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TWO IMPORTANT MEASURES BEFORE CONGRESS FOR PASSAGE

To the Officers and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

We as an Organization, and as Individuals, are extremely interested in two measures now pending in the Congress of the United States, and every member of our Order should aid our Legislative Committee in securing their passage, thus leaving two more foot-prints on the sands of time in their memory that will be heard and seen by the many millions of Americans of today. If passed, future generations will honor and respect DEDICATION Day.

THE FIRST MEASURE:

H. J. Res. 23 (House Joint Resolution), Introduced January 3, 1949, by Congressman Kenneth B. Keating, of the New York Delegation in the U. S. Congress, Designating November 19th as Dedication Day, which reads as follows:

"Resolved that the Senate and House of Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in CONGRESS assembled, That November 19th, the anniversary of the Delivery of the Gettysburg Address, be and hereby is designated in our calendar of Special Days as DEDICATION DAY.

That the President of the United States is requested to proclaim November 19th as Dedication Day and to suggest that the Address be read on that day in schools and public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea and wherever the American Flag flies."

This Resolution has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee of which Cong. Celler is chairman and a letter to him urging reporting out same would help.

THE SECOND MEASURE:

H. R. Resolution 35 (House Joint Resolution) Introduced by Congressman Thomas E. Martin, of Iowa City, Iowa, relative to issuing a G. A. R. Commemorative U. S. 3c postage stamp, to go on sale the week of the National Encampment to be held at Indianapolis this year.

Much work has been done during the last few years to secure the passage of the first Measure and many of our members have given of their time and money to have Congress pass this legislation. Now that the resolution has been re-introduced, I desire that every Son of a Union Veteran do his mite in securing its passage.

The second measure is another fine movement to commemorate the memory of the gallant men, who suffered, bled and died to save the Nation in the days of 1861 to 1865.

Resolution 35 has been referred to House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, of which Cong. Tom Murray is chairman. A letter to him urging reporting out of this Resolution would aid the project.

Therefore it is my earnest desire, that every member of our ORDER, wherever situated, write the Representative of his Congressional District at once urging the early passage of these two measures and when they have reached the SENATE of THE UNITED STATES, then it is my further desire that each and every member, with full force and vigor, also write the TWO UNITED STATES SENATORS from their home State urging the passage of both of these measures. Surely you will do your bit for our common cause.

PERLE L. FOUCH,
Commander-in-Chief.



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1949 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

- California—At San Diego, week of April 24.
Colorado & Wyoming—
Connecticut—At New Haven, April 23-24; Hqrs. Hotel Garde.
Illinois—At Rock Island, June 10-12; Hqrs. Hotel Fort Armstrong.
Indiana—At Marion, June 10-13.
Iowa—At Cedar Rapids, June 5-8; Hqrs. Hotel Montrose.
Kansas—At Salina, May 1-3; Hqrs. Lamer Hotel.
Maine—At Portland, June 10-11; Hqrs. Falmouth Hotel.
Maryland—At Wilmington, May 13-14; Hqrs. Hotel Dupont.
Massachusetts—At Swampscott, May 6-8; Hqrs. Ocean House.
Michigan—At Grand Rapids, June 22-24; Hqrs. Pantlind Hotel.
Minnesota—
Missouri—At Joplin, May 8; Hqrs. Keystone Hotel.
Nebraska—At Lincoln, May 3-5; Hqrs. Lincoln Hotel.
New Hampshire—At Concord, April 30-May 1; Hqrs. Hotel Endicott.
New Jersey—At Trenton, June 3-4; Hqrs. Hotel Hildebrecht.
New York—At Syracuse, June 19-22.
Ohio—At Columbus, June 19-22; Hqrs. Deshler-Wallick Hotel.
Oregon & Washington—
Pennsylvania—At Philadelphia, week of June 26; Hqrs. Penn Sheraton Hotel.
Rhode Island—At Providence, April 16; Hqrs. Arsenal.
Vermont—At Brattleboro, June 23-25; Hqrs. Hotel Brooks.
Wisconsin—At Milwaukee, June 12-15; Hqrs. Wisconsin Hotel.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

Table with columns: Department, Sept. 30, 1948 Camps, Sept. 30, 1948 Members, Dec. 31, 1948 Camps, Dec. 31, 1948 Members, Date Report Rec'd. Lists data for various departments like At Large, California & Pacific, etc.

RECAPITULATION

Table showing recapitulation of camps and members. Includes rows for No. in Good Standing Sept. 30, 1948, GAIN (By Initiation, Transfer, Reinstatement), Total Gain, LOSS (Disbanded, Death, Honorable Discharge, Transfer, Dropped), Total Loss, and No. in Good Standing, December 31, 1948.

ENCAMPMENT JOURNAL PROMULGATED

The Grand Rapids, Mich., Journal of Proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1948, have been promulgated to all Departments. The Officers will promulgate one copy to each Camp. Camp Secretaries will make the Journal available to each member of the Camp. Commanders and Secretaries will file same in Camp records.

NEW CAMP

Camp No. 48, Fostoria, Ohio 15 members

CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED, TRANSFERRED

Table listing camps that were disbanded, dropped, or transferred. Includes locations like Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island with member counts.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 3

Report of National Treasurer—January-February, 1949, Inc.

GENERAL FUND

Financial statement table showing December 31, 1948 Balance (\$71.92), Receipts (For Per Capital Tax, Membership Fees, Supplies), Disbursements (General Expenses, Supplies, Commander-in-Chief's Expenses), February 28, 1949 Balance (\$984.47), and G. A. R. FUND (U. S. GOV'T 'G' BONDS, W. L. Jacques Fund).

Attest: ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Secretary-Treasurer. PERLE L. FOUCH, Commander-in-Chief.

The Camp Secretary

(Editor's note: A timely letter sent to Camp Secretaries by E. W. Madison, Dept. Sec.-Treas., Oregon).

In considering possible ways of helping our Order, I have been thinking what we Secretaries might do that we have been overlooking or neglecting. I do not intend to write as a "know-it-all," but I have acquired some knowledge and experience in the several

years I have served in Camps and the Department, and if I can, I want to pass on to you whatever I have that will be helpful.

First of all, I want to say positively that the office of Secretary is the most important office in most organizations. The Secretary is the life of the order. I will attempt to show that this is especially so in our Order. We will consider The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, from the top, the Command-

ery-in-Chief, down through the Departments and to the Camps.

We all have THE BANNER and I hope we read it. Also, each year we receive the proceedings of the National Encampment. I hope you read this also and make it available to the members. From these publications, we note that nearly every year since its inception, the Order has had a new Commander-in-Chief. Men from all parts of the coun-

try and from different Departments. Most of them have had experience in the minor offices in the National organization, as well as having served as Department Commander, and they have all been loyal Sons and each has done his best. However, each man takes the office with his own ideas and plans, his personal abilities and limitations. Thus it might be expected that the affairs of the Order would be differently conducted by each administration. This would undoubtedly happen and the result would be a hodge-podge, and our Order would have been out of existence long ago, if there were not a permanent element. That is the National Secretary. Through the years, the records of that office have been carefully kept, so that no matter who may be the Commander-in-Chief, the Order is continuous because there is a Secretary who keeps everything recorded and ship-shape. The new Commander-in-Chief and his staff may not know all the details, rules and precedents, but they have a definite place to look for what they need. No matter who may be our leader, our National Secretary for years was Brother H. H. Hammer, and he not only knew the history of the Order, with its many changes in policy, in methods and officers, but things were not made memory with him; he had the records and files. Now that office has been passed along to a successor, who can carry on, because the office has been conducted as permanent. Because of his experience and the wisdom he had acquired, Brother Hammer was not merely a Recorder, he was the adviser of the Commander-in-Chief and his Staff.

You will see by THE BANNER that many Departments have continued their Secretaries from year to year. We, in Oregon, followed this plan for several years, and probably should do so again. So, too, many Camps have had a permanent Secretary and it is a good idea, if they have the right man in the post. We elect Department and Camp Commanders each year. Too often men are elected, or shall we say, might be so elected, who have not all the qualifications they should have, but are put into the office, because they are "next in line," to favor a particular Camp or because he is a "good fellow," or something like that. The Commander might not be thoroughly versed in the tradition and history of the Order, the actions of previous officers and meetings, the state of the Order as to membership or finances. I have heard of men who took one of these offices, confident that they could handle it because they had had experience in some other society. But no one can use rules or methods in the conduct of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that may be in use in the Odd Fellows, The Eagles, Woodmen of the World, or any other Order. However good it may be, and no matter how strong in fraternity, no other Order has the heritage, the personal knowledge of the sacrifices and services of our Fathers, the Boys in Blue of 1861-65; nor can the principles and practice of real patriotism be taught in those societies where these things are merely incidental instead of being essential, as they are in our Order. Mind, I hold no brief against any Fraternity, nor any person, nor do I want to find fault with our customs or practices in this Order, but I am trying to show, that while the Commander might get by without all that he

needs to be a thoroughly competent Commander, the Secretary cannot, but must be thoroughly equipped. To repeat—a good Secretary is most important to your Camp, and YOU can be a GOOD SECRETARY. Important, first because with the everchanging staff, these officers, who have never tried to keep up to date on all details, must have a place where the facts may be located, and the Secretary has all these facts in his records. Because he has kept complete records, the Secretary can advise the Commander and staff as to what may be or can be done, using his full knowledge of the state of the Camp as to membership and finances. As I have said, many Camps retain their Secretaries year after year, and it is likely that if you are the good Secretary that you should be, they will keep you in office. If this is not done, have a clear and accurate and complete account of all your term in office to hand to your successor.

The good Secretary will know his membership, and will keep in touch with each one. Many members who value highly their heritage, are for various reasons or excuses not regular attendants at meetings, and are apt to forget to keep in good standing by paying dues when they should. The Secretary will not recommend that any member be dropped for non-payment of dues, unless he can say that he has done everything in his power to induce him to pay up. Also, the Secretary, because of his contacts has a fine chance to learn of eligibles, and either interview them for membership or refer the information to the committee or other member who can go after the application.

The Secretary is the Liaison officer between his Camp and the Department and also with other societies or bodies with which Camp can co-operate in patriotic and civic endeavor. Also, in our Department, most of the Secretaries are also Treasurers. This is practical in our small Camps, and though it does entail some extra work, the two offices are so closely connected, and they must be handled in harmony, that one man can well handle both. I have found it easier to do both than to have to hunt up the Treasurer to see that we agree and our reports correspond.

To go back to the Secretary's duties in the Camp. He will make complete notes at each meeting of all business transacted, all moneys received and disbursed, all entertainment or social features and whatever should be retained in the permanent record. Then, just as soon as possible after the meeting, he will transcribe these notes into his permanent record, and while the matters are fresh in his mind. He will not depend on memory. Hence, even after many months, or years, the minutes will show just what happened at that meeting, and will be a guide to him or to his successor and succeeding Staff officers.

A very important part of the Secretary's duties is to make and send to his Department, when due, full, accurate and complete reports. Here again is reason for your records to be always up to date. If they are so, it is but a small job to transfer the information needed from your books to the report blanks. But if you have failed to keep records up, you may get a headache trying to remember just what and how many members you reported last quarter, just what has been the gain or loss during the quarter and

what have been the changes in finances. So always keep records up to date and complete.

The Department Secretary will send to you before the end of each quarter, blanks for your reports. Our Constitution requires that these reports be made immediately following the last meeting of your Camp in the quarter. As you know the quarters end March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st. This is important for you to remember. A delay on your part may cause a lot of trouble all along the line. The Department Secretary waits for your report—he is required to make report to the National Secretary, and it must be a summary of all Camp reports. He can, in a pinch, get his reports to National before the deadline, if he gets it off by the 15th of the month following close of the quarter. But I don't like to be late, and I am sure you will find it just as easy to send your reports on or before the last of the quarter as it is to send on the 10th or 15th of the next month; so, please co-operate. The Department Secretary can then do his job, and the National Secretary, who is also bound around with rules and necessities can receive all reports and complete the cycle by making his required entries and reports.

Although it is not a Constitutional requirement, I like the plan of having all the members listed in the inside pages of each quarterly report. Then the Department knows just who your members are, and so do you. The next time, you will report the same members or will show any gains, and will of course give the full record of new members, and in case of losses will eliminate their names, and show in the proper place why they were taken from the roll. I wish you would, please, all follow this plan in the future. You will find it helpful to you, and to the Department, also.

I have seen some queer mixups because a Secretary did not know what he reported last time, and sometimes a member added is not so shown, or members lost are still kept on the rolls. So, on the second copy of the blanks sent you, make an exact copy of the report you send to the Department, and you then can easily refer back to it as a basis for the present report. This applies also as to Treasurer's report. Be accurate and make your reports complete. Remit per capita tax of 25c for each member in good standing, and membership fee of \$1.00 for each member initiated during the quarter. And then, of course, send it to Headquarters at once.

It is the duty of the Secretary to make requisitions for material from the Department. Always send requisition on regular blank and always send remittance in full. Some Camps are using blank books of their own selection for their records, and while it is generally expected that they will use our standard books, we are not going to insist on this. Some material, however, you can secure only by requisition and from your Department Secretary.

I doubt if I have said a thing that you didn't already know, but if in reviewing these matters, I have been of help, I am glad I have written this. Having seen the books of several Secretaries, and having handled their reports, I thought some such letter was, if not absolutely necessary, at least advisable. I will welcome comments and questions.—Sincerely yours in F. C. & L., E. W. Madison, Department Secretary.

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The 68th National Encampment will be held in Indianapolis the week of August 28th.

The Sons and Auxiliary Headquarters will be at Hotel Severin. Please make your reservation request direct to the manager of the hotel. Cards for your reservations will be (if not already) in the hands of the Department Secretaries for this purpose at once. Please designate that you are a member of the Sons or Auxiliary; there has been reserved two hundred rooms at the Severin for the Sons and Auxiliary. The price of rooms will be:

- Single Rooms—\$3.50-\$4.00-and \$5.00.
Double Rooms \$4.50-\$5.00-\$5.50-\$6.50.
Twin Bed Rooms \$6.50 - \$7.00 - \$8.00 - \$9.00 and \$10.00

Be sure and read the card over before you mail it.

The Card will be accepted as a definite reservation. No confirmation will be mailed to you. Please make your reservations early. The Sons and Auxiliary will be limited to the 200 rooms in the Severin.

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I. B. Tigrett, President. January 25, 1949.

Dear Mr. Heintz: I have read with much interest your story "The Rebel," in the January issue of The Banner.

It is rather an odd circumstance that the only organization which ever uttered a protest against our naming our trains "The Rebel" was a chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

We carried at the masthead of our GM&O NEWS for many years this statement:

"It is the rebels of the world who have made history, industrial history, political history, patriotic history. I hope we, who are in command, can use this instrument, the Railroad, relatively small though it may be, toward making the history of this section one of usefulness and progress."

You are correct in saying that I am an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. Just this morning, I made the statement that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were our great-est Presidents.

With cordial good wishes, I am Sincerely yours, I. B. TIGRETT.

A Tribute to Past National Chaplain Luther D. Childs

The recent passing of Past National Chaplain Luther D. Childs marks the third one of my official family to answer his last roll call. First was Past Junior Vice Command-in-Chief Frank L. Richart, of Terre Haute, Ind. Then came Past National Secretary Horace H. Hammer, of Reading, Pa., whose funeral I was privileged to attend, and now Luther D. Childs.

The work of the Rev. Luther D. Childs in the ministry was outstanding. When I made a trip to Iowa as Commander-in-Chief I had an opportunity to learn more about it. In the field of evangelism and young people's work he was unexcelled. I am sure that Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Roy Bennett will bear me out when I say there are many in Iowa who could sound faith, praise and gratitude to our late National Chaplain. He was a brother of deep and abiding convictions and once he was convinced of the justice of any cause he was firm in his allegiance to it.

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He was an ever loyal and faithful Son of a Union Veteran, who challenged our admiration. His death is a severe blow to us all.

Hail and Farewell, stalwart champion! You are among the number I shall especially look forward to greeting on the other shore.—Neil D. Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief.

General W. T. Sherman

The following article was sent to P. C.-in-C. Neil Cranmer by P. C.S. Grove McClellan, of Buffalo, N. Y.:

No doubt many of the Sons of Union Veterans have long since read the Personal Memoirs of Gen. William T. Sherman. But this correspondent has just finished reading this great work, which he inherited from the library of his late father, a Union veteran. The book deserves study by those who desire an intimate picture of those momentous times from the pen of the man who, next to Lincoln and Grant, perhaps contributed most to the final victory and the preservation of the Union.

Quoted in the Memoirs are many dispatches, battle orders and personal correspondence. Among the latter is a letter which, it seems to this writer, is so outstanding as to deserve special attention. It was written to Gen. Sherman several years after the war by David F. Boyd, of Louisiana, who had served as an officer in the Confederate Army. He had previously been associated with the General on the faculty of the "Louisiana Seminary of Learning and Military Academy," later Louisiana State University. The letter reveals the attitude of a sincere and brave Southerner, who, in the bitterness of defeat, accepted the Scriptural truth that "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

A portion of this letter reads as follows: "Mr. Jefferson Davis, whatever else may be said of him, is a humane, Christian gentleman. He was really opposed to the war, thought secession premature, but, as a states rights man, went along with Mississippi into the Confederacy, and became, without his seeking, its President. He entered into the great struggle with his whole soul, and failed, simply because God seems not to have meant us (of the South) to break up the Union! How else can you account for the death of Albert Sidney Johnston, from a mere scratch, just at the height of his victory at Shiloh; and the calling back of Jackson, by Lee, when in the act of making his final rush on McClellan at Harrison's Bar, when McClellan says (under oath) he expected to surrender his whole army? And the killing of Jackson by his own men, when Hooker's condition was so desperate at Chancellorsville? And Ewell standing still in the streets of Gettysburg and quietly looking on at Meade slowly and timidly crowning the heights with men and guns? And a commissioned officer five days slow in carrying to Dick Taylor and Kirby Smith the terrible straits of General Banks' army and Admiral Porter's fleet at Grand Ecore, after the defeat at Mansfield? And, that army captured and that fleet destroyed, would not the blockade of the Mississippi River have been raised, and Nashville fallen to Hood, and Jubal Early have taken Washington. The issues of war turn often upon trifles too small for man to see or consider; but God observes them all, inter-

Because we are what we are, blood descendants of the men in the armed forces who fought to preserve the union of the United States of America, we should be students of the history of our country, not only during the Civil War but before and after 1861-1865. So many histories have been written on the subject of Lincoln and the Civil War, that one begins to discern a certain pattern; the same line of thought and the same expressions; sometimes the same words. James Ford Rhodes seems to be the author most frequently quoted.

To date, I have found but one history containing the entire speech of the Honorable Edward Everett, who as you know was the orator of the day at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg on Nov. 19, 1863. This book, "Lincoln at Gettysburg" by William E. Barton, was published in 1930 and contains an interesting commentary on the material of which history is made.

A more recent publication is "Mentor Graham, the man who taught Lincoln." This book is written by masters of the English language and would be worthy of a place in your library even if the contents were not so intensely interesting to students of the Great Emancipator. In this book the Civil War is called just that, and it is unfortunate that on the cover jacket, it should be called the "War Between the States." Published by the University of Chicago Press in 1944, the authors are Kunigunde Duncan, a teacher of journalism turned professional writer, and D. F. Nickols, a teacher for more than forty years in Logan County, Illinois, in the very heart of the Lincoln country. Have you ever pondered with awe of the sort of intellect that Lincoln must have had, to be able to teach himself so much with so little time spent inside a school house? Then by all means read this book.

Another interesting book is "The Wilderness Road" by Robert L. Kincaid, who is an alumnus of Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tenn. Dr. Kincaid was elected president of that institution June 1, 1947, to succeed Dr. Stewart W. McClelland, who resigned after fifteen years of service. Dr. McClelland will be remembered by those of you who attended our Sixty-first Annual Encampment at Indianapolis in 1942, as having addressed our organization at that time.

Or do you prefer the cloak and dagger type of history? Then read "On Hazardous Service" by William Gilmore Beyer and you will find plenty of thrills.

grates all such differentials, and uses them for His own wise purposes. He never meant us of the Confederacy to succeed, and it is the duty of every true Confederate soldier to acquiesce in His decision; to thank Him for the abolition of slavery, and the preservation of the American Union."

Is it too much to expect of every son and daughter of the South today that they subscribe to the noble sentiment expressed in the last sentence above? This writer believes that most of them do.—S. Grove McClellan, Past Commander, Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp No. 223, Buffalo, N. Y.

Perhaps you have found books other than those I have mentioned, that particularly appeal to you. If so, I would be delighted to hear from you and also to have your criticism of this column.

Since this is to be the last year of Encampments for the "Boys in Blue," what do you say to making it a banner year in the way of a real financial tribute to the National G. A. R. Fund? We have opened an account at the First National Bank here in Kenosha and the fund is slowly growing. Personal donations will be accepted.

The birthdays of our three great American statesmen, Washington, Lincoln and McKinley, have now passed and we can look forward to Grand Army Day, April 6, and of course to Memorial Day, May 30.

I need not urge you to give of your time and energy in observance of the latter, as that is one project of our organization in which we all participate, and in so doing not only venerate our Civil War ancestors, but increase our own love and devotion to our country. I like to think of these ancestors of ours as "fast anchors" binding us closer to the land which, by their valor, they preserved for us.

Here in Wisconsin we have a brother who at the present time is Commander of Henry Harden Camp No. 2 at Madison. He is Leslie C. Wheeler, a nephew of the late poet, Ella Wheeler Wilcox. One night after attending a meeting of his Camp, upon returning home, he dashed off this verse which I now pass on to you.

I HEARD A VOICE

I heard a Voice cry out today, It seemed to come from far away, So faint the words came to my ear I paused so I could plainly hear. "You Sons must carry on our work, Please never falter, never shirk. We men of Sixty-one to five So few of us are now alive That you must tell the youth today The price so many had to pay To keep our Union all in one. I told you oft' about "Bull Run" And "Sherman's march unto the sea" And how the Rebels had to flee, And how so many "Boys in Blue" Gave up their all, for you, and you. Speak up and tell the World today That you, our sons, are proud to say Your fathers helped in every way To save the U. S. for today. Respect the flag we helped to save And see that one's placed on our grave. Be honest, loyal, every day, Spread charity upon your way. We trust you Sons shall all unite And always stand for truth and right. Preserve the memories of our deeds, And keep an eye on future needs. And if you'd carry out our plan, Unite our offsprings, every man To do the work we left for you, PLEASE DON'T FORGET "THE BOYS IN BLUE."

Life is fullest to the persons of ability, who can do things well. Not only in our daily work, but in play, we admire the doer—the person of assurance and courage. As a rolling snowball piles up and acquires size and importance, so the man who exposes himself to the learning method is increasing his mental size. Out of this growing contagious enthusiasm come the confidence, assurance and poise that merit respect and recognition.—R. T. Strohm.

America's No. 1 Centenarian

The biggest birthday party ever held in the Northwest honored Theodore A. Penland, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and America's No. 1 centenarian, on Sunday evening, Jan. 23, at Portland, Oregon. The occasion was the 100th anniversary of Comrade Penland's birthday.

The banquet was initiated by the Department of Oregon, Sons of Union Veterans, and was held in the American Legion Hall, with nearly 500 persons present from Portland and many parts of Oregon and Washington.

Guests included the governor of the state, Douglas McKay, and Mrs. McKay; the mayor of the city, Dorothy McCullough Lee, and leading officers of more than a dozen patriotic organizations. Besides greetings from all these, there were messages from the President of the United States, from Oregon members of the Senate and House, and numerous other persons of national significance. A granddaughter came from California to share the occasion with him.

A huge birthday cake, appropriately decorated with patterns of flags, was cut by the guest of honor, using his Civil War sword.

Commander Penland in his address said he had been present at the initial meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic in his home state of Indiana, eighty-two years ago. It will be his proud honor to conduct the closing service at the last meeting of the order in the coming summer, at the same place, Indianapolis.

Following a custom which has become tradition with him, the Commander sang "My Grandfather's Clock." He also recited from memory a tribute to the Flag which is his own composition.

A notable paragraph gives testimony to patriotism that is still youthful:

"Dear flag, wave on and on to victory. The flag of my country, devoutly I love it. I love its stripes and its square field of blue. The everlasting mountains and blue sky above it are enshrined in my soul as a part of it, too."

Congratulatory tributes were paid by the governor and Mayor Lee, and the speaker of the evening was Marshal Dana of the Oregon Journal. He remarked that in his own family he represented the forces of both North and South. Paying compliment to the commander as a "living embodiment of the revered past," the speaker made a peace plea that the gathering "declare for moral force over military might, that war is not the instrumentality for international relations."

Master of ceremonies at the banquet was E. W. Madison of Portland, Dept. Secretary of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War John H. Starr, of Eugene, who is Dept. Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, represented that order at the speakers' table. Vocal solos were given by Portland members of patriotic bodies, and there was group singing and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. A band played to greet the hundred-year-old guest of honor at his arrival in the hall.

One evidence of the wide-spread interest in the banquet, was the chartering of a special bus by Eugene Camp No. 17, Oregon, and the taking of a bus load of Eugene people on the 250 mile roundtrip.

Life Magazine for January 24th carried a good likeness of Comrade Penland.

Past Dept. Commanders' Corner

The message to the P. D. C.'s is going to be brief.

First, the response to the appeal for support has been most disheartening.

Secondly, something went "hay-wire" with the Christmas cards. We are endeavoring to find out just what it was. So far, the only ones who have acknowledged receipt of the cards have been brothers in California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Wisconsin. An investigation is being made by the Post Office Department.

However, there is nothing to stop you who have not "jined" up, to become a member and all you have to do is to send your two or more dollars and you will be in.

So, why not get in, and get in now?

I have had several letters from many brothers. These letters do require replies, but honestly, with the amount of time being devoted to the National Legislative Committee, along with affairs in my own Department and District as well as my own Camp, I honestly have not had a chance to reply, but will endeavor to do so in the very near future.

Come on, Brother P. D. C.'s! Send me your name and fee now.—P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, National Sec.-Treas., 667 North 12th St., Philadelphia 23, Pa.

Past National Chaplain Luther W. Childs Dies

The Rev. Luther W. Childs, 64, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Centerville, Iowa, for 18 years, died Jan. 12 in the Ottumwa hospital. He had been ill for several months and had undergone surgery last July and again in December. He was born near Coatsville, Mo., Sept. 18, 1884, the son of Ebert and Temperance Wells Childs. He began his ministry in 1912, being ordained the following year.

During his Centerville pastorate his congregation had grown from 300 to 900 members.

In 1934-35 he was Iowa Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans and later served two terms as National Chaplain of our organization.

The Rev. Mr. Childs was married Jan. 5, 1909, to Miss Lesta Stansberry of Coatsville, who survives. He also leaves a son, Boyd, of Peoria, Ill.; his mother, at Coatsville; five sisters and two grandchildren. His father and a brother, Jack, preceded him in death.

Lest We Forget

Every citizen of the United States should be glad to experience the grand emotion of patriotism. Love of country led Abraham Lincoln and the volunteers of the Civil War to fight and suffer for the preservation of the Union. I have discovered that very few, comparatively, know very much about the great Civil War. It seems to me that the G. A. R. organizations, viz: Sons, Son's Auxiliary, Daughters, Ladies of G. A. R., and Woman's Relief Corps—emphatically the Sons and Daughters of the Veterans of the Civil War—should be saturated with the history of the Civil War so that they can talk Civil War from beginning to end. I am sure

One cannot always be a hero, but one can always be a man.—Goethe.

that if the members of the G. A. R. organizations would talk Civil War to persons contacted, instead of the weather, the result would be a large increase of membership.

The Civil War was the war that saved the Union, freed the slaves and made it possible for the United States to help win the first and second World Wars; and the Spanish War which freed Cuba, made the United States a World Power. Consider where we would be if the Civil War had been lost.

Therefore, may I suggest that every G. A. R. organization give at least one half hour at every meeting for the study of the Civil War, and learn about the Generals, battles, privates, women and principles of the Civil War. No topic can be more interesting than the Civil War in all its aspects. Every G. A. R. organization should have a Civil War history and as many histories of Regiments as possible to get. Then study, study, study and talk, talk, talk incessantly in a proper way, endlessly about the Civil War.

Then I will guarantee that membership will wonderfully increase. WILL YOU DO IT? DARE YOU DO IT? Is there any better way for you to express your gratitude to the Civil War Veterans who helped so greatly in bringing about the most wonderful civilization the world has ever seen?

Lest we forget, and lest the world forgets, let us talk about the Civil War; then membership will increase surely.—Francis P. Addy, P. D. C., New York.

Come, Let Us Reason Together

In the January, 1949, issue of The Banner, our National Chaplain sets forth a basis from which we all hope may come a rebirth of our beloved organization, from which will develop a full grown body whose influence will be felt in every community. I have been asked to carry the idea still further, that by so doing others will catch the spirit so that all will be benefited.

The theme is so large and there are so many angles of approach that to analyze them all would require a book of many chapters. Our Brother says that we need a Moses to carry us out into the bright light of day. He is correct but that leadership should and must begin in the heart of every loyal member. I might further say that we all need inspiration and suggestions, but see to it that there is that leadership in you.

If we made a promise to a neighbor we would see that that promise was carried out. It should be just as binding if we make a promise to ourselves.

Suppose you stand before a mirror for twenty minutes. Look yourself in the eye and say over and over, I will do all in my power to increase the membership, influence and the teachings of my Camp in this community. Thereafter, every time you look in a mirror repeat that promise. If you mean what you say your attitude will change from discouragement to determination. What we need most is confidence in our ability.

Step number two is to make our plan of action by which we are to attain a certain goal. If we are on the beam when an opening presents itself we will take advantage of it and by so doing we are one step nearer our goal. Always keep in mind what we have set out to accomplish. Remember that others may have ideas that we could well use. If

this course is correctly followed by even a few in your Camp you would then see a right about face. Instead of a loss there would be a gain in membership and influence, so that you could carry out the purpose for which you were organized.

The human being admires a winner. If your community knows that you are accomplishing, even in part, the purposes for which you were organized they will in turn honor and respect you. It is then that half of your battle is won. It will work. We have tried it in our Camp. We have tripled our membership in about five years. Our influence is being felt more and more. We are not yet through, we have only begun. With God's help we will succeed.

Step number three. If there are enough strong Camps, then the Departments, Regions, and the National Organization will take care of themselves. With enough strong Camps our Departments can be woven into a strong, smooth running, machine; one that gets things done, one that can and will make definite plans for the future, one that sees to it that each goal is reached. That is my doctrine.

How can we make other Camps stronger? This is a subject by itself. I hope it will be thoroughly aired. The question has been asked, "Should we have Local or a State Camp?" I would say, "Should we have Local, County, District or State Camps?" Space will not permit me to go into this but I will say that circumstances should determine where a Local Camp can accomplish more as a unit it should remain as such. My opinion is that before any changes are made, a thorough investigation should be made, every angle explored. The net result could be Local, County, District and State Camps, all working for a better Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Organization in a State. What we are all interested in are results.—Sincerely yours in F. C. & L., P. D. C. James O. Smith, D.D. S., 919 E. Johnson St, Madison, Wis.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Camp 10, Keene

Dept. Com. Atkins installed our officers in a joint ceremony with the Auxiliary, the following Sons being seated: Com., Leonard A. Wyman; Sr. Vice, Clarence H. Parker; Jr. Vice, Hiram A. Clapper; Sec.-Treas., Henry W. Smith. Visitors were present from Marlboro, Troy and Newport. Daucing followed the meeting.

Observe Lincoln's Birthday

Members of the allied group in Manchester observed Lincoln's anniversary when they united in a joint program on Feb. 10. A highlight of the event was an address by Frank Spinney, director of the Historic Association. The whole program was an interesting and memorable one, parts being taken by members of the organizations forming the group.

Department Notes

Camp 4, Troy, held a recent regular meeting with a large attendance.

Dept. Com. Atkins has made many visitations and hopes for an increase in membership.

Camp 38, Milford

The Camp held a regular meeting at the home of Bro. Kenneth T. Wheeler on the

night of Jan. 6. There were 12 members present and two Auxiliary members.

It was voted to hold a District Meeting at Milford on Saturday, March 26. It was also voted to hold one meeting each month and to contact the Secretary to where the meeting will be held. The second Tuesday of the month will be the time of each meeting.

A food sale was held for the aid of the Department finances. Our donation to the Arlington Hall for Boys was sent as usual.

INDIANA

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Camp 86, Connorsville

Memorial Camp and Auxiliary initiated new members in their respective organizations on Jan. 3. The degree work for the Sons was exemplified by members of Camp 28, Richmond.

Following the joint meeting and initiation refreshments were served to the group, which included members of Auxiliary 43, Richmond, who accompanied the Sons, and who participated in the Auxiliary initiatory work.

Last G. A. R. Vet Dies

John C. Adams, 101 years old, and the last Grand Army member of Indiana, died at his home in Jonesboro on Feb. 17. A number of Sons from Camps in the State were in attendance and a guard of honor composed of Sons stood guard at the casket while the American Legion Chaplain gave the burial service on Sunday, Feb. 20. A volley salute was fired and Taps was played by a Boy Scout.

Comrade Adams died in the month he feared most. His wife died in that month a year ago.

At Indianapolis the House of Representatives on Monday adopted a memorial resolution, and halted its sessions for a minute of silent prayer in memory of the honored veteran.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.

Department Encampment

The heads of the affiliated organizations in Illinois met at Rock Island on Feb. 11, and completed arrangements for the coming Dept. Encampment to be held in that City on June 10, 11 and 12.

The Fort Armstrong Hotel will be headquarters for the G. A. R., Relief Corps, Sons and Auxiliary. The Daughters will be at Hotel Harpster, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. will be at the LeClair in Moline.

The meeting place for Sons and Auxiliary will be at Legion Hall, two blocks from Hotel. Reservations at Fort Armstrong are to be made direct with Hotel management, and those seeking registration must specify organization to which they belong. Rooms in Headquarters Hotel are limited, but there will be ample accommodations somewhere for all attending. Those desiring rooms should contact Hotels immediately, and if hotels are filled, application can then be made to housing committee.

Rates at Fort Armstrong run as follows: Singles, \$3.00 to \$5.00; Double, \$5.75 to \$7.00; Twin Bedrooms, \$7.00 to \$8.00.

Further details and program will be announced in May Banner.

Tri-City Lincoln Banquet

The 23rd annual banquet of the Tri-City Patriotic Association was held in Rock Island on Feb. 12. This Patriotic Association is made up from the members of the Camp and

Auxiliaries in Moline, Rock Island and Day-enport, Iowa.

A splendid dinner was enjoyed at 6:30, followed by a delightful program, arranged by the committees. The address for the occasion was by Mrs. Hazel McCaskrin, former state Representative from that District. It was informative, interesting and differed from the many in that it portrayed a woman's viewpoint.

The attendance was remarkably good considering extremely inclement weather. There were many past and present officers of the Grand Army Family from both Illinois and Iowa among the nearly two hundred present.

Camp 1, Chicago

Custer Camp and Auxiliary 30 gave a dinner party Jan. 30 in honor of Dept. Com. LeRoy Reynolds and Dept. Pres. Irene Francis. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable time reported.

Past Dept. Com. Travis Passes

Word reached us only recently of the death on Jan. 20 of Past Dept. Com. E. Baxter Travis, who served the Department in 1943. He had been in poor health for some time and had been making his home with a son in Eureka.

COLORADO & WYOMING

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The 22nd of February of this year will long be remembered as a big day by Colo. State Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary, because on that day we celebrated the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington. At noon a grand banquet was served, a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There were 175 seated at the tables, made up of the S. U. V. and their Auxiliary, many from the allied organizations and friends. Everybody said it was the best and largest banquet of the year.

After the tables were cleared a program was rendered. The main address was given by Lieut. Eggert, a Chaplain of the U. S. Army stationed at Fittsytomse Hospital, which was well given and well taken. There were several readings besides several vocal and instrumental numbers given which everybody enjoyed. After this some played cards while others indulged in conversation and visiting among themselves, and thus ended a very pleasant day. How nice it would be if we could have those kind of gatherings often.

After reading The Banner each time and seeing the report of the last Nat'l Encampment I wonder if we put enough patriotism in our regular Camp meetings. I quote from the National Chaplain: "May the New Year of 1949 bring forth a Moses in our Order, who will lead us out of our wilderness of complacency and inertia, guiding our Order to heights of strength and service which will exceed our fondest dreams." As an Order we are thoroughly American; we are a patriotic Order as well as educational, and we should feel free to discuss any subject that may be in the offing of our Nation that may not be so patriotic. Truly this is an hour that tries men's souls, but it is also an hour when brave men should come to the aid of their country. If the forces of good free enterprise rally for this momentous battle, we can and will drive, with God's help, the lovers of Karl Marx from the Citadel of our national liberty. Stop and think what it would mean if the subversiveness that is gaining so rapidly in our nation, should gain control, we would then be deprived of our beloved Camps and could not pay homage to our heroic fathers, and would be at the end of our liberty, which we praise so highly.

NEW YORK

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Camp 201, Friendship

Morgan-Hills Camp held a joint installation with Dorothea Dix Tent No. 82, D. of U. V., on Jan. 11 in G. A. R. Hall. D. C. Homer E. Spencer installed the officers of the Camp and Past Pres. May Bernard and staff of Emma Bigelow Tent of Cuba the Daughters. The new Camp Commander is Frank E. Green. Members of the D. of U. V. were also in attendance from Olean and the Hatch W. R. C. of Friendship. About 60 were present. The meeting closed with a fine supper. P. C. Harley Gilbert was Installing Guide. Installing Officer Spencer received a warm welcome following an extended illness which has prevented active participation in the affairs of the Camp.

Camp 140, New York City

Lafayette Camp held its 59th annual Lincoln Dinner Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Rosoff's Restaurant, 147 West 43 St. The guest speaker was Lieut. Com. Fred Frey of the U. S. Navy. Com. Robert McAfee showed a film of the Navy; Past Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Henry Bender installed the officers.

Lafayette Camp mourns the following members: Verdi E. B. Fuller, initiated March 23, 1892; Alexander L. Word, initiated Nov. 15, 1911; Norman Vertch, initiated Nov. 15, 1909; Stephen W. Wells, M. D., initiated April 10, 1905; P. C. John O. Wells, initiated Oct. 14, 1891; Brig. Gen. Louis W. Stotesbury, initiated April 9, 1903; Herbert G. A. Muller, initiated Dec. 14, 1938.

Monroe County Council

At the January meeting of the Council the following new officers were elected for the coming year: Co. Com., Bertrand Goodbread; Vice Com., Walter S. Beilby; Sec.-Treas., Fred Colwell; Chap., Rev. Wm. A. Hallock.

Western N. Y. P. C. Association

The quarterly meeting of the Western New York Past Camp Commanders Association was held at American Legion Club at Batavia Saturday evening, Jan. 29, with Upton Camp No. 118 as host. New officers for the coming year are: Pres., Walter S. Beilby; 1st Vice Pres., Fred Howe; 2nd Vice Pres., John C. Russ; 3rd Vice Pres., Judson French; Sec.-Treas., Robt. McMahon; Chap., Rev. Wm. A. Hallock; Press Cor., Fred Colwell. Secretary and second member of our National Council, Rudolph M. Genthner, acted as installing officer. A silent tribute of prayer was paid to the memory of our lamented National Secretary Horace H. Hammer, whose recent passing was held as a personal loss to every member present. The next meeting is scheduled for Buffalo.

Camp 66, Syracuse

Alonzo Kennedy was installed for another term as Commander of Gen. Sniper Camp at a meeting of the Camp and Auxiliary in the Larned building Jan. 4. Dept. Com. Charles L. Messer, of Albany, officiated at the installation.

Other officers of the Camp installed were: Sr. Vice, Thomas Hines; Jr. Vice, Edward McCarty; Pat. Inst., Perry Cook; Chap., Fred Church; Sec.-Treas., Edward Walters.

Ernest Deming, Commander of Merriam Camp No. 52, who is general chairman for the Dept. Encampment to be held in Syracuse June 19-22, discussed plans for the event: Sniper Camp added seven new members in 1948, five of whom were secured by Com. Alonzo Kennedy.

Camp 154, Albany

P. C. John S. Kernan installed the officers of Ten Eyck Camp on Jan. 11. Dept. Com. Charles L. Messer was Installing Guide. Among the guests were Dept. Pat. Inst. W. A. Van Voast and Dist. Deputy Wagoner, both of Schenectady, and Dept. Junior Advisor of the Auxiliary, Sister Clifford. The last mentioned presented the P. C. badge to retiring Com. Maier. Dinner was served to 19 members and several of Auxiliary No. 30 at Phil's Restaurant.

Camp 26, New York City

A joint public installation of the officers of Oliver Tilden Camp and Tilden Auxiliary took place Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, in the room of the Auxiliary at Vasa Temple, Bronx.

After the induction of the sisters of the Auxiliary by Dept. President Adelaide Schleidt, the meeting was turned over to Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs, who acted as installing officer of the Camp. Assisting Brother Isaacs were P. D. Pres. Marion Werner (Tilden Aux.) as Sec.; P. P. Sophia Isaacs (Grant Aux.) as Guide and P. P. Florence Parsons (Yonkers Aux.) as Pianist.

The following will serve another term: Com., Jack Goldfish; Sr. Vice and Press Cor., Cecil M. Baer; Jr. Vice, Robt. McGowan; Sec., Julius Isaacs; Treas., Sydney H. Ehrenreich; Chap., and Pat. Inst., Arthur Quidor.

Past Nat. Pres. of the Aux., Miss Mayme Dwyer, presented the 50-year membership badge to Brother George Horn. Among the special guests were Nat. Vice Pres. of the Aux. Miss Edith Paulding; P. Dept. Counselor Andrew H. A. Thompson and Com. Fred Aurgansen of William Jones Camp No. 59, U. S. W. V.

Camp 40, Ithaca

Major P. W. Burdick Camp united with Auxiliary 12 in tendering a dinner and reception to Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and Past Com.-in-Chief Dr. Ralph Barrett of California on Feb. 16 at the Clinton Hotel. President Mrs. Nellie Wright was toastmistress. The invocation was given by Mrs. Hermon Brockway. Among the speakers were Miss Mary Barrett, instructor at Cornell University, and daughter of Past Com.-in-Chief and Mrs. Barrett; Dept. Pres. Mrs. Adeline Schleidt, of Syracuse; P. D. C. Fred C. Barnard and P. D. C. Hermon L. Brockway, both of Ithaca; Dept. Insp. Woodington, of Ovid; Past Com.-in-Chief Neil Cranmer; P. C. Truman Vincent and Com. Andrew Wright, of Elmira; Past Nat. Chap. Mrs. Mary Mandeville, of Ithaca, who presented a gift to Mrs. Barrett, and the Presidents of Auburn and Ovid Auxiliaries.

On Feb. 15 at Military Hall, the Camp and Auxiliary united with the D. of U. V. and Ladies of the G. A. R. in a Lincoln and Washington birthdays' celebration. A picnic supper was enjoyed. Past Com.-in-Chief Dr. Ralph Barrett and Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett were special guests. P. D. C. Hermon L. Brockway was chairman and P. D. C. Fred C. Barnard presented the special guests. The Reverend Cuthbert Rowe, pastor of State St. Methodist Church, gave a very fine address. Ithaca College students furnished entertainment. About 75 attended.

Camp 77, Elmira

Diven Camp and Auxiliary No. 49 held a joint installation at the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. on Jan. 25 with 100 in attendance. A picnic supper was enjoyed. Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Leslie W. More, of Owego, was Installing Officer of the Sons assisted by his father, a member of Hugh Irish Camp of Paterson, N. J. Andrew Wright is the new Commander succeeding Truman Vincent. The invocation was given by Past Com.-in-Chief

Neil D. Cranmer. Among the speakers were Lieut. Col. Perry O. Wilcox, U. S. Army Retired, one of the heroes of Bataan and Japanese prison camps. He is joining Diven Camp.

Past Pres. Mrs. Edna Thomas installed the Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Allie Konkloske, C. H. Scarles, auditor for insurance companies, has been mustered into the Camp.

Past Com.-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer attended the funeral of Past Nat. Sec. H. H. Hammer at Reading.

Camp 146, Ovid

Caywood Camp has been re-organized Feb. 14 as a result of a visit of P. D. C. Hermon Brockway and P. D. C. Fred Barnard, of Ithaca. The Auxiliary gave excellent cooperation. Don Patterson is the new Commander and P. C. Leon Tillinghast, Secretary. Ira Terry and Clarence Williams were mustered.

Camp 2, Brooklyn

The Du Pont-Eiseman Camp has held some very important meetings since last heard from in this column. Its installation was held recently and nearly all the Officers returned to their offices. Several applications are on hand awaiting action. Our Committee is working on Memorial Day plans and we surely hope that all the members of the Order will continue to come out and observe this Day and not drop it because the Boys in Blue are practically gone. Their spirits still say, "Remember me, and what I have done to keep the country united."

Some of our "Old Timers" are entitled to 50-year badges and they will be presented in the near future with due ceremonies. Several of our members have been quite sick and we hope that with the coming of Spring they will be well enough to come to the meetings. We surely miss them. If you read the New York Mirror, back page, you will note that one of our real old timers, Howard E. Bunker, 82, got SOME write-up, and we are waiting for results (Feb. 25).

Visitors of the Order always welcome on the 3rd Friday at our Headquarters, 714-16 Seneca Ave., Ridgewood. How about that NEW MEMBER? We have application blanks and badges ready—ALWAYS.

MASSACHUSETTS

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1949 Encampment in Swampscott

The 1949 Encampment of the Dept. will be held on Fri., Sat., and Sun., May 6, 7, 8, at the Ocean House in Swampscott, just outside of Lynn. All Dept. Officers and Camps will be advised as to rates as soon as the Encampment Committee has time to send them out. So make plans to attend the 1949 Encampment May 6, 7, 8.

Annual Banquet

The annual Banquet of the Plymouth County Association will be held in Rockland, April 23, 1949. The next meeting of the Association will be held Tuesday, March 8, 1949, with Camp 67, Abington. Pres. Stanley Blanchard asks all members to try and be present.

Camp 17, Brockton

The members of Grover Camp, of Brockton, are looking forward to a busy season as present plans for a large patriotic meeting are in progress with all members of the allied orders of the G. A. R. serving as a general committee. Plans are also in progress for Memorial Day with P. D. C. Wm. Haskell as chairman, Com. Elmer Shaw and Chap.

George C. Lund. It is planned to go to the Unitarian Church for the 3rd year in succession, also to attend for the 12th year the evening services of the Lincoln Congregational Church.

Camp 15, Springfield

Tift Camp observed Lincoln's Day on Saturday evening, Feb. 12, at G. A. R. Hall. Our activities started with a banquet prepared and served by Tift Auxiliary, in charge of Pearl Bowen, Past Pres., which was enjoyed by our members and guests.

At 8:00 o'clock Past Jr. Vice Dept. Com. George A. Adams and Patriotic Instructor, called the meeting to order, and Edwin W. Partenheimer, Past Sr. Vice Dept. Com., escorted and introduced the dignitaries of the evening, as follows: Dept. Com., Allen Howland; Dept. Insp. Charles Hooker; Past Dept. Com. J. H. Wentzel, Pa.; Kate Dewey, Council Member, Mass Dept. Aux.; Sr. Vice Dept. Com. William C. Rule; Former Congressman Charles R. Clason, a member of L. A. Tift Camp, and our speaker of the evening; George LaMarsh, Commander of Camp 60; Emma Warren, Past Dept. Pres. of the Mass. Aux.; Mable Lambert, Past Dept. Pres. of the W. R. C., and Leona Gilloway, Pres. Aux. 10.

Camp Com. Laurence R. E. Johnson read Gov. Paul A. Dever's state proclamation on the observance of Lincoln's Day; Past Dept. Com. J. H. Wentzel effectively gave the famed Gettysburg Address; Charles R. Clason gave a very interesting address on "Lincoln." Miss Faith P. Adams gave several piano selections and Dorothy M. Haley several vocal selections, followed by moving picture films by Robert L. Noyes.

W. R. C. Honors Presidents

E. K. Wilcox Corps, W. R. C., held a Lincoln and Washington Day observance on Wed. eve., Feb. 16, at G. A. R. Hall, Springfield, in which each of the organizations of the Grand Army Family took part.

A number of the sons of L. A. Tift Camp attended, and for our part in the program Bro. Robert Noyes of our Camp ran off a very interesting moving picture film. For our Auxiliary's part, J. H. Wentzel, Past Dept. Co., Penna., gave the address of the evening. E. K. Wilcox Corps, W. R. C., presented five new flags to the newly organized Helen Wolcott Tent No. 54, Daughters of Union Veterans. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

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The 140th anniversary observance of LINCOLN'S birth was a busy day for P. D. C. Drown. A radio broadcast was on schedule at noon, on invitation from Old Colony North Pomona Grange, P. of H., over Station WBET, Brockton. An evening address was made to same group, at Stoughton, with over 200 patrons present.

The "P. D. C." spent entire afternoon at the LINCOLN CABIN site of Mary Bowditch Forbes, in Milton, assisting her in receiving 4026 visitors. Mrs. Drown, Nat. Aide of Auxiliary, was also among the "lieutenants."

Any who doubt the potent influence of "the great emancipator" after 85 years have elapsed, should have witnessed the spectacle on Milton Hill, the coldest afternoon of the winter, in an open meadow. These patriotic citizens stood in line, many more than an hour, for a chance to inspect the kitchenette sized cabin on the edge of woodland—an exact replica of the original birthplace at Hodgenville, Kentucky. Not a few had infant children in their arms and practically none left until objective had been reached.

Past Pat. Inst. of our Department, Ralph P. Bickmore and Emerson Whitman, were among those who congratulated Miss Forbes

verbally on her splendid display of patriotic service.

N. M. D. A. Schedule

North Metropolitan District Association, under guidance of Emerson Whitman, P. D. P. I., as President, and Ralph P. Bickmore, P. D. P. I., Secretary, are keeping the Sons of Union Veterans well publicized in the Middlesex-Essex and North Shore area of state.

Three recent monthly gatherings have had an average attendance of close to 40 members, two occasions having been preceded by a supper, served gratis. At Saugus, in December, the outstanding number was a stirring address by Hon. F. Nelson Pratt, Essex County Commissioner, member of our Order.

The January meeting was at Wakefield and two candidates were initiated. One, C. Raymond Eldridge, rejoining, enlivened "Bolton's Troopers," as "musician" in our peak years. The other, Richard Rumrill, young war veteran, grandson of P. D. P. I. Bickmore, was so impressed with initiation ceremony, he declared, "Every young fellow in America, who is eligible, ought to join this organization."

On degree team were: Fred C. Denning, Dept. Officer in 1906, as "Commander;" "P. D. C.'s" Addison A. Quinn, organizer and first president of the "Nomet," and Harold M. Drown, "honorary" member. Fred W. Butler, Past Pres. of Association, had supervision of the degree.

At Melrose in February, Dept. Sec. Leon H. Palmer was "overseer." The supper and entertainment could not have been surpassed in public eating establishments and playhouses for a five dollar bill, was the verdict of those of 40-50 years standing. Melrose Auxiliary prepared and served supper, emulating an Auxiliary that "auxiliaries."

Annual banquet will be held Sat. eve., Mar. 26, in Gas & Electric Hall, Malden. All are solicited to purchase tickets at \$1.75.

Our Radio Lincoln Remembrance Program

A radio program to remember Abraham Lincoln's birth was produced Feb. 12—our 16th annual remembrance—over WLAW. State Representative Nathaniel Tilden brought to that station's large audience his tribute, an unusual one, as he is a relative of Lincoln's, being a descendant of the Hingham pioneer Lincolns who were ancestors of Abraham Lincoln. His fresh approach must have provided unusual interest to listeners.

Painfully aware as we are of the continued decline in Camps' observances of Union Defenders Day, these Department broadcasts supply a much needed service, particularly to our young folks as well as to new Americans. The several Civil War songs of the program (heard infrequently today) also reminded hearers that these spirited tunes are too fine to be forgotten.—H. Harding Hale, Charles W. Little, Dept. Radio Committee.

MARYLAND

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Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Our installation of officers took place on Monday evening, Jan. 3, in conjunction with our Auxiliary, with David J. Green as Commander, David A. Smith, Sr. Vice, and J. Shipley, Jr. Vice. Bro. Green is a great-grandson and the others are grandsons of Civil War Vets. Richard Green, a brother of our Commander, was mustered on Jan. 17, this making the fifth member of the Green family in our active ranks. The outlook for the year is good.

The French Gratitude Train arrived in

Wilmington on Feb. 5 and our Camp was represented in the greeting audience by several members, and again on Feb. 12 when the Delaware Car was officially received with an elaborate program at the Public Buildings.

Plans are well under way for entertaining the Dept. Encampment on May 13 and 14. Headquarters will be at the DuPont Hotel and the sessions of the Sons will be held in the Hunter Room on the second floor of the hotel. Rates have been furnished to our Dept. headquarters and full details will be published in Dept. Orders. Friday afternoon will be given over to sight-seeing trips and the annual banquet will be held on that evening at 6:30.

CONNECTICUT

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Camp 6, Hartford

Stedman Camp sponsored Lincoln day dinner and entertainment at Odd Fellows Hall on Feb. 9. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Spink acted as toastmaster. A very fine turkey dinner with all the fixin's was prepared and served by the Ladies of Tyler Tent, W. R. C. The speaker of the evening was Adj. Gen. Frederick G. Reincke, who gave a very interesting address on the Life of Lincoln.

The entertainment that followed was enjoyed by all. Fulling, the famous magician, gave a very clever act. Then there was Bro. Bob Mack, with his musical saw, who could sure coax musical memories and harmonies out of it. Mr. and Mrs. John Grant entertained with some very fine songs.

Camp 7, Meriden

Upham Camp sponsored a reception to our Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Allen F. Spink, and exercises commemorating Lincoln's birthday at All Saints Church Parish House at Meriden. A very fine talk by the pastor of the church on "Lincoln as a Christian" was very impressive. Bro. Upham, Commander of Camp 7, gave the welcoming address, and P. D. C. McGar was the toastmaster. A very fine lunch was served after which dancing was enjoyed. 175 guests were present, coming from Rockville, East Hampton, Waterbury, Derby, Bristol, Stratford, Southington, New Haven and New Britain, who had a chartered bus.

Camp 20, New London

Camp installed their officers Jan. 25 at Red Men's hall. Installing Officer was Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Wm. F. Nemitz. R. L. Rose was installed for the third term as Commander, other officers being: Sr. Vice, Chas. Watrous; Jr. Vice, Wm. Nason; Sec.-Treas., Arthur R. Thomson; Chap., Herbert F. Taft; Pat. Inst., Benjamin H. Rose. Among those attending were wives of Camp members, Mrs. Margaret Lyons, Mrs. Herbert Taft, Mrs. Julia Nason of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Lillian Rothe, Pres. of W. W. Perkins W. R. C.; Mrs. Rose Winant, Pres. of Ann Rogers Lyon Tent, Daughters of Veterans; Mrs. Lucy Lesley, Dept. Vice Pres. of Rhode Island; and Mrs. Winthrop Ewing, Past Pres. of the W. R. C. Joyce, Pearl and Jacqueline Rosen entertained with songs, dances and baton twirling, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Janice Rosen.

Two new members were initiated into the Camp. Benjamin H. Rose, Past Com. of Camp 20, prepared a baked ham supper, which was enjoyed by all. David Rose and A. A. Gates were the waiters.

Your Dept. Publicity Director was very pleased to receive this fine report from Camp 20, and wish that all the Camps would send reports on any activities or items that would be of interest for The Banner readers.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Well Loved Brother Passes

It is with grief and sorrow that we write this month of the passing of that grand old man of the Sons of Union Veterans, Brother Horace Hammer, the National Secretary. Bro. Hammer has been an active, energetic and hard working member of our Order and has endeavored to carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic for many, many years. It seems our next Dept. Convention and the National Sessions will be incomplete without his presence to help keep the records straight. He was a forceful individual and labored for the cause in which he spent so many years of his long life.

Somewhere above this troubled world,
Safe beyond all grief and care;
Our Brother rests in heavenly peace,
God grant some day we meet him there.

Joint Installation

Speer Orr Camp No. 14 and its Auxiliary No. 16 held a gala night on Monday evening, Jan. 10, when they held their annual open installation of officers. There weren't so many Sons present but the ladies turned out in large numbers, all dressed in lovely white dresses and they made a wonderful showing. Rev. S. V. Carmany, Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans, duly installed the officers of Speer Orr Camp No. 14, and Mrs. Rosella Baker, Treasurer of the Auxiliary, was in charge of the installation ceremonies of the Auxiliary, each doing a fine job.

Gilbert Brown, your correspondent, was installed as Commander of Camp 14 for the fifth term and Mrs. Olive Mowrey, daughter of Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Daisy Herdman, was inducted as President of the Auxiliary. A lovely luncheon rounded out the evening's entertainment.

P. D. C. More Dies

We are sorry to announce the passing of Past Dept. Com. George H. Moore during the month of January. Bro. Moore was active in the Sons for many years and we trust his passing will be remembered by the many friends he made both in and out of the order. We wish to extend to his fine wife our heartfelt sympathy in her great loss.

Sunshine passes, shadows fall,
Love's remembrance outlasts all;
And though the years be many or few,
They are filled with remembrance,
George, of you.

All Camps are asked to remember Appomattox Day in April and hold some appropriate ceremonies to commemorate the surrender of Gen. Lee and the Confederate armies to Gen. U. S. Grant thereby bringing to a close the great Civil War.

Anniversaries Noted

Lincoln's Birthday has passed and it is reported that many annual banquets were held in various sections of the Keystone State including Philadelphia, Reading, Pittsburgh, Johnstown, etc., in commemorating the birth of Abraham Lincoln, who was president during the dark days of the Civil War. We must not overlook the things this great man stood for in preserving the Union of the United States of America.

Some Camps and Auxiliaries held appropriate programs for Washington's Birthday as well.

We must carry on the memory of these men who stood foursquare for the principles that were promulgated by the founders of

America and have been carried on by their offspring in perpetuating our American way of life for future generations.

Charters Ordered Draped

Dept. Com. J. Clark Mansfield, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has ordered all Camps of the Department of Pennsylvania to drape their charters for Past Dept. Com. George H. Moore, of York, Pa., and Past Com.-in-Chief Horace Hammer for thirty days. Bro. Hammer's entire life was devoted to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic, and his wise guidance will be sadly missed in both the Department and National sessions to be held this and future years.

Allied Orders Banquet

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, including Speer Orr Camp No. 14, S. U. V., their Auxiliary No. 16, and Naomi Parsons Tent No. 15, D. U. V., held their Annual Lincoln Day Banquet on Monday evening, Feb. 14, in Glosser's Cafeteria, Johnstown, Pa., at 6 p. m. About 100 members attended. Mrs. Martha Baserman, a Past President of the Auxiliary acted as Master of Ceremonies and Mrs. Mary Rodgers also of the Auxiliary, was general chairman of the Allied Committee.

Speakers at the Banquet were Dept. Sr. Vice President, Mrs. Sara Commers of the D. U. V.; Mrs. Olive Mowrey, President of the Auxiliary; Gilbert Brown, Commander of the S. U. V., and Sister Valentine, President of the D. U. V. Rev. S. V. Carmany, Chaplain of Speer Orr Camp 14, was the principal speaker and he delivered a wonderful discourse on the Life of Abraham Lincoln.

Show Fraternal Spirit

Camp 265, Belle Vernon, has lost the active services of Bro. Charles M. Harvey, who is confined to his home with paralysis of the throat. When visited recently by Dept. Com. Mansfield he wept tears of joy at this mark of appreciation. In the absence of Charley the Camp is struggling along, but has ample funds in the treasury to provide entertainment and carry on.

It means a lot of visit a brother who by some misfortune is unable to attend the regular meetings of the Camp and to show them that they are missed. Don't neglect this important matter.

Meade Camp Notes

Monday night Jan. 3, Gen. Geo. G. Meade Camp No. 16 and Auxiliary No. 6 held a joint installation of officers at G. A. R. Memorial Hall. P. D. C. John C. Runkle, of Harrisburg, was Installing Officer.

The Camp Officers are: Com., Lester Donmoyer, Jr.; Sr. Vice, Harold Knauer; Jr. Vice, Frederick Crouse; Sec.-Treas., W. Howard Still, Sr.; Chap., C. LeRoy Stoudt; Pat. Inst., Kenneth Reber.

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Stover Wetwiler, Edward Fries and Lester Donmoyer, Jr., of Meade Camp, attended the installation of officers of Garfield Camp at Mt. Carmel Friday, Jan. 14. Col. C. L. Stoudt officiated as Installing Officer.

Camp 233, Easton

C. S. Kist was installed as Commander of Gen. Judson Kilpatrick Camp at a meeting Jan. 13. Others who took office are: Sr. Vice, Clarence Kisselbach; Jr. Vice, Raymond Dorschimer; Chap., F. George Paul; Pat. Inst., E. St. Clair Faust; Sec., Stanley M. Wickkiser; Treas., Harry Ballantyne.

John H. Folk was elected President of the Home Association; Mr. Faust was named Vice President and Mr. Wickkiser was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors are John Folk, Byron

Laubach, Clarence Bush, Mr. Seip and August Sherrer.

Support Grand Army

Plans for taking the entire Pennsylvania Brigade of the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve to Indianapolis in August to participate in the last convention of the Grand of the Republic were discussed recently when state officers met at Allentown as guests of Company E.

If the plans develop and sufficient funds are raised, approximately 400 members of the organization will go to Indianapolis to pay tribute to the last surviving veterans of the Civil War. The Brigade band, with headquarters in Allentown, is expected to head the delegation.

While the officers were in session, non-commissioned officers of the Brigade held their own meeting and elected Sgt. Frank M. Hemminger of Camp Hill as President. Capt. William N. S. Carl, President of the Old Timers Association, recalled the services of the Brigade in serving as escorts at the inauguration of President Taft.

1949 Department Encampment

The 1949 Dept. Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department will be held in Philadelphia, week of June 26, in conjunction with the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is being sponsored under the name of the 1949 Dept. Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all organizations will have their Headquarters established at the Hotel Penn-Sheraton, 39th and Chestnut Streets.

This hotel is one of Philadelphia's finest and is located only eleven blocks from the 30th St. Railroad station of the Pennsylvania, and fifteen blocks from the 24th St. station of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. It is 26 blocks from the Reading Terminal. The Greyhound busses from York, Lancaster, Harrisburg, and points west, as well as most busses from the South, after stopping at 69th St. Terminal in Upper Darby, proceed to 15th and Market Sts., Philadelphia, via Chestnut St., and those that do, will be glad to stop at the intersection of 39th and Chestnut St. for the convenience of their passengers.

Location of the meeting hall for the Sons' Encampment will be promulgated at a later date, as will the rates at the hotel. However, we have been assured of sufficient number of rooms and have no need to worry.

The Officers of the General Encampment Committee are: General Chairman, P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., 667 N. 12th St., Philadelphia 23, Pa. (Home address 321-C Evans Place, Chester, Pa.); First Vice Chairman, Mrs. Lillie E. Lukens, P.D.P., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, (Tent 4, Philadelphia), 120 Linden Ave., Collingswood, N. J.; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Maier (Pres. Circle 220, L. of G. A. R.), 3403 N. 15th St., Phila. 40, Pa.; Treasurer, Miss Viola Bremme (Aux. 200), 4724 N. Mascher St., Phila. The office of 2nd Vice Chairman will be filled at the next meeting to be held March 11 at Roxborough, and will be filled by a member of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Sons of Veterans Club Dinner

The 56th Annual Lincoln Dinner of the Sons of Veterans Club was held Saturday evening, Feb. 12, at the Sheraton Hotel, 19th and Walnut St., Philadelphia, and was very well attended considering the fact that Philadelphia was going through a serious transit strike. This was attended only by members of the Club which is, of course, an affiliate of our organization. The Ladies held their own Lincoln banquet separated at the Broadwood. Hon. E. Wallace Chadwick, former Con-

gressman from the 7th Congressional District which comprises Delaware County, was the speaker, and brought a very fine message.

Com.-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch, of Michigan, and Dept. Com. Capt. J. Clark Mansfield brought inspiring messages as well. P. D. C. John C. Yocum, President of the Club, was toastmaster. Rev. Elmer H. Finger, long a friend of the organization, offered the invocation, and Rev. Richard D. Partington, former Dept. Chaplain, offered the benediction.

A very fine program of entertainment was presented and without a word of doubt, it was one of the finest Lincoln Dinners held in the past twenty years by the Club, and the members are looking forward to a "repeat performance" next year.

Southeastern Pennsylvania District

Meetings of the Southeastern District are being held monthly at the several Camps throughout the District. The most recent was on Feb. 22 at Darby, and the next will be at 9-Ellis, 15 Harvey St. (Just off Germantown Ave.) in Germantown, Philadelphia. Inspiring meetings and entertainment are always part of the program. A committee headed by P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, arranged for services at the Home, 65th and Vine Sts., Philadelphia, Sunday, Feb. 27. Rev. Richard Partington preached the sermon and several musical selections interspersed the program. A complete report of this service will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Banner. The April meeting of the District will be held Monday evening, April 17 (3rd Monday) at Media, the home of Bradbury Camp No. 149, State and Jackson Streets.

P. D. C. George H. Moore Passes

Suddenly, on Jan. 6, George H. Moore, Past Dept. Commander of our Order and the present Dept. President of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic of Pennsylvania, passed from our midst to take his place in the Grand Encampment Above.

To say we were all shocked at the word of his demise would not be sufficient. We knew not of any ailment of a serious nature and little dreamed that when he was present at the funeral of P. C.-in-C. Hammer on Dec. 29, within two weeks time we would be journeying to York to pay our last tribute of respect to a real brother and true member of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Brother Moore's real interest in the organization was brought to the attention of all during the preparation of the 1943 Dept. Encampment which was held at York and over which he served as General Chairman. As a result of his active participation, he was unanimously elected Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, and served in a capable and efficient manner under the then Dept. Commander J. E. Snyder, of Gettysburg.

The following year, John A. Ruggles having been elected Dept. Commander, appointed George as Dept. Patriotic Instructor and during that year, he raised one of the largest sums of money if not the largest ever raised by one person in Pennsylvania for the Grand Army of the Republic Fund. In 1945 he aspired for Dept. Commander, but was "nosed out" in a nip and tuck race, during the Dept. Encampment in Phila. in 1945. However, in 1946, he was nominated in Johnstown and all opposition faded and he was elected by acclamation.

George Moore never tired—he never faltered. He continued in the work out of office, as he tried to do while in. In York, he was recognized by not only the members of the Allied Orders for his untiring work, but also by the Veterans and Civic organizations of that city. Words of praise written to Sister Moore at the time of George's death only tell

too well how he strived for the things he thought were right.

At Reading, last June, George was named Dept. President of the Allied Orders and with myself, was designated to select an Encampment City for 1949. The task was not an easy one and gave George much thought and worry. He was fearful that we would not be able to live up to the expectations of those who had placed that confidence in us.

The members of the Camp, Tent and Auxiliary of York are to be complimented for the manner in which they attended the funeral. Almost to the member, these three organizations paid their last tribute of respect to their brother and friend. Numerous delegations were in attendance from Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Reading, Lancaster and other areas.

So long, George, my true and trusted friend. Farewell to you my brother, and as we prepare to meet in Philadelphia for the 1949 Dept. Encampment, let us hope that it will be as a living memorial to you whose interest in the organization was discontinued only by the Hand of Fate, which controls one and all and over which we have no jurisdiction.

So long, George, my brother, and may you watch down over our group as we go forth in united effort to build our organization to a bigger and better organization, because men such as you have been a member and have had an active part in its affairs.

So long, George! You will long be remembered! You will never be forgotten.—P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, Dept. Sec. of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R.

OHIO

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Important Patriotic Dates

Two important dates have just passed—the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. I have received very few reports of Camps observing these dates. I hope more did than reported.

On Feb. 13 the Communist Party held a banquet in Cleveland with 500 in attendance and a collection of \$14,000 was taken up. I wonder if we could get 500 Sons of Veterans to a patriotic meeting? I am afraid not, and am sure we could not get a collection of \$14,000. I fear that some day we may wake up to find that we have lost the liberty and freedom that Washington and Lincoln, and the brave men of the G. A. R., has given us.

Camp 250, Newark

Insko Camp and their Auxiliary entertained the 5th District Meeting in Memorial Hall on Feb. 6. Included among those present was Dept. Com. C. Edward Wetzel and Mrs. Wetzel, of Dayton, and members from Howard, Lancaster, Mt. Vernon, Zanesville, Mansfield and Columbus. We had a pleasant and profitable meeting with 60 in attendance. The next District Meeting will also be held in Newark the first Sunday in May.

Our Washington and Lincoln Banquet was held on Feb. 17, with a splendid program. The address on Washington and Lincoln was given by Atty. E. Harold Hughes. The Gettysburg Address was by Bro. Chas. Swartz; instrumental music by Misses Loretta Rad-dux and Sally Ann Hinton; readings by Mrs. J. R. Ellis and Mrs. Chas. Lawyer. All had a good feed and a good time.

Camp 100, Cincinnati

The Hon. Richard H. Hildebrand of Wilmington, Judge of the Court of Appeals, who is a member of the Camp, delivered the address on Washington and Lincoln, at our celebration on Feb. 16, at Memorial Hall.

The program was interspersed with musical selections and patriotic readings.

Successful Observance

Annual observance of Lincoln and Washington birthday anniversaries by Gov. Denison Camp, Columbus, and Auxiliary No. 17, Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Memorial Hall, was preceded by a sumptuous banquet, served by Auxiliary. The addresses were outstanding as to their content and delivery. The room was overflowing.

Prof. Frank P. Weisenburger, head of the Department of History, Ohio State University spoke of Washington's personality, and Attorney John H. Cooper presented new thoughts on the life of Lincoln, gained in recent visits to Gettysburg.

Many present and Past Dept. Officers of the Orders, and Camp and Auxiliary Officers were presented.

J. P. Shrive Passes

Jonas P. Shrive, long an active member of the Order, died Thursday, Feb. 10, at his home in Akron, after an extended illness. He was Dept. Commander of Ohio in 1919-20 and served on the Council-in-Chief in 1938-9. Funeral services were held in his old home town, Lancaster, Monday, Feb. 14.

Harry M. Denton

Harry M. Denton, prominent Portsmouth merchant and civic leader, died Sunday, Feb. 13, in a Knoxville, Tenn., Hospital, from injuries sustained when en route to Florida for a vacation. His car overturned in a ditch to avoid hitting a school bus. He was Sr. Vice Com. of Vienna Camp No. 26, and recently headed a committee to campaign for funds to pay off the debt on G. A. R. Hall, which is owned by the Camp.

KANSAS

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Department Notes

The Dept. Encampment will be held in Salina on May 1-2-3. Headquarters will be at Hotel Warren. All are urged to attend who can. The Executive Committee met on Feb. 15 to make arrangements.

Dedication Day was recognized throughout our State again this year on Nov. 19. On Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12, many schools through the State held programs and gave Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It was also given over several Radio broadcasts.

The Auxiliary at Emporia has for a quarter of a century held Decoration Day at Maplewood Cemetery on Thanksgiving Day, where they decorated 62 Civil War Veterans Graves, 1 Spanish American and 1 World War I Veterans received a Flag and Floral Tribute.

The Kansas Department will miss one of their Past Dept. Coms. and one of their Past Dept. Auxiliary Presidents. Brother and Sister H. Meade and Winnifred Lewis sold their home in Wichita and have moved to 750 Carr Ave., Santa Rosa, Calif.

Brother Chester O. Burt, Commander of Burns Camp No. 45, Salina, passed away of heart trouble while the Sons and Auxiliary were having an all day picnic at Gypsum.

Brother Frank A. Sourbeer of Parsons Camp No. 23 also passed away suddenly with heart failure.

True courage is the result of reasoning. Resolution lies more in the head than in the veins and a just sense of honor and of infamy, of duty and of religion, will carry us further than all the force of mechanism.—Jeremy Collier.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

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Department Notes

At the Dept. Encampment held in Sacramento last May each of the five groups of the GRAND ARMY family voted to interest their membership in the preservation of OLD FORT POINT as a MEMORIAL to VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR. OLD FORT POINT is located at the PRESIDIO in SAN FRANCISCO.

This Fort has been declared "excess to the needs of the Sixth Army and recommend that this Fort be declared surplus."

Many of the Officers of the Civil War have been Commandants at the Presideo and troops were garrisoned in or near this Fort.

On Feb. 12th a bronze tablet was placed on the spot where the Abraham Lincoln Grammar School stood before the San Francisco fire.

This year is fast drawing to a close. Dept. Com. Earl F. Riggs and Dept. Pres. Beatrice S. Riggs have worked hard to make it a successful one. They have accomplished their purpose as this has truly been, one of the "Best Years" our Department has ever known. Our Dept. Encampment convenes at San Diego April 24 to 27.

Camp 2, Los Angeles

This has been designated as Grand Army Year by the Memorial Day Committee in the City of Los Angeles. Our Camp and Auxiliary has been assigned an important place in the parade and program. Past Com. Lou Smith heads the Committee from our Organization.

Past Commanders Club held their annual meeting on Feb. 12 and elected officers for 1949. Bro. Lou Smith was elected Commander. Seven Past Commanders were initiated into the Club. Members contributed \$5.00 to our Dept. President's Braille Bible Fund.

Camp 7, Pasadena

February has been a busy one for our Camp members. Our last meeting was well attended. Chap. Arthur H. Harvey read a very interesting paper on the life of our first President, George Washington. Pat. Inst. Wilbur F. Luxton read a similar one on the life of Abraham Lincoln. Bro. Frank E. Mead gave Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as only he can do. An open forum followed and nearly everyone in the room recalled stories told to them by their Fathers of the Civil War. This was a meeting that will not be forgotten soon.

Our usual supper preceded the meeting, at which time the 45th wedding anniversaries of Bro. and Sister Simpson, also Bro. and Sister Wood were celebrated. They were presented with cakes bearing the names and date, and anniversary cards which were signed by all.

Camp 8, Inglewood

We are sorry to report the passing of Bro. Turrell. He was a faithful member and will be sorely missed.

We are glad to be able to say that Bro. Knight is improving. He has been bedfast for months.

Camp 15, Ontario

Our Camp held joint installation with our Auxiliary at Memorial Hall. Past Dept. Com. Harrie Collins installed the Camp Officers. A fine Patriotic program was given and refreshments were served.

On Feb. 22 the members of the Grand Army Family celebrated famous February birthdays. A bountiful supper was served to eighty-five at 6:30. A fine program followed.

Camp 10, Long Beach

We recently held joint installation with our Auxiliary. Dept. Com. Earl F. Riggs was our Installing Officer. A musical program was a feature of the evening. Nineteen Nat'l and Dept. Officers were present. Delicious refreshments were served.

Camp 12, Santa Ana

Our Camp held joint installation with Sarah A. Rounds Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans. Dept. Com. Earl F. Riggs installed the Camp Officers, and Sister Lillian Gardner, Dept. Secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic, installed the Tent Officers.

Past Com.-in-Chief Ralph R. Barrett addressed the group as did Dept. Couns. Harrie Collins.

Camp 17, Fresno

We are happy to say we have a new member, Bro. A. W. Tripp, of Hanford. His father served in Co. L, 137th New York Volunteers. Bro. Tripp drives 31 miles to attend our meetings.

We mourn the passing of Mother Pugh. She was instrumental in getting most of the members when our Camp was organized in 1927.

We held joint installation with our Auxiliary on Jan. 18. Bro. George Edmans inspected our Camp and gave us a good rating.

Camp 22, Glendale

Joint installation with our Auxiliary took place Jan. 22 at Veterans Hall. Dept. Com. Earl F. Riggs installed the Camp Officers. Bro. Ralph Collins sang two solos.

Camp 23, Riverside

Camp Officers were installed at an open meeting with our Auxiliary at the I. O. O. F. Hall. A large crowd enjoyed the services and the refreshments which followed. Twenty National and Department Officers of the Grand Army Family were present.

WISCONSIN

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

Very Important

It now seems probable that the coming Encampment at Milwaukee will be the last one for the G. A. R. in Wisconsin. Let it be remembered, too, that the sole surviving member of the G. A. R., in our midst will be 103 years of age March 3. The National G. A. R. will fold up at Indianapolis at the August Encampment. This means that, unless the present appropriation of not to exceed \$1000 for G. A. R. Encampment purposes in this state is continued for our benefit there will be available no funds for general purposes at coming conventions.

A bill is being introduced in the legislature providing that when the G. A. R. passes out the affiliated and allied orders shall continue to get the same appropriation so long as they carry on in the spirit of Encampments of the G. A. R., fostering the cause of Americanism and true patriotism.—H. S. S.

Plymouth

This Camp, instituted by the Dept. Press Correspondent many years ago, still carries on with Brother Henry W. Siemers, P. D. C., as Commander, ably assisted by Brother Ed Biering, Chairman of Dept. Council.

Baraboo

All of us were grieved to learn of the passing on, some while ago, of a sister of our Dept. Sec.-Treas., Brother Oscar Doppler. To him and the bereaved we all extend most sincere sympathy and compassion.

Camp 37, Sheboygan

On Jan. 18 Carl Witte Camp installed officers as follows: Com., Peter Fields; Sr. Vice, Fred Heronymous; Jr. Vice, William Huyck; Sec.-Treas., Victor Hoberg, Sr.; Chap., A. W. Brown; Pat. Inst., Milton Bollhom. Brother Eugene A. Hickey acted as installing officer.

A feature of the gathering was the presence of Brother Wallace J. Hanford, only 93 years of age. Shortly after this meeting he fell, fracturing a bone in the right foot. May he speedily recover!

Madison

At both meetings, January and February, the muster work was put on by the degree team. An effort is being made to have a substitute for each position and this means, virtually, two teams.

Feb. 28, Washington and Lincoln were honored, at an evening meeting. Past Dept. Com. J. O. Smith, now Camp Patriotic Instructor, had charge. It was an outstanding success. The program was made up of a splendid address on Lincoln by the Hon. Harry Sauthoff, a member of our Camp. Two movies were shown, "Ring of Steel," a tribute to the soldiers of all wars, and "Washington Winning the Independence." There was music, both instrumental and vocal, sociability and light refreshments closed the program.

The last meeting of the season, open to the public, will be held the fourth Monday of April. That is a Grant observance. The feature of this is likely to be a moving picture, sound and color, of that mammoth Statehood Day parade, commemorating the 100th birthday of Wisconsin at Madison May 29.

Camp 1, Milwaukee

A joint installation of Sons and Auxiliary was held the evening of Jan. 17. The officers of C. K. Pier Badger Camp were installed by Dept. Com. Franklin S. Hubbard. The new Commander is Clarence Hoth, who succeeds his father in that office. We can expect this Camp to live up to the state motto of "Forward."

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic held their 9th annual dinner to commemorate the birthdays of Lincoln, Washington and McKinley, on Feb. 19, at the Simpson Methodist Church.

Sisters Mary Harrison, Dept. Vice Pres. of the Sons' Auxiliary, was in charge of the program which was well planned and very interesting. She was very ably assisted by Ellinore Konrad, P. D. P., who at the present time is Secretary of the Central Region.

Camp 34, Kenosha

The new Auxiliary officers of Gov. Harvey Camp were installed by Nat. Pat. Inst. Franklin S. Hubbard on Jan. 18. An excellent luncheon was served. Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Chester S. Hubbard, a nephew of the National Patriotic Instructor, has taken over command of Gov. Harvey Camp. He is a successful business man and by participation in civic affairs has held both elective and appointive offices. The Camp has done well to secure him as its Commander.

In observance of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, a luncheon was served by Mrs. Frank Coleman of the Auxiliary on Feb. 17. Readings were given by various members and Nat. Pat. Inst. Franklin S. Hubbard addressed the group on "Lincoln's Alma Mater."

Department Encampment

Heads of the Allied Orders met in Milwaukee Jan. 29 and plans were made for the annual Encampment to be held June 12 to 15 inclusive. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Wisconsin.

I steer my bark with hope in the head, leaving fear astern.—Thomas Jefferson.

MISSOURI

Theodore H. Mohr, Sec.-Treas., 3907 Ashland Ave., St. Louis 7, Mo.

Death of P. D. C. Scharr

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the death of Past Dept. Com. William B. Scharr, Feb. 20, 1949. Brother Scharr was mustered into General F. Schaefer Camp No. 28 on June 6, 1889, and later transferred to Major Leo Rassieur Camp No. 4, where he had been a continuous member until his death.

He filled all offices in his Camp, and on May 28, 1943, was elected Dept. Commander of Missouri. For three years he faithfully filled this office, and at the time of his death was Chairman of the Department and Camp Council.

Camp 4, St. Louis

On Feb. 9 Rassieur Camp held their regular meeting, starting at 6:30 p. m. with a dinner for members and their wives. At 7:15 while members were in business session, the women were viewing the Television, and at 8:15 all adjourned to the large Auditorium where for the next hour and forty minutes we were entertained by viewing the sound motion picture, "Abraham Lincoln," depicting salient events of the life of the great Emancipator, from his birth, through his early days in New Salem, and down through the years until his assassination in Ford's Theatre. Over two hundred took advantage of viewing this wonderful picture.

At this meeting we received two applications for reinstatement, and one for membership. Plans are being made for a class initiation for the May meeting. All meetings are held at the North Side Y. M. C. A.

Department Notes

Dept. Com. Balsiger is convalescing at his home, after several weeks in St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

The last Comrade in Missouri died Dec. 19, 1948, so another Grand Army of the Republic charter has been turned in.

Our Dept. Encampment will be held in Joplin, week of May 8. The Sons are planning to hold their sessions on Sunday, the 8th, so more members will have an opportunity to attend without losing too much time from their work.

What will become of our Encampments now that the Boys in Blue are gone? We must tell the story. Will the Sons accept the challenge?

NEW JERSEY

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

Camp 1, Hoboken

Meets March 24, the 4th Thursday, at 126 Hudson Street.

Inspection night by Dept. Chap. Benjamin Hook. Com. Williams wants to see every Brother. Try and be present to welcome our visitors.

On Jan. 27 Fred Mades passed away at his home in Bayonne. He became a member in 1920 and was always very active. In later years he moved to Bayonne and it being quite a journey he was seldom able to attend. His son, William, was or is a member of the Bayonne Camp.

Delegates of the Camp to the Joint Memorial Committee are kept very busy with the reburial of the War Heroes, now being brought over in large numbers, and also beginning preparations for Memorial Day arrangements.

Camp 4, Trenton

Our winter meetings have been very interesting and well attended, and we are planning now for our spring activities.

Our annual Lincoln Banquet was held at The Hotel Hildebrecht on Friday evening, Feb. 11. A very fine program of music, entertainment and dancing followed the dinner. Many visitors prominent in our organization and the Auxiliary were present, among whom were Com.-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch; Nat. Sec.-Treas. Albert C. Lambert; Nat. Pres. Mrs. Lena G. Barrett; Dept. Com. Daniel Oblinger, and Dept. Pres. Miss Ella G. Reeger. The Toastmaster of the evening was Brother Russel F. Black.

During Com.-in-Chief Fouch's stay in Trenton he visited the State Capitol, accompanied by Nat. Sec. Lambert and Past Dept. Com. Richardson, where he was greeted by the Governor. Brother Richardson and Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Bogert then took him on a tour of the historic places in and around the city, accompanied by Nat. Pres. Mrs. Barrett and Past Com.-in-Chief Barrett.

Our annual inspection will be held on Thursday evening, March 31, for which plans are now being made. We expect to have a class of candidates at that time.

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

We regret the loss of two of our members by death, John B. Dobbins and Fred V. Drake. The sincere sympathy of the Camp is extended to their widows and families.

Camp 5, Trenton

The Camp celebrated Lincoln's Birthday with a family night on Feb. 15. Movies were shown and refreshments served.

On April 19 the Camp will be inspected by Jr. Vice Dept. Commander Robert McCloud, Sr. The full degree team will exemplify the ritual. Members of all Camps are invited to attend.

When Com.-in-Chief Fouch visited Trenton during February Past Com.-in-Chief Lambert arranged an interview for him with Governor Driscoll of New Jersey. The local newspaper took pictures and gave us nice publicity.

Members of the Camp are now planning for Memorial Day and for our Dept. Encampment, which will be held in Trenton on June 3-4.

IOWA

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

A Past Department Commander Dies
Clyde L. Hinchcliff, of Tiffin, a Past Dept. Commander, died Jan. 31, aged 53 years. A loyal and constant worker for the Organization he will be deeply missed. He served the Government in the Postal Department for thirty years. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and children.

Department Notes

The Dept. Encampment will be held in Cedar Rapids, June 5, 6, 7, with Headquarters at the Hotel Montrose. Com.-in-Chief John R. T. Rives, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who lives in the convention city, has been invited to address the Encampment.

Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett has revived the Camp at Iowa Falls, which has been inactive for a year or two. He succeeded in getting a meeting for election of officers and a few new members. On Feb. 24 he initiated the new members and installed the new officers. It was one of the best meetings held so far in the Department. The Auxiliary installed new officers for the year also.

Dept. Com. James P. Martin, of the Grand Army, is reported to be failing in health of late. He is the only remaining Civil War Veteran in Iowa.

MAINE

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

Department Notes

Dept. Com. Henry J. Patten and wife journeyed to Biddeford Jan. 7 to witness the joint installation of the Camp and Auxiliary. This was Brother Patten's first visit to Camp 57. He was also accompanied by his Personal Aide.

I am asking Camp Secretaries and Camp Press Correspondents once more to send items of your Camp and Camp members.

Camp 4, Portland

Shepley Camp held their installation of officers Jan. 10 in the Bosworth Memorial Hall. Officers installed were: Com., Phillip E. Hamlin; Sr. Vice, Lawrence G. Calderwood; Jr. Vice, Floyd A. Chase; Chap., R. Frank Calderwood; Pat. Inst., William Malley; Press Cor., Floyd A. Chase.

Past Dept. Com. Clarence P. Renell was the installing officer, and was assisted by Past Com.-in-Chief Henry Towle.

The installation was held jointly with the Auxiliary. There was a very good turnout of members, and a nice crowd of well wishers from other organizations. Refreshments were served after the installation.

Plans have been started to celebrate our anniversary in the very near future. We are also planning to start another Drill team and hope to have it ready for Memorial Day.

Camp 51, Biddeford

The Camp and Auxiliary held a joint installation Friday evening, Jan. 7. P. D. C. Chas. Webster, of Springvale, installed as follows: Com., Martin E. Tilley; Sr. Vice, John T. Flood; Jr. Vice, F. Walter Freeman.

Past Pres. Beatrice Drown installed the Auxiliary officers. Guests were present from Augusta, Portland and Sanford. Refreshments were served and a social hour followed.

Camp 46, Bath

Hyde Camp and Auxiliary held joint installation of officers on Jan. 4, at G. A. R. Hall. A roast turkey dinner was served at 6:30 by a committee headed by Mrs. Jennie Miller.

Following the Auxiliary installation the officers for the Camp were installed by P. D. C. Joseph Day, with P. D. C. Harry Warner, Guide, as follows: Com., Atland Rogers, Jr.; Sr. Vice, Norman Frizelle; Jr. Vice, John Osborn; Sec., George Melzard; Treas., Vernon W. Miller; Chap., Chas. Osborne; Pat. Inst., Maurice Warren.

Retiring Com. Hooker was presented his P. C. badge by his father, P. D. C. L. L. Hooker.

Department Meeting

Brownfield Camp members were guests of honor at a special Department meeting, held at South Paris, Saturday evening, Jan. 8. Over two hundred members of the Sons and Auxiliaries were present.

Dept. Com. Henry J. Patten and other officers and members presented the Camp with a new Charter and other paraphernalia to replace the Camp property which was lost in the big fire. Past Com.-in-Chief Henry Towle also presented them with a Grand Army flag.

The meeting and supper was held in the Grange Hall. After the presentation meeting various members spoke and gave them their hearty support in their efforts, and wished the Camp and Auxiliary a prosperous future.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

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

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-three Departments, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Members:

We are very happy to make formal announcement of the marriage of our National Treasurer, Mrs. Helen H. McGowan, of 144 West Gilman St., Madison 3, Wisconsin, to Mr. Eugene Wilbur, on Dec. 20, 1948. We are wishing for them many happy years.

All checks will be forwarded in the name of Mrs. Helen H. McGowan until the National Encampment in August. Please observe this—also send your best wishes to our happy bride and her husband.

Loyally yours,

LENA G. BARRETT,
National President.

FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1949.

Greetings:

Leaving home on Jan. 12, we have traveled far and have made many contacts and visits with members and friends.

First, at Indianapolis, for Indiana's Mid-Winter meeting on the 15th. There was a grand Get-Together for banquet and meetings. Dept. Com. Robert Brown of the Sons and Dept. Pres. Chrystal Powell of the Aux., conducted the meetings. Banquet was in charge of Camp and Aux. Among those present were C.-in-C. Perle L. Fouch and P. C.-in-C. Dr. Barrett of the Sons; P. N. P. Emma Finch; P. N. P. Mary Stapleton; Nat. Council Clementine Vanasdal; Nat. Sec. Hellen C. Newbright.

Cincinnati was our next stop. Atty. and Mrs. Michael Heintz, P. C.-in-C. Wm. Coffin and the Pres. of the Aux., and Mr. and Mrs. Blair kept us busy. Attended the dinner of the W.R.C.; the Sons' meeting and the Aux. luncheon, with a little time left for visits with old friends.

The Washington Patriotic Conference was all we expected it to be—excellent in every way.

In New York again, I was entertained by Past Pres. Club and attended installation ceremonies at Yonkers. Nat. and Past Nat. Officers of both Aux. and Sons were present. Excellent work.

At Portland, Maine, Dept. Pres. Merritt met us and we were entertained Saturday night, Feb. 5. Members came from outside Camps and Auxs., and a fine banquet was enjoyed as well as a reception following. Their drill team was very fine.

On to Boston we were met by P. N. P. Maude Warren, who acted as Special Aide for the visit; Wm. Fuller, Pamela Elder and Dept. Pres. Gertrude Gaffney—out host and hostesses. Our ride over the city and nearby cities was a real pleasure. The luncheon given by Gov. Curley and being presented with the key to the city and the reception that followed were thoroughly enjoyed. New Hampshire's Dept. Pres. Florence Carver brought her greeting in person.

At Trenton, on the 11th, more than a hundred attended the Lincoln Banquet and meeting. Past Nat. Officers and Dept. Officers of both Sons and Aux. attended. Com.-in-Chief Fouch was with us again, as well as several Past Nat. and Dept. Officers.

The night of the 12th all met in Philadelphia for their Lincoln banquet and program. Dr. Barrett attended both meetings here, it being the first meeting I had missed on the

trip, and I regretted it very keenly, for I had looked forward to this event for months.

Now at Ithaca, N. Y., I will continue in my next letter. All meetings were well attended and much interest shown in the work.

Let the good work continue under the Guiding Light of the Grand Army of the Republic's influence.

Loyally yours,

LENA G. BARRETT,
National President.

IN MEMORIAM

The members of our order will extend their heartfelt sympathy to P. N. P. Margaret D. Schroeder and to P. D. P. Alice Thompson, of New Jersey Dept., in the loss of their dear father, Comrade Donahue, who passed away Dec. 26, after a brief illness.

Sincere sympathy is also expressed to P. N. P. Stella B. Owen, also of the New Jersey Dept., in the death of her dear husband, Peter Owen, who died Jan. 19.

These Sisters were devotion itself during the comparatively short illness of their loved ones, everything being done that medical science or nursing could do to sustain life in the dear father and husband, with the hope and prayers that they might recover from their illnesses, but God chose otherwise, and took them to their Heavenly home.

Love and sympathy are extended these dear Sisters, and to all others who have suffered losses in their families.

CANDIDACY ANNOUNCED

Ind. Dept. has issued a circular letter, announcing the candidacy of P. D. P. Lela B. Shugart, of Marion, Ind., for the office of Nat. Pres. Her name will be presented for that office at the 63rd Nat. Encamp. to be held in Indianapolis the week of Aug. 28. Sister Shugart has been enthusiastically endorsed by Ind. Dept. and at their annual Mid-Winter meeting she was again unanimously endorsed for that high office, for which she is exceptionally well qualified. She has served at various times, her Aux., her Dept. and the Nat. organization, and at all times her work has been outstanding and a credit to herself and honor to our Order.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

San Jose—The Camp and Aux. No. 12 entertained Northern Calif. Dist. No. 1, Jan. 19, in Druid's Temple. The Pres., Albert N. Stewart, called the meeting to order. Election and installation of officers were the main features. P. D. P. Lenore Glass was the Instal. Of., with Charlotte McKinney acting as Guide. Sister Florence Vredenberg was elected and installed as Pres. A delicious Virginia baked ham dinner, under the chairmanship of Sister Hannah Dabel, was served. A delightful program, under the direction of Don Chaney, followed. The next meeting of the district will be held in Veterans Memorial Hall in Oakland, April 10. Aux. 12 held a regular meeting Jan. 28 in Druids Temple, with our new Pres., Mrs. Amy Smith, presiding. John Honn, a member of the Sons was obligated into the order. Many plans were laid for future activities, among them a card party for Feb. 11. Dept. Pres. Beatrice Riggs, of Ontario, was to make her official visit on Feb. 26, accompanied by her husband, Dept. Com. Earl Riggs, of the U. S. U. V. The birthdays of Washington and Lincoln were also celebrated in Feb. The Phil Sheridan Social Club spent an enjoyable evening Jan. 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. Whist was played, and sandwiches and coffee served. Several guests were present.

Pasadena—Phil Kearney Social Club gave

a dessert luncheon and card party Jan. 25 at the Pearl Street Clubhouse. Twenty-six were present and all asked for a repeat performance. Delicious apple pie and coffee was served. At 6:30 o'clock a potluck supper was served to our own members of Camp and Aux. After supper a business meeting of the Social Club was called to order and tentative plans were made for the year's activities. We are sure from the enthusiasm shown by several of the members that we are in for some pleasant surprises this year.

Modesto—Aux. 10 and Camp 19 met at the home of Effie Darby for turkey and covered dish dinner. The table was covered with a linen cloth. Decorations for table and house were pine cones and fall flowers. Matilda Morrison assisted the hostess. Guests present were Beatrice S. Riggs, Dept. Pres. of Ontario; Lenore Glass, Hannah Dabel and Gertrude Salisbury of San Jose; S. G. Darby and F. R. Shiffert, S. of U. V. C. W. Mr. Darby showed moving pictures taken when he and Mrs. Darby were on a trip to Alaska. Ten members were present. A shower of handkerchiefs was presented to Dept. Pres. Riggs and a birthday gift to Lenore Glass who also won the mystery prize. Remarks were made by visiting guests and a reading "Sleigh Bells" by Ella T. Ross.

Ontario—Mrs. L. P. George was elected as the Pres. of the Aux. to S. U. V. and she has a fine staff of officers to assist her in Aux. work. Following our business meeting held in Memorial Hall, Mrs. Gloria Riggs was initiated into the organization. Installation was held Jan. 11 and was an open one. Activities in our Aux. and Camp included a Thanksgiving dinner in Nov. with about 70 present. Four new candidates initiated at Nov. 24 meeting and a Christmas party in Dec. Our Aux. is progressing right along.

Los Angeles—Aux. 2 held public installation Jan. 17, at which time a fine potluck supper was enjoyed by all. Dept. Pres. Beatrice Riggs impressively installed the Aux. officers, giving the work entirely from memory, and her husband those of the Sons. Sister Miriam Vargas is the new Pres. Sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served following the ceremonies. Dept. Pres. Riggs was invited to perform several installation ceremonies for Auxs.

Glendale—Aux. 22 re-elected Sister Ruth Ryan to again serve as Pres. She made a wonderful Pres. last year. We are a new Aux. and we are happy to know that she is to carry on as Pres. again this year. Our officers were installed Jan. 22. It is with regret that the Aux. parts with Sister Bernice Feller and her husband, who have moved to Idaho. Sister Feller served as Sec. of Aux. 22 while living in Glendale.

Oakland—Our Aux. and Camp had a good year during 1948, with a record close to the top. Dept. Pres. Beatrice Riggs, of Ontario, inspected our Aux. in Nov. She was accompanied by Sisters Hannah Dabel and Lenore Glass. Sister Nellie Smith was endorsed for the office of Dept. Pres. at the Encamp. in San Diego. We will be proud to have her so honored. She is a loyal worker and we feel is well favored throughout the Dept. for her excellent record. Comrade John Dumsor was able to attend the Piedmont Post breakfast on Armistice Day. He celebrated his 101st birthday last fall and his picture was in the papers. Our Aux. held election Dec. 27. Ruth Schroll, a charter member, is our Pres. The meeting was well attended. Sister Margaret Cheney made her report as chairman of the G. A. R. fund, which was quite a substantial one. She also contributed to the general fund of the Aux. and to the Kiddy bank, for which

she received hearty applause. She also made a contribution to the Braille Bible fund.

The Dept. Encamp. will be held in San Diego the week of April 24. The San Diego Hotel will be headquarters for Sons and Aux. and our sessions will be held in the hotel. The Aux. will meet in the Marine room.

Santa Cruz—Aux. 5 held their meeting Nov. 26 in Odd Fellows Hall. 18 members were present. After the business and election of officers, refreshments were served honoring our Pres. Mabel Cooper on her birthday. The Camp and Aux. held their annual Christmas party at the home of A. R. McKinney; three was a tree, and gifts were exchanged and later guests were seated at a table which was decorated with evergreens, red berries and candles, and laden with sandwiches, cake, pudding, cookies and candies. A number of members were unable to be present due to illness, and others being out of town. Installation of officers was held Jan. 28 in Odd Fellows Hall—Charlotte McKinney, Dept. Press Cor.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT

Newtown—The Sons of U. V. and members of Aux. 30 met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Spangler Feb. 18 with a good attendance. Pres. Alpha Lantz presided. General Orders were read. A generous contribution was voted to the Dept. Pat. Inst. to use in her work. Mrs. Anna Jordan was reported quite ill. H. M. Lewis of Santa Rosa, Calif., was reported seriously ill. He is a Past Dept. Com. of Kansas. A letter was received from the Veterans Administration thanking the Aux. for gifts sent at Christmas. Mrs. Sadie Dix, Dept. Pres., was welcomed. She then installed the officers for 1949, including Rosa McReynolds, who will serve as Pres. Plans were made for a bazaar and food sale to be held later. A social hour followed and Sisters Sadie Dix and Eula Brannen served lunch.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

Dept. Pres. Dorothy L. Hilyard, Dept. Chief-of-Staff Margaret J. Hahn, Dept. Treas. Florence Stierle, Dept. Sec. Celeste D. Gentieu and Past Dept. Chap. Alice B. Lucas made their official visit to Aux. 10, Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 20; Aux. 4, Washington, D. C., Nov. 26; Aux. 2, Wilmington, Del., Jan. 3, and Aux. 1 Baltimore, Md., Jan. 25.

Baltimore, Md.—We celebrated Dedication Night and had inspection the same night. Nat. S. V. Com. Thos. L. Bufter was the Inspector. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Wilmington, Del.—Dept. Pres. Dorothy Hilyard presided at the installation ceremonies held in Jan. Sister Margaret Hogerson was installed as Pres. and will have a fine complement of officers to assist her in the work. At the Dec. meeting election of officers were held. Sister Pauline Gentieu presided as Pres. P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu commended the group for its excellent floor work. A Christmas party followed the meeting with Sister Margaret Hahn in charge.—Rama B. Niemyer, Dept. Press Co., 213 High St., Hagerstown, Md.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

The following official visits were made by Mass. Dept. Pres. Gertrude Gaffney: Aux. 11, Lexington; Aux. 3, Worcester; Aux. 50, Rockland, and Aux. 25, Beverly.

On Jan. 17 the Survey and Planning Board of the Mass. Dept. were guests of the Past Presidents' Assn. at Tremont Temple, Boston. The day was known as President's Day and all sitting presidents throughout the state were invited to attend.

The Dept. Hospital Committee held their monthly party on Jan. 19 at Cushing General Hospital, Framingham. The efforts of the committee is to raise funds for the purchase

of a television set to be presented to a Veterans Hospital in April.

The Friendly Relations Committee of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. repeated their Minicrel Show which was a success in Boston in Nov. The show was held in Holyoke on Jan. 22. Special buses left Park Square for Boston folks who wanted to attend. Camp and Aux. members in the western part of the State worked hard for its success.

The Traveling Picture has been revived and Aux. 38, of Chelsea, took the picture to Worcester on Jan. 24, with fitting ceremonies. Mrs. Gertrude Gaffney, Dept. Pres., headed the group and several members went along.

Mrs. Jessie Jeffrey was installed Pres. of North Adams Aux. at a meeting held in V. F. W. Hall. A covered dish supper preceded the ceremonies and a Christmas party completed the evening.

Members of Aux. No. 25, Beverly, held a regular meeting recently with Pres. Louise K. Goodwin presiding. Contributions were sent to the Arlington School for Boys in Des Moines, Ia., and also to the Sons of U. V. for their Christmas Tree Party. The committee in charge were Josephine B. Blanchard, Marion MacGilgry, Anna Gerard and Vina Howard. The Aux. entertained Essex County Assn. on Jan. 24 with Mrs. Gertrude Gaffney, Dept. Pres., as guest.

Gladys Milkey, Dept. Vice Pres., and her committee have set the date of Feb. 26 for their Fair, to be known as "Rainbow Bazaar." It will be held in G. A. R. Hall, Worcester. Supper will be served by the Worcester Auxiliaries.

Aux. 5, Winchendon, are having a busy season. The meeting on Feb. 1 was preceded by an oyster stew supper, with the Sons and husbands of Aux. members as guests. After the meeting a game party was enjoyed, proceeds to go to the several Aides toward the funds raised each year by them for the State Dept. and National Dept. Work will begin on the Afghan which members will have ready before the annual meeting of the State Dept. Aux. 5 voted at its meeting in Jan. to participate with other Auxs. in this vicinity, in a neighborhood meeting to be held early this spring, place and date to be announced. During the holiday season this Aux. sent gifts to Sister Phyllis Dean, for distribution in Veterans hospitals. Locally, a number of plants, in bloom, were sent to the shut-in members and a large sunshine basket was sent to one of our elderly couples, in need of such a gift. For an Aux. with but ten active members, much is being accomplished and it is with considerable satisfaction that the ladies notice they stand well in comparison to larger and more able sister Auxs.

His Honor Mayor James M. Curley of the city of Boston, Mass., tendered a luncheon to Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett of Huntington Park, Calif., in the Boston Room of the Parker House in January. Mrs. Barrett finding it impossible to attend the annual Encamp. of the Aux. in May, paid her official visit at this time. She was accompanied by her husband, Dr. Ralph Barrett, Past C.-in-C. of the Sons of U. V. A delicious chicken dinner was served to a large number of guests. Henry F. Brennan, city treasurer and acting director of public celebrations, was in charge of the affair, and introduced Senator Chester Dolan who represented Gov. Dever, who was unable to leave important State affairs. Senator Dolan brought the greetings of the State and congratulated the members upon the importance of the organization and stated that the American Legion has followed the pattern which the soldiers of the Civil War originated. He then called upon the following to take a bow: P. C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett; Mrs. Maude B. Warren, P. N. P.; Mrs. Gertrude Gaffney, Mass. Dept. Pres., and Allen

Howland, Mass. Dept. Com. Dept. Pres. Gaffney was called upon for a few remarks in which she said she was pleased that so many had attended, as a number lived in the western part of the state. She thanked Mr. Brenton and Mayor Curley for the courtesy extended to our Nat. Pres., Lena Barrett. Dept. Com. Allan Howland also expressed his thanks. Nat. Pres. Barrett was the last speaker and was over-joyed with the way she had been received in Boston. She later visited the G. A. R. room recently dedicated in the State House. She was presented with the key to the city and during Mr. Bernan's remarks, he told of the history of Civil War heroes in Boston. Mrs. Barrett brought the greetings from the State of California and hoped to see many of the guests in the west soon. A reception in her honor was tendered to her and her husband during the evening in the Parker House, which was attended by many Nat., Past Nat. Officers; Dept. and Past Dept. Officers and many others. Space forbids mentioning all.—Ruby Fuller, Dept. Press Cor., 238 Lowell St., Wakefield, Mass.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

Duluth—The Aux. to the S. U. V. Camp 5 held their installation in Memorial Hall Court House on Jan. 20 at 1:30 with Mrs. Margaret Bery acting as Installing Of., assisted by Mrs. Violet Hirsch, Installing Chap., and Mrs. Mamie O'Neil as Installing Guide. About eighteen members were out, following a bad snow storm and quite cold weather. After installation we adjourned to the dining room where we all had a very delicious lunch served by the committee on arrangements.

Superior—On Jan. 6 Superior Aux. 50 Sons of Union Veterans of April was held their installation with 16 members present. Mrs. Mary Holland was Installing Officer, assisted by Mrs. Mildred Madson as Installing Chap., and Mrs. Millie Robinson, Camp 5, as Installing Guide. We had a 1 o'clock luncheon which was grand, followed by Installation program. We had a grand time and I am sure everybody else had the same.—Mrs. Millie Robinson, Dept. Press Cor., 3020 Devonshire St., Duluth, Minn.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

Since my last article in The Banner, God has called home many of our members and loved ones. Among them was one whom we admired and respected, and looked forward to meeting and greeting him at various affairs and Encampments—Bro. Horace H. Hammer. We of New Jersey have lost a sincere friend and he shall be greatly missed. His loyalty and devotion to our Order should be an inspiration to all.

We extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to P. N. P. Stella B. Owen on the death of her husband and to P. N. P. Margaret D. Schroeder and P. D. P. Alice D. Thompson on the death of their father, and to all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

The Rehabilitation Committee entertained a group of Veterans at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J., with a Christmas party on Dec. 26. Gifts were distributed and refreshments served. Entertainment was furnished by Clan McTavish and Argyle Highland Dancers, with songs, dances and comedy skits. To this group we owe a great deal of thanks for their kindness in helping the Committee to bring so much happiness and pleasure to the boys, who enjoyed it so much. Plans are under way for an Easter Party to be given at the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Lyons, N. J. Those on the Committee who are doing such a grand job are: Co-Chair-ladies, Lena Williams and P. D. P. Rose Volker; P. N. P. Edna Lambert, Grace Sharp, Tena Jacobus, P. D. P. Agnes Holland and Louise Daubert.

The Annual Lincoln Day Program of Camp

18 held in Newark, on Feb. 6, was an outstanding affair. The entire hour's program was broadcast over the local Newark radio station and many of our "at home" members heard it and said how wonderful it sounded over the air. A dinner followed the outdoor program.

On Feb. 11, the 43rd Annual Lincoln Banquet of Camp 4 was held in the Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton. A fine program was arranged and the highlight of the evening was an oration on "Lincoln" by Miss Bertha Lawrence, Dean of Instruction, Trenton State Teachers College. On this occasion we were highly honored to have with us our Nat. Pres. Lena G. Barrett and Com.-in-Chief Perle Fouch, and many visitors from various Depts. Both of these affairs were well attended and enjoyed by both Aux. and Camp members. We extend sincere good wishes for a very speedy and complete recovery to P. D. P. Amy Bell and Dept. Sec.-Treas. Fred H. Coombs, Sr., from their recent operations.

The 47th Annual Encampment of the N. J. Dept. will be held in Trenton, June 2-3-4. Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Hildebrecht.—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth 4, N. J.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

As January is the month for installing our Aux. officers we will comment briefly on a few of them.

Mount Vernon—Aux. 21 was installed by Sister Leila Kroepke, most of the officers returning for a second term of office.

New York—Aux. 31 and Camp 26 held a joint installation. Dept. Pres. Adeline Schleit installed the Aux. and Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs installed the Camp. The most outstanding part of the ceremonies was when P. N. P. Mayme E. Dwyer pinned a 50-year membership badge on Bro. George Horne. Sister Rose Friebley returned to office as Pres. for a second term.

Newburgh—Aux. 52 had as their installing officer Past Dept. Pres. Marion E. Werner, whose staff consisted of Sisters from New York and vicinity. Many of the Dept. Officers, both from the Sons and the Auxs., attended, also representatives from many other organizations. Sister Constance Burgess was the Pres. installed, and she was proudly escorted to her station by her parents—Bro. Milton Armstrong, Dept. Council Chairman for the Sons, and Eulla Armstrong, who has served the Dept. as Pat. Inst. and has held many important offices in our order. It was a happy occasion for these fine parents who have done so much for our order.

Yonkers—Aux. 71 had as their installing officer Sister Leila Kroepke and Sister Martha Steigeland was installed as Pres. This Aux. was deeply honored by having as guests our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and her husband, Dr. Ralph Barrett, Past C.-in-C. of the Sons of U. V., also Edith M. Paulding, our Nat. Vice Pres. This is the only Aux. of National to have both their Nat. Pres. and Nat. Vice Pres. together at the same installation. Another guest was P. N. P. Mayme E. Dwyer, who was the instituting officer of this Aux. 24 years ago. One the installing staff for Sister Kroepke were three of the members who had served on the instituting staff with P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer, namely P. D. P. Rose Isaacs, Maude Halpin and Bessie Cooley. The two organizers of Aux. 71 were two Yonkers officers, namely Alice Lunnard, Trustee, and Inside Guard, and Corson Manning, of Camp 74, S. of U. V., who was appointed Counselor for 1949. Many prominent officers from other organizations, too numerous to mention, including several Dept. Officers, were present.

Albany—Aux. 30 officers were installed Feb. 4 at a dinner meeting by Mrs. Theresa Scofield, member of Dept. Council and also a Past Pres. of Aux. 56, Amsterdam. Sister Eva

May Hoffman was chairlady for the dinner.

New York—Aux. 24 honored our Nat. Vice Pres. Edith M. Paulding, one of their own members, to a "Edith Paulding Night." A large crowd attended, among whom were many past and present Nat. and Dept. officers and delegations from the nearby cities which went to show how much we all appreciated the high honor which Sister Paulding has brought to our beloved order. A supper was served, after which Sister Paulding was escorted by the Color Guards and her uncle, Henry H. Weber, and Bro. Frank MacLean, senior member of Mitchell Camp and a member of Mitchell Camp and a member of the order for 57 years, and received by Pres. Irene Nilan, after which P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer presented her with a doll dressed in yellow crepe paper whose skirts concealed a box filled with gifts for Sister Edith. A group of "Sons" provided excellent entertainment for the audience who, by their laughter enjoyed their antics immensely.

The Past Presidents Club of Greater New York held their annual dinner-dance on Saturday evening, Jan. 29, at the Hotel Bradford, honoring Dept. Pres. Adeline Schleit and her staff, and Dept. Com. Charles Messer and his staff. Sister Edith M. Paulding, Nat. Vice Pres. and also a member of the Past Presidents Club, brought greetings from Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett. Also present were P. N. P. Mayme E. Dwyer, P. N. P. Ida B. Lange and P. N. P. Margaret Schroeder, the latter of New Jersey. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clauson, also of New Jersey. Mr. Clauson has been a member of our order for 62 years. Many other important guests, too numerous to mention were present, including a delegation from Rensselaer, Utica, Albany and Troy. The chairladies for the occasion were Sophia Isaacs and Marion Werner. Presiding officer was Florence R. Parsons.

The Past Dept. Presidents Club held its semi-annual luncheon at the Hotel Bradford, New York, Jan. 31. The special guest of honor was Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett, of California. Also present was Nat. Vice Pres. Edith M. Paulding, and P. D. P. Myrtle Phillips, of Schenectady. As this was the birthday of Mayme Dwyer, P. N. P., and Sophia Isaacs, Past Dept. Chief-of-Staff, a huge birthday cake was made and served by Kate Oehler. One new member, Nora Mooney, Past Dept. Insp., was initiated into the Club.

It is with a great deal of delight I report for our Juniors. The first anniversary of the instituting and organizing of Junior Aux. No. 30, of Albany, was held Thursday, Feb. 17. At this time the new officers were duly installed by Sister Rae Maier, Dept. Treas., who instituted this Aux. one year ago. June Metcalfe was installed Pres. and we are sorry we cannot list all the names of those installed. The outgoing Pres. Jacqueline Maier, will occupy the seat of honor, the Past Pres. chair. After the installation a luncheon was served by the members of the Senior Aux. Many guests were present. What a fine example of what can be achieved, if our Auxs. were interested a little more, in working to form Junior Auxs., so that when we are dead and gone the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, will not be forgotten. This Junior Aux. is a challenge to every Senior Aux. who has not instituted a Junior Aux. already, to get started and help Edith Clifford, our Dept. Junior Aux. Advisor, to be able to report more Junior Auxs. at our convention.

Albany—Aux. 30 received the Dept. Pres. Adeline L. Schleit and her staff, and Dept. Com. Charles Messer and his staff at a formal reception and dinner on Nov. 6. Many important guests were present as the Aux. at this time celebrated its 50th anniversary. The guest of honor of the evening was Sister

Marie Reid, a charter member of Aux. 30. She received many gifts in appreciation of her long and active years of membership. A history of the 50 years of service of the Aux. was presented by P. N. P. Mary E. Stapleton. She spoke of the many Dept. and Nat. Officers who during the 50 years had been members of the Aux.; 2 Nat. Presidents, Sisters Margaret C. Brady and Mary E. Stapleton, and Dept. Presidents, Anne E. Dickerman, Mary E. Stapleton, Katheryn M. DeFreest, Margaret C. Brady, Agnes Snyder, Margaret C. Brady, in her fine manner, gave a very inspiring talk, and pleaded that we keep our beloved order alive by getting new members, and doing patriotic work in our own communities, that will keep the memory of the gallant men alive and not let them be forgotten. A letter was received from U. S. Grant, 3rd, grandson of General U. S. Grant, regretting that he could not accept the visitation of the Aux. on account of previous engagement in New York.—Florence R. Parsons, Dept. Press Cor.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

The 27th annual Encamp. of the Rhode Island Dept. will be held in the French Room, Crown Hotel, Providence, April 16, and will open at 9:30 a. m. sharp. Joint Memorial services with the Sons April 15, 8 p. m., in the Empire Room of the hotel. Dept. Chap. Ellen Baker will preside, together with the Sons' Chap. The Encamp. sessions will be presided over by Dept. Pres. Lucy Leslie.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

LaCrosse—Aux. 3 celebrated Veterans Day on Nov. 6 by holding a covered dish supper and program at the Court House. A fine, patriotic program was given, with musical numbers and readings, Sisters Elizabeth Holcomb, Constance Nack, Lilah B. Guy and Lillian Luth participating. Two new members were initiated and three old members returned at the meeting.

Sheboygan—Some of the important events in Aux. 19 include the visit of Dept. Pres. Hazel Britain, of Beloit, in Oct., who at that time inspected our ritualistic work. She gave an interesting talk and was presented with a gift and corsage. The Past Presidents of the Aux. entertained her at dinner before the meeting. Aux. 19 held a bazaar and card party Nov. 1, which was very successful. Sister Caroline Janas was general chairman and Sister Ann Cassidy, co-chairman, and had many assistants. Our annual Christmas party was a great success, held Dec. 15, preceded by a supper party in Croatian Hall. Sister Cecelia Dechert was toastmistress. Three Dept. officers, namely Sister Clara Kummer, C.-of-S., Sister Minnie Raatz, P. I., and Sister Edna Thimmig, Press Cor., made brief talks and were presented with gifts. At each place was a corsage, made by Sister Maria Krueger. Santa appeared with a gift for each one. A social evening followed. Installation of new officers was held Dec. 20 and the new Pres. is Sister Sidonia Hoberg, who has a fine staff of officers to assist her in her year's work. Dept. I. & I. Of. Evelyn Jung, of Plymouth, conducted the installation, and was presented with a gift. Many gifts were exchanged among the officers. The Aux. voted to send \$5 to the Arlington Home for Boys, at Des Moines, Ia., and \$1.00 for Christmas seals.

Kenosha—Aux. 23 held their installation of officers in Jan., with Nat. P. I. Franklin Hubbard of the Sons, acting as Install. Of. Our new Pres. is Sister Manupella. Gifts were presented to those assisting in the installation ceremonies and the Past Pres. pin was presented to Sister Roeder, who served as Pres. last year. The latter presented gifts to her officers. Preceding the ceremonies, lunch was partaken of at Jim's restaurant.—Mrs. Edna Thimmig, Dept. Press Cor.