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## ACTION--NOT WORDS!

Some bright lights gleam from some of the Departments, but not enough to say that we are on the upward trend. One Department reports work in two communities that is expected to produce new Camps within the next two months; another Department reports that some Camps that have been dormant for some time are showing a new lease of life, but for the most part, no news has been received from the Departments.

Encampments will be held by all of the Departments before the next issue of The Banner. Your Commander-in-Chief would like to attend all of them, but that is impossible, but in most cases where he is not able to attend, he will be represented by some officer of the Commandery-in-Chief.

On March 20th it was my pleasure to attend the class initiation of the Pioneer Valley Association of the Massachusetts Department, where ten candidates were initiated into the Order. Another class is to be mustered in May. At this meeting, I had the honor, at the request of L. A. Tift Camp No. 15, to present to Brother John J. Diehl, the 50-year badge.

On April 10, attended the 50th anniversary of the New Bedford, Mass., Auxiliary.

On April 16 and 17, attended the Encampment of the New Hampshire Department at Concord. While this is a small Department, much constructive work was accomplished, and we expect some good reports from them under the leadership of Homer L. Atkins, their new Department Commander.

On April 23, 24 and 25, attended the Encampment of the Massachusetts Department at Worcester. Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey and a number of members of the New England Departments attended. They elected a set of their younger members to the Department Officers who immediately got to work, and we are sure that within the next few months we will have good results from them.

On April 23, we went to Providence and attended the official opening of this Department Encampment, and were promised by them that the next quarter would show results from them.

On April 25, attended the exercises at Grant's Tomb, in New York City.

We trust that the newly elected officers of the Departments will immediately get working, and prove that their election was deserved, and that under their leadership, their Department will show increased activity.

Remember Brothers, its Action, not Words, that counts.

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



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3

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HOLYOKE, MASS.

May 1, 1948.

In accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 5, Series of 1947, the following members having secured five or more new members, have been appointed as Special Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

- Rex Allen, Commander Camp 55, Dept. of Massachusetts.
Lawrence R. E. Johnson, Commander Camp 15, Dept. of Massachusetts.

Your Commander-in-Chief would like to see members from various Departments on this list.

Departments and Camps are reminded of their duty to contribute to the G. A. R. Fund, being raised by the National Patriotic Instructor. Every Camp should endeavor to assist in raising this fund.

Memorial Day, the most sacred day in the year for members of our Order, should be celebrated in the manner set forth by tradition. Every member of the Order should plan to do his part in keeping this day as a Holy day and not a Holiday. It is his duty to assist in all of the services of the day, and to see that no grave of a veteran of the Civil War is neglected on that day.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the week of September 26. Headquarters for our organization and Auxiliary will be at the Hotel Rowe. Reservations will be made direct to the Hotel. Past Commander-in-Chief Union W. Mackey, is Chairman of our Convention Committee, and all who attend are assured of a fine time. Let us all endeavor to attend and do honor to the few surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In our next General Order full details will be published.

IN MEMORIAM

Tribute will be paid to the following members of the Commandery-in-Chief who passed to the Great Beyond:

Past Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Richart, at his home, Terre Haute, Indiana. He was an outstanding citizen of that place and an active and influential member in the Indiana Department, for many years, having served in various offices and as Department Commander.

Past Dept. Commander James M. Smith, died April 1, after a brief illness, at his home in Mt. Carmel, Pa. He was for years Secretary of his Camp, No. 34, always most interested in the Order, always active, a member for over 50 years, and always at Dept. Encampments.

Past Dept. Commander J. Edwin Seipp, Esq., of Pennsylvania, passed away week of April 18, at Atlantic City, N. J. He was an influential member of the Philadelphia (his home for many years) bar and also of the Dept. of Pennsylvania in which he served as Dept. Commander and as Dept. Counselor. For years he was an active member and filled offices in the Death Benefit Association.

Past Dept. Commander Chester A. White, of Massachusetts, passed away March 27, 1948, at his home in Norton, Mass. He was an interested member of the Department. He served in various offices in the Department, and in 1939 was elected Dept. Commander.

Department and Camp Charters and colors will be draped for a period of thirty days in their memory.

INFORMATION WANTED

We have been asked to advise if there were any monuments to the memory of Veterans of the Civil War that were erected prior to July 4, 1866.

Any member who has any record of such monuments, is requested to notify the Commander-in-Chief at once.

Don't forget, Brothers, that we are waiting for that new member from you. This, the Memorial Day quarter, is a fine time to get him; won't you do your share to make that living memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

- Iowa: At Mason City, June 13-16; Hqrs. Hanford Hotel.
Kansas: At El Dorado, May 2.
Illinois: At Springfield, June 21-23; Hdqrs. Hotel St. Nicholas.
Maryland: At Washington, D. C., May 7-8, Roosevelt Hotel, 16th St. between V and W Sts.
New Jersey: At Asbury Park, June 4-5; Hdqrs. Hotel Kingsley Arms.
Ohio: At Columbus, June 20-23.
Pennsylvania: At Reading, June 22-23. S. V. R. Reserve in the field June 21-25.
Rhode Island: At Providence, The Arsenal, April 24.
Wisconsin: At Fond du Lac, June 6-9. Hdqrs. Rettlow Hotel.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 5

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and BY EXPENDITURES, listing various financial items and their amounts for the period ending December 31, 1947.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT, QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947

Table showing Department: Date Received, and In Good Standing: Sept. 30, 1947, Dec. 31, 1947. Lists departments like Camp At Large, California & Pacific, etc., with member counts.

RECAPITULATION

Summary table showing GAIN (Members) and LOSS (Members) broken down by category, and total gain/loss figures.

CAMP CHARTERS REVOKED

- Camps Disbanded, Dropped, Quarter ending December 31, 1947, their Charters revoked:
Illinois—Dropped, Camps Nos. 10, Canton, 43, Joliet, 140, Monmouth.
Massachusetts—Disbanded: Camp No. 12, Hingham, with 7 members.

- Camp No. 51, Jamaica Plain, with 4 members.
Pennsylvania—Disbanded: Mercer No. 115, Mercer, with 5 members. 240, Oscar Jackson, Newcastle, with 7 members.
CHAS. H. E. MORAN, Commander-in-Chief.
Attest: H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.

THE FIRST MEMORIAL DAY

[This article by Mabel Thompson Rauch appeared in the Los Angeles Times Sunday Magazine for May 30, 1937. Permission to reproduce it here has been kindly granted by the Los Angeles Times.]

On a sunny spring day seventy years ago remnants of some of the strife-torn families dwelling in the heart of "Little Egypt" joined in a ceremony to heal the ill feeling between the Blue and the Gray and to "bind up the wounds of the living." Carbondale, a small town nestling amid the rolling hills of the Southern Illinois Ozarks, cherishes the honor of having held the first Decoration Day celebration ever observed in our country.

On the afternoon of April 5, 1867, a gathering of the leading citizens of the town headed by a brass band playing patriotic airs marched from the public square out East Main Street to Woodlawn Cemetery. There a formal program was presented.

The principal speaker of the day was Gen. John A. Logan, "Black Jack Logan," the famous Civil War commander, who was then a resident of Carbondale. This occasion was fully a year before his General Order No. 11 which, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, he issued on May 5, 1868, asking that May 30 be used for the decoration of the graves of soldiers. Gen. Logan later succeeded in having this date set aside as Memorial Day. But at this first local celebration there was no thought that it would later become a national institution observed by all for departed relatives and friends.

The town was peculiarly situated. While Illinois was northern and had declared for the Union, Little Egypt was torn asunder by its loyalties. This southern section of the State had been settled in the early days by the overflow from Kentucky and Tennessee. Though no slaves were held the majority of the population's sympathies were with the South to which they were so closely linked by blood and customs. The war had caused more than the usual suffering and heart aches in this borderline part of the country. Many families were rent by opposing convictions—one son going south to fight with the Southern troops, another joining up with the North.

At the beginning of the war a company of southern sympathizers had been raised in an adjoining town and serious trouble was narrowly avoided when the loyal townspeople learned of the secret movement. On May 24, 1861, this band through strategy was able to reach southern territory without bloodshed. At Mayfield, Ky., they united with Company G of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers, and fought under Gen. Cheatham. At the close of the rebellion the survivors, about half the company, returned home and were living among their former enemies in Little Egypt.

The war was now past, and while no more blood was being shed by violence, the hearts

of the living were still bleeding. Many who went had never returned; many had been sent back for burial in the town cemetery; old friends and neighbors were unable to forget their bitterness. Logan, himself, had suffered from these sectional differences within his own family.

And then came this thought, "To meet together, to carry flowers and place them on the graves of the lost loved ones, this would help to bind up the wounds of the living."

The townspeople had first planned the ceremony for April 4, but the weather not permitting, the celebration was held on the following day, Sunday. Several of the younger people who took part in the events of that time are still alive, and it is due to the remarkable memory of my aunt, Mrs. M. M. Thompson of Carbondale, that the happenings of that first Memorial Day have become alive and vivid.

At this time she was Miss Jeannette Ward, a young girl of 15. In company with five other girls from some of the prominent families, she was invited to help prepare the flowers and be a part of the official procession.

These girls were invited on this day to the mansion of Col. D. H. Brush, a leading citizen of the town, and entertained at a dinner held at noontime. One of the six was his own daughter. My aunt remembers it was a very grand dinner served in elaborate style by several servants, and a thrilling affair for young girls reared in the seclusion of early-day homes in a small country town.

Col. Brush maintained extensive gardens and grounds kept in a high state of blooming beauty by his English gardener. Rings fifteen inches in diameter had been cut from sheet copper. The colonel gathered his choicest flowers with which the girls converted the rings into beautiful wreaths, one to be placed on the grave of each soldier buried at Woodlawn.

"I recollect the day as if it were yesterday," said Aunt Jennie, "the attractive grounds, we girls arranging the fragrant spring flowers, and the warm sunshine beaming like a benediction over all. The girls were all pretty—oh, not like the girls of today, of course, but lovely with a sweet wholesome naturalness. We all wore full-skirted dresses of sheer white, and our slender waists were girded with wide ribbon sashes of delicate shades. I remember we were all much impressed with the honor of being entertained at this dinner and the solemnity of the occasion."

When the procession, under the direction of Capt. E. J. Ingersoll, reached Woodlawn the exercises were held at the head of the grave of Capt. H. L. Bowyer. Gen. Logan stood facing the north as he spoke to his assembled friends and neighbors. There was not a dry eye in the entire crowd; the war had touched their lives too poignantly; each had lost some close relative or friend—some fighting for the Northern cause, some for the South.

The ceremonies opened with a prayer by

Jacob Cole. He was chaplain of the Illinois Thirty-first, Logan's own famous volunteer regiment. Gen. Logan's speech was inspired and full of glowing patriotism. It was at this time, in speaking of the supreme sacrifice made by these soldiers sleeping so peacefully in this little country graveyard, that Logan voiced the phrase, "Every man's life belongs to his country."

After speaking and singing the crowd scattered among the graves and a wreath was laid upon each soldier's resting place. All were decorated, no matter under which flag the men had fought. The six young girls who had prepared the garlands were assisted by thirty children between the ages of 8 and 10.

The success of the occasion did so much toward softening the bitterness remaining from war days that immediately following it plans were discussed for a permanent Memorial Day to be held each year. The 30th of May was tentatively agreed upon. It was more suitable because in the late spring a greater quantity of flowers would be in bloom than upon the earlier date, especially in case of unseasonable weather.

The following year, on May 5, 1868, Gen. Logan formally issued his famous General Order No. 11, officially designating May 30 "for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."

Today, seventy years have passed since that time. There are the graves of the honored dead from two later wars to be decorated. It has grown into a nationwide custom of our entire country to remember the resting places of all upon May 30, not only those who fell in war-time battles, but those others who fall in the peace-time battle with life.

And as Logan said in that order, "Let . . . no ravages of time, testify . . . to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic."

As for the rest of us, that first Memorial Day was held not only to honor the dead, but to "bind up the wounds of the living."

Civil War Vets in Canada

A. C. Marvin, a member of Austin Blair Camp 7, Jackson, Mich., now living in Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada, writes interestingly of Memorial Day activities in Hamilton, Ontario. He says that a Post of the G. A. R., W. W. Cook Post, attached to the N. Y. Department, existed in Hamilton until a few years ago, when the last Veteran passed away.

On May 30 members of the N. Y. American Legion still join with the Canadian Legion, form a parade at the American Consulate office, and march to the cemetery where the members of the former Post are buried and where exercises are held.



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**Sons Get Grand Army Fund**

In Massachusetts savings banks are required by law to publish a list of accounts which have been inactive for twenty years. In a list of such deposits published in a Worcester, Mass., paper, Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson discovered a fund which had been deposited for charitable purposes by a Grand Army Post, which went out of existence in 1920-1, and called it to the attention of the Dept. Counselor, Colonel Bauer.

A Bill in Equity was at once filed in the Superior Court of Massachusetts, reciting that the Grand Army Post had gone out of existence and that the Sons of Union Veterans were carrying on its work. Under what is known in law as the Dictrine of *Cy pres*, where a fund is left for charitable purposes and due to changed circumstances it can not be applied to the express purpose for which it was given, the courts of equity will frame a scheme for its use which, as nearly as possible, carries out the charitable intent of the donor.

One of the earliest applications of this rule was in England at the time of the Reformation, where people had left money for poor "bedesmen" to pray for the souls of the

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donors, and on account of the change in religion, where such use was no longer authorized by the rules of the established church, the courts applied the money to the relief of the poor.

One of the leading American cases was *Jackson vs. Phillips*, 14 Allen 539, where a fund was left to William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and other abolitionists for the benefit of fugitive slaves, and to create public sentiment for the abolition of slavery. After the Civil War it became impossible to use the fund for either of the purposes named. The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts refused to permit the fund to be used for promoting sentiment in favor of women's suffrage on the ground that that was a political and not a charitable purpose, and ordered it applied for the benefit of the freedmen, preference being given to those who had escaped from slavery.

Where money has been left by will for the Grand Army, the Massachusetts Department has in the past obtained it for patriotic work under the *cy pres* doctrine. This, however, is the first case where the fund for charitable purposes was not left by will, but was created by the Grand Army Post itself, for a purpose which can no longer be carried out on account of the Grand Army having become extinct in Massachusetts. The sets have established in reference to these precedents which the courts of Massachusetts may well be taken advantage of by other Departments, because there are undoubtedly Grand Army funds in other states which Camps can obtain under the *cy pres* doctrine for patriotic work. It must be noted, however, that under the law the custodians of the fund cannot themselves apply it for any other use than that specified by the donor, but must ask a court of competent jurisdiction to order its application to a definite purpose.—Frederick Gilbert Bauer, 50 Congress St., Boston 9, Mass.

**Upper Mississippi Valley Region**

May and June is the time for Departments of this Region to hold their Encampments. All will elect officers for the coming year and as soon as this has been done, it is requested their names and addresses be sent to me immediately as well as an account of the important business transacted. As soon as practical after this has been done I plan to hold conferences with them by Districts, such as the three eastern Departments, the four Western Departments, and the others at some point central for the convenience of each. It is planned for these conferences to be the beginning of next year's activities, and not wait for cooler weather as is too often the case. I hope the time and place for these can be published in the July issue of *The Banner*. Co-operation is requested.

The conference at Kansas City, called for the four Western Departments of this Region, was very enthusiastic and beneficial. It is the very first attempt at getting these four together and was a splendid success. Next time we hope for larger attendance.

Ever since learning from Brother Michael Heintz of Cincinnati, shortly after the Cleveland Encampment, that the Commander-in-Chief of Sons of Confederate Veterans was a resident of Iowa, I have been in correspondence with him. He is a splendid and patriotic man. From the very first he has

**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION**

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

Some inquiries have been received about programs for meetings in preparation for Memorial Day. We are glad the Sons are thinking about this matter. It is not too early to be preparing for observing this patriotic day. Meetings might be arranged for assemblies in schools, and public meetings in other places. We would suggest that General Logan's order for the observance of Memorial Day be read, and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address be given; also a speech by some veteran or good speaker about the meaning of Memorial Day. Music and patriotic songs could also be used. Of course,

emphasized the necessity for action in preserving the sites of Forts Sumter and Moultrie, and invited the help of our organization. These places are no longer needed by the War Department and were released to the War Assets Corporation, which might mean their sale and removal as historic places of the Civil War. The March Banner published in the message of Commander-in-Chief Moran the resolution adopted by them at their National Encampment. On each occasion since then I have encouraged the interest of the meetings I attended and called for the adoption of appropriate resolutions to be sent to Congress. The latest information I have is that a Bill for the recovery and preservation of these old sites has passed the Senate and is now pending in a House Committee. Each Auxiliary and Camp, in local meetings, Department or other affairs, should adopt appropriate resolutions and write members of the House requesting enactment of this Bill. Any member planning a trip to the South this year should include in their plans visits to as many of the old historic places as possible, then report what they find. There may be need for action to recover and preserve other historic sites. I know of two states having monuments in historic places in the south where they were damaged by lightning. Both were repaired. We should know of the condition of the monuments at all times.

The Camp of Confederate Sons at Chattanooga, Tenn., is arranging to place a marker at one of the breastworks on Lookout Mountain that has grown up to trees and briars.

From now on the officers of each Department and local Camps should keep talking and encouraging attendance of their members at the National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Sept. 26, and the Conference of this Region at Milwaukee Oct. 17 and 18. The indications at the present time are that we may have as large attendance as the National Encampment.

Are you giving proper thought to observation of Memorial Day this year? How many know the location of the resting place of General Logan, who issued his famous General Order No. 11 creating Memorial Day? How many know of the final resting place of the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic? What is the situation at these places? Do you know if they are well kept or growing up under weeds and brush? Both are buried in Illinois. Let's find out about these places.—W. F. Hathaway, President.

services should be on Memorial Day at monuments or cemeteries. This is a splendid opportunity for keeping the history of Civil War Veterans before the public.

A number of General Orders have been received, and notices of Department meetings, with reference to the G. A. R. Fund and Highway. We hope all Departments are thinking about this important part of our work this year. We consider a good plan to create interest in the Highway Fund is to secure a map of the State in which your Department is located, showing Highway No. 6, and the cities through which it runs, and display before Camps and at other meetings. This will give a definite idea of the prominence of the Highway. Don't delay about the matter of a contribution for this very worthy cause, but agitate the subject, keep it before your Camp and Department, and send the amount to your Patriotic Instructor. Brothers, do this for the sake of the Comrades so that we may have a worthy amount to present to them at the National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan, as a love offering.

More contributions have been received for the Grand Army Memorial Highway Fund, and the Grand Army Gift Fund, as follows: C. H. Curtiss, Sec-Treas., Franklin Bartlett Camp No. 11, Bridgeport, Conn.—\$10.00; Philip Sattler, Patriotic Instructor, Dept. of New York, Lafayette Camp No. 140—\$2.00; George T. Love, 306 Croft Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., member Col. F. H. Collier Camp No. 139, Pa. Dept., Sharpsburg, Pa.—\$2.00.

"End of the Trail" is nearing for the "Boys in Blue." They have marked it with many heirlooms and memories. It becomes our duty, and is our firm intention, the Sons of Union Veterans Order, to preserve and perpetuate these heirlooms and memories through the use of Nature's ever living memorials. Such is the basic thought back of the development of the Memorial Highway. In support of this project, and of our annual gift to the "Boys in Blue" we courteously request your financial aid. May your contributions be generous.

All States traversed by U. S. Highway No. 6 now have passed authorizing legislation, except Utah and Nevada. We are assured favoring action by their next legislative sessions. It then, officially becomes the "GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HIGHWAY No. 6." We then will have authority to begin work on the real part of the job. From here on better organization than has, so far, been necessary is required and a permanent Board of Highway Trustees is being set up. The Board will function in close co-operation with the Highway Departments of the several States.

**LAST MICHIGAN VETERAN PASSES**

With the passing of Orlando LeValley, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R., National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Caro, Michigan, the last Civil War Veteran in Michigan has gone. Comrade LeValley would have celebrated his one hundredth birthday next September 19th. He was a fine man and a splendid example of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**Frank L. Richart**

Indiana has been called upon to release another of our best and most useful leaders.

This time the call came to Frank L. Richart, who died April 6, at St. Anthony's Hospital, in Terre Haute. For many years, Frank and "Billie" (Lula), were two of our most active and best loved members of the Sons and Auxiliary. Both have held the highest offices in the Indiana Department, and both were active in National affairs. It was the hope of many that Frank would be the next Commander-in-Chief, from Indiana. He was one of a group of "Franks," who, with others, had contributed constructive leadership, for some years in the Department. Few men have enjoyed a more loyal or devoted circle of friendships, than did he, and few men have deserved them more.

In business, Frank was a popular Contractor and Builder. He was a member of the Associated Builders and Contractors' Association. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, and The Sons of the American Revolution. For many years he was an active official member of the Montrose Methodist Church, and worked sincerely at his job. The writer knew him intimately, and in this intimate friendship does not recall any instance where Frank was on the wrong side of any question. He will certainly be missed in the councils of the Department, and as a citizen of his home city.

Surviving are the widow, Lula; a son, Dr. James V. Richart, Vigo County Coroner; two daughters, Mrs. Sherman Hunter, and Mrs. Jack Straley, all of Terre Haute, and a sister, Mrs. O. H. Skeen, N. Hollywood, Cal. These will be joined in bonds of sympathy, by a host of devoted friends who mourn his leave-taking. May God bless his memory to us all.—Frank C. Huston.

**Marking Veterans' Graves**

Bertrand O. DeForest, P. D. C., National Chairman, Derby, Connecticut.

Spring and the advent of Memorial Day brings us once again to visit the places hallowed to the memory of our honored dead. As we take up our sojourn to the cemeteries after a long hard winter, we are reminded of the duty we owe those buried there who sacrificed so much that this nation might be free and undivided. Let us then look carefully to their last resting places. Let us look upon them with reverence and with especial attention to the condition of their graves. It is the least that we can do to show our appreciation for what they have done for us. Here perhaps a stone needs straightening, there perhaps some sod needs replacing. Sunken graves in cemeteries where no appropriation has been made for upkeep could easily be built up with a little loam and a spade by members of our Camps. And graves which remain unmarked with no stone, and no monument to show those who come that way that here lies the body of a veteran, who fought for "Old Glory" and gave all he had for his country's honor, such graves deserve our special attention and our immediate service. The national government will provide the stone. All your Camp must do is assume the charges for its transportation from your own railroad freight office to the cemetery, and for setting the stone in place. Camps having members who know how to do this work will save this latter charge, and per-

haps even the transportation charges if some member has a small truck available. So, all that needs to be done is to apply to Washington for a stone.

The National Committee will furnish you with an application. Or you can procure applications from the Office of the Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, Washington 25, D. C. There are of course a few details necessary to look up, but any Camp with a good record of their veteran dead will have these details available without any trouble whatever. You will also find most cemetery officials co-operative in supplying information. It therefore should not be too difficult to arrange for a headstone at every unmarked veteran's grave, should it?

If there is any one thing that we can and should do as an organization formed for the perpetuation of the memory of the Union Veteran of the Civil War 1861-1865, it is to see to it that future generations are aware that these heroes gave their service to the nation in that great conflict. To read is to believe. Then every grave of a Civil War Union veteran should be marked to give that veteran's rank and service unit in that war. We can do a worthwhile work here. Something tangible, something to point to as an actual accomplishment, something for the ages, to be perpetually engraven in chiseled words of stone, to be read long after you and I and even this order is forgotten.

The regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic reads as follows: "The objects to be accomplished by this organization are . . . to perpetuate the memory AND HISTORY of the dead." The Grand Army of the Republic are no longer able to carry on this objective, but we, their sons are organized to take up their work. Let us not allow their comrades to be forgotten by reason of having no headstone at their graves. Act, now! Call on this committee for assistance.

### Union Forbids Non-Professionals Handling Casket

Eight Marines could not carry to its last resting place the body of a comrade, a casualty at Iwo Jima, last April 26, because they were not union pallbearers.

The detachment arrived from the Bayonne naval depot to bear the casket of Marine Pfc. James J. Donnelly, Jr. The body had been returned to the U. S. recently from a military cemetery on Iwo, where Donnelly died trying to rescue a wounded companion.

A Hudson county rule of the United Funeral Chauffeurs and Helpers Union (AFL) prohibits amateurs handling a coffin. So the Marines, in dress uniforms, stood by while six four-dollars-a-job bearers handled the casket.

A union spokesman said that a ruling preventing non-professionals from handling caskets had been adopted because several had been injured while making turns with heavy caskets inside buildings.—Pottstown (Pa.) Mercury.

### THE MAGIC OF WORDS

Using words is like releasing the power in the atom, the effect is often tremendous and long lasting.

Rudyard Kipling tells an interesting story about the power of words in the following

lines: "There is an ancient legend which tells us that when a man first achieved a most notable deed he wished to explain to his tribe what he had done. As soon as he began to speak, however, he was smitten with dumbness, he lacked words and sat down. Then there arose—according to the story—a masterless man, one who had taken no part in the action of his fellows, who had no special virtues, but afflicted—that is the phrase—with the magic of the necessary words. He saw, he told, he described the merits of the notable deed in such a fashion we are assured, that the words 'became alive and walked up and down in the hearts of all his hearers.' Thereupon, the tribe seeing that the words were certainly alive, and fearing lest the man with the words would hand down untrue tales about them to their children, they took and killed him. But later they saw that the magic was in the words, not in the man."

### AGE OF ACTION

A luncheon club speaker made his audience squirm by reading to them their own service club credo. Then he said: "If you would take those words off this paper and put them into action in your lives you would have the greatest service club in America! The trouble is that most of you probably can't tell me what is in your own credo because it is so long ago that you read it. I'll not embarrass you by asking how many of you can repeat its precepts. It contains all the ideals you need. All that is necessary is to put them into action."

We've had plenty of blueprints, specifications and directions for building a better world. For centuries of time, philosophers have been putting into words the principles that should guide us. Millions of copies of the Bible are printed each year with its Golden Rule, and Sermon on the Mount. We do not lack advice, council, plans, ideas, formulas, philosophies. What we lack is action!

Perhaps what this world needs is an age of action. An age in which we will delve back into the great truths of the centuries and put those truths to work. Most of these truths are imprisoned between the covers of books. They are powerful, dynamic ideas, frozen into words and chained to pages of paper. It is high time that we released these words, and these ideas! Put them into action!

This can be a great age if we will make it an age of action!

### INSPIRING MEN TO THINK

Many of the outstanding executives in this country today, came, at one time or another, under the influence of dynamic John Patterson, the founder of the National Cash Register Company.

E. St. Elmo Lewis, the famous Detroit business counselor, was at one time advertising manager under Patterson. Reminiscing on his experiences, Lewis told in a recent talk how Patterson used showmanship to inspire his staff to think.

Coming down to the office one morning, the employees were startled to see floating from each one of the thirty-six flag poles, a banner upon which appeared the one word, THINK. The blotters at each desk had the same magic word printed on them, THINK.

When heads of the various departments went to their staff luncheon they found the word, THINK, on their napkins. After the luncheon, a gigantic card was lowered from the ceiling, listing the errors of each department for the past week. And then Patterson got to his feet and told his staff that each one of those errors was caused by failure to THINK. He said that he wanted more THINKING and fewer errors . . . and he got what he was after!

Men respond to drama and showmanship much more readily and enthusiastically than they respond to dull, prosaic instructions. We need more inspiration in business.

### MASSACHUSETTS

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[The news for this Department is conspicuous by its absence in this issue. We held up printing of forms for three days awaiting receipt of something. We also sent telegram to last year's Dept. Commander, Harold M. Drown, advising of non-receipt of any news and asked for return wire reply. At time this is written [and we could not delay forms longer] no reply had been received although nearly 24 hours have elapsed since sending wire. We are sorry to disappoint the brothers who will be looking for the usually well-covered news events of this Department.—Ed.]

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### Radio Happenings

Our Feb. 12 celebration included reminiscences of your chairman through an interview by well-known Ranny Weeks, titled, "Following Lincoln Trails." They highlighted visits to the Hodgenville, Ky., birthplace, also revealing local reminders of Lincoln's earlier years on the frontier of those days. War songs, favorites with Pres. Lincoln, were played. The annual Dept. Encampment programs went out from WTAG [CBS] and WORC [ABC]. Listeners to the WTAG offering heard a transcribed dramatic story of gallant Lieut. Willie Grout [namesake of Camp 25, Worcester] and his untimely death at the Battle of Ball's Bluff, Va. The story inspired the well-known song, "The Vacant Chair" by Henry S. Washburn, and the familiar number was a part of the program, an exceptionally fine one. Presented in the WORC broadcast were a message by Dept. Com. Drown, "Tenting Tonight" sung by Addison A. Quinn, P. D. C., and informative talks by P. Nat. Pres. Edna Lambert, Dept. Pres. P. Elder and Chairman Hale; also appropriate recorded music. A Memorial Day observance is in the making.—Department Radio Committee.

### OHIO

Arthur C. Stolz, Dept. Press Correspondent, 3021 Whittier Ave., Dayton 10, Ohio

### Letter from Membership Director

Dear Brothers:

As Department Director of Membership I am making this appeal to you. All members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have pledged themselves to the following principles and objects for which our fathers and grandfathers fought:

To perpetuate the memory of the services and sacrifices of our fathers and forefathers for the maintenance of the Union.

To oppose to the limit of our power and influence, all movements, tendencies and efforts

that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union.

To demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism; and require the exclusion of aliens unwilling to conform to this standard.

To teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true story of our Country and the love and honor of our Flag.

There is a possibility of our losing the objectives for which our ancestors fought. Many Subversive Element Organizations are trying to destroy our form of government. Chief of Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, in his speech to the American Legion in San Francisco, stated that American Communists had made deep inroads on our national life.

In union and numbers there is strength, and our order can do much to fight these elements.

Therefore I urge each member to renew his pledge, and volunteer to get at least one new member for 1948.—Carlton N. Edle.

### ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.

### Department Encampment

The affiliated organizations comprising the Grand Army Family will meet for annual Encampment in Springfield June 20-23. The Sons and Auxiliary will have headquarters in the Hotel St. Nicholas. Reservations must be made direct with hotel, and at once.

Both Sons and Auxiliary will have meeting rooms in Hotel—the Sons in the Blue room and the Auxiliary in the Green room.

On Tuesday evening in Leland Hotel ball room will occur the joint Memorial Service, in charge of the Chaplains of the five orders. On Wednesday evening in ball room of St. Nicholas Hotel will occur the Grand Army Family Dinner. This will be followed by the Campfire program.

For Sons and Auxiliary business sessions will be held in their respective rooms commencing Monday and continuing until completion of their business. Dept. Council of the Sons will convene Sunday evening for audit of Secretary and Treasurer's books. The Past Dept. Commanders dinner will be arranged for and announced at an early session.

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### Anniversary of G. A. R. Observed

Affiliated organizations in Decatur observed April 6, the 82nd anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The ceremony included placing American flags on a plaque marking the site where the Union army veterans' organization was begun.

The plaque bears this inscription: "In a second floor room on this spot the Grand Army of the Republic was organized April 6, 1866, by Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson."

The annual banquet observing the same event, held in Chicago by the Cook County Sons and Daughters Banquet Association, was held this year at the Central Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening, April 3. There was a goodly attendance present, who were much interested in the program arranged and carried out by committees from the Sons and Daughters.

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### Clara F. Hoover, Dept. Secretary, G. A. R., Passes

Miss Clara F. Hoover, who for some fourteen years had served as Dept. Secretary of the G. A. R., died suddenly at her home in Chicago on April 13. She suffered a stroke that morning and died during the afternoon.

Funeral services were held April 15 at a funeral chapel, 7208 Stony Island Ave., Chicago. The body was cremated and the ashes sent to Ohio for interment.

Miss Hoover was very active in patriotic and other circles. She was a Past National and a Past Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and was a member of Tent 10, Chicago, of that order. The Tent was named for her mother, the late Keturah Hoover. Miss Hoover was also a member of the Abraham Lincoln Woman's Relief Corps.

Her love for the old Comrades of the now far distant Civil War kept her in office as Department Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic long after many another woman would have retired. At the time of her death she was busy arranging for the Department Encampment of the G. A. R. and allied organizations, which is to be held in Springfield in June. The few remaining old soldiers depended on her for all active work of the organization.

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### New Secretary to Dept. G. A. R.

Upon the recommendation of the heads of the affiliated organizations, James M. Blackman, the present Dept. Commander of the Sons, has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Illinois Dept. G. A. R. This is a fine recognition of the Sons by their Sires, and we believe the needs and aims of the G. A. R. in this Department will be well served by these faithful descendants.

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### Son of R. F. Locke Dies

Edward T. Locke, next to the oldest son of P. C.-in-C. Richard F. Locke, died at his home in Woodstock on April 16, after only 3 weeks illness. He served one and one-half years in the Navy in World War II, was a popular and well liked business man of Woodstock, a member of the American Legion and the Navy Club. He was buried with full military honors in the Woodstock cemetery.

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### Annual Spring Dance, Chicago

On April 10 Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 1, Old Glory Camp '61-'64, Auxiliaries 14, 30 and 32, held their first annual spring dance. This was quite a success. Everyone present had a wonderful time, the orchestra was exceptionally fine, the food delicious and best of all, many inquiries have been received as to when we are to have the next one. All who were unable to attend missed a good time and we hope to have you with us next time.—Aux. 30 Cor.

### VERMONT

Thomas A. Chadwick, Publicity Director, Springfield.

### District Meeting

Fifty-seven Sons and Auxiliary members attended the meeting of District No. 5, at Springfield, on March 13. The Springfield Auxiliary served a fine supper, which won the praise of everyone there. Dist. Pres. Edith Lamothe, of Chester Auxiliary, presided. Dept. Pres. Sadie DeWitt, of Brattleboro, and Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Mervin Pierson, of Springfield, were seated as guests of honor.

The excellent program consisted of a lecture, which held the interest of all, by Miss Bishop, of Londonderry. Miss Bishop described her trip to Burma on missionary work, by way of the Pacific, and her return by way of the Atlantic, thus circling the earth.

After the talk by Miss Bishop, a group of members of the Springfield Camp and Auxiliary continued the program by presenting a minstrel show, in which the quips, good-natured take-offs on members present, had everybody laughing.

Dept. Pat. Inst. of the Auxiliary Inez Robinson, of Windsor, talked about placing the Flag, which the Department presents to some school, at Encampment. There were remarks also by P. D. C. George A. DeWitt, of Brattle-

boro; P. D. C. Samuel F. Bradford, of Rutland; P. D. C. Thomas A. Chadwick, of Saxton's River; Dept. Council Clarence N. Pratt, of Springfield, P. D. C. Fred F. Cyrs, of Springfield, and Dept. J. V. C. Mervin M. Pierson, of Springfield. Dept. Pres. Sadie DeWitt gave a short but interesting talk about work in the Department.

The next meeting of District No. 5 will be held in Rutland on May 15, at the I. O. O. F. hall, supper to be served before the meeting.

### Department Notes

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Camps throughout the Department are now busy with preparations for the observance of Memorial Day. There are repeated reports that Flags for graves are still hard to get.

There was a Department broadcast, over WSYB, Rutland, in observance of Appomattox Day. The speakers were P. D. C. Thomas A. Chadwick, for the Sons, and Dept. I. & I. Officer Wilma Baker, for the Auxiliary. Three broadcasts are being planned for Memorial Day.

Milan Parks Camp No. 34 suffered a real loss in the recent death of C. O. Hopkins. "Cliff" was a truly faithful member of long standing, devoted to his Camp, and loyal to the organization. He was a Past Commander, and at the time of his death had been Secretary for many years.

P. D. C. G. Arthur Laduke, of Burlington, P. D. C. Samuel F. Bradford, of Rutland, and Harry Stickney, of Springfield, were visitors at the Massachusetts Encampment, at Worcester.

### NEW YORK

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

### Camp 140, New York City

Twenty-one members and guests attended the annual Lincoln dinner of Lafayette Camp despite adverse weather conditions. Colonel Kirby, a veteran of Spanish-American, World War I and World War II was the principal speaker. Motion pictures of the U. S. Navy were shown. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was read.

The Camp voted not to hold exercises and a luncheon on May 30 but to present a wreath at Grant's Tomb as heretofore. Members who desire to parade on May 30 and to attend the exercises at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument will assemble at 72nd Street and West End Avenue before 9 a. m. The committee on decoration of Veterans graves will meet at the various cemeteries as in previous years.

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### Camp 66, Syracuse

A colorful ceremony took place March 25 in the second floor lobby of the court house when Commander of Gen. Sniper Camp, Alonzo Kennedy turned over the Flag of Lilly Post, G. A. R., also its history, to George B. Traister, chairman of Onondaga County Board of Supervisors. The Flag of the Post, which was organized in 1870 and went out of existence in 1939, when the last member passed on, will be placed permanently in a large glass case in the County Clerk's office. Other Flags in the show case include the colors of Root Post, G. A. R., and regimental Flags carried by Onondaga County units in the Civil War. Major Harry C. Durston, of the Onondaga County Historical Association, will have charge of the Lilly Post history. Others taking part in the ceremony were Sec. Edward Walter, Vice Pres. Mrs. Adeline Schleit of Auxiliary 25, and Mrs. Ida Moore of Lilly Post Relief Corps. The Syracuse Post Standard had a four column cut of the event and an excellent writeup.

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### Camp 64, Mount Vernon

Another serious loss has befallen Nordquists

Camp in the recent passing of P. C. Walter Miles, at the age of 80. He was the City Historian, civil engineer, and a founder of the Mount Vernon Boys Club.

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Camp 2, Brooklyn

Du Pont-Eiseman Camp is still on the active list. We have a few prospects that we expect to put into our Camp shortly.

We regret to tell of the passing of one of our real old time members, Bro. John Kaiser, Sr., who departed from this life on Nov. 25, 1947.

The Camp has sent letters to the Senators and Representatives protesting the planned dismantling of Forts Sumter and Moultrie, in Charleston Harbor, S. C.

The Camp plans to celebrate the third anniversary of the unification of the John Eiseman Camp No. 79 and the S. F. Du Pont Camp No. 168 into the Du Pont-Eiseman Camp, with a dinner and party on June 18.

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Camp 126, Onedia

P. D. C. Arthur J. Abbott was honored by being chosen President of the Madison County Historical Society.

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Camp 77, Elmira

Diven Camp continues to muster in new members, the latest being Floyd E. Doland, Jr., son of P. C. Floyd E. Doland.

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Dedication Day in N. Y. Dept.

Dept. Com. William E. Kelly is entitled to our heartfelt plaudits for his untiring efforts for Dedication Day observance.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York at Dept. Commander Kelly's suggestion issued the following statement:

"Eighty-four years ago one of our great Presidents delivered a funeral oration which became recognized as one of the great prose compositions in our language, and the greatest single expression of democratic faith ever spoken or written.

continue to serve us throughout the decades as an inspiration. Each sentence in it is as true today as when first heard.

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Camp 26, New York City

At a recent meeting of the Memorial Committee of Oliver Tilden Camp final plans were made for the annual Memorial Exercise.

Tilden Camp mourns the loss of Brother Frank Werner, its only living 50-year member and brother of P. C. Matthew Werner.

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Camp 2, Brooklyn

Though now past 80, P. C. Howard E. Bunker continues his efforts to advance the organization. He has been a member 60 years and has secured the placing of over 500 stones on unmarked veterans' graves.

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1948 Dept. Encampment

The annual Department Encampment will be held at Rochester June 9, 10 and 11. The Sons' headquarters will be at the Hotel Sheraton, 111 East Ave.

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Dept. Reception at Utica

H. H. Winchell Auxiliary No. 15 tendered a reception and dinner dance in honor of Dept. Com. W. E. Kelly and staff.

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Camp 127, Beacon

P. D. C. and Past National Counselor Robert W. Doughty has been honored by being elected President of the Dutchess County Bar Association.

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Camp 223, Buffalo

Cook Camp mustered in two candidates recently.

The members of Camp on April 15 placed a wreath on the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Delaware Park.

We joined our Auxiliary in celebrating their 11th Anniversary at their May meeting.

We mourn the loss of one of our most esteemed and active members, P. C. George W. Sleeper. While on a pleasure motor trip with Mrs. Sleeper through the South; on the evening of March 16, he was taken suddenly ill and soon expired.

Cook Camp has a membership campaign on. P. C. Grove S. McClellan is General Chairman. We hope to add many members to our Camp.

P. C. Orion Murrell, who is 82, was honored by the Buffalo News with a special half column writeup of his life.

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Grant's Tomb Observance

The annual commemoration of the birthday anniversary of General Ulysses S. Grant, under the auspices of the Camps and Auxiliaries of Greater New York, was held Sunday, April 25, at Grant's Tomb, Riverside Drive.

Greetings were extended by Capt. Hugo E. Rogers, President Borough, of Manhattan, and William M. Beard, Commander, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Addresses were made by Com.-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran; Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce; Lt. Col. Norman E. Carey of the 5th Division, N. Y. Guard; Paul P. Rao, U. S. Assistant Attorney General; P. C.-in-C. Maurice Simmons of the U. S. W. V.; Justice John M. Lewis of the Municipal Court; Lieut. Col. Vincent G. Hart, Judge Advocate Gen'l Dept.; P. D. C. Frank J. Manley, Catholic War Veterans; and Major Jean A. Brunner, P. C.-in-C. Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Past Dept. Pres. Leila Kroepke presided at the exercises in the Tomb where wreaths were placed by Dept. Com. William E. Kelley and Dept. Pres. Myrtle B. Phillips.

The committee in charge comprised Past Nat. Pres. Mayme E. Dwyer, P. D. Pres. Leila M. Kroepke, Mae M. Maples, Mildred Eberhardt, Capt. Julius Isaacs, P. D. C. Clarence A. Maples, John F. Halpin and Jack Goldfish.

PENNSYLVANIA

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

Jim Smith — Ed Seipp

The heavy hand of death has twice reached into the ranks of our Past Dept. Commanders within a few short weeks, and removed from our midst two of our best-known Brothers.

On March 31 Past Dept. Com. James N. Smith, Camp 34, Mt. Carmel, was called to rest.

On April 21 Past Dept. Com. J. Edward Seipp, Camp 200, Philadelphia, was called to rest.

"Jim" Smith was elected Dept. Commander in 1924.

"Ed" Seipp was elected Dept. Commander in 1929.

Both had served their Camps in nearly every office and both had given almost a lifetime of service to our Order.

Each was a true Son of a Veteran, a leader in his Camp and his community and also to each came that time when their health would no longer allow them to be as active in the Department as they would have liked to.

Even though they had not been as active in the last few years, still their services to their Camps were of such a nature that each will be sadly missed by the members of their Camps.

They were both my personal friends, I relied upon both for many things, and their passing is keenly felt, but it's good to have known them and to have been permitted to serve with them.

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Commander Yocum III

Dept. Com. Yocum was taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital for an emergency operation on April 19 and we are glad to report that he is coming along very well and will soon be out plugging for the Dept. Encampment in June.

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Death Benefit Association

Due to the death of Treas. J. Edw. Seipp, a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Death Benefit Association was called by Pres. William M. Romick and Brother John H. Liesee.

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Camp 34

Garfield Camp has coaled up their fires and is going full steam ahead. Friday, March 12, was Past Commanders' night with ten Past Commanders and thirty-four members present.

After the meeting the Camp enjoyed a fish fry prepared by Mrs. Chandler Kline, Mrs. Jerry Beaver and Mrs. Carl Ruths of our Auxiliary.

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Camp 198

Pittsburgh Camp 198 went all out for Lincoln's Birthday on Feb. 12. The affair was most beautifully arranged, mainly through the efforts of Mr. Caton and Mrs. McKain.

We invite other Camps to visit us and Dept. Officers are invited to attend our meetings. We will be looking forward to your visits.

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Camp 180

Will F. Stewart Camp, Uniontown, has lost for a time, at least, the companionship of one of their most active and loyal members, Jacob H. Wentzel.

Approximately 75 members were in attendance at a testimonial dinner given for Mr. and Mrs. Wentzel by Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Friday, Jan. 16, in the West Penn Auditorium.

honor have been quite active in many patriotic organizations. Presiding as toastmaster was James A. Kennedy, Secretary of Camp 180. Past Dept. Sr. Vice Com. D. A. Griffith offered the invocation and extended greetings from the Pa. Dept.

Mr. Wentzel had donated his extensive library to the public schools of Uniontown, Pa., reserving, however, to the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. the honor of presenting that section bearing on the life of Abraham Lincoln.

On the afternoon of Feb. 12, in the presence of representatives of the Allied Organizations, the public and the entire student body of the Senior High School, the formal presentation of the Lincoln Library, consisting of some forty books, was made by William A. Chrise, head of the Fayette County Veterans Administration and Past Commander of Camp 180.

Camp 180 and its Auxiliary will miss Jake and Nellie. They were always present at the meetings and took active part, not only in the affairs of the Allied Organizations but in the civic and patriotic programs of the community.

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Camp 16, Reading

Meade Camp at their meeting of April 5 voted to adopt a Drum and Bugle Corps that will be known as the G. A. R. Cadets.

Col. C. Leroy Stoult, Capt. W. Howard Still, Sr., Sgt. Kenneth Reber and Sgt. Harold Knauer attended the Brigade Officer's meeting at Weissport, Sunday, April 4.

Col. Stoult was chosen Chief Marshal of the Memorial Day Parade at the meeting of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. and combined Veterans Council, Saturday, March 27, at G. A. R. Memorial Hall.

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Camp 74

The Sons have been honored this year in having its Secretary, Chas. H. Engle, selected as the speaker for the Memorial Day exercises, which will be held on the G. A. R. Plot in the German Protestant Cemetery.

The Chas. D. Kaier Night celebrating the Second Anniversary of the Camp will be held May 12. It will be a very successful affair according to the responses received.

Joseph H. Davies, Jr., Vice Com. of Ord Camp, was honored by the Legion Post of town with a citation of merit, on Wednesday night, April 21, as the civilian who promoted the best efforts in advancing the interests of the Veterans and the community in general.

You can realize from the foregoing what the Sons are accomplishing and how we are working to advance the principles of the Order.

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Lehigh Valley

In honor of Abraham Lincoln, the man who called their forefathers to the colors, members of Lehigh Valley Assn., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliaries, met in Hotel Traylor for their 25th annual Lincoln banquet.

The main address was delivered by Mayor Donald V. Hock. The program began with the invocation given by George Hohe, Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

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Meeting at Carlisle

The Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of Southern Penna. held their monthly meeting at Carlisle in the month of April. There was quite a turnout, some fifty members and friends were present.

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Officers Meeting at Weissport

The semi-annual Officers meeting and Enlisted Personnel with their families was held at Club 309, Weissport, Sunday, April 4, 1948. The affair was planned by L. Benner and his men of Co. L, 3rd Regt. Inf. of Weissport.

There were good reports of the progress the Reserve are making at this time. Maj. W. G. Baldwin, who commands the Reserve of the Dept. of Maryland was there, and also Capt. William Nemitz, Sr., of the Reserve of the Dept. of Conn. Col. Stoult gave a talk on the Reading Encampment and stated that full data would soon be published as soon as all details had been confirmed.

**CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC**

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

**Camp 1, San Francisco**

Camp 1 has gained eleven new members in the past fifteen months. One of these members, an eligible awaiting ship to go to Guam, Phillip M. Atwood, is with the U. S. Navy. His address is Philip M. Atwood, En. 2/C, U. S. Naval Supply Center, Guam, Observations Dept. Navy 926, Care F. P. O., San Francisco, Cal. He would be glad to hear from any of the brothers.

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**Camp 4, San Jose**

Camp inspection was held March 12. Dept. Com. Walter Smith from San Francisco was Inspector. A potluck dinner preceded the meeting, to give everyone present more than the required calories for the evening's program.

Camp was opened by our new Commander, H. A. Sessions. After the business of the Camp was cleared up, the meeting was turned over to the Camp's Drill Team. After inspection, Dept. Com. Walter Smith complimented the team on their splendid work. Outstanding in his delivery of the Flag Charge was Frank Crook, Camp Treasurer.

Visitors that evening were: Dept. Council Member George Boone of San Francisco, Dept. Pat. Inst. Sidney Bachtel, Dept. Chap. of the Auxiliary Nellie Smith, Shirley Smith of the Junior Ladies of the G. A. R.

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**Camp 7, Pasadena**

Phil Kearney Camp is getting back into the old order of things and on the road to recovery after a year of hectic vicissitudes. Several new members have been gained since January 1st and more are in the offing. We have been very fortunate in the fact that many of our members are on the sunny side of eighty, yet we have not had a death the past year. The resignation of Conl. Deem brought about a new set-up of officers. Ozro O. Simpson, who was Sr. Vice, automatically became Camp Commander.

Several of our brothers and ladies of the Auxiliary and other organizations are preparing to attend the Dept. Encampment to be held in Sacramento, May 16 to 21.

About 40 members of the Camp and Auxiliary attended the golden wedding reception given Bro. Al E. Deems and Sister Mamie Deems, at the Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles March 29.

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**Correspondent's Note**

Your Dept. Press Correspondent has a bad case of "the blues," brought on by the neglect and indifference of Camp Correspondents, who have sent us no news of their Camp for this issue. Camp Commanders, please wake up your Correspondents. Correspondents, come alive and let the Nation-wide Brothers and Sisters know that the Dept. of California & Pacific is still in the foremost rank.

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**Celebrate Golden Wedding**

It isn't every married couple's privilege and pleasure to celebrate fifty years of happy married life, and especially the more so when they are surrounded by hundreds of their many friends to bring them love, greetings and best wishes on this occasion.

Yep. This is exactly what happened to our beloved Dept. Secretary Bro. Al E. Deems and his good wife, Mamie Deems, Past Nat. President of the Auxiliary, on Monday evening, March 29, 1948, at the Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles, where 282 friends and co-workers greeted their arrival. The reception was arranged by Rosecrans Auxiliary, of which both are active workers and members, under the

able leadership of Sister Effie Dahn and her able committee.

Every Camp and Auxiliary in Southern California participated and it was a joyous occasion from start to finish. Every individual seemed to know exactly what they came for—a bestowal of appreciation to a worthy brother and sister. Greeting cards that would put a book store to shame, were piled two and three tiers high in V formations, together with many little love gifts. Good judgment prevailed, when each Camp and Auxiliary made purse gifts to buy whatever the recipients could use to the best advantage.

After all the how-de-dos had been exhausted, lights were dimmed, the piano heralded "Here Comes the Bride," and the enactment of 50 years ago was in progress. After the ceremony the bride, groom and their escorts formed a receiving line to receive congratulations. All the ladies of course kissed the bride and the men all had symptoms. Following the reception a bountiful dinner was served in the dining room of the Patriotic Hall where everyone did justice, including the huge wedding cake, and everyone went home full of happiness and thankful that they could be a spoke in the wheel that measured the milestone of a dearly beloved brother and sister. Long may they live to enjoy the fruits of their usefulness to the Grand Army of the Republic and their Allied Orders.

**IOWA**

Sue Bennett, Correspondent, 924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines

**Department Notes**

Appreciation is expressed for the invitation to the members of this Department to attend the patriotic dinner and program at Madison. Eight of us did attend and we felt it to be the best meeting we have attended for many a year. The speaker, David Lundeen, has been invited to speak at our Dept. Encampment and has accepted. He gave us information in which we are interested and need to know about. The Dept. Commander and President went to Waterloo, and from there went with the Clarks and Snodgrass family.

One of the needs of our Department is for more visiting and meeting together between individual members, Camps, and in every way. One such meeting was held two weeks ago when four people from the Camp and Auxiliary at Waterloo came to Des Moines over a week end. Talking over affairs of the organization and the social time were very interesting. Encouragement is offered to others to do likewise.

We are expecting the largest attendance at our Dept. Encampment in Mason City, June 13 to 16, for the past several years. An effort is being made to let every member know when it occurs and what is in store for him. We are inviting members and officers from other Departments to meet with us without further invitation and so many have responded that it appears we will have more from outside Iowa than from our own Department. We hope they will find it worth while. Here are some of the highlights:

Commander-in-Chief Rives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will address the convention on historical phases of the South. Brother. Lundeen will be there; Brother Swisher of the Iowa Historical Department will give an address on Grand Army History, and we expect the Dept. Commander of Nebraska to fly there in his own plane. A grand social gathering at the summer cottage of Brother Hall at Clear Lake will be held on Sunday evening. We are also hoping the Commander-in-Chief will be there also. Everyone is invited.

Grenvill M. Dodge Camp at their last meet-

ing endorsed Brother Roy Bennett for Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief this year. Any one who has ever attended a National Encampment in Des Moines will remember knowing him always active for the comfort of our members attending.

**MICHIGAN**

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

**Camp 1, Detroit**

Mark W. Allen passed away March 13, 1948, at his home 510 Lodge Drive, aged 75. Brother Allen was a charter member of State Camp No. 1 and an influential member of our Order, a prominent citizen of Detroit and active in many Detroit organizations. He received degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan and Yale and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He was a member of the Theta Beta Xi fraternity and was a vestryman at the Epiphany Episcopal Church. The Department extends sympathy to his wife, son, and daughter.

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**Department Notes**

The Michigan Department mourns the passing of Comrade Orlando Le Valley, Dept. Commander of Michigan, G. A. R., which occurred at his home in Caro April 19. He was the last member of 90,018 Michigan men who served under Abraham Lincoln. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in Co. E, 23rd Michigan Regiment and fought under Gen. George H. Thomas in Tennessee.

Comrade LeValley would have celebrated his 100th birthday next Sept. 19. Funeral services were held April 22 from the Methodist Church in Caro. Sympathy is extended to his daughters who survive him.

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**Camp 22, Marshall**

Colegrove Camp held a regional April 17 and entertained the Past Camp Commanders of Michigan. Three candidates were initiated, the Past Dept. Commanders filling the chairs. J. Ray Fisher filled the Commander's station in the absence of Dept. Com. Dexter. Lots of credit goes to our National Patriotic Instructor, Edgar Linsley in the manner in which he gave the Flag Oration, also Past Dept. Coms. Frank Finch and John Tiffany, who filled the stations of Sr. Vice and Chaplain; they are also to be complimented.

A delicious dinner was served by Colegrove Auxiliary and the Sons extend to them thanks for their co-operation in making this meeting a success. Guests were present from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Jackson, Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Detroit.

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**Camp 14**

February was a busy month for the Camp and Auxiliary for on Feb. 11, the evening of our regular meeting, we remembered Lincoln's birthday with talks and readings from P. C.-in-C. U. W. Mackey, Nat. Pat. Inst. Edgar Linsley, Mrs. John Snyder and Mrs. Bertha Orth of the Auxiliary. Rev. Fredrick Clough, our Jr. Vice Commander, has made several addresses on Lincoln and Washington before young people's groups of Methodist Churches.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, our Camp and Auxiliary presented a Flag to Scout Troop No. 46. A large group was present, including members of the Troop, Scout Mothers, officials and members of Camp and Auxiliary. M. K. Brown presented the Flag and U. W. Mackey gave the Flag Oration.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 28, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Brown opened their home for an all games party at which a number of members and friends gathered. All had a good time.

**INDIANA**

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**Comrade Frank J. Barton**

Comrade Frank J. Barton, the oldest and third from the last of the G. A. R. Veterans in Indiana, passed away at this home in Knox, Ind., on April 6, 1948, as the result of a broken hip caused by a fall a short time before. He was 102 years, 6 months old. He had enlisted at Crown Point, Ind., in 1863, and served in the 12th Indiana Cavalry in the famous Hood Brigade. One of his brothers was killed while serving in the same Regiment. Comrade Barton had become almost blind in the last few months but his mind and memory remained vigorous and active until the end. The citizens of Knox know him as "The Grand Old Man."

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**New Dept. Chaplain**

Bro. Hugh Snider, of Selma, Ind., has been appointed Dept. Chaplain to succeed Bro. Frank Richart, deceased.

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**Annual Encampment**

The Annual Encampment, Sons and Auxiliary, will convene Friday afternoon, June 4, at Hotel Elkhart in Elkhart, Ind. Courtesy hour and tea, sponsored by the Auxiliary at 4:00 p. m. Social evening and Fun Fest at Y. W. C. A. on Friday. Business sessions all day Saturday, with Banquet in Empire Room, Hotel Elkhart, at 6:30 p. m. to be followed by the G. A. R. Camp Fire at the High School Auditorium.

On Sunday a. m. June 6, the new officers will be installed, also Joint Memorial Service and Patriotic Instructors' Program, with final adjournment at noon with dinner at War Mothers' Hall.

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**Frank L. Richart Passes**

The Indiana Dept. is in mourning because of the sudden passing on April 6 of our beloved Dept. Chaplain, Frank L. Richart, 67 years old, of 419 South 17th St., Terre Haute. He had been a most loyal and faithful member of our order for more than 40 years, having filled with credit all offices of Blinn Camp No. 82 at Terre Haute, where he was regarded as the outstanding leader. He had also served in nearly every office in the Indiana Dept., including one term as Dept. Commander. He was unanimously elected Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the National body in 1946, and at the Cleveland Encampment last year, he served as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Because of ill health he declined the nomination for Commander-in-Chief at the Cleveland Encampment.

Survivors are his widow, Lula Richart, Past Nat. Vice President of the Auxiliary; a son, Dr. James V. Richart, present county coroner of Vigo County; and two daughters, Mrs. Sherman Huxter and Mrs. Jack Straley, and two grandchildren, all of Terre Haute.

Bro. Frank had a pleasing personality and was greatly beloved by all who knew him. His cheery smile and wise words of counsel will be sadly missed by the Indiana Department.

**CONNECTICUT**

Robert W. DeForest, Publicity Director, 27 Homestead Ave., Derby

**Department Encampment**

The 64th annual Department Encampment was held at Hartford on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8. Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, Sister Mattie Chapman, and Dept. Com. Ferdinand W. Reimann were honored at a banquet and reception held at the Bond Hotel on Friday evening, May 7, at 6:30 p. m. The re-

ception was at 9 o'clock with the Dept. Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary, their staffs and honored guests leading the grand march and forming a reception line to receive the congratulations of all present for a most successful tenure of office. A ball followed, and dancing was enjoyed to the tunes of a popular orchestra. Introduction to the new Dept. Heads and their staffs for 1948-49 will be found in the July issue.—R. W. DeF.

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**Century Plus One**

On the 23rd of this month Com. Charles Douglas, G. A. R., will celebrate his 101st birthday. Com. Douglas, who resides at 290 Newhall St., New Haven, had as his visitor recently our Dept. Com. Reimann, who reports to this office that Com. Douglas, although confined to his bed and unable to see, seems to be in fine spirits and still enjoys telling of his many experiences in the War of the Rebellion, and carrying on a lively conversation pertaining to the worldly conditions of the present day. The cigar, Com. Douglas' trademark of many years, is still one of his daily pleasures. With some aid, the Commander enjoys a few puffs each day. His greatest pleasure however is receiving letters and cards from innumerable friends, and I'm sure that all who read this column will make it a point to send a card of birthday congratulations to this living comrade of the "Boys in Blue," whose loving memory we have pledged ourselves to hold deep within our hearts.—R. W. DeF.

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**Camp 26 Initiates**

On April 21 Russell Camp, Derby, initiated a new member into its ranks, Brother Francis M. McLaughlin, a veteran of World War I and prominent in the veteran circles of the community. Bro. McLaughlin is the son of William F. McLaughlin, who, until his death, was an active member of the local Camp. The initiative work was performed by the Camp's own degree team.

The Camp again appointed Bro. James Brinsmade chairman of the cemetery decorating committee at Sherman. Bro. Brinsmade takes care of 39 Civil War Veterans graves in three cemeteries.

A committee was appointed by the Commander to consider a new meeting place and with the aid of Brother McLaughlin arrangements were made to hold our meetings at the Veterans' Memorial Building, corner of Seymour and Atwater Avenues, Derby, on the third Friday of each month.—R. W. DeF.

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**Passing of Three Commanders**

Connecticut Department has been bereaved by the passing of three of its loyal and faithful workers, all Past Dept. Commanders. Their service to the Department has been long and has continued beyond their respective terms as head of the Department, even to the end, and their counsel and advice, their enthusiasm in their own Camp rooms will be greatly missed. Members from all parts of the Department, and delegations of Past Dept. Commanders attended the last rites, and all realized how great has been our loss in the calling of these beloved brothers to the Great Camp of Eternity.

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**Henry E. Gage**

Henry E. Gage joined Griffin A. Stedman Camp No. 6, Hartford, on Sept. 28, 1896; filled all of the offices of the Camp and became its Commander. His enthusiasm for the order brought him notice in the Department and after serving as Dept. Chaplain in 1916-1917, he was elected Commander at the 35th annual Encampment at New Haven on April 24, 1919. He conducted the 36th Encampment at Bridgeport April 21-22, 1920. He was a Past President of the P. D. C. Association, and for many

years was an officer of the Hartford Memorial Day Association. He exemplified always the words which formed the closing sentence of his report as Dept. Commander, "Ours is a glorious opportunity, a magnificent heritage; let us prove worthy of it."

**Robert T. Alcorn**

Robert [Bob] Alcorn joined Stedman Camp No. 6 of Hartford on June 17, 1891. He was a contractor and was well known and by his aptitude for making friends he was able to bring many eligibles into the membership of his Camp, becoming outstanding in the matter of adding membership to our Order in the entire New England Region. He served his Camp in its various offices, and became Camp Commander. At the 32nd annual Encampment, held at New Haven, April 13, 1916, Bob was elected Dept. Commander. His further service to the Department included his several different terms as Counselor to several Commanders. He also served the Commander-in-Chief on the Council-in-Chief. For a number of years and until his death, Bob was collector of dues for Camp 6, and it was by his untiring efforts that the books of that Camp showed always such an excellent condition.

Bob was a familiar figure at each Dept. Encampment and was popular with members of all the Camps in the Department. His dry humor and his great delight to unnerve Commanders conducting their Encampment, his unflinching hobby of furnishing the opposition to incite debate, will long be remembered by those whose fortune it was to call him "Brotner."

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**Lyman Burr Gregory**

Lyman Burr Gregory, whose untimely death at the age of 42, occurred quite suddenly in his native town of Milford, was a member of George Van Horn Camp No. 39 of Milford. Lyman had served his Camp in the minor offices, was its Commander, and for many years until his death was Sec.-Treas. of the Camp and its spark of enthusiasm. Lyman did not aspire to Dept. office although he had been a Delegate to the Encampments since 1933, when he was a candidate for 4th delegate to the National Encampment. In 1935-1936 he accepted appointment as Publicity Director and his articles in The Banner were well written and most interesting. Finally at Derby April 16, 1936, he consented to serve and was elected Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, from which post he was unanimously elected Dept. Commander at Thomaston April 15, 1937. He conducted the 54th Dept. Encampment at Bridgeport April 12-13, 1938, and rendered one of the most complete and convincing reports ever submitted by a Dept. Commander. He also served as Commander of West Shore District No. 6 and was a faithful attendant at District meetings.

No member had greater love for our order than did Lyman Gregory. He lived it, and he practiced it in his every day life. His efforts and enthusiasm kept the activity of Van Horn Camp at high pitch, and he was always first to welcome visiting members at his Camp's affairs. He had attended many of the National Encampments and was present at the recent meeting of the Past Dept. Commanders' Association despite ill health. His own words taken from his report as Dept. Commander are applicable to his own loyalty and may truly be said of him, "we have lost members and dear ones whose work must be carried on by us, and can only pray that they are carrying on in that Great Order above."

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To those loved ones, members of the families of these absent brothers of ours, the sympathy of the entire Department is extended. They have left us for awhile, but their memory will remain with us always.

NEW JERSEY

Albert C. Lambert, Press Correspondent, 2772 South Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

Camp 1, Hoboken

Camp 1 meets 4th Thursday, 126 Hudson St., on May 27, at which meeting all members should be present to hear and assist in the final arrangements for Memorial Day. The Joint Memorial Com. has decided to flag and decorate all soldiers graves on Memorial Sunday, the 30th, and hold a short service when the work is finished. Every member and their friends and families are invited. The entire Veteran Associations that compose the Joint Memorial Com. will send delegations. We expect to meet in front of the Soldiers Plot. The delegations will meet at the Supt. office at 9:30 to start the decorating, and expect to be complete by 11:30. The parade will be held on Monday the 31st at 10 a. m., and ceremonies will be held at Pershing Field. More details will be ready at the meeting.

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Camp 4, Trenton

The Camp had their annual inspection Thursday evening, April 1, with Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Daniel Oblinger as Inspecting Officer. There were several visitors from Camp 10, of Lambertville, of which our Inspecting Officer is a member, and also Camp 5 of Trenton. Dept. Com. Vincent Hayden of Camp 5 was also present with a good number of his staff.

Several of our members attended the inspections of Camps 5, 10 and 18.

Two of our members, Brothers Edgar Mutchler and Wm. Coles, will be presented with a 50-year badge at an early date. Both of these Brothers have been active members of the Order for more than 50 years.

We are now planning for our Memorial Day work. Services will be held at the Soldiers Plot in Greenwood Cemetery at 11 a. m., with a program arranged by our Chaplain, P. D. C. Harrison M. Williams. Salutes will be fired and taps sounded by our Uniform Body, Battery A, S.V.R., with 1st Lieut. Fred H. Mount, commanding. Previous to the service the graves of all soldiers will be decorated by Camp members, assisted by the Boy Scouts.

A number of our members are planning to attend the Dept. Encampment at Asbury Park, Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5. Jr. Vice Com. Russel Bogert of this Camp will be a candidate for the office of Sr. Vice Dept. Commander.

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Camp 5, Trenton

Members of the Camp have been active attending various Camp Inspections throughout the State. On April 20 our Camp was inspected by Dept. Chaplain Fred Combs, Jr. Brother A. C. Lambert is Secretary and Brother Wm. Simpson is Treasurer of the Joint Memorial Committee of the City of Trenton that is arranging for Memorial Day activities. Church services will be held in the First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 30. Graves will be decorated on Monday, May 31, in the morning, and in the afternoon services conducted in the War Memorial Building.

P. C.-in-C. Lambert recently attended the Massachusetts Encampment as well as the Grant's Tomb exercises in New York, and the Appomattox Day dinner in Reading, Pa.

Members of the Camp are planning to attend our Dept. Encampment at Asbury Park June 4-5. Com.-in-Chief Charles Moran, Holyoke, Mass., has accepted an invitation to be present at the Encampment.

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Camp 8, Paterson

Hugh Irish Camp celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of its founding with a chicken dinner served by the Auxillary. The Camp

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Annual Encampment

The 66th Annual Encampment was held in Concord, April 16-17. It was opened at 10:00 a. m. Friday with Dept. Com. Donald E. Whitney in the chair. Committees were appointed and officers reports were read and referred.

The Secretary's report showed a loss for the year, which we hope will be better the coming year. Report of Custodian at the Weirs was read and accepted.

Committees to visit the Allied Orders were appointed and reported back later. Regrets from the Dept. Commander of Massachusetts was read and placed on file.

Report on raising funds for the Department was read by P. D. C. Homer Atkins, Troy, and a large sum was turned over to the Treasurer. He was given a rising vote of thanks for the amount turned in. A donation was given to the Spanish War Veterans to assist them in their 50th Anniversary to be held in May.

The street flags were out to honor the Conventions of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R., thanks to the Mayor of Concord.

A resolution for a change in the Constitution was argued on for some time and accepted by the Encampment, to be sent to National for action. Voted to invite the Regional Association to meet at the Weirs at a date to be selected later by the Association.

Commander-in-Chief Moran was escorted in and gave the members a fine talk. The Third Annual Camp Fire was held in the State House and was largely attended. A dance followed, held in Legion Hall, with Stewartson's Orchestra to furnish the music. Dancing was enjoyed till mid-night and the hall was filled with the Allied Orders and friends.

Officers were nominated and elected for the ensuing year, election to be held later.

Nat. Pres. Joyce of the Auxillary was escorted in with six members of the Auxillary, and presented a gift to the Sons from that body. Several members spoke on several subjects to take up the excess time.

A joint installation with the Auxillary was held, and the Officers were installed by P. D. C. William A. Chase of Nashua, in an able manner. They are: Commander, Homer Atkins, Troy; Sr. Vice, Kenneth Wheeler, Milford; Jr. Vice, Homer Atkins, Jr., Troy; Sec. Treas., Jackson C. Carr, Hillsboro.

After the installation all joined hands and sang "God be with you till we meet again," and the Encampment closed with remarks by Dept. Commander Homer Atkins.

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Milford Camp Are Hosts

On Saturday, March 20, at 8 p. m., Camp 38 played host to the members of the allied orders of the G. A. R. from all of the State at their regular meeting.

was organized in April, 1887, with 43 members on the charter roll. Since that time 800 members have been mustered in, with the present membership approximately 100. Of the charter members, only three survive. Mr. Post, now in his eighty-eighth year, one of the charter members, was the honored guest and told the attending members some of his reminiscences of Hugh Irish Camp and his own military experiences.

The celebration was also the occasion of honoring two loyal and devoted members of the Camp, Charles Doherty and Alfred Bell, who were presented with 50-year badges.

Seated at the head table were: Mr. Hook, toastmaster of the evening; Mr. Doherty, Alfred Bell, Mrs. Norman Liggett, president of Auxillary, and Mr. Post.

The place was the banquet hall of the Milford Town Hall Building. A degree team of new members of Camp 38 carried out the ritual in full form on four candidates. There were present Dept. Officers of nearly all of the allied orders of the state.

Sr. Vice Com. Chas. Colby presided at the regular meeting. Past Camp Com. Howard M. Wheeler was in charge of the degree team.

After the meeting moving pictures were shown by Past Camp Com. Everett Wheeler. Speeches and remarks were made by the distinguished guests and members. A dime march was carried out to raise funds for the Camp, and a refrigerator set was won by a sister member of the Troy Auxillary.

There were present members of the allied orders of the G. A. R. from the following towns—Milford, Nashua, Manchester, Keene, Troy, Alton and Hillsboro. During the regular meeting the Camp gave \$21 towards the Dept. of N. H. financial drive in charge of Bro. Homer Atkins of Troy.

WISCONSIN

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

How to Make Camps Tick

Unless a Camp has what may be termed a first class Commander and an equally good Secretary-Treasurer, it may flounder on the shoals. A commander should be selected because he has standing in his community, knows how to preside, expedites business, is possessed of a high degree of integrity, has diplomacy and is wholly devoted to the Order.

The Secretary-Treasurer should be business-like, abhorring delinquency in the payment of dues, capable of keeping and writing up acceptably the minutes, prompt in getting out the reports, punctual in answering correspondence, honest and exceedingly diplomatic.

Officials of the foregoing type are spark plugs, will build up a Camp, keep it going, growing. Inefficiency, slovenliness, indifference and a spirit of defeatism and pessimism will endanger the growth and prosperity of any Camp, may even wreck it. If the proper kind of timber is not available and the officers holding the positions are of the right sort let them be elected and re-elected, if they will accept, until good timber is available.

Beware of shoals, quicksands, or rocky shores! Select officials with extreme care!—H. S. S.

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Dept. Commander Roaming

This is the last issue of The Banner prior to the Department Encampment and the election of officers. Our present Commander richly deserves re-election and we trust he will accept such. His administration has been, by and large, very successful.

Writing us recently he stated that on April 3 he journeyed to Chicago all alone [wife left at home this time] to attend a Grand Army Dinner, sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The affair was well attended, the program was good, and the celebration very suitable for the occasion. He was treated right royally as the sole representative from Wisconsin. Anyway our Department was well represented. Numbers do not always count, quality does.

April 8 he was the guest of the Woman's Relief Corps [Milwaukee] at a luncheon held at the Y. W. C. A. A feature of the quite fine program was an address by the Chaplain at the Veterans Hospital. The subject was "Honoring the Old as We Build the New."

April 10 found him at Madison and that occasion has been referred to more in detail elsewhere in this issue. While the weather was stormy, the Missus, three ladies of the

Auxiliary, and he got back home safe and sound.

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On to Madison May 29th

We, Sons, will have a chance to really shine, leading the Memorial Day section of the state-wide, centennial parade, to be staged at Madison on the 29th day of May, the 100th birthday of the statehood of Wisconsin. This day, Saturday, is to be declared a state-wide holiday and everybody in Wisconsin is invited to be present. Much of this parade will be filmed in color and sound. Here is a chance to get into the movies.

Let every member of our order, [and members of the neighboring Departments are cordially invited] line up with us here at Madison, bringing Flags and banners and massing them at the head of the section.

We are trying to induce a real, living Civil War Veteran to be with us on this occasion, and if he does he will be the hero of the day.

We hope to have at our head a splendid Fife and Drum Corps, our very own from Milwaukee.

Ah yes, that is going to be a big day. The parade starts at 11 o'clock, we shall be pretty well at its head, and its tail end will pass the reviewing stand about one or two o'clock p. m., but, being among the first, we shall get to see most of it. Come, bring your eats because Madison cannot feed 50,000 to 100,000 visitors. But, come, eats or no eats!

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Camp Chaplains, Attention!

Your Press Correspondent is also Chaplain of this Department. He is asking all Camp Chaplains to hold memorial services in May for all brethren of their respective Camps who may have, during the year, been mustered out here below. Please report such observance to Dept. Commander or Dept. Chaplain on or before June 1st, giving names of those who have passed on, date of death, place of interment. Thanks in advance.

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On to Fond du Lac, June 6 to 9

All of our members have probably seen or heard read the splendid General Orders gotten out by our Dept. Commander. Therein our Encampment at Fond du Lac is properly stressed. Yes, indeed, make your plans to attend. A good time is assured, this city always entertains well. Bring your Camp flags with you, they will adorn the place of meeting, and if we parade will come in handily. Meet me at Fond du Lac!

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Madison

April 10, jointly with the Auxillary [most of the credit is due the Auxillary and especially Sister Helen McGowan] we put on a very successful get-together with sisters and brethren from the Departments of Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. At or about six o'clock a very fine repast was served after which we all assembled in the upper hall, and were addressed by our guest speaker, the Hon. David Lundeen, connected with the State Govt. of Minnesota. On the topic of Andersonville Prison and the lessons we may well learn in connection therewith. Well informed and most interesting, he held the close attention of all present. He closed with a fervent appeal for the right sort of patriotism. We would like to give the names of all the celebrities and distinguished visitors and guests from neighboring Departments. All of them were introduced, many offered remarks.

We were pleased to have with us the Dept. Commander of Iowa who is also Commander of the Upper Mississippi Valley Region, W. F. Hathaway. He reported on Regional affairs and stressed support of Regional activities.

Dewey Mead, Dept. Commander of Minnesota, who was one of those who journeyed to

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Vernon W. Miller, Correspondent, 220 Center Street, Bath.

Ladies Night in Camp 46, Bath

T. W. Hyde Camp entertained the ladies Tuesday evening, March 30, at the G. A. R. Hall on Middle St. There was a very large attendance and it was most gratifying to see so many of the old members present for this occasion. The committee in charge of the evening's entertainment consisted of Lynwood V. Miller, Vernon W. Miller, Maurice J. Warner. The guest entertainer of the evening was Richard Renshaw, who presented a fine series of movie-talking pictures. After showing a fine movie of Gene Autry, he showed most interesting pictures of the hurricane and flood of 1935. One of the members present had been through the experience of the hurricane and flood and the picture brought back vivid memories.

Ice cream, cake and coffee were served. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Renshaw for his fine entertainment.

MARYLAND

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

Camp 1, Baltimore, Md.

Early in April our Camp and Auxillary were called upon to assist at the funeral of one whom we had all learned to love and respect, Sister Hoover, the beloved wife and companion for many years of P. D. Com. Elijah B. Hoover, one of the real old time members of our Camp. For a long period of years Sister Hoover was a worker and member of the Auxillary, but due to infirmities had not been able to take her accustomed place for some time past. Members of the Camp and Auxillary acted as honorary pall bearers; the family have the deep sympathy of both organizations in their bereavement.

Brothers Buffer and Cooper represented our Camp at the 50th anniversary of Appomattox Camp of Wilmington on April 10 and reported a gala occasion.

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Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

The big event of the year so far was the celebration of our 50th anniversary on Saturday evening, April 10. With a fine turkey banquet, plenty of instrumental and vocal music, and best of all, an instructive and interesting address by Maj. Gen U. S. Grant 3rd, grandson of the famous Civil War leader, we spent an evening that was voted A No. 1 by all in attendance. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Thos. L. Buffer, Dept. Com. John W. Snider, Nat. Pat. Inst. Minnie Wackerhauser, Dept. Pres. Cora L. Manoly, Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Manoly were some of those present from a distance.

Our Auxillary, as usual, "was there with the goods," when P. D. Pres. Margaret J. Hahn, after a very interesting recital of the organization of Sons in years gone by, pre-

Madison, spoke of conditions as they exist in Minnesota.

On April 26 our Camp went all out with the last open meeting of the season. Singing by quartette, soloist, and audience, some speaking, sociability and light refreshments were the order of the evening. Outstanding features were two reels of movies in sound and color. One, The Declaration of Independence, the other The Birth of a Nation's Flag. They aroused enthusiasm and were inspiring. Col. H. L. Garner, member of our Camp, was the principal speaker.

sent the Camp with a \$50.00 bill in celebration of the event. A 50-year membership badge was presented to the charter Commander, F. P. Gentieu, by P. C. Com. R. B. Wade, also a 50-year member by virtue of membership in a previous Camp.

Plans for Memorial Day are shaping up. The call for the first meeting of the Joint Parade Committee has been issued and the Flags for the G. A. R. graves have been received.

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Camp 3, Wilmington, Del.

Brother Emerson Mason has been elected Camp Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the passing of P. C. Com. John L. Hubert. The recent award of a pressure cooker proved to be a very substantial financial event for the Camp. Our Memorial Sunday service will be held this year on Sunday afternoon, May 30, at 2:30, in the Mother A. U. Church, one of the oldest of this denomination in this section. A suitable program is being prepared and all of our affiliated organizations will be invited to take part in this memorial to our dead heroes.

RHODE ISLAND

M. Sgt. Clarence E. Young, Press Cor., Room 209, Cranston St., Armory, Providence.

Department Encampment

Albert B. W. Fowlen was elected Dept. Commander of the Rhode Island Department, April 24, 1948, at the 60th annual Encampment, held at the Arsenal, 176 Benefit Street, Providence.

Other officers elected are: Sr. Vice, Wallace J. Macomber; J. Vice, Charles Chappell; Sec., Enoch A. Hoyt; Treas., Charles W. Senior; Pat. Inst., Kenneth Morgan; Chap., Rev. Irving F. Haven. Frank S. Reavey was installing officer.

Appointments were: Fred J. Arnold, Counselor; Clarence E. Young, Organizer; Elmer E. Chappell, Inspector; William E. Hooper, Chief-of-Staff; George A. Parker, Military Aide; Frederick Holden and George E. Burrows, Color Bearers; Harold Arnold, George E. Burrows and George A. Parker, Delegates to the National Encampment; Harry J. Geer, Trustee Pawtuxet Memorial Fund; Robert Fowler, Military Affairs Committee; Clarence E. Young, Press Correspondent.

Clarence E. Esten, outgoing Commander, a member for more than 50 years, was given the Past Dept. Commander's badge by Past Dept. Com. Frank S. Reavey.

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Camp 7, Providence

A state Flag was given to Troop 2, Gilbert Stuart District, Boy Scouts of America, by Past Com. Clarence E. Young, on behalf of Elsha Dyer Camp 7, Providence, on April 23.

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Camp 6, Westerly

Camp 6 will hold its installation of officers in the Parish House, Ashaway, R. I., on May 12, 1948. Charles Chappell will be installed as Camp Commander.

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Sons of Veterans Reserve

Lieut. Col. Enoch A. Hoyt, S. V. R., Commanding Officer, First Regiment Infantry, Military Department of Rhode Island, has announced that additional Companies of the Regiment will be organized in Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, East Providence, Bristol, Warren, Newport, West Warwick and Westerly. Camp Commanders are invited to contact Clarence E. Young, Dept. Organizer, Room 209, Cranston St. Armory, Providence, for such information as they may desire in connection with the formation of Companies within their respective Camps. Colonel Hoyt has high hopes that two additional Companies will be organized before Memorial Day.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Katharine L. Joyce, National President, 807 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa. Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent, Dwight, Ill.

MESSAGE TO MEMBERSHIP

With Spring here and Encampments well on the way, let us strive to keep up the good work and add many new members to our rolls. It is a pleasure to announce another new Auxiliary has been instituted. This one is located in Glendale, Calif., and our sincere thanks to the Department President, Margaret M. Giles, and the Department Vice President, Beatrice E. Riggs, for their efforts. Best wishes for success and a long life to this new addition to our Order.

This is the month for our memorial to our Veterans of the Civil War and all wars. Memorial Day, a National Holiday, inaugurated by General John A. Logan, May 5, 1868, just eighty years ago. Let us plan to attend a service, in memory of those who sacrificed so much that we might enjoy a free and united nation.

As previously announced the Sixty-second Annual Encampment will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., the week of Sept. 26, 1948. The Hotel Rowe will be Headquarters for the Sons and Auxiliary. Make your reservations early with the hotel manager. I am hoping for a large attendance.—Katharine L. Joyce, National President.

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NATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The Journal of Proceedings of the Nat. Convention of the Aux. to S. U. V. held in Cleveland, Ohio, last August has been promulgated. Sufficient copies were sent each Dept. for a copy to go to each Aux. in that Dept. for file in the Aux. headquarters, and one extra copy to the Dept. for file in the Dept. trunk. These are free to Depts. Each Provisional Aux. was sent a copy; also each Nat. Officer of last year and this year. Each Past Nat. Pres. will receive a bound in boards copy as soon as received back from the bindery. Those wishing to purchase copies of Proceedings may do so by sending \$1.00 to Nat. Treas. Helen McGowan, 144 West Gilman St., Madison 3, Wis.

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RECEPTION TO NAT. PRES. JOYCE

While on her trip west, Nat. Pres. Katharine L. Joyce, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was royally entertained by Rosecrans Aux. and Camp, of Los Angeles, Calif., on March 15. The meeting, held in the afternoon, was well attended, and among those present, besides the honored guest, were the following Dept. Officers and other guests: Pres. Margaret Giles; V. P. Beatrice Riggs; Sec. Lyda Crouch; I. & I. Of. Bessie Woerner; Aux. P. N. P. Wilma Combs, of Des Moines, Ia.; W. R. C. P. N. P. Grace Willard; L. of G. A. R. P. N. P. Catherine Schroeder; W. R. C. P. D. P. Mary Peters; Aux. P. D. P. Amanda Bickels and Dept. Sec. to the G. A. R., Calif. and Nev., Lillian Gardner. All gave short talks. The potluck supper was a huge success, planned by the committee as a surprise, and was strictly Californian with blue and gold colors and the rest in Mission decorations. Camino Real bells, gourds, Spanish tablecloths, tall candles and large bouquets of calla lilies. Some Spanish food added to the final Californian touch. P. C-in-C. Dr. Barrett gave the invocation. A joint reception by the Sons and Aux. followed. Mrs. Margaret Thompson, aide to the G. A. R., held the Grand Army of the Republic flag, while the assembly gave the Flag Salute, also while James E. Young, Past Camp Com., gave the Son's Tribute to the Flag. Greetings were extended by Lou Smith, Camp Com., and Effie Dahms, Aux. Pres. At nine taps were observed by Lou Smith,

Camp Com., after which Blanche Hawthorn, Past Nat. Chap., introduced the Young Mothers Chorus, who sang many beautiful selections during the evening, including "The Bells of St. Mary" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Nat. Pres. Joyce, P. N. P. Wilma Combs, P. C-in-C. Ralph Barrett, Dept. Pres. Margaret Giles and other prominent guests were formally presented. P. N. P. Mamie Deems was a charming program chairman and the day as well as the evening was all that could be wished for. The closing prayer was given by Lillian Gardner.—Lena Barrett, P. C.

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P. D. C. CREIGHTON ILL

Members of the orders of both Sons and Aux. will be sorry to learn of the serious illness of P. D. C. Will C. Creighton, of Ill. Dept. S. U. V., husband of P. N. P. Pauline H. Creighton. He is ill in a hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Sister Creighton does not know when they will be able to return to their home in Champaign, Ill. Their friends sympathize with them and hope Bro. Creighton will soon greatly improve.

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CANDIDATE FOR NAT. PRESIDENT

A circular has been promulgated by New Hampshire Dept. announcing the candidacy of Sister Ethelyn Tucker for the office of Nat. Pres., whose name will be presented at the Nat. convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., next September. She has been active in her own Aux., her Dept. and in the Nat. organization. She has been endorsed by the N. H. Dept. and the circular is signed by several members of that Dept.

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CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

Los Angeles—Rosecrans Camp and Aux. held joint installation in Jan. I. & I. Of. Bessie Woerner installed for the Aux. Among the new officers installed were Pres. Effie Dahms, Sec. Helen Spaulding and Treas. Nell Paul. A great interest is being taken in a membership drive. The Past Presidents Club of the Aux. surprised the Camp on their 50th anniversary by presenting them with a large beautifully decorated cake. Midwinter meeting was held in Feb. with Dept. Pres. Margaret Giles extending greetings. Ritualistic work was exemplified and donations made to various funds. The Past Dept. Pres. Club held their annual meeting, P. D. P. Lena Barrett presiding. Charlotte Turner was elected Pres.; V. P., Lenore Glass; Sec., Mamie Deems; Treas., Amanda Bickels. The P. D. C. Club of the Sons also held their annual meeting. Both Sons and Aux. assembled at the Rosslyn Hotel for the Lincoln Club banquet. Short talks were given by several. The newly elected officers of the Midwinter were installed by P. N. P. Mamie Deems. They are Pres., Wm. Wood, Pasadena; Sec., Beatrice Riggs, Ontario; Treas., Effie Dahms, Los Angeles. At the March meeting of Rosecrans Aux. 4 applications for membership were presented. Five Past Nat. officers were appointed by Pres. Effie Dahms to see that our Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce was entertained while on her official visit. They were Sisters Mamie Deems, Blanch Hawthorne, Dora Dunster, Lena Barrett and Louise King. At the March 15 meeting our Nat. Pres. was entertained with a reception and banquet. In March we also had another important event when on the 29th Aux. and Camp entertained at the Golden Wedding anniversary celebration of our good friends, Past Nat. Pat. Inst. Al Deems and his charming wife, P. N. P. Mamie Deems. It was a beautiful ceremony, when Bro. Al in evening dress brought his golden-gowned bride to the altar through a line of lighted candles held by members of the Aux. dressed in pastel shades. The couple was preceded

by Judge Guy Bush and P. N. P. Wilma Combs, of Des Moines, Ia.; P. C-in-C. Ralph Barrett was "best man" and Deems' granddaughter, Marjorie Deems, was "bridesmaid." Judge Bush conducted the regulation service and Bro. and Sister Deems made the usual responses for entering into the next 50 years of matrimony. Some 200 guests witnessed the ceremony. A program and banquet followed with decorations in white and gold. Many lovely gifts were presented to the couple, including a nice sum of money. Congratulations and best wishes were extended the couple by the many present.

San Jose—Phil Sheridan Camp and Aux. held joint installation of officers on Jan. 11. The officers of the Aux. were installed by D. P. Lenore Glass, assisted by other Sisters. Among those installed were Mattie Tibbits, Pres.; Pearl Lansing, Sec., and Ludia Ferris, Treas. Space forbids printing the complete list. Many visitors were present from the Sons, including Walter Smith, Dept. Com., and others, also guests from allied patriotic organizations. Several of the members motored to San Francisco to attend the Northern District meeting. At our Jan. 23 meeting, the Pres. Mattie Tibbits, presiding, we were honored by the attendance of the latter's sister, Mrs. Nettie Kennedy, of Chico, who was in Modesto on a visit. Three new members were initiated into the Aux. They are Sisters Stella Dean, Harriet Christenson and Lillian Newberry, who were given the welcome hand. Several members of the Sons and Aux. went to Santa Cruz to witness the installation of officers of the Camp and Aux. there.

Modesto—We met early in March at the home of Mrs. Harry Crow with Mrs. Henry Crow as co-hostess. Dinner was served at noon at a large lace-covered table with decorations of yellow flowers and tapers. The Pres. Effie Darby, opened the meeting that followed. Plans were made to attend the Northern District meeting in San Francisco March 16. A Past Pres. pin was presented Sister Darby as a gift from the Aux. Sister Kennear made the presentation speech. A contest was held and Mrs. Henry Crow won the prize. On March 19 we entertained our Dept. Pres. Margaret Giles, who gave a talk on her yearly visits and membership drive. She also spoke of the Dept. Encamp. to be held in Sacramento in May. A contest in story-telling was conducted and Sister Ella Ross won the prize. D. P. Margaret Giles won the Mystery Prize. Among the out of town guests were P. D. P. Lenore Glass and P. D. Insp. Hanna Diabie, of San Jose. A delicious dinner was served at noon at the home of Dept. Press Cor. Effie Darby, where also the meeting was held. Sister Darby attended the reception of the Calif. State Aux. held in San Francisco in honor of Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce, and Dept. Pres. Margaret Giles.—Effie Darby, Dept. Press Cor.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT

New Britain—Aux. No. 1 entertained Dept. Pres. Mattie Chapman and staff, Dept. Com. Ferdinand U. Reimann and staff, also Nat. Vice Pres. May Gibney at a bountiful supper on March 28. About 80 were served and a class initiation followed. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Rockville—Aux. 5 also entertained Dept. Pres. Mattie Chapman and staff on Saturday evening, April 3. Supper was served at 6:30 with a large attendance.

The 33rd annual Encamp. of the Aux. will be held at Hartford, Conn., May 7-8 at the Hotel Bond. Banquet and reception will be Friday, May 7, at 6:30. We are looking forward to meeting many from our neighboring Departments, also our Nat. Pres., Sister Katharine Joyce,

Conn. Dept. Aux. to S. U. V. was greatly saddened by the death of Past Dept. Com. Robert Alcorn on March 12 in Hartford. He was Dept. Com. in 1916 when Conn. Division was instituted, and it was through his efforts that the last two Auxiliaries, necessary for the Division, were formed. [The term "Division" was later changed to that of Department]. Bro. Alcorn was a true and faithful Son of a Veteran.—Gertrude Reimann, Dept. Press Cor.

IOWA DEPARTMENT

Waterloo—The Aux. observed their 38th anniversary March 9 by serving dinner to 50 members of the Sons and Aux., several guests from out of town being present. Tables were decorated in spring colors and a lighted birthday cake centered each table. A short program was given, including a history of the Aux. by Sister Eggleston. Special guests were Mrs. Sam Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Samuelson, W. F. Hathaway, L. L. Shope and Mrs. Effie Duston, of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall, Mrs. Hans Hansen, Mrs. Nellie Cessford and Mrs. Mary Blank, of Iowa Falls.—Mrs. Sue Bennett, Dept. Press Cor.

MAINE DEPARTMENT

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks of appreciation to all Depts, Auxs., Sisters and friends, and to the New England Regional, for the wonderful donations you have sent me for my Rehabilitation work in Brownfield, the region of the forest fires last year. With your help many a home has been made happy. Aux. 31 have a new charter and are starting on their 25th year in our wonderful organization. Many thanks to each and every one of you, Sisters.—Loyally yours in F. C. & L., Hilda York, Dept. Pres. of Maine.

Biddeford—Among the Aux. officers for 1948 are Sisters Cordelia Buzzell, Pres.; Beatrice Drowne, Treas.; and Madeline Eastman, Sec. The officers were installed at a joint ceremony with the Sons. We send cards to sick and shut in members. We observed the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln with a program, followed by refreshments being served. We meet every other Friday evening with some kind of a social. One of the Sons has a moving picture machine and shows pictures of the trips he takes. We also have covered dish suppers and cards are also enjoyed.

Waterville—The S. V. Camp and Aux. held joint installation ceremonies, with Sister Eva Lowry, of Fairfield, installing the officers for the Aux. Sister Martha Briggs is Pres., Winnie Stevens, Sec., and Eva Lowry, Treas. The Camp and Aux. celebrated their 59th anniversary. A patriotic program was given. We also observed Washington and Lincoln birthdays with a program, a supper being held preceding it.

Brownfield—The members of our Aux. wish to express their appreciation for the help given the organization and the members. Our hall and contents were destroyed in the terrible October fire and the homes of several of our members were also destroyed. Much credit is due Dept. Pres. York, of Norway, Me., who worked untiringly in our behalf. She has given us courage to carry on. Through her efforts we have a new charter, silk floor flags, altar flag, \$161 and several boxes of useful articles. We will meet in the homes of members until a hall is available. To all Sisters who have helped in any way, many thanks. What you have done shows you believe in our principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. [Eugenie Bennett, Aux. Press Cor.]—Alice M. Peabody, Dept. Press Cor.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

The Maryland Dept. Aux. members are quite busy at present, making arrangements for their Encamp. which will be held in Washington, D. C., May 7-8. They will have their

Headquarters at the Roosevelt Hotel. The Banquet will be held May 7 with a fine program.

Mrs. Cora L. Manoly, Dept. Pres. of Maryland Aux., and Dept. S. V. Com. L. E. Manoly attended the 50th Anniversary banquet of Camp 2 in Wilmington, Del., April 10. Both the banquet and the entertainment was a great success and enjoyed by all. P. D. C. Frank P. Gentieu was toastmaster to the P. M.; he is a charter member and a very capable and willing worker for the Order. Others present were P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu, a member of Appomattox Aux., Wilmington; S. V. C-in-C. Thos. L. Bufter, of Baltimore; Nat. Pat. Inst. Minnie Wackerhauser of Baltimore; Md. Dept. Com. John Snider, of Grafton, W. Va.

Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, retired, Past Dept. Com. of Md., made the address. P. D. P. Margaret Hahn gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the history of Appomattox Camp. Bro. Frank Gentieu received a beautiful pin for his 50 years of service and \$50 in money. Dept. Pres. Manoly was presented with a three-strand necklace of pearls by the Pres. of the Aux. and P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu presented her with with an arm bouquet of beautiful roses.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

On March 23 our Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce arrived in Minneapolis to pay her official visit. Dept. Pres. Genevieve Brunet and Dept. Com. Dewey B. Mead headed the delegation that met her at the station. On Tues. morning, March 24, she was taken on a sight seeing tour of all points of interest in Minneapolis. Mr. Soderling, Commandant of the Soldiers Home, and Mrs. Soderling entertained the group for lunch. In the afternoon they visited St. Paul and called on P. D. P. Ida Dobin, who is ill.

A dinner for members of the Auxs. and Camps of the Twin Cities was served in the Minneapolis Courthouse, preceding the meeting. Our Nat. Pres. was presented with a corsage from Aux. 8, Minneapolis, Jessie Warner, Pres., also a gift from Dept. Pres. Brunet.

A carload of members from Auxs No. 5, St. Paul, and No. 8, Minneapolis, and Camp 8 attended the Appomattox Day program April 10 at Madison, Wis. David Lundeen, of Minneapolis, was the speaker of the evening. Those attending the celebration were Nat. Council-in-Chief Geo. E. Bailey, Dept. Pres. Genevieve Brunet, Dept. Com. Dewey B. Mead, P. D. P. Henriette Bailey, P. C. Clyde Hoyt and Mrs. Hoyt. On Sunday a. m. the Minn. and Iowa delegation and some members from Wis. had breakfast together. Our thanks to Nat. Treas. Helen McGowan and all the girls and boys of Madison, Wis., for a good time.—Eleanor Bergren, Dept. Press Cor.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

Union City—Aux. 2 had a class initiation on Monday evening, March 9, and took in seven new members and expected to take in three more at their meeting. This is our Dept. Pres., Irene Archer's, Aux. and we know just how pleased Irene is with this gain in membership. The Dept. Officers of Aux. 2 are holding a handmade article sale and a turkey dinner on April 26, proceeds for the Dept. funds.

Trenton—Aux. 5 have plans under way for Memorial Day activities. The usual grave decorating and services at church and the cemetery are part of the plans. This celebration is held in conjunction with the members of Dayton Camp 5.

Bloomfield—Aux. 7 are having a day at Lyons Veterans Hospital on Sunday, May 2, and will donate several afghans. They also have some fine entertainment ready for the boys. Past Dept. Pat. Inst. Tena Jacobus, who is one of their most ardent workers for the boys, is under the doctor's care at this time and we wish her a very speedy and com-

plete recovery. Get well fast Tena, the boys need your help and cheerful smiles. Dept. Chief-of-Staff Frances Winter is having a card party on April 30 for her fund.

The Rehabilitation Committee held a party on March 30 for the Veterans at Lyons Hospital. This party like the previous ones, was enjoyed by the boys and was a huge success. Gifts were distributed and refreshments served. The Committee have plans for a party on April 28, to be held for the Veterans at Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix. A fine program is arranged. Several of our members plan to attend the annual celebration at Grant's Tomb in New York City on April 25.

P. D. P. Minnie Herring, of Paterson, is visiting her daughter and son-in-law out in sunny California. We know Minnie is having a grand time and is happy to see her little granddaughter again.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. Jack Yocum, Dept. Com. of Pa. We sincerely wish you a very speedy and complete recovery, Jack. Bro. Yocum is the fiancé of our Dept. Vice Pres. Ella Reeger and we are deeply interested in their future happiness, even though Jack plans to take "Our Ella" to Pennsylvania, one of these days.

It is with deep regret we hear of the sudden death of J. Edward Seipp, Treas. of the Death Benefit Association S. V. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family, his Camp and Dept.

Time is fleeting and it won't be long when we will be holding our Encamp. at Asbury Park. We are looking forward to having our Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce with us at that time, also some of the Sisters from other Departments. The date is June 3, 4 and 5. The place, Hotel Kingsley Arms—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth, N. J.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

Dept. Press Cor. Evelyn J. Doland has sent in news items from Auxs. in Syracuse, Ithaca, Auburn, New York City, Bronx and Albany, which on account of crowded conditions are not able to be published in full. All these Auxs. have held installations, most of them jointly with the Sons; have celebrated Washington and Lincoln birthdays, St. Patrick's Day and other important occasions.

Notice was also given of the annual celebration of Gen. U. S. Grant to be held at Mt. McGregor on May 3. Notice is also given of Aux. 17, Binghamton, moving to new headquarters in the American Legion Hall. A new Junior Aux. to Aux. 30, Albany, was organized Feb. 19. Jacqueline Maier is the Pres. of this new Junior Aux. Dept. Pres. Myrtle B. Phillips and other Dept. officers of the Aux. and Sons were present. Jr. Aux. Recognition pins were presented the officers by the Pres. of the Senior Aux., Corrine S. Adriance. Albany Aux. 30 also held a reception in honor of Dept. Pres. Phillips and staff and Dept. Com. W. E. Kelly and staff. Many distinguished guests were present.

Sister Doland, Dept. Press Cor., has made a very fine official for that position and has sent beautifully written articles from various Auxs. in her Dept. very faithfully during her term of office.—[Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor.]

OHIO DEPARTMENT

[The following items were sent by Dept. Press Cor. Jane Beelman for March issue of The Banner, but on account of crowded conditions of our pages they were left out. Although some of them are rather old, they show these Auxs. are interested in activities that aid in the progress and growth of our order.—National Press Correspondent].

Alliance—Dedication Day was observed with an appropriate program, with P. N. P. Edith Nile, Aux. P. I., in charge. A fine pro-



gram was given, opening with a duet by Sisters Battey and Boren singing Keller's American Hymn. Later on the program they sang "Tenting Tonight." Histories of both songs were given by Sister Boren. Other numbers were equally interesting, especially the talk by Comrade Grate, 101 year old Civil War veteran, who told of his remembrances of Lincoln. Dancing and refreshments followed the program. The 30th anniversary of the organization of Alliance Aux. was duly celebrated by Dept. Pres. Margaret Gehret and Aux. Pres. Creek broadcasting over WFAH a skit planned and written by P. N. P. Edith Nile for the occasion. The same skit was given at the Dedication Day program of the Aux. The Aux. and Camp also gave a Christmas party for 30 children of the members of the Sons and Aux. There were a multitude of gifts piled around the Christmas tree and the children gave a splendid program.

**Mansfield**—The Aux. members were entertained at the home of Sister Beelman and during the business meeting generous checks were voted to the Veterans Hospitals at Brecksville, Chillicothe and Dayton. A contribution was also made to the amphitheater fund at Chillicothe, sponsored by the Blue Star Mothers. Sister Malvina Sundin is the Pres. this year of the Aux.; Sister Mary Stewart the Sec., and Sister Edna Mae Elliott the Treas. The officers were installed by Dept. Treas. Bernice Dietz at a joint installation with the Sons. Refreshments were served.

The mid-winter meeting of the Ohio Dept. of Aux. and Sons was held Jan. 11 at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, in Columbus. There was a very good attendance and reports were given by Auxs. and Committee. There were 60 Sons and Aux. members at the luncheon at noon. A collection was taken up and a basket of fruit was sent to Bro. Ed and Sister Carrie Wilson, to commemorate their Golden Wedding anniversary. Two resolutions were read and will be presented at the Dept. convention in June. Four double blankets were sent to Dept. Pres. Hilda York of Maine Dept. for use of their members in districts stricken in the terrible fires that occurred in Maine last year. At the close of the session Dept. Pres. Gehret installed the officers of Columbus Aux. On Jan. 10 a party was held for the Nat. Officers. Nat. Sec. Hellen Newbright was unable to attend, on account of sickness. Sister Pauline Keller, member of Nat. Council of the Aux., and Willbur Thobaben, of Cleveland, Jr. Vice C.-in-C. of the Sons, were introduced and presented with gifts.

A membership drive was conducted by Aux. #1, Alliance, which culminated in March in a Margaret Gehret Initiatory Class. They also entertained a district meeting at which it was decided to endow a window in the proposed new hospital in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons.

**Findlay**—Mrs. Wm. Fisher is the Pres. of the Aux. this year; Miss Eva Denison, Sec., and Mrs. Maude Lee, Treas. The annual patriotic banquet of the allied societies was held here Feb. 25 in the Navy Mothers' club rooms. The Aux. had charge of the banquet.—Jane Beelman, Dept. Press Cor., Mansfield, Ohio.

#### OREGON & WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT

**Eugene, Ore.**—Aux. 9 is very active and doing a great deal of good in various ways. At a meeting in February the Auxiliary voted to contribute \$250 to the Veterans Memorial Building. Contributions were also voted for the Red Cross and March of Dimes. The Auxiliary pledged its silverware, dishes and all kitchen and dining room equipment for the new building, if needed. The Sons and Aux. joined in a dinner at the armory for a Lincoln birthday program. A very fine program was given. The Sons and Aux. held joint installation in Jan. Mrs. Maxine O'Neil

is the Pres.; Mrs. Mae Washburn, Sec.; Mrs. H. E. Slattery, Treas. At our election in Dec. a venison dinner was served and the Assistant Dept. Insp. Rosa Birch, of Salem, inspected the Aux. Annual memorial services for members of Sons and Aux., who had died during the year were held Jan. 8, following a potluck dinner attended by both Sons and Aux. At our March 11 meeting an invitation was read to attend the meeting in Portland in honor of Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce. Dinner was served in the evening followed by a program of old-time songs. A white elephant sale netted \$17.50. The Past Pres. Club of our Aux. is very active and meet regularly at members' homes. The group voted to give \$23 to the Aux. as a gift toward the building fund.

**Portland**—Aux. 1 has for its Pres. this year Sister Lois Huddleston; Sec., Sister Edith Grider, and Treas. Sister Rose Garrison. Installation was held early in Jan., with P. D. P. Helen Olin as I. O. Comrade T. A. Penland, believed to be Oregon's only surviving veteran of the Civil War, was honored Jan. 25 at a birthday party given by the Sons and Aux. celebrating his 99th birthday on Jan. 23. It was a lovely birthday party, with a big birthday cake with many candles, which Comrade Penland blew out at the first "blow" [with others helping]. Bro. Simpson brought the lighted cake in and the electric lights were turned off and all sang "Happy Birthday" to Comrade Penland. He was presented with a gift in behalf of the Aux. and Camp. He also received cards and gifts from others. The party was at the home of Bro. and Sister Olin and the Comrade enjoyed it immensely. The evening was spent singing and playing games, the aged Comrade doing his share of "solos." Aux. 1 is active in many ways. They have a sewing club and card parties to raise money for various funds. The Dept. convention will be held in Portland.

**Seattle, Wash.**—The officers of Hiram R. Gale Aux. were installed in Jan. by Dept. Pres. Anne Knight, of Empire, Ore. Among those installed were Sisters Zellah Lindgren, Pres.; Harriet Stalzner, Treas., and Frances Bayliss, Sec. The Aux. met for luncheon at noon Feb. 22 in the Civic Auditorium Annex, a patriotic program following celebrating the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. Sister Grace Waddell was in charge of the luncheon and Sister Evelyn Erickson arranged the program. The Sons and their wives were invited.—Mae Washburne, Dept. Press Cor., Junction City, Ore.

#### RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

Our Dept. convention opened April 23 in the Arsenal in Providence, with joint Memorial services being held shortly after. This was followed by patriotic exercises. Greetings were extended from the allied organizations. We were most happy to have as our guest our beloved Nat. Pres. Katharine L. Joyce. Seventeen flags were presented and Mrs. Florence Mason, chairman of the Soldiers' Home Committee presented a lovely chair to the Bristol Soldiers' Home for the hospital. This was accepted in behalf of the 110 men at the Home by the Commandant, Chester W. Williams.

The newly elected Dept. officers are: Pres., Mrs. Lucy Leslie; Sec., Mrs. Hattie B. Lawton; Treas., Mrs. Hattie Thurber; Vice Pres., Mrs. Alice Crosby; Pat. Inst., Mrs. Adalaid Hooper; Press Cor., Mrs. Alice Cheney; I. & I. Of., Mrs. Ethel Copeland; Council, Mrs. May G. Petersen, Mrs. Florence Mason, Mrs. Ethel Carr; Inspec., Mrs. Mabel N. Skinner; Chief-of-Staff, Miss Emmaline Chapin; Counselor, Robert Leslie.—Mabel N. Skinner, Retiring Press Cor.

#### VERMONT DEPARTMENT

Dept. I. & I. Of. Wilma Baker gave a very fine talk on Appomattox Day over radio sta-

tion WSYB, in Rutland, on April 10, representing the Aux. For the Sons P. D. C. Thomas Chadwick delivered an address. No better publicity for our order and the Sons than radio broadcasts, as thousands thus have the opportunity of hearing us.

**Wilmington**—Aux. 12 observed Dedication Day Nov. 19 with supper for 30 S. of U. V. and Aux. An enjoyable program followed. Out of town guests were P. D. C. George DeWitt and Dept. Pres. Sadie DeWitt of Brattleboro. Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays were observed on Feb. 19, with appropriate readings. Refreshments were served. Charles Sumner and P. P. Gertrude Sumner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 14 with a reception at the Baptist Church vestry. P. D. P. Maud Fitch is home from Bennington Hospital and gaining slowly.

**Morrisville**—The S. of U. V. joined in the Washington Memorial program arranged by P. I. Herman, Feb. 22. At the meeting on March 3 one new member was initiated. Refreshments were served. March 22 Pres. Augusta Emmons conducted the meeting and her son, Edward Emmons, was installed as Aux. Counselor by P. P. Velma Shaw.

**Chester**—The Jessie Bosworth P. P. Club met on Feb. 18 at the home of Edith Lamothe. Members were chosen to send a card a month to two veterans' widows. A Lincoln quiz was enjoyed. Refreshments were served. At the March meeting two new members were admitted. An Easter basket was filled and clothing given the Girl Scouts. Wilma Baker and Florence Scovell attended an Americanization program at Brattleboro, Feb. 21. Gov. Gibson, who is a member of Brattleboro Camp, was the speaker. The Com. of the American Legion spoke on Washington and P. D. C. Chadwick on Lincoln. All other patriotic orders were represented, about 100 being present. Supper was served by the Aux. before the meeting. We entertained guests from Springfield and Saxtons River at our April meeting, held a Rawleigh Products party with the W. R. C. on March 31 to raise money.

**District Meeting**—Dist. 5 met in Springfield March 13 with Dist. Pres. Edith Lamothe presiding. Supper was served by the local Aux. Many Dept. officers attended. Miss Alicia Bishop, of Londonderry, Vt., gave an interesting address on her trip to Burma in 1941 as a Baptist Missionary and showed souvenirs and maps of her journey. This was followed by a minstrel show by the Springfield Sons and Aux.

**Lyndonville**—Aux. 18 have held their winter meetings at the home of the Sec.-Treas. Florence Morse. At the meeting on April 10 two applications for membership were read. After the meeting supper was served for the Sons and Aux. The charter was draped for Sister Flora Willey. Sister Addie Dopp, who suffered a broken back in Feb. is at the home of her brother, Dept. Com. Lewis E. Abbott. We are glad to report that she is on the gain.—Sue Abbott, Dept. Press Cor., W. Danville, Vt.

#### WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

**Sheboygan**—Aux. 19 observed the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln by giving a fine patriotic program in Feb. At our meeting March 15 we donated \$5 each to the Red Cross and Kiddies' Fund; \$10 to the Dept. Chief-of-Staff; \$2.00 to the United Military Assn., and made a contribution to the Veterans Rehab. program. Delegates to the Dept. convention gave a card party April 19, to raise money. Sister Ann Cassidy was chairman. At our regular meeting that preceded the party, readings commemorating the birthday of Grant, Army Day and Appomattox Day were given by Sisters Cassidy and Sidonia Hoberg. Lanning A. Wilcox, of Cadott, 102 years old, is Wis. oldest Civil War veteran.—Mrs. Edna Thimmig, Dept. Press Cor.