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## **ACTION--NOT WORDS!**

In the September Banner we requested Department Commanders to immediately arrange for a membership drive in their respective Departments. From some of the Department Commanders we have received advise of their compliance, from others silence. To those who are ready for action our thanks are extended.

The need of our organization is greater now than ever before. How soon the last member of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC will pass on to their Eternal reward is unknown, but we do know that unless we have the numerical strength our attempt to carry out the object of our Order will fail.

On September 28, at Iowa City, the Department of Iowa dedicated the Grand Army of the Republic Highway across the State of Iowa, in a manner to the best traditions of the Order. Our thanks are extended to Department Commander W. F. Hathaway and the members of his Department.

On September 26 it was our pleasure to attend a testimonial to the members of Elisha Dyer Camp No. 7 of the Department of Rhode Island, who had been in the Armed forces during the last World War. Eighteen members were present to be honored, one member offered the supreme sacrifice. The war cross of the order was presented to these Brothers. What is your Camp doing to show our Brothers your appreciation for their services to our Country?

On October 18 your Commander-in-Chief met in Grand Rapids with the National Heads of the Allied Organizations, to make plans for the next Encampment, which will be held commencing September 26, 1948. It is not too early for you to start planning to attend. We will give you the full details as soon as possible.

Are you going to get your Camps and Departments out of the red, by increasing your membership?

Remember it's Action, not words, that count.

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

















Good gave several readings which were greatly enjoyed by all. The birthday of Past Com. Gordon Wilcox was honored with a beautiful cake. He wears a 50 yr. membership badge, presented in March of this year.

Ithaca—Aux. 12 were honored to receive our Dept. Pres., Myrtle Phillips, Oct. 10. Dinner was served at the Alpine followed by a meeting in the hall. Guests were escorted to the altar and introduced with the colors as follows: Dept. Pres. Myrtle B. Phillips, of Scotia Pres. Ethel Patterson, of Ovid; Pres. Jennie Swartwood, Tena Swartwood and sister, of Waverly; Pres. Evelyn Doland, and Aide to Dept. C.-of-S. Harriet Day, of Elmira; Nat. Chap. Mary M. Mandeville and Dept. Deputy Ethel Brockway, of Ithaca. Sister Phillips gave a very fine talk and received a corsage and gifts. A new member was initiated and a very enjoyable evening was manifested by all present. Dept. Pres. Phillips also made her official visit to Auxs.: 7, Waverly; 3, Cortland; 72, Ovid, and 11, Halsey Valley.

Albany—James Brady, husband of Past Nat. Pres. Margaret C. Brady, died Aug. 21. Some years ago Mr. Brady was a well-known baseball player; he earned the title of "King" by which he was known to all who knew him. The members of Aux. 30 share with Sister Margaret in her loss. This Aux. has received two new members and is also doing fine work in rehabilitation. Sister Margaret is chair-lady of this work.

Yonkers—Aux. 71 voted to give \$10 to the Police Athletic League at a recent meeting held in the G. A. R. Memorial Room of the City Hall. The Aux. also arranged to purchase a new American flag for the altar and to send its old flag to the G. A. R. crematorium at Newark, N. J., where outworn flags and banners are burned in Memorial Day ceremonies and the ashes scattered from a plane. A delegation was appointed to take the Aux. colors to the military ball to be held by Yonkers Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, on Nov. 1, in the state armory. After the meeting the Aux. rehearsed for the annual inspection to be made by Mrs. Maude Halpin, P. D. Chap., on Nov. 17, in the G. A. R. room, city hall.

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Officers were elected at a meeting of Southern Tier Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliaries last August, held at Hoffman Park, Elmira. Ethan Palmer, Elmira, was re-elected Pres. Other officers follow: Vice Pres., Fred Barnard, Ithaca; Sec., Mrs. Myrtle Burnham, Elmira, re-elected; Treas., Mrs. Maude Hill, Binghamton, re-elected. Com.-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer who spoke congratulated Past Com. Truman Vincent of Camp 77 for his work in bringing in new members and reinstating old ones. Sister Maude Hill gave a report on the work at Oxford Home. Two Jr. Aux. girls entertained: Miss Gail Andrews, piano solo, "Golden Rain;" Miss Joy Stowell, a recitation "Me." Aux. 49 served a picnic supper. The next meeting will be at Ithaca in July, 1948.

Seventeen members of Junior Aux. 6, of Elmira, were guests at the Home for the Aged at an afternoon meeting. Group singing was accompanied by Mrs. Floyd Doland, Junior Counselor. A fine program was given by Junior members. Games were played and refreshments were served to 52 people, the money for the refreshments having been earned by the Junior Aux. members.—Evelyn J. Doland, Dept. Press Cor., 812 Cedar St., Elmira, N. Y.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

A testimonial dinner and reception was held Oct. 11, 1947, at the Berkshire Hotel, Reading, in honor of Dept. Pres. Anna I. Stouidt, of our Aux. The function was sponsored by Aux. 6, of Reading. A delicious dinner was served and many Nat. officers were present, includ-

ing Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce of the Aux., Nat. Pres. Anna Dolan, D. U. V.; and Past Nat. Pres. Edna Lambert, who is Pres. of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. Also present were Dept. Presidents from New Jersey Aux. to S. U. V., the Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of U. V. and allied orders. Among the Brothers present were Dept. Com. John Yokum and Col. C. Leroy Stouidt, Dept. Chief-of-Staff, S. U. V., who is the husband of Dept. Pres. Stouidt, and a Past Com.-in-Chief of the Sons. Entertainment and dancing followed the dinner. Each person present was given a lovely silver colored metal letter opener, with the date and name of the order giving the dinner.

On Oct. 15 Dept. Pres. Anna Stouidt of the Aux. to S. U. V. made an official visit to Pittsburgh. She was met by J. Clark Mansfield, of Davis Star Camp, and Nat. Pres. Katharine L. Joyce and was taken for a sight-seeing trip around Pittsburgh, which included a visit to the famous Block House. Nat. Per. Aide Clara E. Lewis then took her to dinner and to see the new movie "Unconquered," which completed a perfect day. On the following day Dept. Pres. Stouidt was escorted by Sister Martha Fichtner, of Aux. 99, to the Ladies of the G. A. R. Home at Hawkins Station, and from there to Hotel Schenly Coffee Shop, where Aux. 198 gave a dinner, 25 members and guests being present. Next in order was the regular meeting held in Memorial Hall with more than 50 present, including members from Auxs. 99, 198, 55 and Davis Star Aux. A class of 4 was initiated, this bringing up the membership of Aux. 198 to 48—a gain of 23 in one year's time, with at least six more to be taken in at a later meeting. The Aux. was very happy to have present at this meeting our Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce, Dept. Pres. Anna Stouidt, Dept. Council Member and Nat. Per. Aide Clara E. Lewis, and Dept. Insp. Grace Forsythe. Dept. Pres. Stouidt was presented with a small overnight bag and Nat. Pres. Joyce an Aux. seal. On Friday noon, Oct. 17, Sisters Joyce, Stouidt and Lewis went by bus to Ellwood City, where a fine chicken dinner was served by Sister Iva Forsythe. Ellwood City Aux. then received Dept. Pres. Stouidt, and presented Sisters Stouidt and Joyce each with beautiful black purses and Sister Lewis with a lovely white scarf. Sister Lewis will inspect Ellwood Aux. on Nov. 6.

Roxborough, Phila.—Aux. 14 gave a surprise party for Dept. Treas. Margaret McKinney. It was Lincoln night, so it gave us a good excuse to fix things up. There was a very large attendance from Morristown, Darby, Germantown and the Auxs. of Philadelphia. It was a big surprise to Sister McKinney. After the meetings of our Aux. and Lincoln's were held, a fine lunch was served and Sister Margaret received beautiful gifts from all the Auxs. On Sept. 19 we held a Social which was very well attended; prizes were given and the donations were fine. We hold one of these Socials every month.

Johnstown—Aux. 16 celebrated their 54th anniversary last Aug., a dinner being held, attended by 100 members and friends. P. D. P. Daisy Herdsman acted as toastmistress and gave an interesting history of our Aux., which was instituted in July, 1893. A Gold Star Mother of World War I, Mrs. Sadie Herdsman, 88 years old, was present, also several Gold Star Mothers of World War II, and were guests of our Aux. Gilbert Brown, Com. of Camp 14, also a guest, extended greetings to the Aux. During the celebration the Aux. presented two American flags to two Girl Scout Troops of the Johnstown district, which were greatly appreciated. Plans were completed for some interesting meetings during the fall and winter months. Sister Stella Pheasant was elected Press Correspondent for the balance of the term.

The annual Lincoln banquet will be held in Philadelphia Saturday, Feb. 14, 1948. Time and place will be announced later.

LANCASTER—Aux. 19. We held a Festival which netted us \$100 with which we purchased two radios [bedside] which we presented to the Valley Forge Hospital for Disabled Veterans, in addition to playing cards for the same place. We have held a number of socials to increase our funds, as well as selling various products, which netted us a neat sum. We have taken in several new members this past year and our annual banquet was a very delightful affair.—Elizabeth Rtdler, Dept. Press Co., 50 W. Broadway, Gettysburg, Pa.

#### VERMONT DEPARTMENT

Vermont was represented at Nat. Con. by P. D. C. G. A. DeWitt, D. P. Sadie DeWitt, D. C. L. E. Abbott, D. P. Cor. Sue Abbott, D. P. D. of U. V. Eliza Gassett and Mr. Gassett, D. P. Inst. Laura Phillips, Augusta Emmons and Rita Osborne.

Dept. Receptions—Sept. 27 a reception for Dept. Com. Lewis Abbott and official family was held in Peacham; about 35 were present, among them being Dept. Pres. Sadie DeWitt, P. D. P.s Bessie Persons, Mary Goss and Glenna Bumps, Dept. Jr. V. Com. Mervin Pierson, P. D. C.s Cyrs, Pratt, Cameron, Robinson, Warren, DeWitt, Chadwick and E. B. Abbott. Oct. 4, at Brattleboro, reception for D. P. Sadie DeWitt and her official family—attended by 100. Officers of Dept. S. of U. V. included D. C. L. E. Abbott, D. Jr. V. C. Pierson, Pat. Inst. E. Monroe, P. D. Cs. Chadwick, Robinson, Eddy, Cameron and Warren, all of Vt. and Dept. Com. Whitney of N. H. Dept. Aux. officers were Gladys Premo, D. V. P.; Gladys Buckman, D. Sec.; Elizabeth French, D. Treas.; Sue Abbott, D. P. Cor.; Wilma Baker, I. & I. Officer; Inez Robinson, Pat. Inst.; Molly Monroe, C. of S.; P. D. Ps. Glenna Bumps, Vera Jones, Eugenia Frazier and Mary Eddy, N. H., was represented by P. D. P. Maude Russell.

Windsor—P. P. Club met to honor the 73rd birthday of Mrs. Esther Parker. Club presented flag to Baptist Church of Windsor. Dist. Meeting of Sons and Aux. of Chester, Chelsea, Saxton's River, Springfield, Rutland and Windsor was held at Windsor. Mervin Pierson, Dist. Com., presided. Gladys Buckman, Dept. Sec., reported that an electric shaver and electric hair cutter had been presented to the Veterans Hospital at White River Junction by Vt. Sons and Aux. Program given and refreshments served. P. D. Cs. present were Eddy, Reed, Bradford and Chadwick. P. D. Ps. were Mary Eddy and Gladys Buchman. Dept. Officers present were Elizabeth French, Treas.; Inez Robinson, Pat. Inst.; Annie Cilley, Asst. Inst.; Edith Lamothé, Chap., and Ellsworth Fuller, Color Bearer.

Lyndonville—Addie Cheney, Morrisville, Dept. Inst., visited Aux. 18 Sat., Oct. 11. Other guests were Augusta Emmons, Pres.; Beulah Moody, Treas.; Mrs. Tripp and Mrs. Shaw, all of Aux. 8; Dept. Com. L. E. Abbott, Peacham; Clarence Morse and Kingsley Mitchell, of Lyndonville. Supper was served after the inspection.—Sue Abbott, Dept. Press Cor., West Danville, Vt.

#### WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

Sheboygan—Oct. 20 was a very busy day for Aux. 19 members for on that day they conducted a very successful rummage sale in the Eagles Lodge room. A card party was held in the afternoon in conjunction with the sale, card games of all kinds being played and refreshments were served. In the evening inspection took place. Donations for the bazaar, to be held in early Nov., were brought by members to the meeting.—Mrs. Edna Thimmig, Dept. Press Cor., 919 No. 5th St., Sheboygan, Wis.