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"Cherish their memories, these unsullied braves,
Bring choicest of flowers to strew o'er their graves
Of thy tears and thy Prayers unsparingly give
To the heroes who died that a nation might live."

—John E. Gilman, Past Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.

Let the graves of all Veterans be decorated with the Flag of their Country and let flowers of remembrance adorn their graves, and be cast upon the waters for those who served in the Navy.

Memorial Day, like the Grand Army of the Republic, ripens and enriches with age.

Memorial Day is the National Day of Memorial—the time when in mind and thought the glorious past of our Fathers and Grandfathers is made to live again. The heroic men who molded and shaped our Country's destiny, though dead, are to memory once more instinct with life and being. On this day our Nation awakes to the remembrance of noble deeds performed in its defense—the day when loyal people, grateful for service rendered their country, unite to honor their patriot dead, to enrich and enoble their own lives by recalling public valor and private worth which are immortal—to encourage by solemn services a more zealous and abiding patriotism in the heart and life of every American citizen.

On Memorial Day differences of party, creed and sect are forgotten. Throughout the United States and over the seas our people, with reverent hearts, circle the sacred mounds of our country's heroes. To those who deeply appreciate the sacrifices made that a nation of the people, by the people, and for the people might live, cares of business and pursuits of pleasure are put aside while we bring flowers to decorate graves of men who sacrificed on the altar of patriotic devotion everything held dear, in order to preserve integrity and unity, and to perpetuate the power and glory of our American Republic.

On this Memorial Day let us not forget that many hearts are heavy with regret, that many eyes are clouded with tears for loved ones who did not return. Let us mingle tender sympathy for the living who mourn for those they lost.

As did the Grand Army of the Republic for 83 years, let us, as sons of noble sires, with soldierly reverence and love, garland the passionless mounds with choicest flowers of Springtime—let us place o'er their graves "Old Glory" whom they saved from defeat—let us recall to memory the men who in time of danger made their breasts a barricade between their country and its foes.

While Memorial Day was originated by the Grand Army of the Republic through General Order No. 11 of Major General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of remembering veterans of the Civil War, veterans of the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, as well as veterans of all other wars in which our country was engaged, join in remembering their comrades. This is also the one day of the year that most Americans remember departed loved ones, veterans or otherwise.

To the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Veteran, and

to true Sons, Memorial Day is a day of reverence and not celebration.

The line of Civil War Veterans is fast diminishing and now 85 years since General Lee's surrender to General Grant at Appomattox, there are less than 20 of the 2,213,365 men who wore the "Union Blue."

As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is vitally important that we renew our obligation to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial (Decoration) Day and to do all in our power to persuade others to do the same.

Let us not fail our Fathers and our Comrades. Let us resolve that this year and every year, we will set aside all pleasure and devote this one day entirely to carrying out the wishes of our Fathers.

General Logan's Order and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address are traditionally a part of every Memorial Day program. Sons of Union Veterans must see that this is done. Should you fail to render assistance in promoting true observance of Memorial Day, which meant so much to the Grand Army of the Republic, you have not kept faith with our Fathers, nor have you kept your pledge.

As your Commander-in-Chief, I urge you to join with me in paying tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic and United States Veterans of all wars by devoting the entire day to remembering our Comrades.

Sons of Union Veterans should take an active and leading part in plans for the day, extending invitations to other veteran and patriotic organizations to join us in this observance. If in your community, the American Legion or V. F. W. have charge of the services, give these organizations your utmost co-operation for they, too, are deeply interested in proper observance of this day.

I urge you to visit each public school in your community. The importance of these visits was recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic. Teaching our children true patriotism, regardless of age, brings a deeper respect for our Flag and a greater love for America. The teachings received as children will make better citizens when adults. Parade and services are important but having our school children learn true patriotism is more important.

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

O God, Thou hast been the help of Thy people in ages past, and Thou art also their hope for years to come. The experiences of life are sternly testing but Thou art all-sustaining. We thank Thee for the days of sacred memories in our national life. As we recall the great price which has been paid for our Nation's freedom and unity, may we resolve to be worthy of their sacrifice. Hear us, O God of the Nations, as we pray that the people may remember the way in which they have been led and the deliverance Thou has wrought for them. May we cherish the spirit of patriotism, and learn the lesson of unselfishness and self-control. Greatly comfort those whose hearts are sad this day. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3

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Headquarters

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 Office of Commander-in-Chief
 610 North Third Street
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

May 1, 1950.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT

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

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

More than two persons in one room:

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

Suite—Living Room, Bed Room and Bath:

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

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

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

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

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

TENTATIVE ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM

Sunday, August 20, 1950:

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

Monday, August 21, 1950:

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

Tuesday, August 22, 1950:

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

Wednesday, August 23, 1950:

- 9:30 a. m.—Business Session.
- 1:30 p. m.—Business Session.

6:00 p. m.—Banquet Honoring Commander-in-Chief and National President.

9:00 p. m.—Reception to Commander-in-Chief and National President.

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

You will note class initiation of candidates is scheduled for Tuesday evening. The Massachusetts Department will put on the work and will likewise procure applications of new members. However, all Departments are urged to co-operate in endeavoring to have some candidates present who have been elected into membership but not initiated. All that is necessary will be a letter from the Secretary of the Camp where the application was presented, to the effect that such person has been duly elected and the required application fee is paid.

I sincerely trust that the Massachusetts Department will receive support from the other Departments and we will have at Boston the largest class of candidates ever initiated at one time. Our goal is 100—IT CAN BE DONE!

Remember, Brothers, this is the first Encampment following the final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is important and imperative that the Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary have the largest Encampment ever had. IT CAN BE DONE!

The Encampment Committee is working hard for your enjoyment. I am informed that the Governor of Massachusetts and the Mayor of the City of Boston will entertain our National Officers. The City of Boston has also guaranteed to assume expenses of each member of the Grand Army and his attendant who may find it possible to be with us. We do expect two and possibly four veterans to be with us in Boston.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

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

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

Indiana—Terre Haute, June 16-18; Deming Hotel.

Iowa—Davenport, June 11-13.

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

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

Minnesota—Minneapolis, June 9-10; Hotel Curtis.

Nebraska—Fremont, June 7-8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX

The Department Secretary's Reports on Forms 37 and 38 are now past due. Please see that such reports are filed immediately with the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Form 49, Certificate of Department Elections, must be completed in duplicate and forwarded to the National Secretary with the names of officers printed or typewritten, if possible, with Delegates names and addresses. This should be done immediately after the Department Encampment—in no event not later than June 30.

Form 61, Department Patriotic Instructor's Report, must be completed and forwarded to the National Patriotic Instructor, William F. Nemitz, 85 Warwick Ave., Stratford, Connecticut, not later than June 30.

Premium Fee of \$2.50 on Position Bond of Department Commanders for Term 1950-1951 must be forwarded to the National Secretary where bonds expire annually.

Due to the early date of the National Encampment, all reports and returns must be received in National Headquarters not later than June 30.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC FUND

The National Patriotic Instructor informs me that the returns are slow in coming in. Your Commander-in-Chief asked the National Patriotic Instructor to raise \$1,000 for this fund. This indeed is a small amount for the Organization to raise and I urge the Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors to forward their contributions immediately that the National Patriotic Instructor may accomplish the job assigned him.

Donations received by the Patriotic Instructor from individuals or Camps will be accredited to their respective Departments. Do

not fail your National Patriotic Instructor or your Commander-in-Chief. Don't delay—send your donation today.

PASSWORD

Department Headquarters will receive a supply of the new Password on Form OOOO before July 1. Camps will be supplied upon receipt of June Quarterly Reports, Per Capita Tax and Membership Fees in their Department Headquarters.

NEW CAMPS

I am pleased to report that a third new Camp has been instituted at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 15, 1950. Secretary-Treasurer of Cedar Rapids Camp No. 3, Paul V. Smith, 719 Eighth St., S. W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, informs me that as of April 20 they have 23 names on the charter. They expect to have approximately 20 more names added to the charter by June 1, as of which date the charter will be closed.

Congratulations to the Department of Iowa on the acquisition of a new Camp. Greetings and best wishes to the officers and members of Cedar Rapids Camp No. 3. My personal thanks and appreciation, as well as those of the Commandery-in-Chief, to the Daughters of Union Veterans who were most helpful in the organization and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 788, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who have opened their home for the Cedar Rapids Camp to meet without charge.

Brother Smith advises me that all Veteran and Patriotic Organizations have been most helpful, thereby proving that "With Everlasting Teamwork—It Can Be Done."

REINSTATED CAMPS

It is a pleasure to report that the Departments of New Hampshire and Rhode Island have reinstated one Camp each during the March Quarter. Congratulations to these Departments and may the reinstated Camps continue to prosper and grow. I know that the reinstatement of these Camps required effort on the part of Department Commanders and their Secretary-Treasurers. Their efforts on behalf of their Departments and the Commandery-in-Chief are deeply appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow that I announce the passing of another faithful and loyal Past Commander-in-Chief:

PARK F. YENGLING

Commander-in-Chief, 1933-1934.

Mustered Out: March 22, 1950.

Those who knew Brother Yengling, and many did, had the deepest love and respect for him. He was always ready to lend assistance to his beloved Order and we shall all miss him. The last Encampment attended by Brother Yengling was Cleveland, 1947. Sincere sympathies of the Commandery-in-Chief are extended to his family, his Camp and the Department of Ohio.

I also regretfully announce the passing of the last Veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Illinois:

COMRADE LEWIS FABLINGER, COMMANDER,

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Mustered Out: March 15, 1950.

Only 10 Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic remain alive today—Brothers, our obligation and pledge must be renewed and renewed—what are you doing to perpetuate their memory and heroic deeds?

ADDRESS CHANGE—G. A. R. NATIONAL SECRETARY

The business office of the Grand Army of the Republic is now located at 43 Adam Street, Jamestown, New York, with Miss Cora Gillis as Secretary to the National Organization.

MEMBERSHIP

The month of May is the most advantageous month in obtaining new members and re-instating old members. If a special effort is made by each and every Camp during these two months, your Camp cannot help but show an increase in membership for the Quarter ending June 30, which is the final report prior to the National Encampment in Boston.

Plan Two Class Initiations, a "Memorial Day" and a "Flag Day" Class. Each of these days has great significance to our Organization. Don't be a "Quitter," be a "Doer." The quota increase in membership for your Camp for the year ending June 30 was only 6. If your Camp has increased 6 or more members during the past year, double your increase in these next two months. If you have

not met your quota, utilize the Memorial Day Season to a good advantage and report a gain in membership with your June report.

It has been proven throughout the nation that "It Can Be Done." With the partial reports on hand, 6 Departments have shown an increase for the Quarter ending March 31, and at the present time, with 14 Departments reported, the increases overshadow the losses.

With your help during May and June, we can report a substantial increase at the close of the June Quarter.

If you think you are beaten, you are;
 If you think you dare not, you don't.
 If you'd like to win, but think you can't,
 It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
 For out in the world we find
 Success begins with a fellow's will;
 It's all in the state of mind.

Life's battles don't always go
 To the stronger or faster man;
 But soon or late the man who wins
 Is the one who thinks he can!

APPOINTMENTS

With pleasure, I announce the appointment of Lester W. Eldridge, Camp No. 44, Department of Massachusetts, as an Aide to the Commander-in-Chief and entitled to wear the ribbon of National Aide for the duration of my term of office. Brother Eldridge is Commander of James B. Lay Camp at Westfield, Massachusetts. As Commander of his Camp, he has expressed true leadership by securing 5 new members as certified to this office by his Secretary-Treasurer.

I am pleased to commend Commander Eldridge and his Camp for having a progressive leader as Commander.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 4

Report of National Treasurer—March-April, 1950, Incl.

GENERAL FUND

February 28, 1950, Balance		\$ 741.87
Receipts:		
Per Capita Tax	\$ 459.48	
Membership Fees	18.50	
Charter Fees	5.00	
Camp Reinstatement Fees	10.00	
Supplies	211.51	
Interest on Bonds	37.50	741.99
		\$1,483.86

Disbursements:

Supplies	\$ 21.50
Commander-in-Chief	450.00
General Expense	830.17 1,301.67

April 30, 1950, Balance

G. A. R. FUND

April 30, 1950, Balance

W. L. JACQUES FUND

April 30, 1950, Balance

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

April 30, 1950, Balance

U. S. GOVT BONDS

April 30, 1950, Balance

MEMORIAL DAY

The principal objects of our Organization are:

1. To perpetuate the memory of the "Boys in Blue" and the Grand Army of the Republic.
2. To inculcate patriotism and love of country.
3. To encourage and foster proper observance of Memorial Day.

In what better way can we fulfill these objects than by visitations to our public schools. Camps are hereby requested to arrange for visitations to each school in the community. It is not necessary for a long speech. Simple words but the true story of Memorial Day, true teachings of American history and encouragement to the children of our public schools, will do much in making them better Americans as they reach manhood and womanhood.

This project, while principally in order prior to Memorial Day, is necessary throughout the year.

Camps shall assume an active and leading part in preparing plans for Memorial Day in their respective communities. General Logan's Memorial Day Order No. 11 and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be a part of every program. If each and every Brother

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No Gettysburg Address? Mr. Truman Just Too Busy

By John M. Cummings in Philadelphia Enquirer, April 20, 1950.

One of the great decisive battles of the world was fought at Gettysburg in Pennsylvania's Adams county. Here the high tide of rebellion was checked. In the National Cemetery on this battlefield rest the bones of many men who died in the bloody conflict.

President Lincoln dedicated the cemetery November 19, 1863. It was then he delivered what has since become known as the Gettysburg Address. "We are met on a great battlefield of that (Civil) war. We are met to dedicate a portion of that field as the final resting place of the men who here gave their lives that that Nation (the United States) might live."

In an unbroken line since the days of Theodore Roosevelt our Presidents have been proud to deliver the Memorial Day speech at Gettysburg. In more than 40 years Harry Truman is the only President to reject every invitation to attend the memorial exercises to the "honored dead."

Five times since he became President on the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Truman has found an excuse for sending regrets. The latest, of course, was his rejection of an invitation to deliver the Memorial Day Address next May 30.

Theodore Roosevelt, twice, once after he left the Presidency, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt, all have been at this national shrine on Memorial Day. Franklin Roosevelt also spoke there when the Eternal Light Peace Memorial was dedicated in 1938.

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James F. Lind, the Democratic Congressman from the district in which the National Cemetery is located; Francis J. Myers, the Democratic United States Senator; Pittsburgh's Mayor David L. Lawrence, a member of the Democratic National Committee, all importuned the President to attend the exercises next month.

"The President finds he must again decline this year," one of the Truman secretaries wrote Rep. Lind. "His calendar for the month of May is already very crowded . . ."

Of course he has a crowded calendar. Mr. Truman leaves early in May on a "non-political" tour of the West. He will visit many towns and deliver many speeches in which he is expected to make non-political appeals for the election of a Democratic Congress in the fall. And he'll cap the tour by attending the mid-month sessions of the Democratic National Committee in Chicago. Here, more likely than not, he will lay down the law for the conduct of the Democratic campaign.

Long before Memorial Day Mr. Truman will be back in Washington. No doubt he has other stints scheduled. Inquiry at the White House, however, elicited the information he has no fixed engagements for that day.

In the absence of anything definite, you can only speculate on the reason for President Truman's year-by-year rejection of the invitation to speak at Gettysburg. Certainly he must know the Civil War is over, that men who wore the Gray of the South have visited the battlefield on which the hopes of the Confederacy were shattered.

Only a few days ago a grandson of Grant and a great-grandson of Lee met at Appomattox, where the last rite of the war was performed. Let's have the lowdown, Harry.

Information Requested

Major Roger S. Rees, U. S. Army, requests that any son or daughter of a Civil War soldier who may have served in the 1st or 2nd United States Sharpshooters Regiments, Army Potomac, Under Colonel (Brig. General) Hiram Berdan, and who have in their possession or know of the location of any diaries, papers, letters, etc., which may throw new light upon Hiram Berdan and his famous Regiment, that he or she contact Major Rees by writing him at 1833 Montair Ave., Long Beach 4, California. The Major is preparing material upon which to base a study of this type of unit and a biography of Colonel Hiram Berdan.

Even in the meanest sorts of labor, the whole soul of a man is composed into a kind of real harmony the instant he sets himself to work.—Thomas Carlyle.

of Union Veterans and I urge you to write your Congressman and Senators on the following:

H. R. 7850—In the House of Representatives: "To authorize the attendance of the United States Marine Band at the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held August 20 through 24, inclusive, 1950, at Boston, Massachusetts." Introduced by Congressman Keating, March 24, 1950.

H. R. 7663—In the House of Representatives: "To provide for a Chapel at the National Cemetery in Minneapolis." Introduced by Congressman Weir March 13, 1950.

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

With Our Commander-in-Chief

During the past two months your Commander-in-Chief has traveled from Maine to California, attending called meetings, Dept. Encampments and Class Initiations.

March 16, I attended joint initiation of candidates in Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania, at which time the Mount Carmel Camp initiated 12 new members into the organization. Following the Son's initiation, the Mount Carmel Auxiliary had a class of 8. "It Can Be Done."

March 19, I was privileged to witness the dedication of a Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall in Reading, Pa. Colonel C. LeRoy Stoudt, to whom credit must go for his untiring efforts, is justly proud of the building which now houses the Allied Orders of the G. A. R., a four story and basement building completely renovated and a splendid tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic.

On March 24, my own Camp in Harrisburg pleasantly surprised me with a class of 5 new members. The next morning I left Harrisburg by plane for Los Angeles and on arrival there approximately 15 members of the Sons and Auxiliary greeted me at the airport from which we journeyed to Chinatown for a midnight snack.

On Sunday, March 26, I had the extreme pleasure of visiting Comrade William A. Magee, age 103, and Comrade Douglas Storey, age 105, the two remaining veterans in the California Department, Grand Army of the Republic. The privilege of visiting and talking with these Comrades will long be remembered. After visiting Brother Al Deems, we returned to Lincoln Hall in Los Angeles, where the Auxiliary had a "pot luck" luncheon. Following the luncheon, a meeting was held in Lincoln Hall and approximately 150 were present, including Sister Clara Mosher, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, whom I had the pleasure of meeting for the first time. In the evening, approximately 25 of us journeyed to Motts Berry farm for a chicken dinner.

Monday, March 27, I left Los Angeles for San Francisco where I was met at the airport by a delegation including Brother Vernon Cheney and the National President, Sister Ethelyn Tucker. A very enjoyable and successful meeting, following a dinner, was held that evening in the Veteran's Memorial Hall at Oakland.

Wednesday, March 29, in Portland, Oregon, I was greeted at the airport by a delegation of Brothers from the Portland and Eugene Camps. Following lunch, we visited Commander-in-Chief Theodore A. Penland, who also joined us at the dinner and subsequent meeting in the evening. Again, it was a delightful privilege to visit with a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and the inspiration received from such a visit is great. At the meeting I was honored by being given life membership in the Mystic Order of the Rose by Miss Olive Zimmerman, Assistant District Attorney.

Leaving Portland Thursday morning, March 30, I flew to the Twin Cities where I was greeted at the airport by Commander Robert Payne, Dewey Meade and Chester Charters.

On Friday, March 31, through the kindness of the Minnesota Brothers, I visited the Minnesota Soldier's Home and during the day we also obligated into membership Robert

Payne, Jr., son of the Dept. Commander, who could not be present for the meeting that evening. This initiation took place in the home of Brother Charles Martin, of Minneapolis Camp 8, who is completely paralyzed but assisted with the initiation.

In the evening, a dinner was held in the Hotel Curtis with the Mayor of Minneapolis and Judge Anderson, a member of Camp 8, in attendance. Following the dinner, a very nice meeting was held in Memorial Hall.

On Saturday, April 1, when arriving at the airport in Milwaukee, I was greeted by a delegation from the Wisconsin Department headed by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Franklin Hubbard. During the afternoon we visited the Radio Station and in the evening, following a fine banquet, a most successful meeting was held in the Hotel Wisconsin.

While the Mayor of Milwaukee could not be present, he delegated his Controller to bring greetings and to extend to the Commandery-in-Chief an invitation to come to Milwaukee in 1951.

Sunday, April 2, with Counselor and P. C.-in-C. Richard Locke, I traveled to Chicago where a fine group of the Illinois Department met at the Hotel Sherman for Sunday afternoon luncheon and meeting.

This western tour was indeed most pleasant and successful. While in Los Angeles I met the majority of the officers of the California's baby Camp in Pasadena. The inspiration and desire of this Camp to carry on for the Grand Army of the Republic, is indeed wonderful. My personal thanks to all of the Brothers and Sisters who helped make these meetings successful.

After a short stay in Harrisburg catching up on correspondence, I left on April 11 for Boston, Mass., to confer with the Encampment Committee. While having breakfast the morning of April 12, I saw in the paper where the Dept. of Massachusetts, Daughters of Union Veterans, were holding their Encampment and that Sister Clara Mosher was present. On meeting our National President, Sister Tucker, we agreed to visit the Daughters of Union Veterans which we did and again met and had lunch with Sister Mosher.

On April 13, on arriving in Portland, Maine, we were greeted by a delegation headed by P. C.-in-C. Henry Towle and Sister Mosher. In the evening, following a dinner at the hotel, a meeting was held by the G. A. R. Memorial Hall with more than 250 present to greet your Commander-in-Chief and National President. This meeting was a huge success and a credit to the Dept. of Maine.

Many thanks to Com. Calderwood, Sister Lucelia Blake and their committee for a job well done.

April 14, the National President and I journeyed to Providence, R. I., to attend the Department of Rhode Island Encampment. In the evening we witnessed a most inspiring official opening with Memorial Services and numerous Flag presentations. A small Department but a wonderful spirit of patriotism.

April 15, after attending sessions of the Rhode Island Sons and Auxiliary Encampment and a noon day luncheon, we journeyed to new Haven, Conn., to attend the Dept. Encampment of Connecticut. In the evening during the Sons and Auxiliary's Banquet, your Commander-in-Chief, the Nat'l Pres-

dent, the Dept. Commander, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor William F. Nemitz, and the Dept. President of Connecticut, by the way of amplified telephone wire, talked and brought greetings to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled in Reading, Pa., where they were holding their 18th Annual Appomattox Dinner. Not having missed one of these banquets since originated 18 years ago, it was really a pleasure to at least say, "Hello," to P. C.-in-C. C. Leroy Stoudt and my many friends in Reading.

Sunday, April 16, we attended sessions of the Connecticut Dept. and I was afforded the privilege of installing the third generation into the office of Dept. Commander. Brother Robert De Forrest, a veteran of World War II, is following the footsteps of his father, Bertram De Forest, who was Connecticut's Dept. Commander 16 years ago and his grandfather, Walter De Forest, who was Commander 30 years ago. This is an exemplification of encouraging our Sons to take an interest at an early age, for it is these younger members who will be our future order. In my years of attending Dept. and Nat'l Encampments, I have never heard a more sincere and splendid acceptance speech than given by Dept. Commander Robert De Forest.

April 23, Pittsburgh, Pa., attended meeting of the Western Pa. District in Allegheny County Memorial Hall to the Veterans of the Civil War. Approximately 150 present, Sons and Auxiliary.

Thursday, April 27, I journeyed to Concord, N. H., to attend the annual Encampment of the Dept. of New Hampshire. Their Campfire held on Friday evening in the State House was most inspiring and a splendid tribute to our Fathers. At this affair, they also had two Flag presentation, one to the Salvation Army and one to the Enfield High School.

Saturday, April 29, I again witnessed an exemplification of the younger element being trained in the work of our organization when Homer L. Atkins, Jr., 25 years of age, a Veteran of World War II, followed his father's footsteps in being installed as Dept. Commander and the new Dept. President of the New Hampshire Auxiliary followed the footsteps of her mother and grandmother, who also served the Auxiliary as Dept. Presidents.

Sunday, April 30, with the National President accompanying me, we attended the unique services at Grant's Tomb on Riverside Drive, New York, under the auspices of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliaries of Greater New York. It was a most splendid Service, marred only by the rain, but a tribute to General Grant and a credit to the Sons of Union Veterans. Brother Julius Isaacs, Dept. Secretary-Treasurer of New York, is to be commended for his efforts in originating and continuing this service.

The next two months will be extremely busy ones. If at all possible, I do hope to attend most of the Dept. Encampments and where unable to attend a Dept. Encampment, I want to have a called meeting. It is almost impossible with conflicting dates to attend all of the Encampments but I will do my best.

Throughout the nation there is real inspiration to prove "It Can Be Done." Having returned to Harrisburg May 1, and leaving for another tour on May 5, as a parting chal-

who is physically able, will turn out with his Camp for all Memorial Day activities, which includes Memorial Sunday church services, May 28, Sons of Union Veterans throughout the country will receive the recognition and credit due the organization for so faithfully assisting the Grand Army of the Republic in past years and continuing their work in the present and future years.

Your obligation which you took when you joined this organization makes it a "must" that you devote Memorial Day to your Organization.

LEGISLATIVE

The application for Congressional Charter will be presented before the next issue of The Banner is released. We will then be in position to give you the number of the bill.

There are two Bills now which should be of interest to the Sons

ledge I would like to give you the second verse of "It Can Be Done":

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that, At least no one has ever done it." But he took off his coat and he took off his hat, And the first thing we knew, he'd begun it; With a lift of his chin, and bit of a grin, Without any doubt or quibbling; He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done, and he DID it!

"With Everlasting Team Work — It Can — It Must — It Will — Be Done."

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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

THE AUTHOR OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 11

John Alexander Logan was born near Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois, on February 9, 1826. He was the son of an Irish doctor who landed on these shores in 1823. His mother, Elizabeth Jenkins, was a Tennessean, and John was the eldest of eleven children. Most of his early education was received from his father and the few itinerant teachers, as chanced to visit the settlement. In 1840, he attended "Shiloh College," and at the commencement of the Mexican War young Logan, then twenty, volunteered and was chosen Lieutenant in the First Illinois Volunteers. He served with distinction and returning home in 1848, he started in the Law business with his uncle, Alexander M. Jenkins, a former Lt. Governor of Illinois.

His progress was rapid and he was elected to fill several of the important offices in County and State. In 1858 he was elected to Congress from the Ninth Congressional District. Logan was high spirited and full of Patriotism. He left his seat in 1861, during the extra session of congress, and overtook the troops which were marching out of Washington, attached himself to Colonel Richardson's Regiment, secured a musket and a place in the ranks, and at the disastrous battle of Bull Run, fought with distinguished bravery, and was among the last to leave the field.

Returning home, he instituted a recruiting campaign and with his eloquence rallied friends and neighbors around him. On September 13, 1861, the 31st Illinois Volunteers was organized, and he was chosen Colonel. From then on, his service to his country was of the highest skill and courage.

His many engagements included, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Corinth, Vicksburg, Resaca, and Kenesaw Mountain. His personal disregard for danger, and his ability to lead men, earned for him the title of "The Murat of the Union Army."

At the close of the Rebellion, Logan was sent back to Congress, and in the meantime the Grand Army of the Republic had been formed, and he had been elected their Commander-in-Chief. It was in this capacity that his Adjutant, N. P. Chipman, called his attention to a letter that had been received from a Comrade in Cincinnati, wherein it was mentioned that it would be a noble gesture on the part of the Comrades to place wild flowers each year on the graves of the Veterans of the Union. After much serious thought and several attempts the result was promulgated throughout the Departments of

the Grand Army of the Republic and became known as "General Logan's Memorial Order No. 11. Written many years ago, before anyone ever dreamed about future wars, this piece of literature stands beside the memorable address of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, and is applicable to all survivors of any war, containing advice, and exhorting those still living to remember their Comrades in Arms.

Many, many changes have come over our Country since Logan issued Order No. 11, and Memorial Day has deteriorated into a day of sports and festivities. The parades have taken on the aspect of a circus, and the majority of people look forward to that day in order that they may witness the various Drum Corps strut their stuff with high stepping Majorettes taking most of the applause. Add to this the disgraceful condition that prevails in many of our communities, wherein the Drum Corps, and School Bands will not march unless they are paid to do so, which takes away the monies that originally went into the decoration of the Veterans graves, with Flags and plants. This is not true in all communities, but it is true in many others, and it is high time that we, as lineal descendants of the Veterans of the Union Army, did something about it. We must attend all Memorial Day Committee Meetings, Civic Councils, and align ourselves with Veterans groups, to work together for this purpose, of restoring Memorial Day to its rightful place in the American calendar. Let us bring to present and future generations proof that we have not forgotten the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

Brothers, if we are asked to do something today the first thought is "how will I benefit" or "have I the time" or "how much is there in it for me?" The Comrades of the Union Army held no such thoughts. The paramount thought in their minds was, "How can I serve," "What help can I offer?" and it was without thought of remuneration that they accomplished their tasks. I am reminded of this present day attitude, after reading about a Union Veteran of the Civil War.

His name was Joseph Dutton, Lieutenant in the 13th Wisconsin Infantry, who was born in Vermont, as Ira Dutton. After serving through the War, Comrade Dutton settled in Memphis, Tennessee, and was attracted by the great work of the Rev. Father Damien, among the Leper Colony at Molokai, Hawaii. He offered his services, and soon after, Father Damien took sick and died. Dutton then took up the work and for over fifty years he cared for the afflicted lepers, without pay, or pension, easing their sufferings, and caring for their needs. Shut off from the outside world Comrade Dutton's sole purpose in life was to make these unfortunate people comfortable.

This story was written in 1928, and I believe by now Comrade Dutton has answered the final roll call. Certainly he lived up to the Golden Rule, "Do unto others, as ye would have them do unto you." Truly, this was a great Comrade, and his reward could only be of the highest, in the eyes of our Lord.

Brothers, suppose you were to read the following item in your local paper:

NEWS ITEM

Grand Army Highway and Grand Army Veterans forgotten by Descendants. Sons of Union Veterans forced to cancel all future plans, due to lack of funds. Small response to appeal of National Patriotic Instructor is reason.

Boy, each and everyone of us would start raving and ranting about our heritage, how proud we were of the fact that we belonged to the order, etc., etc. But in the words of one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief, "Actions speak louder than words," the situation is summed up.

If your Department and your Camps have not already provided for a contribution to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, will you please bring up this matter on the floor of your coming Encampments. Also, solicit every Camp in your Department for a donation.

The success of the coming National Encampment in Boston, the week of August 20, will hinge on the fund-raising campaign.

Don't let our Commander-in-Chief down, fellows; just give this important matter a little consideration. Do not think of the National Organization as being miles away from you. Just say to yourselves, I am a part of the National Order, and its success depends on my actions—I can make it, or break it, and I think that it is too good an order to break up through any neglect of mine.

At this writing I have received \$36.30 toward the fund. How much time left to send in your contribution or pledge?

Answer—Ninety Days. Yours is the decision—What will the answer be.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Brothers, Comrade Theodore Penland is a Son of a Union Veteran himself, and in a recent letter to your Patriotic Instructor, he said that, quote "I sincerely trust that the allied orders will work together for the principles and objects of our great organization."

The Grand Army of the Republic is a unique organization. No child can be born into it. No proclamation of President, edict of King or Czar, can command admission. No university, or institution of learning can issue a diploma, authorizing its holder to entrance. No act of Parliament or Congress secures recognition. The wealth of a Vanderbilt cannot purchase the position. Its doors open only on the presentation of the bit of parchment, worn, torn, and begrimed as it may be, which certifies to an honorable discharge from the Armies or Navies of the Nation, during the war against the rebellion, and unlike any other organization, no new blood can come in.

With the consummation of peace through victory its ranks were forever closed; it's lines are steadily growing thinner, and the ceaseless tramp of its columns is with ever-lessening tread. The gaps in the picket lines grow wider each day. Details are made for the reserve summoned into the shadowy regions until, by and by, only a solitary sentinel will stand guard, waiting until the bugle call from beyond shall muster out the last Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Old Soldiers never die They simply fade away."

ENCAMPMENT APPEAL

By BAWSTUN

(Author's correction: In March issue some twilt in phraseology portrayed "Robert Gould Shaw" as of negro race. Of course the fact he WAS "white" makes historic data the more praiseworthy, in that his leadership was of negro troops. We do not believe this misstatement affected whatever value article may have had, which was to stimulate attendance at the Encampment.—Harold M. Drown, Publicist).

There are two ways of attending the 69th National Encampment in BOSTON, August 20-24: Start walking now or start saving now and no one need walk. You can spend saved money but you can't save spent money.

It is time write now 2 enrole for the big Konfurunce in Boston. Don't wate until the nite befor an' then deside u kan't go becuz u havn't gut a klene nitee or sum uther krip-pel xcuse. Plan your vakashun now and sav a few pennies for thet big weke.

Sumbuddy wil say thay nevr herd nuth-in' gud about a encampment unless it wus th' G. A. R., wich mayd it famus frum Sanfrankfornia, Calisisco to Philivania, Pennsylvdelphia; thos big sittede wich wee steddied 'bout in skule. Institoots and konfurunces wur inventid menny yeres ago; in fakt u cood p'raps trase th' first 1 bak 2 gardun of edun wen adum and eve desided 2 swipe th' forbidun froot. But fokes hav sich pekular idees 'bout 'em a Shawt tauk mite du sum gud. Konfurunces hav put menny peepul on write trak an' givun 'em enuf pep an' jinjer 2 go ahed in th' work, espeshully if thay hav ketched th' vushun. U meat sum grate peepul at thes konfurunces. Knew methuds, wich sum uthers frum awl ovur th' kuntree hav tried an'suckseeded in, r dicuvurd. i hav \$1.00; u hav \$1.00; wee sworp. Eche hav \$1.00 u hav 1 ideuh: i hav 1 ideuh; wee sworp. Now wee eche hav 2 ideuhs.

The grate trubbel with sum fokes is thay xpect 1 pursun 2 go 2 encampment an' cum bak an' set a hole kamp or oxhilarree on fire. Why knot change the ordur this yere an' chuse 1 pursun 2 stay hom 2 kepe him or hur books closed: gard th' \$1.17 takun in last 5 metins and kepe worch uf thet "ole hawl" that know 1 wood brake in 2 enyweye; wile rest of fokes r gawn 2 BOSTON. With in-spurrashun gathurd this weye, u kan hav a encampment evry dey uf th' yere, aftir thay git bak.

APPOMATTOX, 1861-1950

Michael G. Heintz, P. D. C., Ohio

The McLean house at Appomattox, Va., where General Robert E. Lee surrendered himself and the army of Northern Virginia on April 9, 1865, has been restored and was dedicated as a national shrine on Sunday, April 16, 1950. General U. S. Grant, 3rd, P. D. C. of Maryland, and Robert E. Lee, 4th, cut the ribbon which cleared the door for the admission of the public. The attendance was estimated at over ten thousand.

The Quantico Marine Corps Band escorted Gen. Grant, 3rd, to the home and the Virginia Institute Military Band led Robert E. Lee, 4th, to the speakers stand. The chief address was delivered by Dr. Southall Douglas Freeman, biographer of a four volume history of General Lee, and of a history of Lee's Lieutenants. Immediately above the speaker was a tattered Confederate battle

flag, which was one of those surrendered.

In his historical writings Dr. Freeman has consistently called the war, the "War Between the States." It is significant that both Richmond daily newspapers, the Dispatch and the News-Leader, in their accounts of the dedication of the house, refer to the "Civil War" and not once do they call it "War Between the States." Dr. Freeman is the retired editor of the News-Leader, and it is assumed that the use of the correct name of the war must have had his approval. What name he used in his forty-five minute address is unknown to the writer.

Perhaps in the near future some of our members may visit Appomattox. No doubt it would be appreciated by the readers of The Banner if a copy of the inscription on the dedicatory tablet were sent to the editor for publication.

Two weeks after the exercises at Appomattox, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd made the principal address at Georgetown, Ohio, in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of the birth of his grandfather. This was the 28th annual observance of General Grant's anniversary, held under the auspices of U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, Department of Ohio. Grant was born at Point Pleasant, Ohio, but his parents moved to Georgetown, the county seat of the adjoining county of Brown. Here Grant spent his youth. The school house in which he attended school is owned by the State of Ohio, and is a museum. Its dedication to the public was a part of this year's program.

The citizens of Georgetown took great interest in the affair and it was one of the best of the 28 successive observances of the day.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC
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Department Encampment

At the Encampment in Santa Cruz the reports showed that this has been a good year. Several of the Camps have cleared out a lot of dead wood, forty-three to be exact and in spite of that we closed the year with the same number as we started, 489.

The Encampment started Sunday with a get-together of the Federated Patriotic Society in the Civic Auditorium at 2 p. m. followed by registration and then Memorial Services for the Grand Army of the Republic at 7:30 p. m. Both of these meetings were well attended and a good spirit prevailed among the delegates of the different patriotic orders. There were the usual breakfasts and banquets throughout the Encampment.

Monday morning a very nice pantomime was put on by Mollie Snieberg and Lottie Turner, for a joint meeting program with the Sons and Auxiliary. In the afternoon a joint memorial service was led by Lena Simmons and Albert Stewart. At 2:35 p. m. we met for our first business session and the usual committees were named. Our Secretary read very complete minutes of the San Diego Encampment and reported on the number of delegates present. This was followed by reports of the different officers.

These reports ran over into the Tuesday's session. At this time committees were named to visit the other Allied Orders which were holding their Encampments here. Earl Riggs and Vernon Cheney were endorsed for National officers.

In the election of officers Ralph Garwood got the Commander's nod; Elmer Wohlge-muth, Sr. Vice; Mel R. Riggs, Jr. Vice. The

Encampment closed with the installation of the officers by Frank Woerner. We had a campfire meeting in the Garden Room of the Casa Del Rey Hotel Wednesday evening.

Camp 14, Pasadena
We are going ahead, closed our charter with 22 members. We already have four to initiate at our May meeting. We have a pot-luck dinner every meeting night and a good turnout. When Com-in-Chief Runkle was here we had all our officers at his meeting in Los Angeles.

Camp 8, Inglewood
We have a new hall to meet in and are on the go. Initiated three new members at our last meeting and have more for the next.

Camp 10, Long Beach
Lawton Camp under the leadership of Com. Harry Tallman won the gold banner for the largest increase in membership for last year—little over 46%. That is the kind of work which will soon, if other Camps will get busy, make the power of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War felt.

In the last issue I got the wrong man as the Commander of this Camp. It was Harry Tallman who did such a nice ritualistic job of installing.

Camp 7, Pasadena
Sr. Vice Com. McDonald is now at the helm of Camp 7.

Camp 21, Oakland
On Monday night, March 27, at Veterans Memorial Building, was held a joint dinner of Colonel Baker Camp and Auxiliary 21.

Forty-eight members and guests feasted on turkey and as this happened to be the birthday of the Auxiliary, the Sons had added a delicious and colorful cake in their honor.

The following exercises were especially in honor of Com-in-Chief John Runkle and Nat'l Pres. Ethelyn Tucker, who were felicitated and showered with gifts. It was all very worth while because these enthusiastic leaders emphasized the ways by which the order can continue to live effectively through the years.

Well Loved Brother Passes

Harry James Lawrence passed to the Camp Eternal at San Bernardino, Calif., on March 11. He was born at Barrington Center, Cook County, Illinois, Feb. 7, 1878. He died in the Santa Fe Railroad Hospital and graveside services were conducted at 2 p. m. on March 14, by Rev. Willis E. Smith at the Mountain View Cemetery, San Bernardino.

He was assistant auditor for the Burlington Railway at Aurora, Ill., until moving to San Bernardino in 1906, where he was traveling auditor for the Santa Fe Ry. until he retired in 1940.

He was a member of Camp 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Aurora, and joined Camp 10, Long Beach, on moving there on Dec. 20, 1929, having been transferred to the Los Angeles office for the Railway. He served at times as Chaplain, Secretary, Sr. Vice Commander and Commander, a service covering 52 years; an active and consistent member, kind and helpful always.

He was the son of Civil War Veteran John B. Lawrence, who enlisted in Company C, Pennsylvania State Volunteers, on April 13, 1861, as a Musician, was mustered out August 2, 1862, to enlist on the same day in Co. G, 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from which he received a discharge on May 29, 1865, at the end of the war. Over four years of marching, fighting and victory in a patriotic cause.—John G. Spielman.

THREE GENERATIONS AS DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS



WALTER HOYT DE FOREST

Elected and Installed Department Commander, 37th Annual Encampment, April 21, 1921.

(Son, grandson, and great-grandson of Henry Warren De Forest, Company G, 17th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, 1861-1865, and Past Post Commander of Kellogg Post No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic, Derby, Department of Connecticut).

(Grandson, and great-grandson of Lieutenant Silas Oscar Dwinell, Company E and Company K, 6th Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and Past Post Commander of Kellogg Post No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic, Derby, Department of Connecticut, also Post Graves Registration Officer of same).

Present Department Commander is the 8th Past Camp Commander of Colonel Russell Camp to hold the office of Department Commander of Connecticut. Camp also has another father and son combination, Past Department Commanders Lewis S. and Fred L. Chapman. Commander De Forest, son of Past Department President (1936 and 1937) Sister Ella L. DeForest.

BERTRAND OLIVER DE FOREST

Elected and Installed Department Commander, 51st Annual Encampment (14 years later) April 26, 1935.

ROBERT WALTER DE FOREST

Elected and Installed Department Commander, 66th Annual Encampment (15 years later) April 16, 1950.

IOWA

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New Camp at Cedar Rapids

The Iowa Department instituted a new Camp in Cedar Rapids on April 15. Dept. Com. Young had been working on this since last June and it was due to his energetic work, and the ability to get others to help, that made it possible.

The ceremony was held in the Roosevelt Hotel in the afternoon and evening. A degree team, which was lead by L. L. Shope as Commander; Ray Snodgrass, Sr. Vice; H. H. LeGrand, Jr. Vice; George Clark, Patriotic Instructor; Louis G. Blair, of Ohio, as Chaplain; Homer Young, Guide; Dr. Smith, of Madison, Wis., as Color Bearer, and J. L. Hearshman as Guard, did a good job putting on the work. Most all had memorized their parts which made it very impressive to those who received the work.

Election of officers for the new Camp, which takes the same name as one that formerly existed, that of Cedar Rapids Camp No. 3, resulted in Ed Kuba as Commander; R. A. Wilkinson, Sr. Vice; E. J. Pulda, Jr. Vice; P. D. Smith, Sec.-Treas.; Council Members were Louis G. Blair, Jr., Roy Jordan and Glen Stebbins; Pat. Inst., Carl Lindsay; Chap., Ed Hawk; Guide, M. Buckner; Color Bearer, William Barry; Guard, B. E. Skinner. The new Camp starts off with 27 members.

The officers are nearly all business men or retired from business. Mr. Kuba is a Funeral Director, and Louis G. Blair, Jr., is Superin-

tendent of St. Lukes Methodist Hospital. After election several were called on to give words of encouragement and Louis G. Blair, a Past Dept. Com. of Ohio, and Dr. Smith, of Madison, Wis., both gave inspiring advice. Dept. Commander Young told of stopping at an old cemetery while en route to Cedar Rapids, and of an unmarked grave of a Civil War Veteran, and our duty to find all unmarked graves of any veterans and secure markers for them. He was informed by the Commander-elect that they had already found this particular grave and had canvassed other outlying cemeteries and had ordered headstones for them.

The installing date had been changed from April 8 and consequently the Commander-in-Chief could not be present as he had intended. There were several others who had expressed their intention of attending but were prevented from doing so.

A banquet was served during the evening and greetings and best wishes were received from several of the other patriotic organizations, and from the Mayor of the City. The Veterans of Foreign Wars extended the new Camp an invitation to use their hall as a meeting place until they have a place of their own. After the banquet the officers were installed and the new Camp put on a Memorial Service that would put to shame older and less active Camps.

Iowa is praising Dept. Com. Young for his interest and activity this year in getting new members, and are talking him for Commander-in-Chief the coming year. In addition to the new Camp he has added fifteen new members to his own Camp and is working on others to do likewise.

Camps 75 and 77 in Des Moines will hold a joint meeting sometime in May to entertain the Dept. Commander, initiate new members. The new Camp at Cedar Rapids will be their guests, and the two Auxiliaries in Des Moines will serve a dinner. Commander Young will also inspect the Camp of Junior Sons.

In Memoriam

Ned Young, member of C. C. Carpenter Camp No. 58 of Fort Dodge, Iowa, died at his home on Feb. 20, 1950, at the age of sixty-seven years. His claim to right of membership came through his grandfather, Lieut. Col. Jonathan Hutchinson, of Co. I, 32nd Volunteer Infantry of Iowa.

Ned served his Camp well, having held the office of Commander, as well as every office in the organization, at different times, and served on countless committees. Always assisted in Memorial Day work. Much of the success of Dept. Encampment held in Fort Dodge in 1944, was due to his efforts.

His jovial disposition endeared him to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed, and we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

INDIANA

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

Department Encampment

The 64th Annual Encampment of the Indiana Dept. will be held at Terre Haute on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 16, 17 and 18. All the other allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet at the same time and place in the 2nd Memorial Encampment to the Indiana G. A. R. Headquarters and meeting place for the Sons and Auxiliary will be at the Hotel Deming. The hotel requests that reservations for rooms be made by June 1st.

Camp 356, Indianapolis

Ben Harrison Camp and Auxiliary are meeting twice every month with increasing interest in all meetings. On the 1st Tuesday evening each month they meet at the Y. W. C. A. for a 6 o'clock dinner, which is followed by social activities. Business sessions are held on the 3rd Tuesday evening at the World War Memorial. Visitors are gladly welcomed to all meetings. A nice class of candidates are due to be initiated into each organization on May 16.

The Memorial Day Service will be held this year on Sunday, May 28, on the grounds of the new Naval Armory at 30th St. and White River. The Sons and Auxiliary sponsor this service in memory of the men who have given their lives while serving in the Navy, the Marine Corps and the Air Forces of our country. This has grown to be one of the nicest of the more than 20 memorial services in Indianapolis.

NEW YORK

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Camp 88, Waverly

Camp 88 mourns the passing of its Secretary and Past Commander, Curtis Morgan, on March 12. He was a member of the Camp many years and very faithful and loyal to it. He retired 3 years ago from his employment with the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Rochester Area

P. D. C. Rudolf Guenther, a member of the Council-in-Chief, has been named the 1950 Commander of the Veterans Memorial and Executive Council of Rochester.

Though in poor health his death came as a shock. He was 73 years of age. The Christian Science funeral service was rendered.

Dept. Com. French's Message

Let me say this to all newly elected Camp Officers: Please do not be discouraged by the seemingly small attendance at Camp meetings. It is the faithful few in each Camp that must carry on until we can find some way to revive or arouse interest of the others. We as Sons of Union Veterans have an honor and obligation and our heritage that only we can have. We must not falter—we must go on.

I have been present at installations of Camps at Rochester, Elmira, Syracuse, Utica and Buffalo.

All reservations for the Dept. Encampment at Rochester, June 21-23 must be made directly with the Seneca Hotel.

Camp 93, Binghamton

Binghamton Camp united with its Auxiliary March 24 at the Home Library, Johnson

City, in an Appomattox Day observance. A bountiful dinner was served. Among the speakers were Past Com.-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, District Deputy Truman Vincent and Past Com. Andrew Wright, all of Elmira. Brother Cranmer spoke on Lee's surrender to Grant.

Camp 40, Ithaca

Dept. Com. Judson French, of Batavia, and Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Leslie More, of Owego, were guests of the Camp April 18.

Camp 77, Elmira

Diven Camp will present the name of Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Leslie W. More for Dept. Commander at the annual Encampment at Rochester, June 20-22.

An invitation has been accepted from the Reverend Harland Tuttle to hold Memorial Sunday services May 28 at the Northside Baptist Church. The Camp will be accompanied by Mrs. A. S. Diven Tent No. 7, D. O. U. V., Auxiliary 49 and Baldwin Post W. R. C. At the regular meeting April 3, Past Com.-

in-Chief Cranmer spoke on Appomattox Day. A 50-year membership badge was presented P. C. James Brooks. P. C. J. Gordon Wilcox, another 50-year member, who has been ill, is considerably improved. A successful card party was held recently.

Camp 223, Buffalo

We mourn the loss of Brother George H. Conover, who passed away before being installed as Commander. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. Our new Commander is Charles B. Bell.

At our March meeting, we mustered in four candidates: Benjamin B. Bell, Wm. J. Bell, James Hollis and Harold L. Wilson. On Saturday, April 15, the Camp placed a wreath on Statue of President Lincoln in Delaware Park, near the Buffalo Historical Society Building.

Our Camp will have charge of services held on Memorial Day at G. A. R. Monument in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Our G. A. R. allied groups held a Lincoln Dinner on Feb. 11, in Hotel Lenox. Dept. Com. Judson French, and several of our Allied Dept. Pres. were present. Rev. Thaddeus Allen, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, gave us a stirring address on Lincoln.

Dept. Com. Judson French installed our newly elected officers as follows: Com., Charles B. Bell; Sr. Vice, Edward H. Gottschalk; J. Vice, Harry E. Gibbons; Sec., Orion L. Murrell; Treas., Willard B. Stephan; Pat. Inst., George P. Martena.

Camp 26, New York City

A committee has been appointed for Memorial Day Services. At 1 p. m. on Memorial Sunday, May 28, a short service will be held at West Farms Cemetery, East 180th St. and Vyse Ave., Bronx, at which time a wreath will be placed on the Monument. Thereafter the group will proceed to the Tilden Post, G. A. R., plot in Woodlawn Cemetery at 233rd St., North Border, Bronx. Here the services will take place at 2:30 p. m. using the G. A. R. ritual.

Various Veteran and Patriotic Organizations have been invited to participate at the ceremony.

Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs will be the main speaker.

The concluding services will be held at the grave of Captain Oliver Tilden in the same cemetery. Graves will be flagged by Brothers Clarence Longstreet, George Longstreet and Robert Cline.

On Tuesday, May 30, Memorial Day, the Camp under the leadership of Com. Baer, will take part in the big Manhattan Parade, marching up Riverside drive and acting as escort to the G. A. R. wreaths. The Camp members will also carry the old battle flags in honor of the "Boys in Blue."

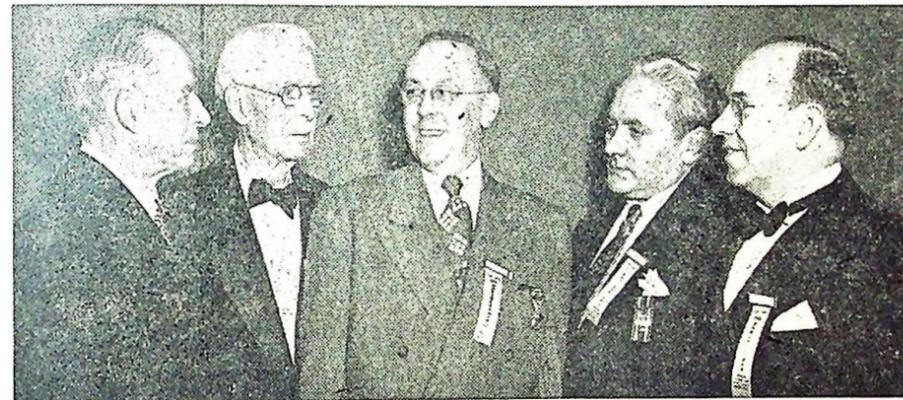
A committee of six Past Commanders of Tilden Camp has issued an appeal urging the re-election of Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs at the Dept. Encampment in Rochester. Brother Isaacs has served 27 years in this office.

Oliver Tilden Camp announces with deep regret the death of its beloved Treasurer, S. H. Orrenreich, on Feb. 17. Services were held Sunday, Feb. 19, at Midtown Funeral Chapel.

Camp 43, Utica

P. D. C. Francis P. Addy has been elected President of the Council of the Allied Bodies of the Grand Army. P. C. C. M. Tracey was named a member of the Executive Committee. The Council will make arrangements for the Dept. Encampments of the W. R. C., D. O. U. V. and Ladies of the Grand Army to be held in Utica in June.

CAMP 223, BUFFALO, N. Y., OBSERVE 50th ANNIVERSARY



Local and out-of-town leaders of the Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223, attended a banquet at the Park Lane Saturday evening, March 11, in observance of the 50th anniversary of the Camp. Left to right are John E. Selkirk, 50-year member and only active charter member; Dr. Ralph Sheldon, Lyons, Past Commander-in-Chief; Judson N. French, Batavia, Dept. Commander; John W. Haffelt, Kenmore, Dept. Council Member of New York and general chairman of program; and Charles B. Bell, Camp Commander.

CO-OPERATION OF PUBLIC ASKED BY FBI AGENT

Co-operation of the public in helping agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation uncover subversive plots against the United States Government was asked by Harry G. Maynor, special agent in charge of the Buffalo office of the FBI. The G-man spoke at a 50th anniversary dinner of the Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at the Park Lane, Buffalo, N. Y.

Despite the fact that "the shooting war ended several years ago," Maynor warned that there now are "persons working in opposition to our constitutional form of government."

"If you hear of anything that is suspicious or feel is subversive," the FBI agent said, "drop us a post card or phone us. Agents are on duty 24 hours a day."

"We can't be everywhere. There is one agent to about every 36,000 people. We need your help."

In defense of criticism that the FBI is becoming a "Gestapo or a national police agency," Maynor said it is impossible for the FBI to become a Gestapo because it is charged only with the investigations and not the prosecutions of federal violations. He added that Director J. Edgar Hoover is opposed to legislation that would increase the FBI's jurisdiction.

Praising the purposes and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the FBI man said one of the responsibilities of the FBI is practically identical to a purpose of the Civil War organization which was listed on the anniversary program: "To oppose all movement, tendencies and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional union . . ."

A Lincoln monologue was given by Luther D. Aydelotte, noted Buffalo impersonator of the Civil War President.

Dr. Ralph Sheldon, of Lyons, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, who instituted for the local Camp in 1900, presented a 50-year badge to former City Councilman John E. Selkirk, the only active charter member of the Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp.

S. Grove McClellan, Past Commander of the Camp, read a history of the 50-year-old organization. Willard B. Stephan, Past Department Commander, was toastmaster.

MASSACHUSETTS

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

To Members of the Massachusetts Dept.

Another Dept. Encampment draws near and by the time this message reaches you, you will have elected new officers to conduct the Department business.

I would like to thank all the Camps and Associations throughout the State for their assistance in making my job easier. And to P. C. C. H. Harding Hale, and P. D. C. Harold Drown, my sincere thanks for their contributions to The Banner and the local newspapers.

To the new officers of the Mass. Dept., be sure at any time I stand ready and willing to help in any way.—John L. (Jack) Day, Pub. Sec.

Camp 61, Boston

At our regular meeting on May 3 a short business meeting was held. Plans were discussed and made for Memorial Observances in the Hall of Flags, in the State House, and a schedule arranged for the decoration of the graves of Civil War dead, at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, and Boston Cemeteries.

"The story of United States Postage Stamps" was told by Mr. William T. Pollitz, the noted postage stamp dealer and authority on stamp issues of the United States. A collection of United States stamps and covers, with special emphasis on Civil War subjects, were shown by Mr. Pollitz. A social hour followed.

Nomet Banquet

Emerson Whitman, president, P. D. C.'s Kimball, chairman, and Quinn, toastmaster, combined to make the annual banquet and good time in March of the North Metropolitan District Association unsurpassed, if ever equalled, in the quarter century of its history.

Over one hundred attended and enjoyed an excellent evening. Cambridge and Chelsea rivalled for numbers, each having just under thirty present. This was a tribute to guest speaker Mayor Edward A. Crane, of Cambridge, and Frank F. Johnson, P. D. P. I., who stirred up the patronage.

Mayor Crane, a veteran of World War II, who served with distinction, told us Memorial Day belongs to Sons of Union Veterans, heirs of the G. A. R., and that he would do all in his power to keep appropriations for the Sons, who decorate hundreds of graves, against numerous other units, who mark not one but who use their allotment of funds for "a Belshazzar Feast."

Dept. Com. Roy C. Call and Dept. Pres. Gladys D. Milkey were chief guests, along with Florence Mason, Dept. Pres. Ladies of G. A. R. Inimitable Fred Waugh and orchestra helped to liven up the program. Musical and dance numbers were enjoyed.

For a finale, "Ed" French and wife, magicians, were again with us. His pair proceeded to make "monkeys" out of Mayor Crane; Anna White, Pres. of P. D. P.'s; P. D. C.'s Kimball and Drown; Esther Haskell and Dorothy Milkey. Little Barbara Haskell added to fun, with her comments.

Rally 'Round the Order

This is the year all good Sons should come to the aid of the Massachusetts Dept., and attend the National Encampment. First, because it is to be held in Boston, and will be convenient and inexpensive. Secondly, comparatively few in this Department, have ever attended a national gathering. In the third

place, much of value can be gained to further advance the order. Finally, and perhaps most important, it will help show our state strength and better publicize the order, outwardly.

Plan to attend, at least part time, from August 20-24 at the Hotel Statler, Park Square. B 1 of the 1,000 who should attend from Massachusetts. Let our motto be "We're coming Uncle Runkle."

Tribute to Everett

Just about 64 persons attended the 64th anniversary observance by Gen. A. P. Martin Camp 62, Everett, on April 15. Every member available of this once strong Camp was present, thanks very largely to the efforts of Emerson Whitman, Commander in 1918, and since 1944.

Featured on program was "reminiscences" by Gen. E. Leroy Sweetser, Commander in 1893; dramatic readings by George S. Brownlow, inimitable orator; and "drum solo," George W. Kimball, P. D. C., on priceless drum owned by Whitman and carried by his father, Daniel, in Civil War. Also, solos by "Cap" Palmer, P. D. C.'s Winchell and Drown were patrons. Chief address was by Philip J. Crowley, Mayor of Everett.

Martin Camp should be commended for its arresting of public prestige, through overcoming of tremendous obstacles.

PENNSYLVANIA

Edgar C. Clymer, Press Correspondent, 933 Race St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Group Meeting at Pittsburgh

On Sunday afternoon, April 23, the various Camps and Auxiliaries of Western Pennsylvania met at the Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh for individual meetings, and then in a group where Dept. Com. Gilbert Brown of Johnstown presided.

Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle, of Harrisburg, and Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Kathryn Snyder, of Pottsville, were also present and made appropriate addresses.

Bro. Runkle, who is general chairman of the committee arranging for the 1950 Department Encampment at Harrisburg, June 18 to 22, outlined the entire program for the week and invited all members to attend this year that possibly can.

The Sons meetings will be held in the American Legion Home, and the Auxiliary will hold theirs in the ballroom of the Penn Harris Hotel (Headquarters).

Forty-five rooms have been allotted each of the five Dept. groups and the balance of those attending will be lodged at the Hotel Harrisburger, across the street from the Penn Harris.

Reservation cards can be secured from Dept. Com. Gilbert Brown, 422 Napoleon St., Johnstown, Pa., and from the heads of each of the other groups.

Visitations by Dept. Com. Brown

Dept. Com. Gilbert Brown, of Johnstown, had a very busy month during February attending the various Lincoln Day Banquets and programs held throughout the Keystone State by the Sons and Auxiliary.

On Feb. 4 he was the guest of the Harrisburg Camp and Auxiliary in the Penn Harris Hotel, where a very fine program was rendered.

On Feb. 10 he journeyed to Trenton to attend a wonderful affair there and on Saturday, Feb. 11, he attended the Sons banquet and entertainment in the Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia.

On Monday, Feb. 13, he was invited to the Lincoln Dinner at the Swisssdale Home of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in honor of Dept.

Pres. Mrs. Sara Drawbaugh and her officers.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, he attended the Lehigh Valley Association banquet and entertainment at Bethlehem.

On Monday, Feb. 20, he acted as chairman and toastmaster at the joint banquet of the allied groups of the G. A. R. in his home city.

Congratulations to all Camps who have initiated new recruits in their Camps. If we all get busy we can show an increase this year instead of a loss of members in the Keystone State.

A joint class initiation of the Sons and Auxiliary was held on March 16 at Mt. Carmel, Pa., in the P. O. S. of A. Hall, when 10 members of the Sons were initiated by Camp No. 34 and 6 new members of the Auxiliary were inducted into their organization. Over 100 members attended this class initiation, including Dept. Com. Gilbert Brown of Johnstown, and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Kathryn Snyder, of Pottsville.

On Friday evening, March 17, Dept. Com. Brown attended the St. Patrick's Day Party at Camp No. 34 when a large number of their members and friends were present to help celebrate this occasion. Mt. Carmel Camp 34 has enrolled more than 50 new members during the past year.

Reading Camp Dedicates Building

On Saturday, March 18, Com. Brown journeyed to Reading, Pa., where on Sunday, March 19, he attended the dedication of their new G. A. R. Building in memory of the members of 2 Reading Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is a 4 story building with a club room in the basement, and will be a fitting tribute to the G. A. R.

Over 500 members and friends of the six groups affiliated with the G. A. R. were present and helped make it a grand success, including the heads of each Dept. Organization.

Judge Shanaman of the local courts was the speaker and he delivered a stirring address that was enjoyed by all.

Members were present from 26 different cities of Pennsylvania. Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle, of Harrisburg, was present and also delivered a very interesting address.

Music was furnished by the Harrisburg Drum Corps, the Reading Cadets (a newly formed organization of boys and girls of Reading, with new uniforms, which made a fine appearance) and the 2nd Regiment Band of Allentown rendered a concert at the close of the program.

The balance of the afternoon and evening was spent in looking over this fine building which has been dedicated to the Boys in Blue, and which will be a lasting tribute to those men who answered Lincoln's call to preserve this nation.

Col. LeRoy Stoudt, P. C. C., of Reading, acted as master of ceremonies in a very fitting manner. Bro. Stoudt has been untiring in his efforts to have this building completed. They have paid \$35,000 for the building and about \$15,000 to put it in first class condition for many uses.

One floor will be used for a public auditorium where they hold bingo three nights a week; one floor for offices, the third floor has been made into a large lodge room for various organizations to meet (and it is taken up every night) and the 4th floor is being used as a drill room for the cadets, and band practice room.

The Reading G. A. R. Club has enrolled over 1100 members to carry on the undertaking to make it a success.

Philadelphia Joint Meeting

On Monday, March 20, the various Camps in and around Philadelphia held a joint meeting in the G. A. R. Headquarters, 667 N.

12th Street, where about 50 members of 15 Camps were gathered to welcome and hear Dept. Com. Gilbert Brown give a fine address on the work being done throughout Pennsylvania.

Banquet at York

On April 1, 1950, the Camp and Auxiliary of York, Pa., were hosts to an Appomattox Day banquet which was attended by a large delegation of members and friends including Dept. Com. Gilbert Brown of Johnstown, Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Kathryn Snyder of Pottsville, Mrs. Sara Commers of Johnstown, Dept. Pres. of the D. U. V., Mrs. Elizabeth Mengel of Reading, Dept. Pres. of the Relief Corps, and Mrs. Sara Drawbaugh of Easton, the Dept. President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and many other prominent members of the various groups. A fine time was held, with dancing after the banquet to good music.

On Tuesday evening, April 11, the Sons and Auxiliary of Johnstown, Pa., held a supper and program commemorating Appomattox Day which was attended by a large gathering of members and friends.

Dept. Com. Brown urges all Camps to begin their plans for Memorial Day early so we can pay fitting tribute to the Boys in Blue on that day set aside back in 1868, when they decided to cover the graves of their departed comrades with flowers in memory of their deeds in preserving the Union.

Appomattox Day Honored

On April 15 the Allied Orders connected with the Grand Army of the Republic in Reading, Pa., celebrated Appomattox Day with a banquet and program in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, where a large gathering of members and friends attended from all parts of the state.

Com.-in-Chief Runkle, who was attending the Dept. Encampment of Connecticut, addressed the Reading assemblage over a long distance hookup, along with Bill Nimitz, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor, and National President Tucker of the Auxiliary.

Wilde Monument Dedication

The monument erected to the memory of Lt. Isaac E. Wilde by his late family in 1864, and which has been restored to its original condition, will be re-dedicated Saturday, May 13, in Chester Rural Cemetery, Chester, at 2:30 o'clock. Maj. John H. Runkle, Commander-in-Chief, will dedicate the renovated monument. P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock is chairman of the committee.

Media Borough Centennial

In conjunction with the Media Borough Centennial to be observed during the week of June 3 to 10, Bradbury Camp No. 149 is planning to enter a float which will depict the Final National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Indianapolis, Ind., last August.

Candidates

At the forthcoming Primaries to be held May 16, there are three known candidates for as many offices who are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Cong. John Kunkle, of Harrisburg, candidate for the Republican Senatorial nomination, is a member of Gen. John Hartranft Camp No. 15, of Harrisburg. He has been a Congressman for the past 12 years.

Judge Charles Scott Williams, of Williamsport, is seeking the Republican nomination for Governor. He is a member of Camp No. 44 in Williamsport, and is a Lycoming County Judge.

Rev. Frank W. Ruth, State Senator from

Berks County, who is a member of Goldsmith Camp No. 81, of Quakertown, is candidate for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of Internal Affairs. Rev. Ruth is a resident of Bernville, Berks County, where he is a pastor of a circuit of churches.

Sons of Veterans Club Officers

Charles Dern, of Camp 9, Ellis, Germantown, Chairman of Dept. Council, who was elected President of the Sons of Veterans Club, has announced that a regular meeting will be held at 667 N. 12th St. in July. Members will be notified as to the exact date. A vice president will be elected and a preliminary report is expected for the 1951 Lincoln Banquet, the committee having been appointed at the last meeting.

NEW JERSEY

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

Camp 4, Trenton

The Camp has been very active during the winter and we are now preparing for spring activities and the Memorial Day work. Thursday evening, March 30, our annual inspection was held with Sr. Vice Com. Robert McCloud, Sr., as our Inspecting Officer. A class of five new members was initiated by our degree team in the usual fine way. There were visitors present from several Camps of the Department, including several Nat'l and Dept. Officers. There was also a large attendance of our own members.

Several of the Camp members have attended the various Camp inspections with Dept. Com. Russell H. Bogert, who is also a member of this Camp. Another class will be initiated in the near future as there are several applications on the desk.

We are now planning for our Memorial Day work. Services will be held at the Soldiers Plot in the Greenwood Cemetery at 11 a. m., with a program arranged by the Camp Chaplain. Salutes will be fired and taps sounded by our uniform body, Battery A, S. V. R., with Capt. William R. Mulholland, Jr., 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, which will be held in Asbury Park, on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3.

Camp 5, Trenton

The Camp was inspected during March by Dept. Pat. Inst. George Kilmer, of Lambertville, and received an excellent rating. At the inspection, three candidates were initiated. Past Com.-in-Chief Lambert pinned the membership badge on his son, and a 50-year badge on his father-in-law, Wm. Simpson, at this meeting.

The Camp is again attending meetings of the Joint Memorial Committee of the City of Trenton, which is preparing for Memorial Day activities. Brother Lambert is secretary of the Joint Committee, and Brother Simpson is treasurer.

At a recent meeting of Company B, the following officers were elected: Captain, Albert C. Lambert; Lieutenant, Edward Darrah; First Sergeant, Lawrence Eldridge; Color Sergeant, Richard Kucker; and Corporal, Albert Britton.

On Saturday evening, May 20, the Camp will celebrate its 67th anniversary, and Auxiliary No. 5 will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a joint dinner-dance at the Yardville Hotel. An excellent program is being prepared, and we look for a large gathering of our members and friends on this occasion.

CONNECTICUT

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

Department Encampment

The 66th annual Encampment was held at the Garde Hotel in New Haven, April 15 and 16, with Com. Nemitz presiding. We had the pleasure of having Com.-in-Chief John Runkle present at our meetings and also enjoyed a short talk from Sister Tucker, Nat. Pres. of the Auxiliary.

The annual banquet was held Saturday night, with 175 attending. The speaker of the evening, Senator Peterson, brought out the point that we should all pull together, and make our organization heard and express our views on important subjects, such as the measure that has recently been presented to reduce the pensions of the children of our boys that were killed in action during the last war. We also had the opportunity of listening to Com.-in-Chief Runkle give a short talk over the telephone to our Brothers in Reading, Pa., who were holding their annual Appomattox Day dinner.

At the election of officers—Robert W. DeForest was elected Commander, Charles O'Neil, Sr. Vice, and Edward E. Boyce, Jr. Vice.

Robert is the third generation of DeForest's to serve our Dept. as Commander. His father "Bert" has served this Department a great many years, as well as the National body, and at present is chairman of Grave Marking. Under the guidance of our new officers this Dept. should enjoy a very successful year.

Camp 6, Hartford

Our Camp celebrated Lincoln's birthday by holding its annual dinner in February. About 75 brothers and sisters attended from around the state and heard Dept. Com. Nemitz give a talk on Lincoln. We presented "The Life of Lincoln" to one of the boys from a local school who recited the Gettysburg Address.

Camp 26, Derby

Well represented on the various committees of the Derby-Shelton Memorial Day Association, Col. Charles L. Russell Camp will again assume charge of the services of Memorial Day at the Central Green Soldiers' Monument, as well as the Sunday evening Memorial Services at the high school, with P. D. C. Lewis S. Chapman as chairman. The Camp will also hold special services at the grave of Colonel Russell, in Oak Cliff Cemetery. There are eleven cemeteries which are decorated by the Camp members located in Derby, Shelton, Monroe, East Village, White Hills and as far away as Stepney Depot.

Derby Camp is proud to be hailed again as Dept. Headquarters for the eighth time, with Robert W. (Bob) DeForest, veteran of World War II, as the new Dept. Commander.

The Camp and Auxiliary at the next meetings of the units will honor the new Dept. Officers from Derby, the Dept. Commander and the Dept. Personal Aide, Bert DeForest, Jr., and Dept. Treas. of the Auxiliary, Sister Grace B. Therkildsen. Meetings of both Camp and Auxiliary are held on the second Monday of each month at the homes of the members jointly, and social affairs follow each meeting. The Camp recently added the name of Dept. Sec.-Treas. C. Harry Curtiss, of Bridgeport, to its list of Honorary members. Bro. Franklin M. McLaughlin is the Camp Commander.—Dee.

It is a fine thing to have ability, but the ability to discover ability in others is the true test.—Elbert Hubbard.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight

Camp 25 Member Dies

E. Bentley Hamilton, a prominent Peoria attorney, and a member of Camp 25 for many years, died April 4, from a heart attack. A graduate of Northwestern University Law School he had practiced law in Peoria for 40 years.

Surviving are his wife, two sons and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held April 7 and interment was in Springdale Cemetery.

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Camp 1, Chicago

Guy H. Simons and his wife, Lola, who were suffocated by fire in their home March 4, were members of Camp 1, and Auxiliary 30. Guy Simons was a Past Commander of our Camp, and was accorded the last rites of a Son of a Veteran by the Camp members, and both he and his wife were buried in Arlington Cemetery, near Chicago, March 9, with the rites of the Sons of Veterans, the Daughters of Veterans and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans.

Charles Rockhold, Past Camp Commander of Gen. Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 1, passed away March 24, after an illness of many months. He was buried with Masonic honors at Oakridge Cemetery, March 27, 1950.

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Illinois Last G. A. R. Member Passes

Lewis Fablinger, of Downers Grove, 103 years old, the last Dept. Commander and the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Illinois, passed away at Hines Memorial Hall, March 14. Funeral services were held at Downers Grove March 17, and members of Gen. Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 1 officiated by rendering the Memorial Services, using the Ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Representatives of all the Allied Orders were present, as well as members of other military orders. The Governor of the State of Illinois had a representative present and also sent a large floral tribute. Among the pallbearers were Past Camp Com. Geo. S. Pense and Past Dept. Com. James M. Blackman.

After these services Com. Fablinger's remains were escorted to Elizabeth, Ill., for burial. Secretary of the Illinois Dept. of the G. A. R., James M. Blackman, Dept. Jr. Vice Com. Geo. S. Lovering, and Past Nat'l Pres. Eva B. Blackman of the Auxiliary took an active part in the final services held in Elizabeth, Saturday, March 18. All business in the town was closed and all veteran organizations took part in the services, and escorted the casket from the church to the cemetery, where the firing squad and taps were the final of the service.

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C.-in-C. Runkle in Chicago

Sunday, April 2, the members of the Illinois Department, and members of the Dept. Auxiliary to the Sons, met at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, for luncheon and a meeting with our Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle.

After lunch and introductions, the meeting was held in Club Room No. 1, which was donated by Mr. Gus Bering, a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. Our Commander-in-Chief is all business and after giving a brief of the Sons of Union Veterans gave an inspiring talk on the order and how to work for its upbuilding. His talk was a masterful and inspirational plea for a united endeavor on the part of every member to fulfill his obligations. John's slogan "It Can Be Done"

was illustrated with many incidents showing how it had been done in other places, and he urged renewed activity before the coming Nat'l Encampment in Boston in August. The sincerity of the speaker was evident in every word uttered.

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Honor Founding of G. A. R.

On Saturday evening, April 8, under auspices of the Sons and Daughters Association of Cook County, the annual banquet and reception commemorating the founding of the G. A. R. was held at the Hamilton Hotel in Chicago. It was well attended and was a gala affair. Over the radio that noon Dept. Com. Reynolds delivered the following message:

On April 6, 1866, just 84 years ago, a group of Veterans from the then recent Civil War, just a dozen of them, met together and under the leadership of Major B. F. Stephenson of Springfield, Ill., instituted the Organization which was to become famous as the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. For, from that small beginning, the Grand Army of the Republic grew to a peak membership in 1890, of near 500,000, of the boys who had fought to preserve their Country's unity. They were a powerful force for good in those dark days following the Civil War, and had the respect of the entire Nation.

This unique organization was founded down state, in central Illinois, County of Macon, and City of Decatur, in an upper room of a small business building. The last member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Illinois passed away March 14, of the present year, leaving at that time only 11 more in the whole United States. It therefore becomes the duty of Sons and Daughters of these Veterans, to take the lead in preserving the memory of their deeds and sacrifices. We accept this responsibility and deem it a privilege to serve in their stead. The birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic is marked merely with a small bronze plaque. We feel very strongly that, while this little plaque "marks the spot" so-to-speak, it is decidedly an understatement to say that it is entirely inadequate. The Nation who respected, idealized and even idolized the Grand Old men of the Grand Army of the Republic during their life time, would now certainly wish to see a substantial memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic in the city of their birth.

We, the Sons of Union Veterans, National as well as the Department of Illinois, pledge ourselves to see that this is done. We hope that the Congress who saw fit to send the Marine Band to the Grand Army Encampments each year, will now see fit to erect a memorial building in their honor; and also honoring soldiers of all wars, a building where their relics may be preserved and where allied orders may meet to honor their memory. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other Organizations have pledged their support.

As a definite act of your assistance, please send a letter to your Congressman.

WISCONSIN

Henry Lunz, Correspondent, 2220 Monroe St., Madison, Wisconsin

Runkle Visits Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department was fortunate on April 1st to have the privilege of receiving an official visit from Com.-in-Chief John Runkle. The Milwaukee Camp acted as hosts and the officers of the Wisconsin Department and its Auxiliary met at the Wisconsin Hotel in Milwaukee to attend the banquet in his honor. Representatives of all affiliated orders were present and all agreed that it was an evening profitably spent. Our Commander-

in-Chief was well received and gave an inspiring and outstanding address. It was the general opinion that it was the most refreshing and constructive discussion of our interests that they had ever heard.

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Eau Claire

Dept. Com. Geo. A. Powers and Aux. Pres. Mary Harrison made an official visit to Eau Claire on April 29. Officers of the Department and the Auxiliary were graciously received and after a most bountiful meal, served at the Galloway Hotel, the officers were introduced. The ladies at Eau Claire are the ultimate in preparing and serving fine food. After the dinner all went to the Lounge where a delightful social hour followed. The next day several decided to visit Com. Wilcox, the only surviving Civil War Veteran in Wisconsin, but bad roads prevented the trip. Com. Wilcox lives near Cadott which is about 30 miles from Eau Claire.

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Camp 2, Madison

Henry Harnden Camp observed Grant's Day at its meeting on Monday, April 24. Bro. George Fitch gave a very interesting discussion to the "Human Side of Grant." It was instructive and enjoyed by all. A ladies' quartette furnished the music and several readings were given. After the program lunch was served and a social hour followed.

MINNESOTA

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C.-in-C. Runkle Visits Minnesota

The Minnesota Department was highly honored on March 31st in having received a visit from Com.-in-Chief John H. Runkle. After a breakfast with Dept. Com. Robert E. Payne, Camp Com. Chester L. Charter, Dept. Sec. Dewey B. Mead, and Robert E. Payne, Jr., a special meeting of Minneapolis Camp No. 8 was held at the home of Brother Charles F. Martin. Robert E. Payne, Jr., was initiated into the Order with Com.-in-Chief Runkle acting as Commander and Dept. Com. Payne as Chaplain.

In company with Dept. Com. Payne, Camp Com. Charter and Dept. Sec. Mead, Com.-in-Chief Runkle visited Brother George F. Rapp, a 50-year member, who has been ill for some time.

After a tour of the Twin Cities, where visits were made to the Minnesota Soldiers Home, the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, the monument to Josiah H. King, the first man to enlist for the Civil War, and to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, an informal dinner was held at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis, where the Hon. Eric G. Hoyer, Mayor of Minneapolis, extended the greetings of the City to our honored visitor. Following the dinner a meeting was held in the G. A. R. Memorial Hall.

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Camp 8, Minneapolis

On April 1 Camp Com. Chester L. Charter and his wife attended a reception for Com.-in-Chief Runkle at Milwaukee, which was given by the Wisconsin Department.

On April 20 to 23, Dept. Sec. Dewey B. Mead made a trip to Duluth, where he had a very pleasant visit with Minnesota's No. 1 citizen, Comrade Albert Woolson, who was 103 years young on Feb. 11. Comrade Woolson is the only Civil War veteran left in Minnesota, and is the present Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is also a Son of a Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is in apparent good health and getting along very well.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Department Encampment

The 68th Annual Encampment of this Department was opened at 10 a. m. April 28 at the North Congregational Church in Concord with C.-in-C. John H. Runkle and Nat. Aux. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker as honored guests. After the opening, committees were appointed and reports were read and acted upon.

It was reported we have 14 Camps, 277 members, and are looking forward to an increase in membership. We had visitations from all the Allied Orders. Several guests were present from outside New Hampshire including Nat. Pat. Inst., Conn.; Dept. Pat. Inst., Mass.; P. D. C. Fuller, Mass.; Dept. Com., R. I., and several other guests whose names were unavailable.

Notice of 75th Anniversary of the N. H. Veterans Association to be held at Weirs.

Voted to endorse the name of Past Dept. Com. Cleon E. Heald, of Keene, as a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief at the next or some future National Encampment.

It was voted to appoint a Grave Marking Committee with Henry W. Smith, of Keene, as chairman, and to consist of five members.

It was voted to appoint a Ways and Means Committee to assist in raising funds.

At 4:00 p. m. the Auxiliary and Sons had a joint Memorial Service.

Friday evening the Fifth Annual Camp Fire was held in the State House and was attended by many and enjoyed by all.

After the Camp Fire a dance was held for the Allied Orders and the dance floor was full. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Several brothers spoke of inspections of Camps but no action taken as it was laid on the table.

The Secretary instructed to write all who assisted in the Encampment plans to show the people their work was well done and helped us more than they realized.

Nomination and election of officers and those elected were: Com. Homer L. Atkins, Camp 4, Troy; Sr. Vice, Robert Lawrence, Camp 7, Penacook; Jr. Vice, Lawrence J. Parker, Camp 35, Bennington; Sec.-Treas., Jackson C. Carr, Camp 15, Hillsboro. Delegates to National Convention to be appointed by incoming Commander.

Officers were installed by C.-in-C. John H. Runkle with P. D. C. Clarence H. Parker as Guide, in a joint installation with our Aux.

The Com.-in-Chief spoke to us and explained what we should do to help our organization in membership and finances. He spoke of many places he had visited and of the many ways that Camps work from coast to coast. It seemed that if more members had heard his talk it would benefit many Camps in N. H. as well as elsewhere. After reading his articles in The Banner and being present at this Encampment and hearing his talk, the members present have plenty of news to take back to their own Camps. It was a fine speech, enjoyed by all, and a speech long to be remembered. At the close of the Com.-in-Chief's talk several guests spoke briefly.

The Annual Banquet was held at 5:00 p. m. Saturday evening, after which a party was given the Nat. Pres. of the Auxiliary and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

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Camp No. 38, Milford

The Sons of Union Veterans and Camp 38 held a District meeting at the Banquet Hall,

Saturday, April 1. The Degree team of Camp 38 conferred the degree upon four candidates. Guests attended from Nashua, Hillsboro, Keene, Manchester and Milford.

Entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Those taking part in the entertainment were Jacquelyn Wheeler, tap dance; George LaCass, songs; and Kenneth Wheeler, clarinet solo.

MAINE

M. E. Tilley, Press Correspondent, R. O. Box 224, Biddeford.

Department Encampment

Our Dept. Encampment will be held in Bangor during June this year. It is hoped that a large attendance of delegates will predominate. We have to make good our promise to the G. A. R. to keep green in our lives what they so believed in. Come on boys, let's go!

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Camp 46, Bath

The Bath boys are holding regular meetings every Monday night with a large attendance. Lunches are served by the social committee after each meeting, and things are booming.

On Friday, April 28, the members of Hyde Camp sponsored a Minstrel Show for the benefit of a War Memorial Fund to be raised in Bath. The Sons of Union Veterans in Bath were the first to come to the front and think up the idea of a Memorial to Veterans of all Wars, and are promoting the Minstrel to be the first to raise money for this Fund.

The crack degree team of Hyde Camp, which has no peer, is also kept busy taking in new members for Hyde Camp and other Camps throughout the Maine Department. We think that the great skill and enthusiasm displayed by our Commander-in-Chief in The Banner is a swell lift for our Order.

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Camp 4, Portland

Bosworth Camp was host to Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle, Thursday evening, April 13. Over two hundred members of Sons and Auxiliary were present. A dinner was served at the Falmouth Hotel, followed by a reception at Bosworth Memorial Hall. Mrs. Ethelyn Tucker, of Alton, N. H., National Auxiliary President, was present in her official capacity.

Arrangements were under supervision of Dept. Com. A. Lawrence Calderwood and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Lucilla Blake, with Past Com.-in-Chief Towle assisting in details.

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Camp 25, Bridgton

We held a joint meeting with the Auxiliary April 19 and had a joint program of Appomattox Night and Grant's Night. The program was arranged by Sister Rolfe and was in charge of the Patriotic Instructor of the Camp, Brother Norman P. Towne. Sister Eva Shorey, Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary, gave a very interesting talk on a visit to General Lee's home, and Brother Carl Holman, our newest member, also told many interesting things of the historic places he had visited. There was a quiz which is something that always proves interesting and instructive, and a reading by Sister Rolfe of "Lee's Greatest Victory," from the March copy of the Reader's Digest, and a humorous story by Brother Arthur Sanborn, Sr. Vice Com. of the Camp. There was also considerable discussion in regard to Grant and Lee.

A rising vote of thanks was given Sister Rolfe for the splendid program and she expressed her thanks for our appreciation and our help.

A brief special meeting of the Association was held after this joint meeting after which

refreshments of cake and cold drinks were served by Sister Lillian Cross, Secretary of the Auxiliary. It was Sister Rolfe's birthday and the cake was a birthday cake for her, made by Sister Cross. There was a social hour at this time.

The next meeting will be held May 17; there will be a Mother's Day program. We are beginning to make plans for Memorial Day. We always unite with the American Legion then.

OREGON

E. W. Madison, Dept. Sec., 3733 South East 69th Ave., Portland 6, Oregon

New Song—The Banner of Freedom

Out in the far west, where the waters of the great Pacific lave the beaches of Oregon and Washington, remembrance of the heroic deeds of our fathers, as they offered their lives that we might have a free nation, seems to have drifted into a sea of forgetfulness. The spirit of 1861-65 appears to have changed to a later pattern—the names of Lincoln, Sheridan, Sherman and other protectors of our national unity, have, in the minds of our modern youth, been replaced by such titles as Babe Ruth, Red Grange, and Jack Benny, while our Flag may pass in review before these same youngsters, without raising in their hearts a single beat of patriotism.

In order that more courtesy might be shown "The Colors," is the idea of the Dept. Commander of the Sons in Oregon and Washington, John H. Starr (1093 W. 5th, Eugene, Ore.) that our initiatory ceremony should give greater stress to the observance of our Flag, and to that end, he has prepared certain additions to our rites, which should prove of value to our Order, by instilling into the minds of our newly accepted members, as well as those of our present brothers, our duty in remembrance of those brave men whom we love to honor.

He has written the following song, to be used in connection with certain stunts, that will bring to the attention of all, the meaning of the "Banner of Freedom;" and has dedicated it to any and all Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans.

The Banner of Freedom

(An adaptation of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic")

Freedom's glorious banner, with its red, white and blue,
How it proudly flaunts its colors as it passes in review;
It waved above the fields of Gettysburg and Arlington;
Our Flag goes waving on.

CHORUS

Glory, glory, hallelujah;
Glory, glory, hallelujah;
Glory, glory, hallelujah;
Our Flag goes waving on.

The bodies of our HEROES now are resting 'neath the sod;
But their souls have taken flight to keep a rendezvous with God;
Old Glory waves in victory from dawn to setting sun;
Our Flag goes waving on.

CHORUS.

Try this, brothers, and send to Commander Starr for a complete plan for its use. Get up a quartette and sing it at any or all places, where it might help—especial use would be at combined sessions of Camps and Auxiliaries, or at meeting of the D. U. V., Ladies of the G. A. R. or at meetings of the Woman's Relief Corps.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

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

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

NEW HOPE

Greetings:

Department Conventions are being held around this time and may I express the thanks of the National Organization, as well as my personal thanks, to all the officers who have served their various Departments. To the newly elected officers my very best wishes, as you assume your duties for the ensuing year.

Reports are coming in of many new members being added. May the good work go on. Two new Auxiliary Charters have been signed and more are being formed, thus showing that many loyal and interested Sisters are giving of their time. YOU can do it also.

Again let me remind you to make your reservations early for the National Encampment to be held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass., the week of August 20, 1950. Plan to arrive on Sunday forenoon. If you are unable to secure reservation cards from your Dept. Sec., make your reservation direct to the Statler, stating time of arrival, and be sure to give the name of our Organization.

ETHELYN C. TUCKER,
National President.

TRIBUTE TO P. N. P. LILLIAN S. BALL

While the busy world was hushed and twilight had fallen, Lillian Ball, Past National President, gently and peacefully went to sleep Friday, April 29, 1950, at her home in Indianapolis, Ind.

She had served her own Auxiliary as President in 1924 and as Department President in 1928. In 1931 at the National Encampment in Des Moines, she was elected National Treasurer, in which position she served for twelve years. In 1941 at the Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, the title of Past National President was conferred upon her. In 1943 because of failing health, she resigned the office of National Treasurer.

Auxiliary No. 10 of Indianapolis, with the entire National body, mourns her passing. Her unflinching interests in the work of the Auxiliary filled her long quiet hours in the sick room. Though illness had crippled her body, she continued corresponding with her multitude of friends. Her bravery and courage in the face of physical handicap, testified to her character and she was never heard to repine concerning her health and forced retirement. To know her was to love her.

Our deep and loving sympathy is extended to her only son, Prof. Henry Sagesser, on the faculty of the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Ark., and her beloved nieces, Luetta and Lavina Ball, who so carefully administered to her in her last illness.

"She caught the gold of a sunlit day
And stored it carefully away
Again the time when skies were gray.

She caught the sheen of the moon's fair light
And gathered its beauty, warm and bright
And put it away for a cloudy night.

She caught the wee one's smile so fair
And stored it away with its treasures rare
To ease the hours of toil and care.

And with this wealth, she richly gave
To all she touched, with her life so brave."

(From Emma S. Finch, Lela B. Shugert, Chrystal Powell).

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

Inglewood—Aux. 8 entertained our Jr. Past Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett, who is also Council Member No. 1 of our Nat. Council, and Dept. Pres. Florence Silvers, of Minnesota Dept., at a birthday dinner at the regular meeting on March 8.

Official Visits of Dept. Pres.: Dept. Pres. Nellie E. Smith, of San Francisco, was in Southern Calif. visiting the Auxs. officially. Beginning with the group in Glendale, Feb. 6, she visited Los Angeles that same night, and ended in Riverside the evening of Feb. 16. On the 12th she was at the Mid-Winter meeting. Mrs. Smith had her charming daughter with her; we were all happy to make her acquaintance. We were also happy to have this opportunity to get acquainted with our leader.

Nat. President's Visit: Our Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker, of Alton, N. H., made her official visit to Calif. & Pacific Dept. during the last week of Feb. and first week in March. She was the guest of P. D. P. Beatrice Riggs, of Ontario, part of this time. While in Calif. she was entertained by several Auxs., meeting as many as possible of the members of the Sons and Auxs. An unusual pleasure was to have the Nat. Pres. of the Daughters of U. V., Mrs. Clara Mosher, of Los Angeles, present at three of the gatherings, to extend greetings to Nat. Pres. Tucker.

Mid-Winter Meeting: The 23rd Mid-Winter meeting of the Sons and their Auxs. of Calif. Dept. was held in Odd Fellows Hall in Pasadena on Feb. 12. About 150 members were in attendance. During the joint meeting due honors were shown P. C.-in-C. Ralph Barrett and Past Nat. Presidents Sisters Mamie Deems and Lena G. Barrett. Dept. Officers of both orders were duly seated. C.-of-S. Mollie Sneberg, of the Aux., and C.-of-S. Wilber Coursey, of the Sons, presided. A joint opening ceremony was held, the Sons then retiring to another hall for their meeting. The Aux. members listened to a marvelous paper on "Our President's Motto—Love, Truth and Loyalty," read by D. V. P. Bess Garwood. P. D. P. Beatrice Riggs discussed "Duties of the Department Council" and others spoke at length on "Organization" and "Future of Our Order." After a fine lunch a program of much interest was presented to the two orders meeting jointly. "Abraham Lincoln" appeared in his tall black hat and tailed coat to give the Gettysburg Address and the Pasadena Aux. put on a splendid drill. A full day, a happy day, and a profitable day.—Lura B. Wohlemuth, Dept. Press Cor.

COLORADO & WYOMING DEPARTMENT

Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker of the Aux. to S. U. V. honored Colorado & Wyoming Dept. and our Dept. Pres. Rose Keach, by coming to Pueblo while on her official visit to the western Departments. Members of the Sons and Auxs. of Denver, Colorado Springs, Ft. Collins and Canon City came to greet her at a banquet held in the Whitman Hotel. P. D. C. Earl Wright, P. N. P. of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and a Denver Past Com., gave greetings from out of town. Different Patriotic orders from Pueblo also extended greetings. All enjoyed Sister Tucker's fine talk and her sincere wish is that all carry on their patriotic work to the best of their ability. She stopped in Denver en route to Nebraska and was entertained by the Denver S. V. Camp and Aux. Memorial Day plans are now being made and for the Dept. Encampment to be held in Manitou, June 11-13. Any member visiting Colorado Springs at that time will be welcome to attend.—Hattie E. Mottice, Dept. Press Cor.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

The Dept. Bazaar, which was held in Elgin all day, April 14, proved to be very successful. Excellent meals were served by capable members of the Elgin Aux. Sister Eva Blackman set her goal at \$50 for the Grab Bag, but she went well over the top. "Nuff sed," as everyone knows Eva.

Aurora—S. V. Camp 21 and their Aux. No. 7 entertained in April at a turkey dinner served in G. A. R. Hall, honoring Dept. Com. LeRoy Reynolds, of Decatur, and Dept. Pres. Mae Gabel, of Chicago, and their staffs. Tables were decorated in spring shades of yellow and green. More than 50 persons attended the dinner. A reception followed, including a fine program with marimba numbers by Gail Evans, accompanied on the piano by Marilyn Nelson; dramatic readings by Nellie Ryon and vocal numbers by the Four Notes, new "Barbershop quartet," accompanied on the piano by Jennie Tavener. Among those present were P. D. C. James Blackman, Dept. Sec. of the G. A. R., P. N. P.'s Eva Blackman and Gladys Sallman, Chicago; Dept. Sec. Agnes Mallon, Naperville; Dept. Chap. Sadie Keefer, Chicago, and Dept. Pat. Inst. Bessie Goodermont, Aurora. The affair was planned by Sister Florence Ewing, executive chairman of Aux. 7.

Dwight—Aux. 2 is carrying along as usual. The March meeting was held at the home of Nat. Sec. Olive Haynes with her two daughters, Sister Elizabeth Vermillion and Sister Kathryn Parks, and Sister Ida Rabe, as hostesses. A letter was read from Nat. Chief-of-Staff Lela Shugart asking for 30 cents from each member representing the month of Nov., this amount to go into the fund she is raising. Dwight Aux. expects to be 100% in this collection. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. The April meeting was held with Sister Gertrude Kelch. Several members were reported ill, among them our faithful president, Sister Chloe Kelch. The hostesses, Sisters Gertrude Kelch, Maud Seabert and Jean Thole, served a nice lunch, after which a social time was spent.—Ethel Shores, Dept. Press Cor.

IOWA DEPARTMENT

Des Moines—Aux. No. 8 and Camp 75 held their April meeting April 21. This was a very enjoyable meeting. Our Dept. Pres. Lila Mae Keller visited us and there was a nice program honoring events of April. Refreshments were served. Our Dept. Pres. was honored with flowers and a gift. Members from Aux. 16 and Camp 77 visited us, who we are always glad to have. We have many on the sick list, whom we hope will soon recover so they can again be out.—Eva Merritt, Dept. Press Cor.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT

The Sixtieth Annual Encamp. of Kansas Dept., Aux. to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held in Newton, May 7, 8 and 9. Headquarters will be at Hotel Ripley. Business sessions will be held in I. O. O. F. Hall. We earnestly urge every member to attend.

In some fitting manner, honor the memory of Gen. U. S. Grant on the anniversary of his birth, April 27. Plans for observing Memorial Day should be commenced soon.

Newton and Kansas Dept. were honored on April 5 by a visit from our Nat. Pres., Ethelyn C. Tucker, Alton, N. H. Thirty Sons and Auxiliary Sisters from Eldorado, Salina, Wichita and Newton were inspired by her address. A luncheon in her honor was served at the Presbyterian Church.

During the past year we have lost several of our loyal and beloved members. We will miss them when the roll is called at the

Encampment. The memory of their good deeds lives on, and we are grateful they were with us for a while.

Sympathy is extended to Virgie Hargrave in the loss of her mother and to the family of Emma Hagler.—(From Dept. Order No. 4 issued by Dept. Pres. Sadie Dix).

MAINE DEPARTMENT

Coopers Mills—We held our regular meeting April 4, with a good attendance. The Charter was draped for Sister Elsie Croxford, who passed away March 24, 1950. The Aux. is observing the birthdays of our Aux. and Camp members this year and Sister Eva Hersey was presented with a cake and birthday cards. At our next meeting Brother Lawrence Small's birthday was observed. We are taking in some new members.—(Alice Small, Aux. Press Cor.).

Augusta—P. D. P. Georgiana Patten installed the officers of our Aux. last Jan. The meeting took place in the V. F. W. Hall. Among the officers installed were: Pres., Harriet Baker; V. P., Florence Arnold; Margaret Harriman, Sec., and Elizabeth Babb, Treas. Space limits publishing a full list of officers. Sister Annie Brown is the Past Pres. A short program was presented after which refreshments were served. We observed the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln in Feb., when a fine program was given in charge of Sister Alma Hamilton, our Pat. Inst. Our meeting night has been changed from the 4th Thursday to the first Monday of each month.—Florence Arnold, Dept. Press Cor.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

South Hanson—Aux. 2 observed their 47th anniversary March 16, following their regular meeting in G. A. R. Hall. Pres. Gladys Mead presided. Among the guests present were P. N. P. Maud Warren and Gertrude Southwick, of Brockton; Lida Curtis, of Rockland, a charter member of the Hanson Aux., and Lucretia Heppelstein, of Plymouth. Several Sons of U. V. were also present. P. N. P. Warren was awarded the Nickel March. Dinner was served later at an Inn at Whitman.

Beverly—Aux. 25. At a regular meeting in March the Aux. members voted to give their usual donation to the Amer. Red Cross. Nat. Aide Ruth Kirby reported Myra Stone had received the pillow slips, from which a fine sum was realized. Chairman of Relief Louise Goodwin, reported on the shut-ins. After the business meeting the Pat. Inst. Myra Stone conducted a Lincoln-Washington observance, several of the members participating with articles on the lives of Lincoln and Washington; musical numbers were given by the pupils of Mary Manual Mitchell. Refreshments were served from prettily decorated tables.

Brockton—Aux. 17 observed their 57th anniversary with a special program in G. A. R. Hall. The evening was featured by the presentation of a flag to Dione Temple P. S., by Pat. Inst. Belle Howard of our Aux. Mrs. Rose Lendh, Sec. of the Temple, accepted the gift. Guests were present from Bridgewater and Whitman Auxs., members of the Daughters of U. V., W. R. C., Sons of U. V., and several of the Aux. Dept. officers. The guests spoke briefly and entertainment consisted of songs and whistling solos by Marilyn and Joan Boudreau and their father.

Worcester—Aux. 18. At a meeting in Jan., two new members were initiated by P. D. P. Phyllis Dean. Special guests were Dept. Pres. Gladys Milkey, of Greenfield; P. D. P. Anna White, District Aide Stella Sanford and P. D. P. Phyllis M. Dean. Pres. Green appointed her Relief and Ways and Means and Visiting Committees. Refreshments were served following the meeting, with Pres. Edith Green in charge.

Abington—Aux. 67 held their regular meeting in G. A. R. hall, with the usual whist

party in the afternoon. Supper was served at 6:30, in charge of Maud Colburn. The regular meeting followed with the Pres., Maud Colburn, presiding. Two new members were admitted to membership. A social time was enjoyed after the meeting with Dept. Aide Jennie Lombard in charge.

The Mass. Dept. Convention will be held May 5-7 in Swampscott.—Maud Colburn, Dept. Press Cor.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT

Lincoln—The Aux. gave a nice reception and luncheon for Nat. Pres. Tucker. It was held at the home of Dept. Treas. Orpha Kinamon and Pres. Tucker was presented with a gift from the Aux. Sisters Dept. Pres. Clara Smith, Watts, Pauline Cram, Adams, Alice Kohler and Minnie Smith, all of Schuyler, motored to Lincoln to attend the reception and luncheon given in honor of our Nat. Pres.

Schuyler—A dinner honoring Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker, of Alton, N. H., was given April 3 at the Top Notch. Other guests were Dept. Pres. Clara Smith, Sisters Adams, Minnie Smith and Alice Kohler, and Dept. Sec. Pauline Cram. Nat. Pres. Tucker and Dept. Pres. Smith were presented with corsages. After the dinner the group went to the regular Sons and Aux. meeting, after which a reception was held in honor of our Nat. Pres. who was the guest speaker. A delicious lunch was served, decorations of the tables being in keeping with Easter. It was nice having Nat. Pres. Tucker with us.

Plans are being made for our Dept. convention, which will be held in Fremont, Neb., June-7. All the meetings for Sons and Aux. will be held at the Pathfinder Hotel.—Pauline Cram, Dept. Press Cor.

Past Dept. Com. Elmer Cram passed away Feb. 16 after one long year of illness. For a time it was thought he was improving, but such was not to be. He is missed very much throughout Nebraska Dept., where he was a faithful and loyal member for many years. The sympathy of all members of Sons and Aux. go out to his family.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT

The 42nd Annual Convention of the N. H. Dept., A. S. U. V., was held at the First Congregational Church in Concord, April 28-29.

The Dept. Chief-of-Staff Martha Baldwin, of Hillsboro, was in charge of the opening ceremonies. The Dept. Pres. Mrs. Emma Wheeler, of Milford, was escorted by her mother, and Personal Aide, Mrs. Nettie Yeaton, of Hillsboro, under an arch of flowers to the Altar, and presented to the officers and members of the Convention. Pres. Emma was welcomed and assumed the duties of her office where she graciously presided and welcomed many distinguished guests from five of our New England States and Pennsylvania.

We were deeply appreciative of the honor of a visit from our Com.-in-Chief of S. U. V., John Runkle, of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Runkle, who attended the sessions of our convention. It was an honor to have our Nat. Pres., Mrs. Ethelyn Tucker, of Alton, with us for both days of our Convention. Sis. Nat. Pres. (a member of our own Dept.) was presented to the convention by her Personal Aide, Mrs. Harriet Brown, of Troy.

At the Courtesy Hour, Dept. Pres. Emma received many lovely gifts, including a "Toastmaster" from "her girls of N. H." and a very attractive envelope, containing \$25, a gift from her own Aux. of Hillsboro.

The Ritual was exemplified by the Hillsboro Aux. They did very fine work and deserve a great deal of credit.

The newly elected officers for N. H. are: Hattie Edmunds, Henniker, Pres.; Earline Palmer, Alton, V. P.; Emma Wheeler, Milford, Iva Hobbs, Lakeport, Ethel Griffin, Penacook, Council; Harriet Brown, Troy, Treas.;

Ruth Muzzey, Bennington, Sec.; Bertha Goodnow, Troy, Pat. Inst.; Rose Lang, Keene, Chap.; Mae Marsh, Keene, Insp.; Barbara Palmer, Alton, I. & I. Of.; Beatrice Lassonde, Penacook, Press Cor.

At the joint installation of officers, it was the proud and happy privilege of P. D. P. Doris Parker, of Bennington, to install her own daughter as Dept. Pres. of N. H. "Sister Hattie" is the third generation to hold that high office.

N. H. also has the honor of having the second youngest Dept. Com. ever to hold that high office, Bro. Homer Atkins, Jr., of Troy.

At the close of two full days of convention Sister Emma arranged a banquet for all allied orders and a delightful reception for our Nat. Pres. Sis. Ethelyn was escorted by Com.-in-Chief John Runkle who, in a little ceremony, placed a crown on her head, becoming "Queen" Ethelyn for the evening. On the program another feature was a dance called the "Red, White and Blue Ensemble." At the conclusion of a lovely program general dancing followed.

A partial list of the distinguished guests who attended our Encampment and banquet: P. N. P. Mrs. Maud Warren, P. D. P. Mrs. Emma Warren, D. P. I. William Nemitz, P. D. P. Mrs. Pamela Elder, Mass.; D. P. Mrs. Inez Robinson, Vt.; D. P. Mrs. Nellie Baker, R. I.; D. C. "Duke" Arnold, Conn.; C.-in-C. John Runkle, Pa.; Mrs. Runkle, Pa.; P. D. P. Mrs. Alice Crosley, R. I.; D. P. Mrs. Gladys Weeks, Mass.; also Nat. and Dept. Officers of the Allied Orders.—Beatrice Lassonde, Dept. Press Cor.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

Union City—Aux. 2 celebrated their 48th anniversary on April 10 with a buffet supper in their meeting room. About 35 members were served under direction of P. D. P. Irene Archer and the decorations were red, white and blue. On April 24 a card party was held by Chief-of-Staff Florence Jansson, for the benefit of her fund.

Trenton—Aux. 5 will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Saturday evening, May 20, with a dinner at the Yardville Hotel. Camp 5 will celebrate their 67th anniversary at the same time. A very enjoyable evening is planned by the committee.

Bloomfield—Aux. 7 celebrated their 45th anniversary with a dinner at the Robin Hood Inn on March 17. Mayor Donald H. Scott, of Bloomfield, was a guest of honor and brought greetings and congratulations from the town officials. Among the many guests and visitors who came from Philadelphia, Trenton, Elizabeth and Union were Dept. Pres. Genevieve Bolan, Dept. Com. Russel Bogert, Nat. Vice Pres. Ruth Daly, Nat. Director of the Budget Edna Lambert and Nat. Sec.-Treas. Albert C. Lambert. The guest of honor, Mrs. Phoebe Ayers, the only living charter member was presented with a beautiful pendant with the Insignia of the order and hearty congratulations from all. Sister Tena Jacobus held the next record, having been a member for 44 years and is still one of the most active members. Music, singing and dancing made it an event long to be remembered.

Elizabeth—Aux. 15 is very proud of their President Julia McDonald who is the Dept. Inspector. Julia has done a fine job and is winding up her duties of Inspector.

With inspections almost over, the members are now making plans to attend the Dept. Encamp. to be held in Asbury Park on June 2 and 3, with headquarters at the Monterey Hotel. A fine attendance is anticipated.

The heartfelt sympathy of the Dept. is extended to P. D. P. Katherine Bolan and the many active members of her family in their recent bereavement in the loss of a beloved

husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law. Mr. Bolan was respected and admired by all who were privileged to know him, and his kindly smile and friendly greeting will be greatly missed.

Your Nat. Vice Pres. Ruth Daly would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Sisters for their letters and cards of cheer sent to Mr. Daly and also to Ruth during the many months he has been ill. At this writing he is still on the sick list, but hoping to be back on the job real soon. All your cards and letters were greatly appreciated and they are so nice to receive when one is so confined.—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth 4, N. J.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

Dept. Vice Pres. Harriet Day, of Elmira Aux., is trying to secure names of members who have belonged to our Order for 50 years. In Waverly she found two members who belonged 50 years. A party was given for them with refreshments and gifts, which they enjoyed very much. Following is a list of Sisters who have belonged 50 years or more: Amie Bell Brown and Abigail L. Morgan, Aux. 7, Waverly; Mary Cummings, Jennie Smith and Nellie Stevens, Aux. 12, Ithaca; Harriet Pettinger, Mildred Meyers, Aux. 23, Rochester; Carrie Fardette, Catherine Luther, Ray Boyd, Mt. Vernon; Bertie O. White, N. Y. City, and Maud Halpin, Long Island City. Several of these Sisters have belonged for more than 50 years—when our Order was known as the Ladies Aid Society.

Schenectady—Aux. 45 officers for 1950 were installed by P. D. P. Mabel Miller. Among them were Pres. Lottie Hebert; V. P., Nellie Van Voast; Sec., Nellie Halligan; Treas., Edith Ostrander. Guests were present from Troy, Albany and Amsterdam. Dept. Pres. Sophia Isaacs and Chief-of-Staff Eula Armstrong were honored guests. A supper preceded the installation. — Mrs. Ella Jones, Dept. Press Cor.

OHIO DEPARTMENT

The 64th annual Encamp. of the Ohio Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in Akron, Ohio, June 15, 16, 17, with headquarters in the Portage Hotel. P. D. P. Bertha Steckhan is Chairman of Arrangements.

Unionport—Aux. 45. The Aux. celebrated its fifth birthday on April 5. Special guests were Sis. Ida B. Eichorn, of Newark, Dept. Pres.; Anne Lockyer, P. N. P., of Steubenville; Pearl Cole, Dillon, P. D. P.; Laura Crabb, Dept. Pat. Inst., of Bloomingdale; Helen Hubbard, of Hopedale, who instituted our Aux., together with members of Smithfield, Bloomingdale and Hopedale Auxs. Corsages were presented to the 5 special guests and potted plants to the Auxiliary's Past Presidents, Lillian Rowland, Mary Huff and Mary Allensworth. The Aux. history was read by Sis. Hazel McQueen. Sisters Mary Miller and Anna Dickey were in charge of the program and games. A large birthday cake centered the table from which delightful refreshments were served.—(Betty Leas, Aux. Press Cor.)

Hopedale—Aux. 32. The Aux. held a special meeting to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Aux. Pres. Sis. Adele Skipper presided for the opening ceremonies and presented Sis. Lucille Taggart, chairman. The history of the Aux. was read by Sec. Elsie Hedges and a letter read from Sue Jones, P. D. P., who instituted the Aux. The program was given by members of the visiting Auxiliaries and local organizations. Sis. Ida B. Eichorn, Dept. Pres. and Mary K. Cline, Dept. Sec., both of Newark; Anna Fulton, Dept. Chaplain, of Unionport; Laura Crabb, Dept. Pat. Inst. of Bloomingdale; Olive B. Boren, Dept. Press Cor., of Alliance; Anne Lockyer, P. N.

P., of Steubenville; Edith B. Nile, P. N. P., of Alliance, and the ten charter members who were able to be present, were presented with corsages. Delicious refreshments were served by the committee.—(Helen Hubbard, Aux. Press Cor.) Olive R. Boren, Dept. Press Cor.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

Pa. Dept. Encamp. will be held at the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa., June 18-22. Headquarters of both Sons and Aux. will be at the Penn-Harris Hotel. The Convention Committee is working very hard and have completed plans for a grand encamp. It will officially open Sunday afternoon, June 18, in Reservoir Park where a joint opening of Sons and Aux. will take place, followed by a joint Memorial Service in memory of the G. A. R. Harrisburg is the home of Com.-in-Chief John Runkle of the Sons.

The following Sisters by their efforts have made notable gains in membership for Pa. Dept.: Clara Mervine, 6 members; Clara Lewis, 6 new and 9 transferred members; Mary Wittman, 3 members; Mary Smerbeck, 4 new and 2 transferred members. This is splendid work and is a great help not only to Pa. Dept., but to the Nat. organization as well, for membership is what makes an order grow. Congratulations to these Sisters and may the good work go on.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT

Lyndonville—Aux. 18. Our Vice Pres. Effie K. Houghton suffered a shock just before Thanksgiving and was cared for in the nursing home of Mrs. Edith Coe. The Aux. sent her cards and a Sunshine Basket and other gifts. She died on Jan. 19 and Aux. 18 mourns the loss of a loyal member. Sister Arlene Gray, who was in the hospital for surgical treatment, was presented with a plant.

Wilmington—At the Dec. meeting a Christmas program was presented; the same officers were elected; gifts were exchanged and refreshments served. There was only one meeting a month during the winter, at members homes. Christmas boxes and cards were sent to shut-ins.

Johnson—Aux. 19. Sister Ola Walker entertained the Aux. at a supper party at her home before Christmas. There was a birthday cake for those whose birthdays occurred in Nov., Dec. and Jan. It was reported that a box of gifts had been sent to the Veterans' Hospital in White River Junction, Vt., and contributions sent to the Elizabeth Lund Home in Burlington, Vt., and the Arlington Boys Home at Des Moines, Ia. Gifts were presented to all from a lovely tree. The Aux. presented a gift to the President, Rhoda Sears, and to the Counselor, Edw. Walker. On Dec. 16 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were entertained at two parties and on Sun. held open house. They were the recipients of many gifts. Mr. Dodge is a member of S. of U. V. Camp No. 77 and Mrs. Dodge of Aux. No. 19.

Barre—Aux. 14. We are glad to announce that a new Camp and Auxiliary were instituted at Barre on Jan. 17. The Camp, with 19 members, will be known as the "Lt. Azel P. Brigham" Camp No. 92, and the Aux. is No. 14. D. P. Inez Robinson presided at the forming of the Aux. She was assisted by members from Burlington, Montpelier, Morrisville, Windsor and Chester. A joint installation followed with P. D. P. Bessie Persons installing the Aux. and D. Com. Edward Emmons, the Sons. The new Aux. is staffed by Pres. Betsey Holt; P. P. Gertrude Bryant; V. P., Nadine Brigham; Sec., Mertie Hersey. Twenty-two were present to join the Aux. Badges and ribbons were presented by D. P. Inez Robinson. Several Dept. Officers spoke. Present were many Dept. Officers of Sons and

Aux. as well as Past Dept. Officers of both Orders. A covered dish supper preceded the meeting. When Aux. 14 was instituted Miss Beverly Bryan, 16, of Barre, was a patient in the Bishop DeGoesbriand hospital in Burlington. Although she was in a plaster cast from shoulders to knees, P. D. P. Mabel Lombard, D. C.-of-S., and Mrs. Josephine Lawrence, D. Radio Cr., both of Burlington, went to the hospital and obligated her as a charter member of the new Aux. Dr. J. T. Bell said it was the first ceremony of this nature to take place in the hospital.

Rutland—Aux. 3. Mrs. Rita P. Osborne was installed as Pres. of the Olive Fogg Past Pres. Club of the Aux. at the Jan. meeting. The Past Pres. Club of Springfield presented the Rutland group with a Bible. Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month. Following the meeting refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Windsor—Aux. 16. Inez Robinson, Dept. Pres., attended the 24th Annual Patriotic Conference on National Defense, held in Washington, D. C. Membership of the Conference covered 35 different patriotic orders. Sister Robinson was chosen as Page and Color Bearer for the sessions.

Chester—On Feb. 24 this small village was shocked by the sudden death of Roscoe Bosworth, who had been a loyal member of Chester Camp S. of U. V. for many years. Mr. Bosworth had been working at his farm during the day and died of a heart attack at the wheel of his auto which he had stopped in the village before reaching home. Mr. Bosworth was the uncle of Wilma Baker, Dept. Insp.

Florida News—P. D. P. Gladys Buckman and her husband of Windsor, are building a house in Sanford; P. D. P. Molly Monroe, of Pittsford, spent the winter with her sister in Holly Hills; D. V. P. Augusta Emmons, who had been in Deland during the winter, has returned to her home in Morrisville; Dept. Press Cor. and her husband, P. D. Com. L. E. Abbott, spent a few months in Tampa with their son, P. D. Com. E. B. Abbott and his family.—Sue Abbott, Dept. Press Cor.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

Madison—One of the objectives of the Orders affiliated with the G. A. R. is to preserve the memory of the "boys in blue." These men held their campfires and many a happy reunion they had talking over their experiences and telling stories. A very interesting program was held in G. A. R. Hall, April 24, by the Orders affiliated with the G. A. R. Dr. J. O. Smith was chairman. Each Order contributed to the program: The Daughters of Union Veterans, a quartette, by "The Sweet Adaline Choir," gave several numbers; The Relief Corps, a humorous reading by Bertha Reese and a phonograph record, "No Children Allowed;" the Ladies of the G. A. R., a paper read by Helen Wilbur on important dates in May and their significance; the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, a reading, "The Blue and the Gray," by Pansy Gerlach; the Sons of Union Veterans, a talk on the human side of Gen. U. S. Grant, by George Fitch. Evelyn Seymour played the piano and several songs were sung by the group. A social hour with lunch served by the "Sons" followed, with Frank Scott as host.

Sister Auxiliaries, please send interesting doings or programs held in your Auxs. That is the only way we can keep this column in The Banner interesting.—Lorena Smith, Dept. Press Cor.

National Chaplain Maud Shroyer urges all Auxs. to observe Memorial Day, May 30, and to send reports of all activities to Department Chaplains, and through them to her.