp Commander for two years.

With the exception of the last few years, he assisted with placing of wreaths and flags on graves of comrades, and on several occasions he has given the Memorial Day Address, both in his own city and other places, has also appeared on many programs, giving the Gettysburg Address, Logan's Orders and Honor Roll.

He generously supported every project of his Camp and was often called on for patriotic speeches. One of his prized possessions was a letter written and signed by A. Lincoln. He also prized his right to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

He will be greatly missed by his many friends. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

NEW JERSEY

Fred H. Combs, Sr., Dept. Press Correspondent,
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Camp 4, Trenton

We are now planning for our Spring activities after a very interesting program of events during the winter.

Our annual Lincoln Banquet was again an outstanding affair. It was held at the Hotel Hildebrecht on Friday evening, Feb. 10. Dr. Lewis M. Case, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church and Chaplain of the New Jersey State Prison, was the principal speaker and gave a fine address on Lincoln. Visitors prominent in our organization, the Auxiliary and the allied bodies were present, among whom were Com.-in-Chief Runkle; Nat. Sec.-Treas. Lambert; Nat. Pres. Ethelyn C. Tucker; Nat. Vice Pres. Ruth Daly; Dept. Com. Russell H. Bogert; Dept. Pres. Genevieve E. Bolan, and the Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Ida L. Kierstead. The toastmaster of the evening was Brother Walter H. Williams.

Several members of the Camp attended the Lincoln celebrations of Dayton Camp No. 5, in this city; the Sons of Veterans Club at Philadelphia, and the G. A. R. Memorial Committee at Newark, in which Ward Camp No. 18 took a very active part.

On Thursday evening, March 30, our annual inspection will be held for which plans are now being made. A class of new members will be initiated at that time. Sr. Vice Com. Robert McCloud, Sr., will be our inspecting officer.

A committee has been appointed to meet with the Joint Memorial Committee of our city and help arrange for our Memorial Day activities.

Our new members are young men and our Commander, William R. Mulholland, Jr., has appointed a committee to arrange games and other amusements to make our meetings more attractive for them. We are looking forward to having one of the best years in our history.

Camp 5, Trenton

The Camp celebrated Lincoln's Birthday with a varied program, including a presentation of an American Flag to Wm. McKinley Hospital of Trenton. Dr. John H. Gindhart made the presentation to Wm. B. Meytrott,

the Superintendent of the Hospital. Both men are members of Camp 5. We were honored in having Dept. Com. Russell Bogert, Dept. Pres. Mrs. Genevieve Bolan and delegations from several Camps and Auxiliaries present.

Camp 5 will be inspected on Tuesday evening, March 21, in the War Memorial Building, with Dept. Pat. Inst. George Kilmer as the inspecting officer. A class of candidates will be initiated that will include Albert W. Lambert, son of Past Com.-in-Chief Lambert, Russell Lawyer, and Charles Nichols, son of Camp Com. Parker Nichols.

Dayton Camp No. 5 will celebrate its 67th anniversary and Dayton Auxiliary will celebrate its 50th anniversary at a joint dinner-dance sometime in May or June. Committees have been appointed from both organizations to prepare for the event.

INDIANA

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Mid-Winter Meeting

The annual Mid-Winter Meeting and "Circus" was held at the Hotel Riley, Indianapolis, Jan. 14 and 15, 1950.

The Saturday evening banquet, reservations for which were in charge of Mrs. Ethel Wellman, R. R. 1, Frankfort, Ind., Dept. Sec. of the Auxiliary, was well attended, and the tables attractively decorated for the occasion. Charlotte Halter was mistress of ceremonies, with the assistance of Aux. 10, Indianapolis. Circus decorations for the dinner were in charge of Pearl Keaton, with Muncie and Lafayette assisting. Favors were in charge of P. D. P. Agnes Boerger, with Connersville and Bloomington assisting. Registration for the meeting was in charge of Danville and Martinsville Auxiliaries.

The speaker at the banquet was Rev. R. M. Dodrill, of the Broadway Baptist Church, a sincere and patriotic citizen.

Interesting talks were made by members present, and guests of especial honor were Parker Thornburg, Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, and Mrs. Ralph R. Barrett, of California, Nat. Aux. Pres. last year. Other Indiana Past National Officers were present, as well as Past Department Officers. Dept. Pres. Hannah Kreisler and Dept. Com. Ray Tutthill introduced their respective officers.

The banquet was followed by a "circus" and a number of Auxiliaries had "rings" therein. Dept. Com. Tutthill, P. D. C. Tom Horn, P. D. C. Robert Brown, and Bro. Walter Wellman, of the Sons, were circus managers. The accordionist was Miss Audrey Guy. The Indianapolis Camp sponsored the two young dancers, Barbara Jane Baker and Kay Hensel, also the reader, Richard Heath. Recitation and vocal numbers by P. D. C. Hugh Snider were much enjoyed.

Sunday morning, the Sons and Auxiliary held individual business sessions, ending with a joint session which terminated the meeting.

Members are asked to remember that the Dept. Encampment will be at Terre Haute this year, the time not as yet determined.

Washington's Birthday, 1950

Affairs in our organization do not seem to be too rosy. However, here at Indianapolis we are carrying on with increased enthusiasm, and are having very good meetings twice a month. At our meeting Feb. 21 we had a Washington and Lincoln Birthday program that held the interest for more than two hours. We have arranged to have social meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month and business meetings on the 3rd Tuesday evening. We are trying to build up interest and enthusiasm.

Joint Installation

Joint installation of their new officers was a well attended, enthusiastic and gala occasion for Ben Harrison Camp and Auxiliary, Indianapolis on Jan. 3, at the Central Y. W. C. A. Auditorium. It was a meeting reminiscent of the good old days when these organizations met in old Fort Friendly.

Bro. Alonzo R. Stanford, a member of the Sons for more than sixty years, was installed as Camp Commander by P. D. C. C. M. Barksdale, assisted by Judge Hezzie B. Pike. Bro. Stanfield had served in this office in 1912 and he recalled that upon one occasion in that year Camp 356 had initiated one thousand new members. He will be assisted this year by two newer and younger members, Bro. Wm. J. Durham, Sr. Vice, and Robert Jackson, Jr. Vice.

The retiring Commander, Bro. Clint T. Durbin suffered a stroke of paralysis last April and remains in a very critical condition at his home at 312 No. Temple Ave. The Sec.-Treas., P. E. Oliphant, has also suffered several light strokes and is unable to attend all meetings.

Auxiliary No. 10 also installed an energetic and veteran worker, Mrs. Lula Roesener, as their President this year. She and a most able corps of officers were installed by P. D. P. Lella Shugart, of Marion, formerly of Indianapolis.

MAINE

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Department Notes

From reports in the various papers of the State some of the Camps have installed their officers. No Camp Secretary or Press Correspondent has sent me any news since last fall. If we expect to let our neighbor Departments know what Maine is doing we must have the news to print. Come on, boys, get busy and show your ability to do something for your order the only organization in the United States that money cannot buy admission to.

Camp 4, Portland

Shepley Camp Officers were installed at their rooms in Bosworth Memorial Hall Monday evening, Jan. 9, with Dept. Com. A. Lawrence Calderwood as installing officer. The following are the new officers:

Com., Lawrence G. Calderwood; Sr. Vice, Floyd A. Chase; Jr. Vice, Emery W. Hoyt; Sec., Leon W. Merrett; Treas., A. Lawrence Calderwood; Chap., R. Frank Calderwood; Press Cor., Floyd A. Chase.

The new Commander is a World War II Veteran and the prospects are good for a large class of new members soon. He is the son of our Department Commander.

Past Com.-in-Chief Towle was suffering with a severe cold and had to sit on the side lines and watch the young lads carry on.

Buffet lunch and social hour followed with a large number of Auxiliary members to help make merry.

Camp 51, Biddeford

Sheridan-Grant Memorial Camp held their installation recently. The following will preside during 1950.

Com. John T. Flood; Sr. Vice, David E. Grindle; Jr. Vice, F. Walter Freeman; Sec., Herbert W. Buzzell, Sr.; Treas., Everett G. Freeman; Pat. Inst., Frederick P. O'Connell; Chap., Harry E. Belanger, Sr.

After the ceremonies refreshments and a social hour followed. The Auxiliary were present as visitors and assisted in the work of the evening. The Camp has some new prospects which we hope to add to the membership this winter.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, National President, 7 Gillman Road, Alton, N. H.

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR NAT. PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters:

We now are well into the new year. May it bring to each of you NEW HOPE for increased devotion in our work as members, and an increase in membership.

Our Nat. Encampment will be held in Boston, Mass., the week of Aug. 20, with headquarters at the Statler Hotel. Room reservation cards may be procured from the Nat. Sec. Olive M. Haynes, Dwight, Ill., or from Department Secretaries.

"Another year dawns bright and clear
Let's meet it bravely without fear.
It may bring cares and hope in vain;
It may bring sorrow, loss and pain.
Let us be strong and brave and true
That other hearts may sparkle as dew.
When this year's last sun is set
Let us then know no vain regret,
So each can say without thought of fear,
I really did my best this year."

Very Sincerely,

ETHELYN C. TUCKER,
National President.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Nat. Pres. Sister Ethelyn Tucker of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honored the Chicago, Ill., people by stopping off and spending the day on Feb. 15. Sister Eva Blackman, P. N. P., entertained her and several guests at dinner. Those present were two Past National Presidents, several Department Officers and the Presidents of the Chicago Auxiliaries. A lovely dinner and a most pleasant day was enjoyed by all.—(Jessie Daly, P. C.).

Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker is making her official trip to the West Coast, visiting the various Depts. in that locality. Headquarters is at the home of her daughter—3000 Bartlett St., Oakland 2, Calif. She recently visited San Jose, Los Angeles, and other Aux. in Calif., and then goes to Oregon & Washington Dept. Leaving for home March 20 she will visit Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri Depts., reaching her home at Alton, N. H., April 8. During her absence mail is being forwarded to her at Oakland, so that she can keep in touch with all her correspondence.

The wedding of Sister Elizabeth L. Haynes, daughter of Nat. Sec. Olive M. Haynes, of Dwight, Ill., was a beautiful one, performed Feb. 11 in the First Congregational Church, that city. The bridegroom was Russell Vermillion, of Louisiana, Mo. A reception followed in the church parlors and in the evening a dinner was served at the Haynes home to 75 relatives and friends. P. N. P. Gladys Sallman and her husband "Gar," were among the out of town guests. The bride is a faithful member of Aux. 2, Dwight, as is her mother, Sister Olive.

Members of both Sons and Aux. will be sorry to learn of the serious illness of P. D. C. Al Deems, husband of P. N. P. Mamie Deems, of Los Angeles, Calif., and hope he soon will be well.

A very happy occasion was the instituting of a new Aux. No. 50, at Decatur, Ill., on Feb. 25, with a charter list of 65. P. N. P.'s Eva B. Blackman and Gladys Sallman, of Chicago, Nat. Sec. Olive M. Haynes, of Dwight, and Dept. Pres. Mae Gabel and other Dept. officers assisted in the instituting and installing of officers of the new Aux. Congratulations and best wishes to this new band of Sisters

and may Aux. 50 live long and prosper. Sister Hattie Reynolds, wife of Dept. Com. Leroy Reynolds of Illinois Sons, was the efficient promoter of the new Aux. and it was through her efforts it was organized.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

Oakland—Monday, Jan. 23, occurred the joint installation of 1950 officers of Aux. 21 and the S. U. V. Camp, which took place in Veterans' Memorial Hall. P. D. P. Effie Dahms was the efficient Instal. Of., assisted by Sisters Helen Spaulding, Bessie Woerner and Nellie Smith, of San Francisco. Our Sec., Roma Oliver, opened her home to the guests and the spirit of good cheer carried over into the evening's events. We are fortunate in having most of our officers re-elected, among them Ruth Schroll, who will continue as Pres. for the present year.

Modesto—The Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. George Darby January 20 for a luncheon, honoring two Past Dept. Presidents, Mrs. Lenore Glass and Mrs. Hannah Dabel, both of San Jose. There were 14 present and Mrs. Darby was a splendid and gracious hostess. The color scheme of red, white and blue was carried out in both the dining and living rooms. A short business meeting followed, three new members being received into the Aux. Installation of new officers of the Aux. followed with Sister Hannah Dabel as Instal. Of., assisted by Sister Lenore Glass as Instal. Guide. Among the officers installed were Effie Darby, Pres.; Isabel Kinnear, Sec., and Ann Harris, Treas. A short program followed and all present pronounced the occasion a perfect one and Mr. and Mrs. Darby perfect hosts.

The meeting of Dist. No. 1 was held in San Jose Jan. 15 in Druids Hall.

The Mid-Winter meeting was held Feb. 12 in Pasadena. Luncheon was served at noon with a program in the afternoon.

The Lincoln Club banquet took place in Los Angeles Feb. 11 in the Unique Restaurant.

Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker, of N. H., made her official visit to Calif. in Feb., visiting many of the Aux.

The Dept. Encampment will be held in Santa Cruz in April.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT

Danbury—Aux. 17. The following Dept. Officers of the Aux. and Sons of U. V. were guests of Aux. 17 at their annual inspection by Dept. Ins. Genevieve Chase, of New Britain; Dept. Pres., Mrs. Alma Doles, West Haven; Dept. Vice Pres. Mrs. Minnie Burkhardt, East Hampton; Dept. Pat. Inst. Mrs. Florence Barker, Stamford; Dept. Treas., Mrs. Lillian Taylor, Danbury; Chief-of-Staff Mrs. Hazel Barrett, Danbury; Dept. Com. William Nemetz, Stratford; Dept. Jr. Com. Charles O'Neil, East Hampton; Dept. Color Bearer Pearl Chamberlain, Bristol. Past Dept. Presidents in attendance were Mrs. Lillian Pierce, May Gibney, New Britain; Mrs. Mattie Chapman, Derby; Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlain, Bristol; Mrs. Minnie Osborn and Mrs. Lillian Taylor, Danbury. Flag Day exercises were held and the charter was draped in memory of the late Mrs. Edith Gleason, Past Aux. Pres. of Danbury. A social concluded the evening's activities, with refreshments served by a committee, with Pres. Mrs. Adeline Case as chairman.

Forestville—Members of Aux. 21 have been very busy raising money for the treasury. The Ways and Means Committee sold wash clothes and held party drawings and presented a large beautiful American Flag for parade use, to the Plainville Fife and Drum Corps, who were very grateful for it as they

had lost their flag. The leader of the Drum Corps is Allan Dresser, who is some 70 years "young," a very active Sons of a Union Veteran. They are always in the Memorial Day Parade and have been for a good many years. Aux. Pres. Elizabeth Hallock presented the Flag and there was a very interesting program of poems, songs and speeches. In Oct. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Alma Doles, West Haven, and her staff were entertained with a supper on her official visit. Jan. 19 the members of the Aux. enjoyed a very nice supper at one of the local restaurants. Afterwards we went to the home of Sister Grace Manross, where games and a social time followed. The passing of our last G. A. R. Veteran, Charles Douglas, of New Haven, saddened our hearts. The girls always enjoyed calling on him, as he was a very interesting person to talk with and we certainly will miss him. He was laid to rest with some of his comrades in the Soldiers' Plot in Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven. Incidentally the grandfather of Dept. Press Cor. Goodrich, Thomas Hempstalk, and her great uncle, Joseph Hempstalk, are both buried in this Soldier's Plot. Invitations are out for an informal reception in honor of Dept. Pres. Mrs. Alma Doles and her staff Sat., March 4, 1950.—Celia M. Goodrich, Dept. Press Cor.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

Chicago—Aux. 30 and Camp 1 held a joint installation on Nov. 29, 1949. Past Dept. Pres. Helga Galbraith, of Rockford, installed the officers of the Aux. Elsie Evans is the new Aux. Pres. and Frank Shultz the new Camp Com. On Jan. 29 Aux. 30 entertained Dept. Pres. Mae Gabel and Dept. Com. LeRoy Reynolds and their staff of officers at dinner. We were very happy to have so many Dept. Officers in attendance and highly honored by the presence of four Past Nat. Presidents, Sister Lena Barrett, of Calif., Jr. P. N. P. and Chairman of the Nat. Council; Sister Katharine Joyce, P. N. P., of Pa.; Sister Gladys Sallman, P. N. P., and Sister Eva Blackman, P. N. P., both of Illinois. We also were very pleased to have with us Bro. Jim Blackman, Secretary of the Ill. Dept., Grand Army of the Republic. A very large number were present and enjoyed a most delicious dinner planned and served by Sister Sallman and her committee. When you want to have a good time visit Aux. 30 in Chicago on the 29th of each month.—(Jessie Daly, P. C.).

Chicago—On Dec. 4, '49, Aux. 14 served a turkey dinner to a large group of members and friends and realized a good sum for our treasury. Sunday, Jan. 8, Aux. 14 held a public installation of officers at their hall, 2519 W. Fullerton Ave., Sister Katherine Viverito taking the chair of Pres. with a full corps of officers. She was conducted to the Altar and was presented with flowers by her small granddaughter. Mr. Sallman sang to her. P. N. P. Gladys Sallman acted as Installing Officer and P. N. P. Eva Blackman served as Installing Guide. Dept. Pres. Mae Gable was escorted in with the colors and introduced. Sister Heilman acted as musician. Short talks were given by all the celebrities. Relatives for the Pres. rendered music. Sister Viverito presented the installing staff with gifts. Sister Isabel Benware, the mother of our Aux., was introduced. One hundred and sixty members and friends were in attendance. A floor show was conducted and enjoyed by all. Sister Ruby Stewart acted as lady of ceremonies. Sister Viverito gave a beautiful ode to the flag. Sister Josephine Ullman was presented her Past President's pin by P. N. P. Sallman and was presented with a gift of money by Sister Isabel Benware. Sister Ullman presented each of her

officers with a gift. She closed a very successful year with a gain of twelve new members. Coffee and cake was served to all.—(Isabel Benware, Aux. P. C.).

Rockford—On Oct. 6, 1949, Aux. 20 entertained our Dept. Pres. Mae Gabel and her staff of officers at a luncheon, after which a reception was held. Guests from Aurora, Chicago, Elgin and Belvidere were present. On Jan. 6, 1950, the newly elected officers were installed by Past Dept. Pres. Helga Galbraith. This was a special honor for Sister Galbraith as she installed her daughter, Sister Beatrice Swanson as Pres. of Aux. 20. Incidentally, Sister Swanson is a granddaughter of Comrade Franklin Galbraith. Some of the Belvidere members assisted us in the installation. On Jan. 22 Sister Galbraith also installed the officers of Aux. 30 of Chicago. Aux. 60, of Belvidere, held their installation Jan. 20 and Sister Galbraith was the Instal. Of., assisted by members from Aux. 20.

Dwight—Aux. 2 held their Jan. meeting at the home of Sister Jessie Davis, with Sisters Georgiana Cook and Anna Houck as co-hostesses. An invitation was read from the local American Legion Aux. to attend their Americanism program Feb. 1 and later several members did on that date. Sister Elizabeth Haynes, who was to be married Feb. 11, was presented with a gift of money from the local members. The wedding took place on the aforementioned date and Aux. members attended, as well as many others. The Feb. meeting of the Aux. was held at the home of Sister Maud Seabert and opened with a covered dish supper, followed by a program celebrating the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln and McKinley. Sister Jessie Davis had charge of the program. The guest of honor was Dept. Pres. Mae Gabel, of Chicago, who made her official visit at this time. Remarks were made by Dept. Pres. Gabel and others, following the regular program.

Dept. Press Cor. Edith Schores urges Illinois Auxs. to send her news items of their activities. Her address is 2604 Preston St., Rockford.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT

Gypsum—The members of Camp 121 and their Aux. No. 12 met with Mrs. Roy Mortimore for a covered dish dinner. The main event was the installation of new officers, with Brother George Shier, a charter member of S. U. V. Camp 121, as Instal. Of. Delegates elected to Nat. Encamp. were Sisters Henrietta Shoffner and Blanch Satterlee. Delegates to Dept. Encamp. were Sisters Stein and Lena Reese. Mrs. Jane Shier was taken in as a new member. A very enjoyable and social time was had by all.

Salina—The annual inspection of the Aux. was held with Sister Jennie Wise, of Newton, as Inspec. Out of town guests were Dept. Pres. Sadie Dix, Newton; Mary Alexander, Meade, and Rose Reese, Hattie Shoffner, Hattie Peck and Blanche Satterly, of Gypsum. The Aux. voted to give \$5 to Boy's Town, \$5 to the Arlington Home in Des Moines and \$10 to the Community Chest. They also plan to buy a basket of groceries for a needy family.—Henrietta Shoffner, Dept. Press Cor., Gypsum, Kan.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

Plymouth—Aux. 26 observed Washington and Lincoln birthdays in Feb. Preceding the meeting a covered dish supper was served and a Valentine party followed the meeting. Camp 4 members were special guests. Aux. 26 members were guests of Camp 4 at their meeting Jan. 24, when an old fashioned Pilgrim succotash supper was served by the Brothers (no ladies in the kitchen). After the meeting a Penny Social was enjoyed.

Bridgewater—Aux. 144 met at the home of the President, Gladys Robinson, Jan. 24, at 8 o'clock. Dept. Pres. Gladys Milkey made

her official visit, accompanied by Dept. Chief-of-Staff Mrs. Bessie Drowns and Dept. Counselor Harold Drowns. Other guests included Camp Com. Charles Hooper, also a Dept. Officer. Members of the Camp were also guests. Many social activities were planned for the Feb. meeting. Mrs. Milkey was the speaker of the evening and gave an outline of the Dept. Encamp. to be held in May at Swampscott. Remarks were made by other invited guests. Refreshments were in charge of the Pres., assisted by Aux. members.

Brockton—Mrs. Flossie Terrence, Pres. of Aux. 17, conducted the regular meeting Jan. 17 in G. A. R. Hall. An invitation was received to attend the installation of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States and their Auxiliary. Several members attended the Survey and Planning meeting at Tremont Temple, Boston, on Jan. 21, when Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, John Runkle, of Pa. was guest speaker.

Rockland—At the meeting of the Rockland Aux. on Jan. 24, Abington Aux. members were guests and special guests were Mrs. Maud Colburn, Dept. Press Cor.; Annie Callahan, Plymouth County Assn. Pres., and Mrs. Myra Blanchard, Past Dept. Pres. A fire supper preceded the meeting in charge of the Pres. Bessie Elliott, assisted by Aux. members.

Abington—The 23rd anniversary of Aux. 67 was observed at G. A. R. Hall, Abington, Mass. Four of the charter members of the organization were present. They were: Addie Benson, the Aux.'s first Treas.; Mrs. Jennie Lombard, Mrs. Grace Emerson and Mrs. Maud Colburn, their first Sec. A brief history of the organization was read by Mrs. Myra Blanchard. At the business meeting presided over by the Pres., Mrs. Colburn, a Christmas donation was voted for the Arlington Hall for Boys. Plans were made for a delegation to visit Plymouth County Hospital in South Hanson with remembrances for the Veterans. Preceding the meeting a fine turkey supper was served in charge of Mrs. Myra Blanchard, assisted by Mrs. Carrie Blanchard and Mrs. Maud Colburn. Com. Ralph Green, of Camp 67, and Sons were special guests. At the business meeting a gift was presented to Pres. Maud Colburn in appreciation of her work during the hot summer months. An interesting talk, accompanied by the showing of colored pictures was given by Stanley Benson, of Plymouth St. The pictures were taken during a recent trip. The Aux. were special guests of the W. R. C. at a Christmas party.

The Boston Past Presidents Assn. met on Jan. 21, 1950, at Tremont Temple. Special guests for the day were the Survey and Planning Committee, Emma S. Warren, chairman. Luncheon was served at Patti's Restaurant at 1 o'clock, with 75 members and guests present. Very attractive favors were made and donated by Mrs. Maud Colburn, assisted by Nora Robinson and Mary Gordon. Special guests were C.-in-C. John Runkle, also Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker. All returned to Myers Hall, Tremont Temple, for the afternoon meeting, in charge of Pamela Elder, P. D. P. Speaker for the afternoon meeting was C.-in-C. John Runkle, his topic being the National Encampment in Boston, Aug. 20, 1950.—Maud Colburn, Dept. Press Cor.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

Wilmington, Del.—Aux. 2 held a joint meeting and installation with the S. U. V. Camp on Jan. 16 at which time a tribute was paid to our beloved P. D. C. and also Camp Com. Frank P. Gentieu. To know him was to love him. Sister Elizabeth Wackerhauser and her staff had charge of the Aux. installation. Sister Mary Lusac succeeds Sister Margaret Rogerson as Pres. and her Counselor is our own Jas. Tatman, of Wilmington,

Dept. Com. of Maryland. While the hand of Death has visited us, (5 members having gone on within ten months) we can only say "God knoweth best." We have gained two members by re-instatement this month and have hopes for more in the near future. The G. A. R. Memorial Fund, of which our own P. N. P. Celeste D. Gentieu is the Permanent Chairman, is going over nicely here in our Aux. Sisters Dorothy Hilyard and Agnes Davis are chairman for our Aux. Our social hours after meeting are going over nicely and we are now looking forward to our Dept. Encamp. to be held in Baltimore, Md., in May.—Rama Niemyer, Dept. Press Cor.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

Grand Rapids—Aux. 9. After a 6:30 dinner on Jan. 11, served in the G. A. R. Hall, Miss Eleanor Girodat installed Mrs. Charles Smith as Pres.

Jackson—Aux. 7 held their annual Regional on Feb. 18 and made plans for our Dept. Convention to be held in Bay City. A gift of an American Flag was presented to the Board members of the Jackson Fair from Mrs. Robert Templeman, Past Pres. of the Aux. The Flag is to be used on the pole in front of the Grandstand.

Kalamazoo—Aux. 3 entertained Dept. Pres. Florence Brown in Nov. with a dinner at Schensul's, after which a meeting was held. In January installation was held and Mrs. Mina Kline was installed as Pres.

South Haven—Aux. 1 has lost two of their Charter members by death: Stella M. Bradton, P. D. Sec., and Mrs. Laura Duke, who passed away while spending the winter months in Florida with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lounsberry.—Margaret Underwood, Dept. Press Cor., 1022 Phonic St., South Haven, Mich.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

Duluth—Installation ceremonies of our Aux. were held Jan. 19 and was a very lovely affair. Sister Lilly Stake was Inst. Of., and was assisted by Sister Millie Robinson as Inst. Guide and Sister Margaret Berg as Inst. Chaplain. Sister Geraldine Young is the new Pres., succeeding Sister Edith Moe. Other officers are Sister Luella Derrig, V. P.; Sister Mildred Young, Treas. A ham dinner and social hour followed the ceremonies. We are having very nice meetings. On Jan. 3 we had a birthday and Christmas party with a tree, candy and nuts for the children and a delightful program. Ice cream and cake topped off a very enjoyable evening.—Millie Robinson, Dept. Press Cor., 3020 Devonshire St., Duluth, Minn.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT

St. Louis—At our Nov. meeting Aux. 4 was honored by a visit from our Dept. Pres. Dorothy Wilson, who also inspected our Aux. After the meeting we celebrated Veterans Night with an appropriate program. Various members of the G. A. R. family had a part in the celebration. Sister Adele Geldmacher, Pres. of the Aux., was in charge.

Our Dept. Convention will be held in St. Louis the 2nd week in May.—Ida B. Smith, Dept. Press Cor.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

The Rehabilitation Committee under the chairmanship of Sister Lena Williams entertained a group of veterans at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Lyons, N. J., with a Christmas party. 100 filled Christmas stockings were distributed as well as candy, cigarettes and tobacco. Games were played and refreshments of homemade cake and ice cream were served by the Committee. Our Dept. Pres. Genevieve Bolan and her husband, Dept. Counselor Edward Bolan, assisted the Committee.

We were honored by the presence of our Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker and Com.-in-Chief John Runkle at the 44th annual Lincoln Din-

ner given by Camp 4 in Trenton. Many of our Aux. members also attended the Patriotic Exercises and Dinner in honor of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln given by the Newark Lincoln G. A. R. Memorial Committee, in which Camp 18 take an active part. Both of these affairs were well attended and enjoyed by all. P. N. P. Margaret Schroeder; Nat. Director of the Budget, Edna Lambert, and Nat. Sec. Treas. Albert Lambert have attended the Newark Lincoln Dinner for twelve consecutive years.

Bloomfield Aux. No. 7 will celebrate their 45th anniversary on March 17, with a dinner at the Robin Hood Inn. Sister Phoebe Ayers, the only surviving charter member, will be the guest of honor.

The 48th Annual Encampment of the N. J. Dept. will be held in Asbury Park on June 2 and 3. Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Monterey. We are looking forward to meeting and greeting many of the Sisters from other Departments.—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth 4, N. J.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

New York Dept. mourns the loss by death of P. D. P. Winnie Durst, of Syracuse, who passed away in Feb. She was the organizer of Aux. 25, Syracuse. Also the death of Sister Agnes Hanlon is mourned. She was a charter member of the Aux. at Ovid.

Syracuse—The officers of Aux. 25 were installed by P. D. P. Hazel Hartman. The Pres. is Margaret Brewster; Sec., H. Myers; Treas., H. Hartmann. (Sorry, but limited space prevents publishing more than the names of Pres., Sec. and Treas.)

Ovid—Sister Frances Keebler, of Interlocken, installed the new officers in Jan. Among the large staff installed were Pres., Alma Evans; Sec., Ruth Wilkins; Treas., Dorothy VanNosttrand.

Albany—A reception and dinner honoring Dept. Pres. Sophia Isaacs, S. V. A., and her staff of officers, was held Jan. 7 in Jack's Restaurant. Judson W. French, Dept. Com. of the Sons, and his staff, were also honored. Following the reception, the officers of Aux. 30 were installed by P. N. P. Mary E. Stapleton, assisted by P. N. P. Margaret C. Brady. The new Pres. is Irene M. Waters; Sec., Lillian Messer; Treas., Mary E. Stapleton.—Ella Jones, Dept. Press Cor., Syracuse.

New York City—Aux. 24, observed Patriotic Night with our Pat. Inst. in charge. Poems on Lincoln and Washington were read and remarks on patriotism were made by Dept. Pat. Inst. of the Sons, Phillip Sattler. Charter was draped for Mary Halpin, one of our oldest members. Two candidates initiated.

OHIO DEPARTMENT

Fostoria—Aux. 48. The first anniversary and installation of officers of Ohio's baby Aux. was attended by Dept. Pres. Ida B. Eichorn, of Newark, D. C. Robert Austin of Alliance, and many other Dept. and Past Dept. officers and Camp and Aux. members. A bounteous dinner preceded the installation of Aux. and Camp officers with P. D. P. Edith B. Nile and Dept. Com. Robert Austin, of Alliance, conducting the joint ceremonies, installing Sis. Elsie Martin, Pres., and Bro. Amos Berry, Comd. Ritualistic work was exemplified by a picked team composed of Past Dept. officers and Alliance members. Gifts were presented to Aux. and Camp by P. D. P. Anna Patterson and P. D. C. Edward Wetzel.—(Gladys Peters, P. C.)

Youngstown—Aux. 2. Officers were inspected by P. N. P. Edith Nile in the absence of D. P. Ida B. Eichorn, who was unable to be present due to the illness of her husband. Several members were present from Alliance Camp and Aux., Sister Ona Hess, Dept. Junior Aux. Advisor; D. C. Robert Austin; Dept. Pres. of Allied Orders, George Waller; Camp

Com. C. B. Wood; Dept. Pers. Aide Spencer Sebrell. A Lincoln-Washington dinner was held with Sisters Hofmaster and Phillips in charge of the dinner and Sis. Melvina Sundin, Pres., in charge of the program.—(Mary Coleman, P. C.)

Dayton—Aux. 89. The annual Lincoln banquet was held Feb. 18, with Dept. Pres. Ida B. Eichorn and Dept. Com. Robert Austin and many other Dept. and Past Nat. and Dept. officers present. A delightful program followed the dinner.

Newark—Aux. 77. Dept. Pres. Ida B. Eichorn and Dept. Sec. Mary Cline were honored with a banquet held at beautiful Granville Inn. Judge Cecil J. Randall, Dept. Counselor, was the main speaker and the affair was attended by several Dept., Past Nat'l and Past Dept. officers and members of Auxs. and Camps from all over the state. Several class initiations in remembrance of the Grand Army of the Republic have been held and a Lincoln-Washington tea party was a delightful affair. The 5th District meeting was held and a history of the Grand Army of the Republic was read by Michael Heintz.—(Hazel Walker, P. C.)

The Midwinter meeting was held at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus Jan. 8 and was preceded by a school party held on Sat. night. Dept. Pers. Aide Margaret Fulton was the teacher and Dept. Sec. Mary Cline passed the water bucket. Many generous donations were given to the Dept. Memorial Fund during the Sunday meeting, which was presided over by D. P. Ida B. Eichorn and attended by almost all of the Dept. officers and many members. Reports were given by officers and Aux. and routine business transacted.

Alliance—Aux. 91. Joint installation services were held in the dining room of the First Baptist Church when P. D. P. Edith Nile and Past Com. Spencer Sebrell installed Sister Virginia Battery and Bro. Clarence B. Wood and their staffs. Christmas parties were held and baskets given to needy families. Dedication Day program was held and a goodtime party is held each month, jointly with the Sons. A membership contest is in progress and plans are being made for a St. Patrick's dance. Annual Lincoln Banquet of the 3rd District was held with Mayor Ewing as special guest and William Martin of Mount Union College the main speaker giving a comparison of the qualities and habits of Lincoln and Washington. Dancing followed the dinner. Members are working hard for the completion of the Memorial Fund for a memorial honoring all Grand Army Veterans to be placed in the Atwater Cemetery, the resting place of the last Grand Army Veteran in Ohio, and to be dedicated at the June Encampment.—Olive R. Boren, Dept. Press Cor., 1105 W. Vine, Alliance, O.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

Pittsburgh—Aux. 198 met in Memorial Hall on Jan. 19, where the officers for the year were impressively installed by Past Pres. Ethel Todd. Sister Katharine Joyce, P. N. P., who served this Aux. as Pres. in 1927-8, was unanimously elected to serve again as Aux. Pres. The slogan for the year of our Nat. Pres. Ethelyn, is exemplified in this Aux.—NEW HOPE. Since transferring their meetings to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, 45 new members have joined the order, and every meeting is well attended. After the installation, a very nice lunch was served by the Past Presidents, since it was the 30th anniversary of the institution of Aux. 198. With NEW HOPE, we will try to reach the goal set by our new Pres., a hundred members on the roll. Sister Clara Lewis is the treasurer, and an honor roll member, and Louise Damask is secretary.

Hellertown—Joint installation of Aux. 295

and Camp 295 took place Jan. 16. The Aux. officers were installed by Mrs. Lottie Trumbower, Dept. Vice Pres. Among those installed were: Pres., Jennie Weierback; Sec., Mrs. Lottie Trumbower; Treas., Miss Carrie Bleyler. Space forbids publishing the full list of new officers. Dept. J. V. C. Robt. W. Werkheiser, Sr., installed the new officers of the Sons. After installation, a social hour was spent, with our annual sauer kraut supper. Members of Auxs. 140 and 182, of Bethlehem, assisted in the celebration. About 55 members were present.—Mrs. Minnie Hunsberger, Dept. Press Cor., 625 No. 11th St., Allentown, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

Providence—Aux. 2 held election and installation of their 1950 officers, among them being Pres. Rose Marie Noyes; Sec., Mabel Skinner, and Treas., Laura I. Smith. (Space forbids printing full list of new officers). The Chairman of Ways and Means, Adelaide M. Hooper, and her committee: Carol Parker, Ethel Aldrich, Estelle Havens, Emma Rivers, Jenny Sherman, Bessie Coughlin and Muriel Sullivan are working in conjunction with the Good of the Order Committee from the Sons of Camp No. 7 in running a Monte Carlo Night in May. Plans are working out well and a good year is expected by both Aux. 2 and Camp 7 of the S. U. V. C. W.

Lincoln's Birthday was observed Feb. 11, 1950, at the Benefit Street Arsenal, Providence, R. I. Members from both Departments attended. P. C. C. Harry Jeer had charge of the program which was a fine one.

All other Auxs. in the Dept. are doing well. Aux. 11, Westerly, deserves special mention as they are showing a very good year.

Providence—It always is interesting to hear from our Junior Auxs. The officers of the Mabelle F. H. Oatley Junior Aux. were installed at the V. F. W. Hall on Jan. 21, 1950, by Dept. I. & I. Of. Carol Parker. A handsome ring was presented retiring Junior Pres. Barbara Fogel for her efficient year of service. Visitors were present from the Senior Auxs. We are proud of our Juniors. They contribute with money earned by themselves to the March of Dimes, Tuberculosis Seals, Christmas Cheer and various other worthwhile projects. They also gladly assist in serving at all Dept. outings and suppers.—Adelaide M. Hooper, Dept. Press Cor., Providence, R. I.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

Baraboo—On Monday, Jan. 16, Kate Engelman, in her 82nd year passed into the "Great Beyond." She was Inside Guard of the S. V. Aux. to Camp No. 18 of Baraboo, Wis. Her life in unselfish service for those she loved, was purified by trial and disciplined by duty and devotion. Her life was made more beautiful, because she believed in humbleness and righteousness and her face was a model of Spiritual beauty to us who knew and loved "Our Kate"—she is not dead, nor is it farewell for she has left the material things of earth and her past eighty-two birthdays—and has been given a new birthday into "Eternal Life."

Madison—Monday evening, Feb. 27, Camp No. 2, S. U. V., and their Aux. held an open patriotic meeting in memory of George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays. Dr. J. O. Smith presided over the meeting and Lorena Smith gave the address of welcome. A good crowd was in attendance. Prof. Grant Hyde, from the School of Journalism, University of Wisconsin, spoke on what the newspapers of that day thought of George Washington. M. C. Palmer told some interesting stories about Lincoln. A suitable reading was given by Mary Kinsella. Refreshments and a social hour followed the program.—Lorena Smith, Dept. Press Cor., 919 E. Johnson St., Madison 3, Wis.