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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.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6

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Headquarters COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Office of Commander-in-Chief 72 Carlton Street HOLYOKE, MASS.

November 1, 1947.

DEDICATION DAY

November 19, is Dedication Day, and it is the duty of Departments and Camps to properly observe this event, by arranging special exercises to which the members of the allied orders and the general public are invited to participate. This day is established for tribute to and in honor of the Veterans of the War for the Union by whose service our Nation was preserved.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC FUND

This will be continued by action of the Sixty-sixth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Cleveland, Ohio, under the supervision of National Patriotic Instructor Edgar M. Linsley, 1047 Madison Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich., and in the Departments under direction of Department Patriotic Instructors. Contributions will be received and in charge of these Patriotic Instructors, and all contributions received will be forwarded to the National Patriotic Instructor. This fund should be given every consideration by our membership.

INSPECTIONS

Inspections of Camp records, books, finances, etc., will be conducted by Installing Officers in accordance with Article V. Chapter 1, of the Regulations, Pages 13-14 of the C. & R.

REMOVAL OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF RIBBONS

All Officers and staff appointees heretofore appointed and wearing the Commandery-in-Chief or Yellow Ribbons, are hereby relieved. They will remove this ribbon from their badges.

1948 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Sixty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, commencing September 26, 1948. Details will be furnished later.

CAMP ELECTION, AND INSTALLATIONS

These will be in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations. Installation of Camp Officers may be public or private. If public, see that the ceremonies are conducted impressively, with dignity, and with as little use of reading the Ritual as possible. Installing officers should commit the Ritual services to memory. Make these ceremonies interesting and invite the members of the allied orders on this occasion.

Joint installations with Auxiliaries or other affiliated Orders is not only authorized but urged.

CANNOT HOLD TWO OFFICES OR POSITIONS

In electing or appointment of officers, the 1947 Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, decided that Officers in Camps and Departments, can hold only one office or position, except in cases where provision is made therefor in the Regulation, namely Secretaries and Treasurers. Be governed accordingly.

PRINTED ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

All Departments will receive in due course copies, printed in Journal form, proceedings of the Cleveland Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. Department Commanders will see that Department Secretaries send one copy to each Camp, Camp Secretaries will file such copies and have them available for all mem-

cisions, and rulings and must be observed as official.

Copies of the proceedings for delegates and members of the Cleveland Encampment will be mailed direct to them from the office of The Banner, and not from Departments.

The said proceedings will govern in all cases as to the law, de-

BADGES

When available, notice will be given to Departments, that Past Commanders' and other badges, can be furnished.

IN MEMORIAM

A. W. McDaniel, Department Secretary-Treasurer of Indiana, died August 12, 1947. He served the Department satisfactorily and ably in these positions since 1932. He filled various offices in the Department, and was a faithful officer. He served as Department Commander in 1915-16. In 1937 he was elected as a member of the Council-in-Chief. He was widely known throughout the Order, having attended a number of National Encampments.

In tribute to his faithful and lengthy service, Charters of Departments and Camps will be draped for a period of thirty days. Sympathy is tendered to his family, Camp and Department.

COMMITTEES

The following standing committees are hereby appointed: GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY - Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, Chairman, 1213 Milton Ave., Regent Square, Pittsburgh 18, Pa.; Roy J. Bennett, 924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines, Iowa; John G. Spielman, 207 Rosewell Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

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Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer mailed about one thousand letters to newspaper correspondents calling their attention to the use of the erroneous term "War Between the States." This letter went to all members of the Congressional Press Gallery, and to White House photographers and radio broadcasters. Brothers are requested to observe all news items and broadcasts coming out of Washington, D. C., and to report to Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, 18 E. 4th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, any use of the term "War Between the States." This is desired so as to check the effect of the letters.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1

Report of National Secretary-September-October, 1947, Inc. July 31—To Balance Receipts: For Membership Fees\$ 12.50

Per Capita Tax	462.40	
Supplies	287.41	
Miscellaneous	12.06	774.37
-		\$1,576.56
Disbursements:		
For General Expenses	\$892.98	
Office Expenses		
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	70.31	1.078.79

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

H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.

October 31, 1947, To Balance ...

The Other Man at Gettysburg

amount of papers in a library.

In Lincoln's Address at the Dedication of of the dedication of the National Cemetery of the three. the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, he at Gettysburg, is why Lincoln was not pick- The man selected by the committee was

One of the first questions when we think brief remarks made at Gettyshurg being one

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said "The world will little note, nor long reed to make the principal address at the Edward Everett, friend of Daniel Webster, member, what we say here," and how true ceremonies. The reason was that President this is of that vast literature of memorial dedicatory and funeral orations, much of War on his hards and that during his time. which has not been preserved, and that War on his bands, and that during his time er that the day fixed for the ceremonies was which has not been preserved, and that which is preserved is filed among a vast as President of the United States made only made by the committee to suit his schedule. three speeches away from Washington, the Everett had delivered his lecture on "Washaffairs. When he was selected to be Profes- in it. sor of Greek at Harvard, the first in the United States, he spent five years of travel burg he came a day or so before in order to most especially these: fully understand the geography of the battlefield. As Congressman, and later as Senator, he had heard the arguments between the extreme views of the Northerner and the Southerner, and he had himself been of those that worked for some compromise that would avoid a recourse to arms. He had been the Vice Presidential candidate of the the four parties in that election, which the Republican Party won with Lincoln. For a time he had been the editor of the North American Review, President of Harvard. Governor of Massachusetts, Minister of the United States to Great Britain, and with the

November, 1947

At 69, two years before his death, he climaxed his career as an orator at Gettysburg. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as has been He took almost two hours. He first told of how other nations honored those that died in battle, particularly dealing with the democracy of Greece, and of her memorial to the heroes of Marathon, on whose sacred ground he had stood; then to the long period of debate between the North and the South, ern minority; then of the war, of the Battle is for the purpose of assisting the Grand promise. of Gettysburg, giving the history of each of Army of the Republic to carry on its work

death of Webster, finished his term as Secre-

tary of State.

Patriotic Instruction

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

Sincere fraternal greetings are extended structor.

I received my appointment from our Comerans of the Civil War, held in Grand Rapids. Mich., August 18.

My inability to carry on this office as it to their confidence.

OBSERVE SPECIAL DAYS

One of the best ways to cultivate and pre-

Nov. 19, Dedication Day (Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Anniversary).

Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday, April 27, General Grant's Birthday. May 30, Memorial Day.

The theme of each meeting should be that of the occasion. I suggest that all Depart-Constitutional Union Party in 1860, one of ment and Camp Patriotic Instructors arrange appropriate programs for these outstanding days in the history of our Country, which are of vital interest to us as Sons of vember 19, Dedication Day, is the first pa- Greenbie. triotic occasion, and we desire to have it made a National holiday, please try to have a meeting and program near that date; also arine Der Pre Lumpkin. try to arrange for some public expression done in the past, and articles in the newspapers calling attention to the observance of the day, and have the Address printed.

NATIONAL G. A. R. FUND AND HIGHWAY

Capt. J. P. Brindle Camp No. 50, Carlisle, Pa. Army of the Republic Highway from coast dictory. to coast. What a fitting memorial this will be to all Civil War Veterans, and a striking your newly appointed National Patriotic In- more than make up this amount. I ask all newspaper in Atlanta and one in Miami. Department Patriotic Instructors to bring this matter before the Camps in their Demander-in-Chief, Charles H. E. Moran, partments at once and urge them to send Mackey, and was installed by Bro. Mackey carly start. How very happy we will be at a meeting of Robert Finch Camp No. 14, when we can have an amount like this to kins is an Iowan, I do not know. Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Vet- report at our next National Encampment. "A QUICK start wins the race."

MEMBERSHIP

Now about getting new members for our has been by my predecessors is keenly felt, Order; let us be determined to increase our had a column editorial defending that title. but I am honored that my friends consider membership. There are literally thousands I hope that the Commander-in-Chief does we worthy, and I will do my best to live up of men in the United States eligible for the not agree with that editorial. Sons; sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons. I am greatly interested in the continua- Just because eighty years, or more, has tion and growth of our beloved Order, the passed since the Civil War is no reason why of character.—Herbert Spencer.

ington" 129 times or more, and had received Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I men should not be interested in perpetufor the lecture more than \$55,000.00, which pledge my best efforts to accomplish the ating the memory of Civil War Veterans. was entirely contributed to a fund to buy objectives that have been started and prom- We "flag" and "flower" their graves, and and preserve Mt. Vernon as a memorial to ise that I am at your service in any way good as these practices are, it is even more Washington. In addition he had received you can use me or my office. I ask for the noble to belong to, and live, and work in an from a newspaper \$10,000.00 for the fund to co-operation of all Brothers in the way of organization to perpetuate their memory. prepare a life of Washington based on the suggestions or items of news which they may When we have their application let us make lecture. This man, Everett, was an out-think will be of interest to the readers of their initiation effective by giving the "Long standing patriot. He was also a thorough The Banner Our Order needs good publicity Form" and "Flag Charge" in an inspiring scholar, and an experienced man in public to help build it and keep up the interest manner, and thus make their membership a matter of importance to them.

In the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty let us go forward this year and in Europe to prepare for the job. When he serve patriotism, I believe, is to observe all make it an outstanding one in the history was selected to make the address at Gettys- natriotic occasions in some manner, and of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Civil War

MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, P. D. C. OF OHIO. The following histories and biographies, published in 1947, use the correct name of the war of 1861 to 1865, towit:

THE CIVIL WAR

"I Fought With Custer" by Frazer and Robert Hunt.

"My Dear Lady-The Story of Anna Ella Carroll" - the Great Unrecognized Member Union Veterans of the Civil War. As No- of Lincoln's Cabinet, by Marjorie Barstow

"Southern Exposure" by Stetson Kennedy. "The Making of a Southerner" by Kath-

"REBELLION." Clifford Dowdey does not give the war a name in the text of his book, "Experiment in Rebellion" but the title speaks for itself.

"THE CONFEDERATE WAR" just off the press, is a new history of the State of South Carolina, by Mary C. Simms Oliphant. It is well written and attractive in printing Let us continue our intense interest in the and illustration. In it the war becomes the of the uncompromising attitude of the South- G. A. R. Fund and G. A. R. Highway, which Confederate War. Perhaps that is a com-

"The Beleaguered City" (Richmond)—the the three days of the battle, and finally the through the years and also help toward the author, Alfred Hoyt Bill, calls it "The Civil fineness of our honoring our heroes where expenses of its future National Encamp- War" in the preface, but in his auto biothey had fallen in the defense of the nation, ments. As Sons we should be one of the graphical sketch the author says: "My inand the preservation of the Union. - Clar- largest contributors to the G. A. R. love of- terest in the War Between the States began ence D. MacGregor, Patriotic Instructor, fering; also for the completion of the Grand in my early boyhood." This seems contra-

"War Between the States."-In his recent autobiography, former Governor of Ohio reminder to all who will travel on it of the James M. Cox, and Democratic nominee for services and sacrifices of the fine group of President in 1920, makes frequent use of the men who were in the service of their coun- erroneous term "War Between the States." try. The amount of \$1000.00 has been set as He writes that he studied William Henry the objective of these Funds, and I believe Venable's History of the United States in that is very reasonable. As there are over the public schools of Butler County, Ohio. to all Department Patriotic Instructors and 600 Camps in the various Departments an There he must have learned that the war Brothers of the various Departments from offering of \$2.00 from each Camp would was a Civil War. Governor Cox owns a

Mr. John R. P. Rives, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been elected Commander-in-Chief through Past Commander-in-Chief U. W. the money in very soon. Let us get an of the Confederate Sons. His Adjutant General is Walter L. Hopkins, Whether Hop-

> Perhaps the first official communication which Mr. Rives will receive will be my pamphlet on the "War Between the States." The Chattanooga News of Tuesday, Oct. 7,

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events, all of us must be very much inter- ventured, nothing gained." erested in some of them.

Each of us should attend the installation | Camps to tick better. of the officers of his own Camp and of as Commander-in-Chief—Charles H. E. Moran, 22 Carlion Street, Holyoke, Mass. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Thomas Moran Property In Street, Holyoke, Mass. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Thomas Moran Property In Street, 1975 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore 15, Md.

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> all of us agree that we have an obligation to fulfill, which no one else can take over, and

Congress St., Indianapolis; Secretary-Treasurer R. l. Snodgrass, 131 Chicago, St., Waterloo.

Of us who are not officers attend even one meeting a quarter? If we did, there would be little need for this column.

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lto do this we must be continually taking in WHAT MADE MY CAMP TICK? new members. At a recent Camp meeting the Chairman of our Department Member. George A. Adams, Past Jr. Vice Dept. Com., ship Drive Committee told how easily we can continually be in contact with those who are eligible for our Order and not know it For many of our members November is As he explained, the way to overcome such an exceedingly busy month: Camp installa a situation is to ask them. How about your tions. Veterans' Night, Armistice Day, asking the fellow next to you? Another way Thanksgiving, Community Chest drives and to help get new members is to put on a also our National Membership drive. While worthwhile program for Veterans' Night only a few of us are active in all of these and invite the eligibles to come. "Nothing

Here are some ideas which helped some

In one of our allied orders it was imposmany other Camps as possible. These officers sible to get enough members to fill the generators of enthusiasm, inspiration and surrendering the charter. At that meeting, which was much better attended, the feeling Another event in which each of us should was almost unanimous in favor of carrying be interested is the membership drive called on. This episode emphasizes very forcibly for by Commander-in-Chief Moran. I think that in any organization enough members must be willing to give of their time and energy to make real the objects for which it exists. Are you one of those? How many Indiana — Commander, C. M. Barksdale, 950 of us who are not officers attend even one

> Past Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Paul Hoey of Camp 25, Massachusetts Dept., tells of members of his Camp interesting eligibles by leaving copies of The Banner in shops and offices where they were picked up and read. Worth trying?

One of the ways to help to make our Camps tick better is to provide some good entertainment. Some years ago one Commander called upon the various allied Orders (the Auxiliary, the Daughters and the urer, George E. Hunt, 88 Tremont St., Room
513. Boston 8.

Michigan — Commander, Charles F. Dexter,
3685 Wayburn Ave., Detroit: Secretary-Treas,
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Corps) to furnish entertainment, which they
did willingly and well. Each organization
assumed full responsibility for an evening,
which proved most satisfactory not only in
quality and variety of the entertainment, but also in the good fellowship which was
fostered among the allied orders.

It has been said that enthusiasm is contagious. Do you believe it? Here, in Massachusetts, we pick up much enthusiasm at
District Meetings and Visitations. It was
recently our pleasure to have assisted in
initiating candidates into two Camps, which
for some time, have been inactive but which Corps) to furnish entertainment, which they

initiating candidates into two Camps, which for some time, have been inactive but which showed real interest on these occasions. To do this work it was necessary for all the members of the degree team to travel over 20 miles for the first initiation and over 35 miles for the second, while a number came over 10 miles further. Was it worth while? I am sure anyone present at either meeting would say yes very emphatically. How recently have you visited some other Camp or attended a District Meeting? Travel around and you will find out there are others, many others, who believe in and are working for our Order.

How about an item from you on "What Made My Camp Tick?" We need it. Help others to help themselves.

He gives not best who gives most; but he gives most who gives best.-Warwick.

Committee on Marking Graves Bertrand O. DeForest, Chairman, 27 Homestead Avenue, Derby, Conn.

November, 1947

In a recent issue of The Banner your National Committee on Marking Graves gave PERATIVE. a detailed account of the suggested method for mapping the location of veterans' graves partment Grave Marking Committee clip and recording the data concerning each in- this item, together with the item which ap preparing a program worthwhile enough to dividual veteran's service.

of procuring headstones for those graves committee for future reference. which are unmarked. It is hardly necessary probability it will never be done by anyone, stone.

stone, either from your State or from the Federal government in states which do not provide headstones, and with these things every Camp Grave Marking Committee should become familiar:

First: The correct full name of the veteran must be known.

Second: Permission for the erection of a headstone must be granted by the nearest of kin, should any member of the veteran's family be known to exist.

Finally: The service record, rank, Company. Regiment or Ship, and the date of death must be obtained. This information may readily be had from the War Department of the Federal government, the Adjutant General of the state in whose Regiment the veteran served, and from the Town Clerk of the community in which he died. The Commandery-in-Chief can also render assistance in obtaining this data.

Possessed of all of the foregoing information the Camp Secretary applies for an ap- of the eleven Regional Departments. Comthe Office of the Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, Washington 25, D. C., or state headstones.

In the case of Federal stones, the headest point of delivery and the cost of trans-

BE SURE before applying for any head- (2) Adequate financing.

It is suggested that every Camp and Depeared in the May issue of The Banner, and gain the interest and draw a much larger Now we take up the all important subject attach it with the records and papers of the attendance of members of the several Re-

to remind ourselves how extremely impor- finest programs that any Camp of our or- man, with authority to select his assistants. tant this work is. Any one of you who has ganization may adopt as a project for activvisited the small countryside burying ity. The ultimate result will be a lasting ing is as follows: Date-Oct. 16-17, 1948. ground where there has been no burial for tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic. many years, and old-time stones date back Long after our day and age, when other to the 18th century, will realize how an un- hands shall be carrying forward the work marked grave may become forever lost and of the Sons of Union Veterans of the completely forgotten as the years roll along. Civil War, these memorials in stone will Unless we take the time and expend the ef- attest our vigilance in perpetuating the fort to procure a headstone, there is every memory of the Union soldier, sailor and marine, whose sacrifices in 1861-1865 gave us particularly where there remains no kinfolk this great Nation, free, undivided, and unto care for these graves. A Camp or a De- defeated. It is a work which stands forth: partment of our Order is recognized as legal it shows; it is there engraved in hard and authority to act for the deceased veterans' permanent stone for generation after generfamily in this matter of erecting a head- ation to behold. Isn't it a real worthwhile proposition, Brothers? Your efforts and Of course there are certain things which mine are challenged to immediate action. are necessary in order to procure a head- Let's not fail in our obligation. "If other eyes grow dim, and other hands slack, ours shall KEEP IT WELL."

Your National Committee pledges its wholehearted support and assistance in this momentous endeavor .- Bertrand O. DeForest.

Central Regional Meeting

The annual meeting of the Upper Missis- Iowa. sippi Valley Region was held in Iowa City, partments being present.

Highway Committee.

Committee membership as follows: One Son and one Auxiliary member from each members.

tion of the Nation to the motoring public.

stone that true and accurate data is in your Regional Treasurer Roy Lewis proved to possession; that arrangements for such be a forward thinking officer. He explained headstone have been previously made with the fallacy of establishing committees given the veteran's family; and that the cemetery duties as important, broad and permanent officials have been duly informed that a as that of the Highway Committee, unless headstone is to be procured. THIS IS IM- given the dollars to work with. He asked for pledges and got them for about \$300.00.

(3) Providing for a permanent Program Committee which is charged with the job of gional Departments. Frank S. Hubbard, There you have the outline for one of the Com. Wisconsin Dept., was selected as Chair-

> The date and location for the next meet-Location—Milwaukee.

> Gertrude Beachler, of Peoria, was appointed to head a committee on Arlington Hall affairs. Proposal to give \$25,00 to Arlington Hall carried.

Officers elected were:

Commander, W. F. Hathaway, Des Moines,

Vice Commander, Hugh Snider, Selma Ind.

Secretary, Kitty Pillsbury, Milwaukee, Wis. Treasurer, Roy W. Lewis, Milwaukee, Wis. Chaplain, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Des Moines,

Patriotic Instructor, Edith Snider, Selma,

G. A. R. HIGHWAY DEDICATIONS

Following the Regional Conference, the Iowa Dedication of the Grand Army Highway occurred, on the scene of the first Capitol of the State. Following the massing of Flags music was rendered by a High School Band, and Civil War music by Fife and Drum Corps from Monmouth, Illinois and

Dr. Peterson, of the University, presided Iowa, on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and over the meeting and the city and University Third: The regulations of the cemetery as- 28, to co-incide with dedication of the Iowa extended welcome, with Marie Basham resociation relative to the erection of such section of the Grand Army of the Republic sponding. Governor Blue gave a splendid headstone MUST BE FULLY UNDER- Highway. The meeting was fairly well at dedication address. He recounted the situatended with representatives from five Detion in Iowa of the Civil War and paid a splendid tribute to those who entered the The organization of the Central Region war and to the two remaining veterans livwhich had lagged somewhat during the war ing in Iowa. The occasion was especially years, is beginning to take firm root and honored by the unexpected attendance of the grow into a worth while proposition. Three only two members of the Grand Army living important items of business were transacted, in Iowa—James Martin of Sutherland, Dept. Commander, who rode 300 miles that day to (1) Setting up a permanent Grand Army be present, and Everett McMurray, 103 years of age.

The State of Nebraska held a dedication service of their portion of the Grand Army plication for a headstone by writing either mittee Chairman to be elected by committee Highway in the Senate of the State Capitol, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26. The meeting was Committee duties: To aid in Legislative ably presided over by the County Attorney, the Adjutant General's Office in the State recognition in States which have not yet and Governor Peterson and the Mayor of Capitol Building in states which provide done so. To secure setting up of the Grand Lincoln extended welcome to the gathering. Army markers wherever not already done. Governor Peterson referred to the Memorial To secure installation of more markers by Highway as appropriate to the scripture of stone is shipped freight prepaid to the near- all States. To establish periodic patrols of the Bible in which it states we should honor the Highway to guard against marker de- the memory of our fathers. He stated the portation to the grave is assumed by the spoiling. To petition the several States affiliated orders carrying on in this idea in Camp, as is the cost of its erection. The Highway Departments for improvement of Nebraska were doing a splendid job in crecosts involved in setting a state headstone the pavement and beautifying of the road ating the Memorial Highway. An approprivaries according to the regulations set forth side, establishment of small roadside parks, ate response was given by the Dept. Comin the several states which provide them, etc.; in short to secure such features as will mander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. and can be had from the State Adjutant Gen- eventually make it the outstanding attrac- The Adjutant General gave a splendid Dedication address and mentioned the honor to him of both grandfathers serving in the

very finest held in any Department up to the there's so much hate in people's hearts." present time and due credit'should be given to Mrs. J. Estella Allen of Lincoln for her Bagot. efforts in securing legislative efforts and the lowing dedication

Three Departments in the Central Region was a credit to our organization. Our efforts country be willing to do it?" will continue to make the Memorial Highway more attractive to the traveling public isn't it worth trying?" to remind them continually of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Summer Meeting N. E.

At the annual summer meeting of above G. A. R. Posts of New Hampshire. This of his final success, is one of the great stroy centers of Northern war efforts. will be presented to the State at a later date stories in American diplomacy and states with special ceremonies. Mr. Winchell also manship.—Rays of Sunshine. had on display the Memorial Bible which was presented to the Association as a tribute to the late P. C.-in-C. Frank L. Kirchgassner, and founder of the Association.

During the supper a fine cake was presented in honor of the 10th anniversary of a boat may be helpful. the founding of the Auxiliary to the Associa-

rebroadcast of program given at Milwaukee length." So the Indian narrowed her down. by P. C.-in-C. H. Harding Hale, with P. C.-in-C. John S. Dumser of the G. A. R. A sketch was presented by Brothers and Sisters Jen-stern's too full." So he cut down the stern. nie Jewett, Emma Wheeler, Kenneth Wheeler. Leonard Jewett, Florence Watson and

The fall meeting was held at Portland, Me., on Nov. 1 and 2. Details of this meeting will appear in next issue.

ALONG THE BORDER

America takes pride in its century-long friendship with Canada. The man who was boat over there-that's everybody's boat," responsible for the happy neighbor on the pointing to the monstrosity on the bank north was Rich Rush. Probably most of us have not even heard of him

The War of 1812 between England and America was over. There were still many angry feelings everywhere. There was talk of a "Maginot Line." Two men, one from Canada, Mr. Bagot, and one from America, efforts of the northern states during the Civil Mr. Rush. met to find the best way to be good neighbors.

Mr. Bagot said: "We'll build a row of forts Club luncheon meeting held recently. all along the border. And where the countries are separated by the Great Lakes we'll have gunboats everywhere. Then we'll be sure that the war really stops."

Mr. Rush, our assistant secretary of state. replied: "I think you are wrong. If your priate in a study of Lincoln, since the proba chance."—Sunshine Messenger. country put soldiers and forts and gunboats lems which confronted the Civil War Presialong the border, my country will do the dent could thereby be more clearly undersame thing. Having soldiers so near each stood,

plan for dedication. A reception was held every single soldier," suggested Mr. Rush. on up to the level of the national society. at the Governors Mansion immediately fol- "Suppose we had no forts and no gunboats

Grand Army Highway this year and each Nobody ever tried that before. Would your where orders came.

There were many meetings, secret and open, tion, Dr. Slater explained. They explained the plan to their peoples. To In Illinois, there were several examples of

gional Secretary Louis E. Winchell, of Mal- the world between two former enemies was the acts could be carried out in daylight. den, Mass, gave an historical sketch of the without a fort, soldier, or gunboat; they The organization assisted Army deserters

"TOO MANY COOKS"

In the present-day era, when much of the "thinking" is done by leaders and intriguers, the old story of the Indian who was building

The Indian was carving his canoe out of a huge log. A man came along and said, collect enough. At 11:30 a. m. Saturday occurred a fine "Chief, I think she's too wide for her

A little later, another man came along, who said, "Chief, it looks to me that the

A third man came, watched the Indian chisel awhile, and, giving the canoe a close into the North to aid the workers of the se-

Indian launched it in the near-by river, but after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. it capsized. He hauled it back on the beach, found another log and began again. Once more a man came along and offered advice, but this time the Indian answered, "That "This one Indian's boat!"

EFFORTS OF SECRET SOCIETIES IN THE CIVIL WAR

ciety which worked to break down the war which came on the same date. War were described by Dr. R. C. Slater, La-

Dr. Slater's information was the result of many years of research, including study of but a little while until I will be with my

Civil War. Perhaps this service was the now, when everyone is still angry and when Southern society which, by 1863, had invaded the North in force, he continued. Each "But what else can we do?" asked Mr. town had a local chapter of the organization; the town commanders in turn belonged "Suppose instead we were to take away to a township or county organization and so

Orders for members of the society were nassed down through commanders at each "But I never heard of such an idea!" ex- organization level, so individuals receiving have now held Dedication services of the claimed Mr. Bagot. "An unarmed border! the orders had no way of knowing from

Heads of the national organization could "I don't know," admitted Mr. Rush, "But look over the shoulder of Lincoln, commend him for his war plans, then issue instruc-So Rush and Bagot got to work. The army tions through the chain of command which and navy officials were opposed to the plan, would counteract the President's planned ac-

the peoples of both countries it sounded the extremes to which the Knights would go. Regional Association good. At last both nations agreed to try it. In Decatur and Carlinville, provost marshals And did it work! This all happened over were killed and draft lists burned. So com-Association, held at The Weirs, N. H., Re- a hundred years ago. The longest border in pletely did the society control officials that

New Hampshire G. A. R. Dept. and present- have lived together as friendly neighbors, to make their way through the Northern ed their Flag to those present at the last though they have had their share of dis-lines; they had elaborate systems of obtainpublic assembly, as the Flag will now go in- agreements and misunderstandings. The ing military information and passing it to to a glass case in the Capitol Building at whole story of how Richard Rush worked to the Southern leaders; somewhat fautastic Concord to be preserved in memory of the ward this end against high opposition, and but dangerous schemes were devised to de-

One of their plans was to start 28 simultaneous fires in New York City. Phosphorus bombs were to be used and the plot failed only because of premature explosion of one of the hombs.

Another section of the society collected arsenic and strychnine. The members planned to dump the poison in water supply points of large cities, had they managed to

Clothing of yellow fever victims was collected and sent to the North for sale. This plot to start a disease epidemic was made without consideration of the fact that yellow fever was caused only by the direct bite of an insect, Dr. Slater said.

The Confederate government poured funds Elbridge Jewett. On Sunday the meetings look, said, "The bow's too sheer, Chief." So cret organization. Research had indicated that a large sum of Confederate money was When the canoe was finally finished, the found on the body of John Wilkes Booth

> Dr. Slater said the study of methods and purposes of such secret societies could well be considered when in times of national stress there might be tendencies for similar groups to appear.

HE KNEW HIS BROTHERS

An old Confederate veteran in North Carolina debated for quite a while whether he Activities of a well organized secret so- annual state Methodist conference, both of would attend a Confederate re-union or the

Finally he decided to attend the conference. Upon his return he was rather severe-Salle osteopath, at a Pontiac, Ill., Kiwanis ly reproved for not attending the re-union of his old comrades.

"Well," he replied, "I knew it wouldn't be original documents. He said consideration comrades in the better world, and so I deof the strong efforts of the treasonable cided that I'd better go to the conference groups that worked in the North was approand see all my Methodist friends while I had

The trouble with most people is that they other will surely lead to fighting, especially The Knights of the Golden Circle was a rather than with their minds.—Duranty. think with their hopes or fears or wishes

MASSACHUSETTS

November, 1947

William W. Haskell, Publicity Secretary, 109 Burkeside Ave., Brockton, Mass. Tel. Broc. 1892-W.

Installations

Dept. Com. Harold M. Drown and P.D.C William W. Haskell have or will install at the following Camps:

Tuesday, Nov. 4-Plymouth, Camp 4. Wednesday, Nov. 5-Natick, Camp 49. Wednesday, Nov. 12-Dorchester, Camp 30. Wednesday, Nov. 19-Taunton, Camp 26. Friday, Nov. 21-Scituate, Camp 88. * * * *

Old Timers Association

Saturday, Sept. 20, in Somerville, with about 75 present; about 25 present were 50-year members. A catered supper, a professional entertainment, with an hour of good fellowship, was enjoyed by all present. P. C.-in-C. Bill Anderson was elected President, and some of his friends around the Department are present, Dept. Com. Harold M. Drown prelooking for a wheel chair to give to Bill, in the near future, for when Bill took over the their work during the first six months of the Handy, Pres. of the Emma Belle Wentworth Old Timers he is surely getting OLD. Brothers, if he is that old, let's follow in his foot Survey Committee me ting in the lower hall, steps, for when anything has to be done in the Department we all say LET BILL DO IT, of three-Dept. Pres. Pam. Elder, P. N. P. and it is done. Good luck, Bill, and to all your old timers.

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Plymouth County Association.

The last two monthly meetings of the Plymouth County Association were held in Abing-Pres. Standley Blanchard, of Norwell, pre- and his committee, for a great meeting. sided at both sessions. Plans for the fall and winter were discussed and a penny sale will be held in place of our Nov. meeting. For the Marion, are invited to attend the next meet- Emma Warren of the Auxiliary. ing as guests.

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Camp 4, Plymouth

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Collingswood a spaghetti supper at 6:30 o'clock, followed by spoke on the membership drive now in progan entertainment. Camp is busy making ress. plans for the winter session, with P. C. Herb Smith as chairman. Plymouth is also making plans to invite the Department to hold its 1949 Encampment in their town. * * * *

Presented Book

In 1895 a record book was presented to Post 79. G. A. R., by the Collingwood W. R. C. No. officials in the S.U.V. and friends. 124. This book evidently has been in hiding where it could be made useful. Eventually it County Association of the S. U. V.

the pages of the book, as nothing has been P. C.in-C. William L. Anderson, Roxbury, who belonged to Post 76 is needed, so if you have any information about your father or grandfathers, won't you send it along so that

therefore any data you can send will be apprayer. preclated. Brothers this needs your fullest L. Smith, P. O. Box 112, Plymouth, Mass.

Camp 69, Pembroke

with Com. Charles Howe presiding. Regular routine of business was carried on. The members each helped about the work on the day night during July and August. It was of the W. R. C.; Mrs. Grace P. Broderick, very pleasing, so much being accomplished. A Pres. of the Mass, D. U. V.; Robert A. Elder, few more necessary things are to be done from the Dept. of Mass., S. U. V.: Mrs. The Association held its annual get-together later on. After the meeting closed the boys Blanche O. Gage, Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of joined with the Auxiliary for a collation. * * * *

Mid Year Meeting, Taunton

Taunton, was host to the Department for Margaret C. Palmer, of Melrose, both Past their Mid-Year Meeting; 49 members were Nat. Pres. of the S. U. V. Auxillary. sided, and all Dept. Officers gave a report of Pooler of Camp 13, S. U. V.; Mrs. Bernice year. The Auxiliary held a Planning and Tent, D. U. V.; Mrs. Viola Gay, representing and they sent up to us a greeting committee Mrs. Carrie M. Rockwood, representing the Margaret Anderson and Mrs. Bessie Drown, Vice Com. of Stoughton Post No. 89, American wife of our Dept. Commander, who brought the greeting of the Dept. Auxiliary. P. D. C. William W. Haskell responded.

After the meeting refreshments were served in the lower hall. Much credit is due to ton, Sept. 30, and in Rockland, Oct. 17. Vice chairman of the committee, William Tillson the Stoughton Post No. 89, American Legion * * * *

Pioneer Valley Association Picnic

On Sunday, Sept. 14, the Pioneer Valley Asbenefit of the Department the Association is sociation held its second picnic at the Mt. New Hampshire, S.U.V.; and John W. Emery, to take over the fun-making part of the Coun- Tom State Reservation, which was well at of Easthampton, Nat. Aide to the Com. inty-The Buttons-with meetings to be held in tended considering that the weather was not Chief of the S. U V. Rockland the 2nd Friday of each month. All favorable until the middle of the afternoon. Camps having candidates please get in touch Among the dignitaries present were Com, inwith Paul Gasitte as soon as possible, so we Chief Charles H. E. Moran, his Personal Aide, can arrange for the first meeting. At the next P. Dept. Com. John W. Emery, Sr. Vice Dept. meeting a committee will be named to ar- Com. Edwin W. Partenhelmer, Chief of Dis. range for a Sports Night to be held in the Coms. Harold P. Shepardson, and Dist. Com. near future with a well known Sportsman as William C. Rule of the Sons; Dept. Pres. Pathe speaker. Camp 26, Taunton; Camp 16, melia Elder, Past Nat. Pres. Maude Warren, Canton: Camp 102, Falmouth, and Camp 114, and Past Dept. Pres. Ursula Shepardson and

On Oct. 6 there was an enthusiastic visitation to Camp 60 of Holyoke, of which our Commander-in-Chief is a member. There were remarks by Com.-in-Chief Chas. H. E. Moran Camp held its first meeting of the month with and Past C.-in-C. William L. Anderson, who

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Reception to Dept. Commander

Massachusetts Dept. Com. Harold M. Drown was tendered a reception by over 250 people at the Town Hall Saturday, Oct. 25. Those attending included town and state dignitaries, representative of veterans' organizations, co-

The reception was sponsored by the John during all the years following until a few A. Andrew Camp and Auxiliary; the Emma months back, when it was turned over to va- Belle Wentworth Tent No. 69; the A. St. John rious people in town to try and find a place Chambre Corps No. 99, with the Plymouth

was presented to Paul A. Bittinger, who in Mr. Drown was given a hearty ovation turn presented it to Camp 4. The book is in when he thanked all present for their parts though it had just arrived from the bindery. operation and friendly feeling among the local eral Memorial Day parades, riding in an am-Now the task will be to fill in the dates on Veterans' Posts and their Auxiliaries.

entered in it. Every bit of information that and his wife, Margaret F. Anderson, Past Nat.

it can be used to make all necessary data in mittee in charge of the reception and a memthe book complete. Most of all the official ber of the Capt. R. B. Grover Camp of Brockrecords of Post 76 were lost in the fire at the ton, gave the address of welcome. He pre-Alden Street Schoolhouse a few years back, sented the Rev. Hugh P. Hughes, who offered

Mr. Haskell then presented P. C.-in-C. Anco-operation; send all information to Herbert derson, who served as master of ceremonies. He in turn, after a few remarks, called on Town Manager Francis R. Atkinson, who brought greetings of the town. Capt. Lom-Camp 69 held their monthly meeting on Oct. bard brought the greetings of the Commonwealth and from the Governor,

Short words of greeting were brought by Charles H. E. Moran, Holyoke, Com.-in-Chief; hall, which they did by coming each Thurs- Mrs. Josephine Brennan, Dept. Jr. Vice Pres. the G. A. R.: Pamelia S. Elder, Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary; Thomas P. Joyce, representing V. F. W. Dent. Com. William F. Hallisey, of On Oct.18 the Gen. D. N. Couch Camp 26, Brockton; Maude B. Warren, of Brockton, and

Also extending greetings were: Com. Ralph the local A. St. John Chambre, W. R. C .; local S. U. V. Auxiliary; Robert Neylon, Sr. Legion: George O. Walker, Saugus, Nat. Aide of the United Spanish War Veterans of America; Mrs. Dorothy Hayden, Pres. of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Michael Romanuk Post No. 1645. V. F. W.: Mrs. Florence Sterry. Pres. of Auxiliary; H. Harding Hale, of Hudson, Past Com.-in-Chief of the S. U. V.; Paul W. Kelley, Com, of the Michael Romanuk Post No. 1645. V. F. W.: Darrold Whitney, Dept. Com. of

The program was then turned over to Chairman Haskell, who led a march, accompanied by the military escort, Daniel Sullivan, Adjutant of the V. F. W. Post here and 16 usherettes. He presented Mr. Drown, on behalf of friends in the S. U. V. organization throughout the state, with a gift.

Mr. Drown responded with a speech in which he paid his respects to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Haskell, thanked all for the gift and the reception.

Mrs. Paul W. Murphy and Miss Dorothy Lang were color bearers.

After the V. F. W. orchestra had played one number for dancing, a grand march was started by Addison Quinn, P. D. C. It was led by Mr. and Mrs. Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Drown and Aux. Dept. Pres. Pamelia Elder.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.

Illinois' Oldest Veteran Dies

Daniel A. Wedge, Aurora, one of the naion's oldest Civil War veterans, dled on his 106th birthday, Sunday, Oct. 19.

Commander and sole survivor of Aurora Post 20, Grand Army of the Republic, Wedge fought in 26 engagements of the Civil War.

Although bedridden since he fractured his hin in a fall in 1930, he was active in G. A. R. a wonderful state of preservation, looking as in the reception, and he spoke of the co- affairs until this year and participated in sev-

hulance.

Born in Marietta, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1841, Wedge came to Illinois in a covered wagon at the age can be obtained about the Grand Army men Pres. of the Aux., presented Com. and Mrs. of 10. In 1860, when he was 19 years old, he

PENNSYLVANIA

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

It hardly seems possible that it is time to "go to press" again. If I were on a local newspaper staff I might be sent out on an assignment to cover some hig wedding, a murder case or some other item of interest which occurred within my community. Then the news of the world would come to me over our teletype machines. As it is, I am not such an editor. I can tell you what Carlisle Camp and Auxiliary are doing, and I could really do a swell job of bragging for we have a wonderful bunch of fellows and girls who are active and work for the interests of the Order. Now as to the teletype machines; we have them! Yes, you Camp Correspondents are the machines, but I am beginning to wonder what has happened to the power line for with the exception of a very few I have had no tapes ticking. Why not give your Camp some publicity. Send me the news.

* * * * Reception to Dept. President

An outstanding activity during the past month was the reception for the Dept. President of the Auxillary, Anna I. Stoudt, held in the Berkshire Hotel, Reading, Pa., Oct. 11. Not only did they give us a delicious meal, but good entertainment. The souvenir letter openers were most attractive and received friends.

n't enough of a surprise within about five or ment Commander. ten minutes more martial music was heard and into the ballroom marched the S.V.R. Brigade Band. The appearance of these two musical organizations not only was a complete fair. Not to be left unmentioned is Sister this function became the success that it was.

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Roamin' With Your Dept. Commander

On Monday, Sept. 1, your Commander paid a flying visit to the fair city of Harrisburg, Ithat is the town where Camp 51, only backwards, is located] only to find everybody either away or having a good time on the banks of the famous Susquehanna. There was however one exception to this and that was Pat Copenhaver, whose wife had locked him out on the roof so that he had to paint and clean it. After a short stop with the Copenhaver family we started out for that great city of Reading, and after arriving there we found that once again the people we had started out to see were not around.

Wednesday, Sept. 3, found the Commander

Saturday, Sept. 13, along with other Dept. Heads, we attended the Reception and Dinner in honor of our Nat. President of the Daughters, Ann Dolan, of Pittsburgh. Good luck, Ann, and may you go over the top,

Thursday, Sept. 18, and what a night. Breakfast in Hollywood was held at the G. A. R. Home at 65th and Vine Sts., in Philadelphia. All that we can say at this time is Hollywood losing their style centers this year.

Things Past and To Come

Sept. 23, Anniversary Dinner sponsored by

ner. Oct. 11 our Department paused long at the time of his election. enough to pay tribute to one of our loyal workers, Anna Stoudt, the Dept. President of mander visited his own Camp, No. 51, where were presented. Saturday, Oct. 25, was the second annual Banquet sponsored by Auxil- Cocker Camp No. 236, of Philadelphia. iary 223, of Pottsville, in Masonic Ballroom. This is the Auxiliary that had been trying so very hard to give us fellows a new Camp.

Sunday, Nov. 2, at the G. A. R. Home. 65th present the Home with a Flag. Wednesday, Nov. 19, some of us will pay another good- talking about them. The motor boat rides as will visit to Trenton and pay our respects to New Jersey's Commander. Others on that date will journey to the fair city of Philadelphia, and pay their respects to National and Department Officers of Camp 200.

READING HERE WE COME IN 1948!

A Word of Thanks

To my many friends in Pennsylvania and also the National Organization may I as Dept. Commander just say thank you, each and all many "ohs" and "ahs." Sister Stoudt received for your many kind words of congratulations many, many lovely gifts from her host of and helpfulness. It is indeed an honor to serve my organization, and as I pledged my-After the dinner sounds of music were heard | self in Easton, upon taking office, so I once in the lobby which proved to be the Fife and again rededicate myself to our organization. Drum Corps from Harrisburg. As if this was. Again thank you one and all.-Your Depart

Overheard Here and There

Now that the Dept. Commander has a car maybe he might get over to Trenton more surprise to the Dept. President, but also to often-or will he? Brother and Sister John H. those on the committee in charge of the af- Sautter, of Pittsburgh, have arrived safely in Florida for the winter months. Will be look-Carrie Heabner. Under her capable direction ing for you John in the early Spring. Bill Blakeley is still looking for his P. D. C. badge; f anyone has come upon it or knows anyhing about it please contact Bill or the Dept, Commander. P. D. C. Moore and his wife are still on the go. George and Velma have been assisting the City of York with a large patriotic celebration, as well as assisting in gathering canned goods for the Home at 65th & Vine Sts., Philadelphia. P.D.P. Sister Palmer of the Auxiliary is fast improving and wants to be remembered to her many friends. Sister and Brother John Herdman, of Johnstown, were the recent visitors of Agnes and Lawson Palmer while on their vacation. Camp 9, Ellis, and Camp 51, Darby, recently held a dart game and have decided to try and start a dart league. Come on boys, make up that team today and get in the fun. Brother Hen in that very fine city of Chester, where he and Auxiliary 51, will take a trip down the Lutton and Sister Betty Biddle, both of Camp aisle on Oct. 23. Who said things don't happen to the Sons. Speaking of weddings did anyone notice that sparkler on a certain young lady's hand from Trenton. What is going on here? Looks like our organization is not only the place for good fellowship but is also turning into a Matrimonial Bureau.

and New York will not have to worry about Sept. 15, after being dispensed with during tory work. July and August. The 1948 convention committee of the G. A. R. and Allied Orders have to the Camp Council and has held that posi-

Circle 171, Ladies of the G. A. R., Lancaster, Past Dept. Commander in the point of years He served Auxiliary 13 and Auxiliary 200 Pa. Thursday, Sept. 25—the night of nights of service, celebrated his 85th birthday anni- for first about the entire existence of these Bangor. This will make the second class of versary on Sept. 23. The only living charter bodies as Judge Advocate.

candidates in less than three months and we member of Allen Camp No. 6 of Allentown, don't mean just one or two, we mean thirty Brother Smith, was elected Dept. Commander and upwards. Sept. 26 was another night, at Easton in 1892 and celebrated his golden Harrisburg is geiting jealous of Bangor so anniversary as a P.D.C. by attending the Unthey too sponsored a class initiation. Oct. 4 iontown Encampment in 1942. He was the we went to visit our very good neighbors in youngest to have ever served the Department Trenton where the Allied Orders held a din as Commander, having been 29 years of age

I have been the recipient of two monthly papers which I think deserves recognition our Auxiliary. Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Com- and a vote of commendation. They are the "Target" which is edited by Lt. Benner of another famous Darby class of candidates Weissport in the interest of the S. V. R., and the "Booster" which is edited by Theo. F.

Camp 50, Carlisle

Our annual joint picnic was held Aug. 21 at the Adams Cottage at Cave Hill. A grand and Vine Sts., in Philadelphia, the Sons will time was had by all. The eats were "out of this world," and those that attended are still well as the other games were enjoyed by all. * * * *

READING IN 1948

Attend Picnic Supper

On St., Aug. 23, the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of South Central Pa. were the guests of Sister Fannie Whetzel at a picnic supper held in Hershey Park. The food was delicious and lots of it. Sister Whetzel furnished all of the food, and along with her husband and sister did all the work. Why a Camp and Auxiliary cannot prosper with a worker like this is the \$64.00 question. What's wrong, Palmyra?

* * * * Pennsylvania Reserve

Capt. J. George Sipp of Camp 200, Phila., a Past Commander, Past Dept. Council member for two terms, a member of the Reserve for 18 years, and held the post of Adjutant of the 1st Regiment of Infantry of Phila., and Regimental Inspector, as well as Brigade Inspector, died July 12 in Philadelphia. Dept. Chap. Partington had charge of the funeral.

* * * * Correspondent's Note

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Commander Yocum for appointing me as the Dept. Press Correspondent. I shall try to do my best to get Pennsylvania a lot of publicity. However, as I could not possibly get around over the state to cover the various affairs and Camp meetings, I am asking that someone in each Camp make himself responsible for sending me the news of your activtiles, in the event your own Press Correspondent does not do so. [Please note my new ad-

DON'T FORGET-READING IN '48 * * * *

J. George Seipp

Camp 200, Pa. Dept. the Commandery-in-Chief and the S. V. Reserve have lost one of its most active and beloved members in the passing of Adjutant J. George Seipp.

He joined Birney Camp 13 when he reached the age of 16 and from the night of his initiation he has always been active in the welfare of the Order and was one of the originators of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

He served Camp 13 as its Commander and during his year in that position the Camp nearly doubled its membership. Brothers from Meade Camp 16 resumed their meetings on ings of his Camp in order to watch the initiaall parts of Pennsylvania attended the meet-

Walter E. Smith, of Allentown, the oldest consolidation] up until the time of his death. tion, both in Camp 13 and Camp 200 [after

He helped form the old Philadelphia Battal- of the Indians, when Chief Propret surrenion and when the First Regiment was formed dered to Com. Harrison, leader of the Amerihe was elected as Adjutant and held that po- can forces. sition until his health, shortly before he died, caused him to resign.

November, 1947

He was in demand for years at various Camps to instruct the new recruits in the socret work of our Order, and it is a safe guess that he has performed that duty more than a thousand times.

Upon the consolidation of Camp 13 with Camp 200, he became one of the most active members of the new Camp and it was a rare occasion when he was not at a meeting.

Sons of Veterans Club of Philadelphia, The encouragement. Foragers, The Death Benefit Association, The Philadelphia County Association and any committee that was appointed to serve in the Philadelphia area was sure to contain the name of J. George Selpp.

Never one to seek office he refused to let his name be presented for any position in the Department until about six years ago when he consented to run as a member of Dept. Comrade Whittinghall is the last Civil War Council, in which position he served for three veteran in Boone County. terms.

He was always trying to improve the Reserve and many were the times that he paid

He was a member of many organizations. among which were his Blue Lodge, the Consistory and Lulu Temple of the Shrine, and while he attended his various lodges as often as possible his first thoughts were always for the Sons and the Reserve.

Tis a pity that we do not have more brothers like George for if we did our Order would now be much better and more active than it is.

A good husband, a kind father, a loving friend, that was J. George Seipp. Good bye, George, we miss you .- Walter C.

INDIANA

Mable.

B. F. Sutherland, Press Correspondent, 1438 Home Avenue, Kokomo, Ind.

The Indiana Dept., Sons and Auxiliary, will hold its annual Mid-Winter Meeting and Conference at the Hotel Lincoln in Indianapolis, Jan. 17 and 18, 1948. It is being sponsored by Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 and Auxiliary No. 10.

The meeting will open with a banquet, and very interesting and appropriate program in the Travertine Room on 14th floor of the Lincoln, Sat. eve., 6:30, Jan. 17. Tickets for the Muncie. banquet must be obtained from Mrs. Bessle Hart, Chairlady, on arrangements, by Jan. 12. All reservations must be accompanied by cash -\$3.00 per plate. Her address is 527 North Noble St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Lambert, Mgr. of Hotel Lincoln, at a very our Memorial Day committees to accurately Interesting talks were given by our guests. It early date.

Several very important matters will brought up for discussion and disposal in ences of Our Former U.S. Presidents" [which Rooms E and F on Sunday morning. No loyal you do not find in histories]. Very informamember can afford to miss this meeting. Sev- tive, ably presented and certainly well re- Thursday evening, Nov. 6. eral National Officers will be present. Let's ceived. Our only living charter member, Osgo, Indiana!

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Annual Picnic

Lafayette, Sunday, Sept. 7. A goodly number ing in Hollywood, Calif. Good musical enterwas present to enjoy a fine time and a grand tainment and fellowship abounded. lunch at noon, followed by election of officers of the Battleground Association, Louis King, sons and grandsons to become members.

"Battle of Tippecance." The result was defeat coln to preserve our Union.

The following Camps were represented: Ft. Wayne, Frankfort, Kokomo, Lafayette, Winchester, Muncle and Indianapolis.

* * * * Camp 28, Richmond

A reception for Dept. Officers was held by the Camp and Auxiliary on July 28. Dept. Com. Barksdale was present and gave an en-the interests of Warren and Brown Posts. thusiastic message. Accompanying him from He was one of the leading spirits in the Auxiliary members. All brought messages of of the return of the dead heroes on arrival.

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Celebrate Birthdays

W. E. Whittinghall, Civil War veteran, cele-W. E. Whittinghall, Civil War veteran, celebrated his 99th birthday with his family at Chap., Herman Schroeder; Sec. and Guide, Lebanon on Aug. 9. Whittinghall is one of the three Civil War veterans of Indiana. the three Civil War veterans of Indiana.

In years past Aug. 9 was a double celebration for he and his wife, who died in 1946.

Jonesboro, the home of John C. Adams, the bills of the Reserve, so that as he would Civil War veteran, turned out almost 100% on Wednesday evening, Nov. 19, at 7 o'clock. say, "they might have something in the treas to greet and wish health and happiness to this Civil War veteran on his 100th birthday, Aug. 17. It was a great day for him and his

Lafayette sent their Fife and Drum Corps, all Sons of Union Veterans.

The following Camps were presented: Muncle, Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, Marion, Lafayette, Jonesboro and Kokomo.

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Camp 44, Winchester

On Oct. 31 Old 44 held its annual "HEN ON" with a dinner and evening meeting at evening, the Camp and Auxiliary will tender the Town House. There was a good attendance of the remaining faithful members who, at one time, put Old 44 and Winchester on the map. Our Camp has been truly honored by President, and our forebears, the Grand Army having had three Dept. Commanders—"Rosy" Bosworth, who died several years ago; John D. Miller and Louis King, who were present. "Lou" has been our faithful and efficient Sec.-Treas, for a good many years, and now has ard Kucker; Sr. Vice, Samuel Clugston; Jr. brought additional honors to our Camp by Vice, George Satterthwaite; Sec., Wm. G. having been elected Sec. Treas, of the Indiana Dept., to succeed A. W. McDaniels of Valparaiso who recently passed on. In the

last year, death has taken three good broth-

John H. Beals, Master of Ceremonies, introduced our speaker, Philip Kabel, Winchester's, C. Leroy Stout, of Reading, Pa., and Capt. and one of Indiana's, able historians. Years Albert C. Lambert of Co. A, of Trenton. Folago he assisted our Camp immeasurably by lowing the dinner there was a fine program individually locating and charting every sol- by a group of Scotch entertainers. Capt. John Make reservations for rooms with Bruce dier's grave in our cemeteries, which enables L. Reeger welcomed all members and guests. and expeditiously decorate our soldier dead. was the usual fine affair, enjoyed by all presbe His talk was upon "Some Facts and Experient. The Sons, Auxiliary and friends held their far and near who could not attend; one tele- joyable evening. annual plenic at the Battleground, north of gram from an ardent member, Earl Wise, liv-

Plans are being made to interest eligible These meetings surely renew old friendships, Then came the stunts by different Camps, memorics and patriotism as well as honor our

NEW JERSEY

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

Camp 1, Hoboken

In October we celebrated our 66th anniverary and we are still going strong. Our members take active parts on Memorial Day, and serving actively on Memorial Committee in

The Joint Memorial Committee has been ap-Indianapolis were Camp Com. Durbin and 11 pointed to make all arrangements to take care Burial plots have been donated by the freeholders and various cities.

> Our new officers are: Com., Fred Williams: Sr. Vice, Wm. Hendberg; Jr. Vice, Chas.

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Camp 5, Trenton

Ferd V. Dayton Camp and Auxiliary No. 5 will celebrate "Dedication Day," the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address at a hanquet to be held in the Hotel Hildebrecht

Armored Division, NJNG, will be the principal speaker. Gen. Powell served in both World Wars, and has represented his District in the New Jersey Senate. The Hon. William S. Borden will be toastmaster. An evening of entertainment and unusual features are planned. Bro. John H. Waste of Rochester, will portray Abraham Lincoln.

Com.-in-Chief Charles Moran, Nat. Pres. Mrs. Katharine Joyce, Dept. Pres. Mrs. Irene Archer, and Dept. Com. Vincent Hayden have accepted invitations to attend. On the same a reception to Dept. Com. Hayden,

All members are urged to take part in this program in memory of the great Civil War of the Republic. Reservations can be made through P. C.-in-C. Albert C. Lambert.

The following officers will be installed in November by Dept. Com. Hayden: Com., Rich-Simpson; Treas., Albert C. Lambert.

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Camp 4, Trenton The Camp started fall activities with our ers and visitors who attended our last meetannual Battery anniversary dinner and social ing-Sec. Treas. A. W. McDaniels, Past Dept. hour, which was held Thursday evening, Oct. Com. Lon Thornburg and Charley Hakes, of 2 in the Camp room. A fine dinner was prenared and served by the Camp Chef. P. C. Luther M. Snedaker. Our guests were Col.

Our officers elected for the ensuing year will be installed by P. C. Frank C. Gilbert on

The Camp Fire Committee has arranged to car G. Puckett, was present and interestingly entertain the Boy Scouts who aided us with gave us the early history of "OLD 44." Let- our Memorial Day work on Thursday eventers and telegrams were read from members ing. Nov. 13. This will be another very en-

> We held a Navy Day meeting on Oct. 30th when all members who had served in the IT S. Navy were our guests. The army veterans were present to see that the navy was well entertained.

The committee for our annual Lincoln Banguet have started activities to make this one The fun-fest was climaxed by the reacted fathers who followed and fought with Lin- of the finest ever held. Date to be Feb. 13. Place. Hotel Hildebrecht.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

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

Camp I, San Francisco

State Camp No. 1 held their annual picnic in Golden Gate Park, Sunday, Sept. 14, and was accorded a fine turnout and everyhody had a fine time.

The membership drive is now on in our Camp and the Sons and Auxiliary are both putting in their best licks for a winner's sheepskin.

We recently had a three day rummage sale, and after all expense had been taken care of we had a net balance of \$43.78.

Glad to report that at our regular October meeting we took in two new members, and have several good prospects which will be added before the first of the year.

State Camp gave our Dept. Com. Walter A Smith and his wife, Nellie, who is Dept. Chaplain of the Aux., on Saturday evening, Oct. 4, a grand reception, which was attended by several members from various Camps, among whom was Margaret Giles, of Riverside, Dept. President of the Auxiliary. x x x x

Camp 2, Los Angeles

Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp is meeting reguarly every month, the third Monday night, in Patriotic Hall, 1816 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, and meetings are well attended. The Camp and Auxiliary held a joint not luck sunper at 6:30 the same night, Monday, Oct. 30. to entertain the Dept. Officers, of both orders, with a dinner and a reception.

This Camp is starting on the Membership Drive, as planned by the Assistant Secretary, as Chairman, Vernon S. Cheney, for the Sons, and the Dept. Vice Pres. of the Auxiliary, Beatrice Riggs. All hope for a fine gain in membership, during this quarter.

A 50-year badge was presented to Roswell J. Hoffman, of 693 N. W. View Ave., Huntington Park, by P. C.-in-C. Barrett, at a recent Hayward, San Jose and Sacramento, meeting, on behalf of his Camp in Akron, O., where he had held membership since 1886.

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Camp 7, Pasadena. We are pleased to note that several of our improving, some sufficiently so as to attend meetings. Rev. Chas. A. Waterman, former Dept. Chaplain, and present Camp Chaplain, at this writing has just undergone a major operation in the local hospital. Bro. Waterman is also City Prison Chaplain for Pasadena. Pasadena was well represented at the reception tendered Sr. Vice Com. Earl H. Riggs and wife [the former Beatrice Smith of Los Angeles] at Ontario on Sept. 12. Practically all Southern California Camps particinated. A nice luncheon followed.

Three members of Phil Kearney Camp, all World War II Veterans, Com. Elmo E. Deem, Ralph Garwood and Alva A. McDonald, were presented with honor medals at a recent meeting, the presentation being made by Mai, Edgar L. Tenney, Commander of Nathan P. Fairbanks Camp No. 22. Glendale.

Dept. Com. Smith and wife, Aux. Dept President, will, in company with many other Dept. Officers, make an official visit to Camps in Southern California, the second visit since ance, with visitors from Canon City; also some he was elected. The schedule will start Wednesday, Nov. 5, and Phil Kearney Camp, Pasadena, will be first on the list. Welcome Commander and Madam President,

Around the Circle

centenarians-plus-are able to be up and do- also a quite lengthy description of some of ing, though not able to participate in but few the beauty spots and the vacationing trips activities

were represented except two from the Southern District.

P. D. C. John Michelbacher, of Riverside, furnished coffee and ice cream. has been hospitalized for some time, but we are pleased to report he is on the road to recovery.

Bro. A. R. McKinney, Jr. Dept. Commander, of Santa Cruz, is one of the brothers that is strictly on the job. Just recently he has launched out on the publishing of an eightefforts to the Dept. of California exclusively. every brother should have it.

Pasadena lost its oldest citizen, Mrs. Mary Copping, Sept. 26, aged 102 years. Mrs. Copping was Past Dept. President and the oldest living member of Ladies of the Grand Army * * * *

Phil Kearney Camp, Pasadena

The Quarterly meeting of Southern California, District No. 2, was held here in July in open air assemblage. Phil Kearney Camp and Auxiliary were the hosts. Music, songs and short talks helped to make up an interfrom all Camps except one in the District.

Camp 21, Oakland

Col. E. D. Baker Camp held its annual picnic at Mosswood Park, according to James A. Hughes, Commander. Ray S. Dumser, chairman of arrangements, invited members of all allied organizations to attend the event, beginning at 11 a. m. Special guests included John S. Dumser, Past Com.-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Department Officers of Sons and Auxiliary. Among those attending were representatives of groups in

* * * * Camp 5, Santa Cruz

The First District of Calif. & Pacific Sons and Auxiliaries held their meeting in Santa Cruz in July with Mrs. Nettie Lowery of Sacbrothers who have been on the sick list are Pres. of the Auxiliary; Walter Smith, Dept. ramento in the chair. Margaret Giles, Dept. Com. of the Sons, and John Smith, Com. of the Grand Army of the Republic, were our honored guests. Other Dept, Officers present were Wilbur Coursey, Sidney Bachtel, J. A. Hughes, Dwight ,Sallsbury, Vernon Cheney, Park was held in the Walnut Street, Y. M. C. A. R. McKinney, Martin Lowery, Frances Butcher, Nellie Smith, Marle Coursey and Eleanor Dabel.

> Following the morning session a chicken inner was served, followed by entertainment by Dr. Hutton and his pupils, playing violing plano and accordion and singing.

COLORADO & WYOMING

Theron J. Gilbert, Press Correspondent, 3126 West Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Recent Happenings

Lincoln Camp and Auxiliary, Pueblo, held their annual picule in the City Park the afternoon of July 27. There was a nice attendmembers of Colorado Springs Camp and Auxiliary were there. All present reported a lovely time.

their annual picnic at Stratton Park Pavillion automatically. Enthusiasm must be nourishthe afternoon of Sept. 7. There were about ed with new actions, new aspirations, new ef-The Grand Army Comrades come first, and sixty in attendance, including twenty-four forts, new vision. It is one's own fault if his we are glad to report that Comrade J. S. Dum- from Lincoln Camp and Auxiliary, of Pueblo. enthusiasm is gone; he has failed to feed it. If ser of Oakland, Comrade John Smith of Santa The Rev. A. W. Luce gave a most interesting you want to turn hours into minutes, renew Cruz, Comrade Chappell of Long Beach, all talk, touching on some Civil War incidents; your enthusiasm .- Papyrus,

of beautiful Colorado. All Dept. Officers of At the joint District Meeting of Nos. 1 and the Sons and Auxiliary were introduced. The held in Fresno, all Camps and Auxiliaries Sons had eight present and the Auxiliary was represented by fifteen. Everybody brought well filled baskets [old time style]. The Sons

On Sept. 15 twenty five of Colorado Springs Camp and Auxiliary gathered at Bro. and Siser Miller's, and had a hamburger picnic on the lawn. After the eats we played cards and all had a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

On Oct. 14 Dept. Com. George W. Lee and Sec. Theron J. Gilbert visited Colorado State page pamphlet exclusively in the interest of No. 1 at Denver. We were most royally banthe Sons of Union Veterans in particular and quetted by the Auxiliary. We found the Camp the allied orders generally, and confines his very much clated over their new undertaking of sponsoring a Boy Scout troop. During the Published monthly at \$1.00 per year, and evening we were entertained by the showing of a Boy Scout film which was much enjoyed.

MARYLAND

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Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Active preparations are under way for our celebration of Veterans' Night on Nov. 17, at which time we expect to entertain our Auxesting program, attended by representatives iliary, Military Co. and eligibles. We are looking forward to an aggressive campaign for members during the coming months. Our Camp will celebrate its 50th anniversary on April 9, 1948, and if we can secure 50 members before that date we will be carrying out part of the plan laid down by Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Bayard E. Smith.

During October we have lost two of our. members by death, Frank Smith on the 3rd and Hugh H. Carroll on the 14th, at his home in Pittsburgh. Due to the press of other duties we had to pass up the invitation of our cllow members for the Flag presentation in Philadelphia on Oct. 26.

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Camp 3. Wilmington, Del.

Our plans for Veterans' Night are assumng shape and we expect to continue this observance and thus keep before us the example and services of those whose memory we re-

Our Camp and Auxiliary participated in the celebration of the 46th anniversary of Sumner Circle No. 1, Ladies of the G. A. R., on Sept. 20. Their celebration planned for Kirkwood A., on account of the weather. This is an active organization and keeps before the public by their various activities, the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. .

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Department Notes

From all accounts the delegation to the National from our Dept. of Maryland enjoyed their trip. The election of Dept. Secretary Tom Bufter as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief will tend to keep this Department on its mettle to keep up with the procession. They say that Dept. Com. Snyder of West Virginia was there with bells on, and then some. Keep up the good work.

If you can't get enthusiastic about your work, it's time to get alarmed-something is wrong. Compete with yourself; set your teeth and dive dive into the job of breaking your Colorado Springs Camp and Auxiliary held own record. No one keeps up his enthusiasm

NEW YORK

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November, 1947

Camp 42, Troy

Charles L. Sharp passed away at the Samaritan Hospital in Troy, Aug. 27. Although ily. We always welcome visiting members suffering from a heart ailment for many and hope that any who read this article will years, he had been confined to his bed for only a few days.

Born in Valatie, N. Y., on Nov. 12, 1875, he was the son of John Franklin Sharp, who served in Company E, 91st New York Infantry. He was educated in the public schools of Valatie and then moved to Troy, where he ern Cemeteries. The State of New York apgraduated from the Troy High School with the Class of 1891.

An expert accountant and a fine penman, he had been employed by various concerns in the plots purchased and where are the deeds. Albany and Troy and at the time of his death was in the employ of Hannibal Green's Sons, Inc. He was also the Assistant Treasurer of the Troy Public Library.

He was a communicant of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, of Troy, and a member of St. Stephen's Guild of that church,

He had several terms as Commander of Camp Tibbets before its abandonment, and then became Commander of Camp King of Lansingburg. He had also held several Department offices.

He is survived by a sister, Mary Marguerite Sharp, Troy, and a brother, Gilbert R. Sharp, Albany, who has served as Dept. Commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

Friday evening, Aug. 29, Com. Samuel J Kirkpatrick and members of Camp King, Sons of Union Veterans, conducted services at the Morris Funeral Home. Burial took place in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Valatic Saturday, Aug. 30.

[Note. - Your Dept. Press Correspondent feels a deep sense of personal loss in the passing of Charles L. Sharp. He ranked ace high as a Camp Press Correspondent. There were very few issues of The Bannon which did not contain news from King Camp. So perfect was his copy that rarely ever did it have to be changed. His character was exemplary and his devotion to our Order unexcelled].

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Camp 66, Syracuse

At a recent drawing for a radio conducted by Camp, Edward Hurst was the recipient. On Oct. 15 at a meeting of Sniper Camp plans were made for a joint bingo and card party with the Auxiliary, the proceeds to be divided. Cider and doughnuts were served. * * * *

Camp 118, Batavia

a stunning blow in the passing of P. C. 106th birthday of Monroe county's Grand Old social events. Charles Taggart on Sept. 22. He suffered a Man of the Grand Army of the Republic with heart attack, but had been in ill health sev- a public reception in the ballroom of Hotel of the local Camp, and was a Past President ent in his G. A. R. uniform, with buttons shin- ing. Nov. 11. of the Western N. Y. Past Commanders As- ing and proudly wearing his G. A. R. badge, Sciation. Members of the Camp were pall Comrade James A. Hard, Dept. Com. New

* * * * Department Receptions

Dept. Com. William E. Kelly and staff, and

Glens Falls, Oct. 20. * * * *

Camp 2, Brooklyn

two of our real old-timer members, Brother 11 p. m. Dept. Chap. Rt. Rev. Msgr. George George Kalser, Sr., and Past Com. Jacob A. V. Burns paid an eloquent tribute to Comrade hard work of Dept. Council Clarence N. Pratt Garholt. We will surely miss them from our Hard, which was enthusiastically received. and Past Com. Roy Lyons, and the co-opera-

both were well attended by the Camp and our Auxiliary members.

Several of the members have been confined o their homes by illness. P. C. Theodore V. Amelunxen, John Kaiser, Sr., Paul Haller, and Bro. A. P. Goss are on this list. We hope drop in and pay us a fraternal visit.

x x x x Camp 127, Beacon

Col. Jonathan G. Huston, Secretary of Howpropriated money for the erection of such monuments but let the Grand Army take care of the matter. Now the question arises were There are no records to be found in the Adjutant General's office or at Dept. G. A. R. headquarters. Such monuments are said to have been neglected for years and one removed to make way for a road. The records may have been destroyed in the Capitol Library fire of 1911. If information can be secured the Adjutant General's office at Albany will take action. * * * *

Western N. Y. P. C. Association

Western New York Past Camp Commanders Association held its quarterly meeting as a basket picnic at Kibbe Park, Batavia, Sunday, July 27. The usual large summer attendance was on hand for the annual picnic jamborce, but the weatherman dished out five seperate and distinct thunder showers in the afternoon, which precluded everything in the special attention to the lavish refreshments, as all games and outdoor activities were washed out. Pres. Burch, Friendship Camp No. 201, presided. Highlight of the meeting was the resignation of Chap. Thos. H. Langdon, who left Sept. 30 to take up permanent residence in Los Angeles for the benefit of Mrs. Langdon's health. They have long been identified with Pierce Camp No. 15 and its Auxiliary, and he completed his term as Dept. Chaplain at the Lake Placid Encampment. They take with them the best wishes of the entire Rochester area, who congratulate California on the addition of two hardworking and carnest members. * * * *

Monroe County Council

True to his own proposition made to the

handshake for everybody. We are alive and doing as well as any Camp the capacity audience to listen to his alert meeting and extend to their families our deep Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Judson French, Batavia, tion of Brother Pratt with equipment which

and sincere sympathy. Funeral services for and Dept. Chief Deputy Raymond Gosnell Rochester, also brought greetings.

Comrade Hard's favorite song, "Tenting On the Old Camp Ground" was sung by the entire assembly for his enjoyment, with Mrs. Wm. E. Kelly at the piano, in which the veteran of Antietam, Chancellorsville and Fredthat they will regain their health very speed- erickburg joined with gusto, prompted no doubt by memories revived by the strains of the grand old marching song of Civil War days. P.D.C. Fred Colwell read letters of congratulations from Acting Gov. Joe R. Hanley, of New York, also Cong. Kenneth B. Keating, 40th [Rochester] District of New York; as land Camp, desires information relative to well as a sheaf of telegrams from Sons and New State Regimental monuments in South- friends throughout the State unable to attend in person.

The traditional cake, surrounded by 106 ighted candles was presented to the honored guest who extinguished many of them with a usty blow, after which everybody particlpated in sampling the huge and beautifully decorated work of art. Personal Aid to Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, P.D.C. Fred Barnard also P.D.C. Herman Brockway of Ithaca, were present. From Batavia, Jr. Vice Dept. Com. and Mrs. Judson French; from Buffalo, P.D.C. Willard B. Stephan and wife; from Niagara Falls, P.D.C. Fred E. Howe and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berry. After shaking hands with everybody in attendance Comrade Hard was a tired man, but very proud of his many presents, which included more than two hundred birthday cards, scores of letters and telegrams, money and personal gifts, including more than a thousand cigars, and numerous pounds of smoking tobacco for the Grand Civil War Veteran, who avers he 'might live to be an old man if he didn't smoke so much." In spite of the fact that 1948 is leap year his chief concern now is 'On to birthday number 107."

VERMONT

Thomas A. Chadwick, Publicity Director, Springfield.

Around the Department

The Vermont Department has been concerned over the serious illness of two of its prominent members, Past Dept. Coms. G. A. Laduke and C. J. Smith. Brother Smith is the Dept. Secretary-Treasurer. Their many friends wish them both a speedy recovery.

On Oct. 4, about 85 members of the Sons and Auxiliary and their friends attended the reception tendered to Dept. Com. Lewis E. Rochester Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil Abbott, in his home town, Peacham. There War, "to furnish the birthdays as long as were about 90 members and guests at the re-'His Boys' furnished the cake," the Monroe ception to Dept. Pres. Sadie DeWitt of Brat-County Council, County Com. John H. Bam- tleboro, at Brattleboro, on Oct. 11. Both of General Emory Upton Camp has been dealt ber presiding, honored the occasion of the these receptions were stirring and impressive

Camp 91, at Saxtons River, has initiated seven new members in the past few weeks, eral months. He had been 45 years a member Seneca, Tuesday evening, July 15. Resplend- and are to add two more at their next meet-

The writer has heard so many dozens of the members of the Ailled Organizations get bearers, and also conducted services at the York Grand Army of the Republic, "feeling up in meeting and talk about their reverence fine and very happy," greeted his many Roch- for the memory of the Grand Army of the ester and out-of-town friends and a hearty Republic, that he got a real thrill recently. when the brothers of the Springfield Camp Dept. Com. Wm. E. Kelly was master of found a way to do something besides talk ceremonies and after the pledge of allegiance about it. At the instigation of Past Com. honored by fine receptions at Danish Hall, and singing of America, carried out the pro- Glenn P. Tarbell, several of these brothers Schencetady, Oct. 18, and I. O. O. F. Hall, gram with snappy precision. Vice-Mayor gathered about 225 badly rusted G. A. R. Frank A. VanLare extended the greetings of grave markers from several cemeteries, sandthe city and declared Comrade Hard as the blasted them clean, lacquered them to profirst citizen of Monroe County. He invited tect them from the elements, and replaced them at the graves. This project turned out we are anve and doing as well as any camp and ready interview over station WHAM at to be a job of major proportions, and its sucto several others who helped all they could.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, a bus load of Sons and Auxiliary members, with a few interested both well attended. friends, went on a "foliage tour" through the heart of the Green Mountains. This was a strictly "at cost" trip, organized by Dept. Publicity Director Tom Chadwick. Careful planning gave each subscriber a 254 mile ride, with a fine dinner and supper, for \$5.00. The trip was originally planned to cover 315 miles, with 32 passengers; since only 27 went, C.-in-C.. it was necessary to shorten the mileage. How who went wants to make a similar tour next year. The bus, gaily decorated, and bearing Sons and Auxiliary signs, attracted considerable attention in all the towns it passed

The Saxtons River Camp and Auxiliary were hosts to District No. 5 in its fifth meeting of the year, Oct. 25. Past Pres. Edith Lamothe, of Chester Auxiliary, was elected President of the District for the next year, being the first Auxiliary member ever to hold that position. Under old by-laws, Auxiliary members could vote for their District leader, but could not be elected to the office; many District leaders recognized the absurdity of this rule, its unfairness to the Auxiliary members, and its un-American principle. The fault was corrected in the new by-laws, drawn up and adopted in 1945. Retiring Dist. Pres. Mervin M. Pierson, of Springfield, called five meetings, with an average attendance of 40. There were 58 members and friends present at the Saxtons River meeting,

MICHIGAN

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Department Notes

Membership Drive! Remember, Sons, there is a drive on to build the Michigan Department. This is a real drive. Your Dent. Commander has set a good example and has already presented 4 new complete applications for membership in his own Camp during the past 60 days. Also, two new Camps are being negotiated. How about it, Brothers?

Dedication Day, Nov. 19th! Dept. Pat. Inst. Fred Hammond wants every Camp to hold some observance of this occasion, on or near the 19th. Invite members of the Allied Orders and make it a real affair. Camp Officers, please co-operate.

Special Meeting! The Dept. of Michigan will hold a Special Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6, at Ann Arbor, in the G. A. R. Rooms of the City Hall, 1:00 p. m. sharp. The special business to be transcated has been mailed to Camps and Dept. Officers. Our Department Dent. Com. Frank S. Hubbard, of Kenosha, anticipates a visit from our Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Charles H. E. Moran.

Comrade Orlando LeValley! The last surviving G. A. R. member of Michigan, was 99 Smith, of Madison, and also by our Dept. years old on Sept. 19. Many Sons and Allied Commander. Brothen Oscar Doppler, our very Order members made pilgrimages to see Comrade LeValley. Your Dept. Commander vis- success of this affair. A most delicious dinner ited him and found him in excellent spirits was served, a good time was had. and enjoying many cards, gifts and flowers given him by his admirers.

Past Commanders Association! Plans are under way to hold their Mid-Winter Meeting mander. He is enthusiastic, as is his nephew, President, Bro. Cloy V. Smith, stating that sized eligible list there has been secured and complete details will soon be announced. It many of these, together with reinstatements, ers put on the Ritual work.

* * * * Camp 14, Grand Rapids

was at his disposal, with great credit due also with the Auxiliary, with a good attendance. his administration. His general orders were We held two picnics, one in July at Reed's carefully gotten out, they have been highly Lake, and one in August at Richmond Park.

The last quarter we reported four new members, namely J. Nelson Brown, Roy Painter, Joseph Burt, Charles Edinger, and we have two more for next quarter.

Camp 14 feels highly honored in the fact that we have several members on the Dept. Staff and one in the National, besides our P.

There is lots of good material in Michigan. ever, it was a beautiful trip, and everyone Let us go out after them and show Com. Dexter a large gain by next June. * * * *

Camp 7, Jackson

Bro. Floyd Crouse passed away Oct. 28, Funeral services were held Oct. 31 with Sons conducting the Ritualistic services. He was a past Camp Commander and had held several Dept. offices. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Ruth, and mother, Catherine, both of whom are members of our Auxiliary.

WISCONSIN

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

Send on Camp News

Once again we urge Camp Correspondents to send in the news. While lack of space will crowd out much we shall be enabled to do far better than we now do, depending on hearsay so much. One reason why in this issue, also in other issues, Madison Camp gets so much attention is because we are getting the news. Appoint Camp Correspondents and see to it that they are alive and on their toes. We want the news.

* * * * Sheboygan

Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Victor Hoberg of this Camp sent us word some time since that Brother Edward F. Oehler had been mustered out here below and promoted to higher service above. The Sons took a very active part in the funeral services. To the immediate family and all who mourn compassion and sympathy are extended. May they be fully comforted, and peace be unto our brother passed on!

Brother E. A. Hickey entertained some thirty Sons at his cottage, Black River, Brother Hoberg being in charge of the picnic sup-

* * * * Baraboo

On Aug 17 some fourteen members of the Auxiliary and Camp at Madison went to Baraboo to attend a picnic. Also present were and others from there. A full report of the Civil War at his cottage, Black River. Broth-Nat. Encampment was made by Sister Helen McGowan as well as Past Dept. Com. J. O. efficient Sec .- Treas .. contributed much to the

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Kenosha

This is the home Camp of our Dept. Comat Marshall in January, according to the Chester, Dept. Jr. Vice Commander. A good is planned to have the Past Dept. Command- are likely to greatly increase the size of the

Our Commander was appointed Special Aide, prior to the close of the Encampment The arts and institutions of men are created Well the summer has drifted into the fall at Cleveland, having secured five new mem out of thought. The powers that make the but we were not entirely asleep all this time. bers. He has been very active, has visited capitalist are metaphysical, the force of We have held regular meetings every month Madison two times, the Baraboo Camp once, method and force of will makes trade, and and enjoyed good potluck suppers each time will make it a point to visit all Camps during builds towns.—Emerson.

commended and should be read at all Camp Meetings and by all brothers.

* * * * Plymouth

This Camp was organized by the Press Correspondent many, many years ago. It still carries on due to the interest and enthusiasm of Brothers Biering, Stannard, the Commander, and others. While plans to have a big neeting there, guests from elsewhere invited, have been changed a couple of times it seems certain that many of us will soon gather there and an interesting, splendidly patriotic session is anticipated. Perhaps we shall have the pleasure of seeing a sizable class of recruits mustered.

* * * * Madison

During the months of July, August, September and October this Camp has been busy. At least one meeting per month was held even during the torrid season. Our picnic, jointly with the Auxiliary, was a decided success, our Dept. Commander, of Kenosha, and Dept. Sec.-Treas. Doppler, of Baraboo, together with others from said places attended. Even Brother Biering of Plymouth, Chairman of Dept. Council, was present for a short time,

Our patriotic meeting of Sept. 22 was atended by Dept. Com. and Mrs. Hubbard of Kenosha, and others. Speakers were our Dept. Commander and one of our leading attorneys. Remarks centered about the Constitution, as September is Constitution month. We showed two reels of sound movies, the signing of the Constitution, there was community singing, sociability and refreshments closed the program.

The election of officers at the first meeting in October resulted in the re-election of all officials. Brother George A. Powers again heads us and a successful administration is assured.

The first meeting in November, the 10th, we shall install officers with the Auxiliary, On Nov. 24, an outstanding public, patriotic meeting will be held at which sound movies will be shown, an impersonation of Lincoln at Gettysburg, in natural color.

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Brother Victor Hoberg, Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, sent us word from Sheboygan that Brother Edward F. Oehler had been mustered out here below, promoted to higher service above. The Sons took a very active part in the funeral services, conducting a memorial service at the funeral home the evening prior to the interment rites. To the immediate family and all who mourn compassion and sympathy are extended.

Also, Brother E. A. Hickey entertained some thirty Sons of Union Veterans of the er Hoberg was in charge of the picnic supper. * * * *

Baraboo

This is the home Camp of P.D.C. Oscar Doppler, who now serves the Dept. as Sec .-Treas., and of Gordon Cline, Dept. Pat. Inst. The Sons and Auxiliary held a picnic Aug. 17 and Dept. Com. Frank S. Hubbard drove over from Kenosha with a load of Kenosha folks. Some fourteen members drove over from Madison and all present enjoyed a very delightful dinner and general good time.

We do not yet trust the unknown powers of thought. Whence came all these tools, inventions, book laws, parties, kingdoms? Out of the invisible world, through a few brains.

CONNECTICUT Robert W. DeForest, Publicity Director,

November, 1947

27 Homestead Ave., Derby

Camp 6, Hartford

Camp 6 opened its fall and winter meetings with a large attendance. On Nov. 7 the newly-elected officers were installed by P. D. C. Henry W. Storrs, assisted by P. D. C. Robert T. Alcorn. The meeting was open to all affiliated orders and patriotic societies.

Honor rolls bearing the names of members of the Camp who served in the armed forces during the past wars have been framed and hung in the Camp rooms. Many of these men have been awarded citations for bravery in all parts of the world.

A feature of the Nov. 7 meeting was the presentation of gold 50-year medals. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was had by all present.

The Camp has adopted a "Buy More Bonds" slogan.—"Brouder."

**** Camp 26, Derby

On the evening of Nov. 19 Russell Camp plans a program to celebrate Dedication Day A fine evening is expected-the guest speaker being P. D. C. Ernest Barnum of Camp 11. Bridgeport, who will speak on the events leading up to the celebration of this memorable day. The Gettysburg address will be given by one of the Camp members. After the program cider and doughnuts will be enjoyed by all, served by the Auxiliary. The Camps of District Six and all Dept. and Aux. Officers are cordially invited .- DeF.

P. D. C. Bertrand O. DeForest will be the main speaker at a Dedication Day program sponsored by Camp 11. Bro. Orrin Curtiss will recite Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The program is to be held at Obeh Grotto Home, 919 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, on Nov. 11, at pital, Portland, Aug. 31, and not only our or- gant float showing the young man in Civil 8 p. m. Among the invited guests will be Dept. Com. Ferdinand Reiman and Dept. Pres. Mattie Chapman, with their staffs of officers. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Invitations

during November:

Nov. 6-The inspection of Aux. 20 at 8:00 p. m. in Chatham Hall, East Hampton.

Nov. 7-The installation of officers of Camp 6 at 8:00 p. m. at 926 Main St., Hartford.

Nov. 11-The regular meeting and the Dedication Day program of Franklin Bartlett Camp, at 8:00 p. m. at 919 Fairfield Ave.,

Nov. 19-The Dedication Day program of Community Building, Shelton.

Nov. 12—The installation of officers of Camp 31 in Bristol at 8:00 p. m. at the American Legion Hall, City Bldg., North Main St., Bris- as its Treasurer for several years. He was

District Six Has Outing

Hot dogs and watermelon were on the menu bridge when the clan from the Sixth District she was a faithful worker in the Auxiliary, held their annual outing. Although we missed having been its Secretary for a number of some of the old faithful, who had other en- years. gagements that day and couldn't be with us, a goodly crowd attended headed by Dept. Com. Ferd Reiman, Dept. Pres. Mattie Chapman, and members of their staffs.

The entertainment committee led by Jimcards, quoits, and a softball game, not to men- beautiful. tion a hike taken by the majority of younger members present. In the softball classic, an in the organizations, but he was a real friend over the heavily favored "Yanks." George knew him.

Schmitt shone on the hill for the winners while Bert DeForest, Jr., went the distance Bridgton. for the "Yanks." Capt. Relman was outstanding up the base-paths with some sizzling runand Kenny Finer played well for the "Yanks." their funerals were held the same day.

Dist. Com. Gco. Schmidt was in charge of the closing ceremony at which the Flag was lowered, as those present stood at silent attention while Taps was sounded. Camp Com. Charles Bunnell of Camp 17 was our genial host, and his nephew a splendid chef.

* * * * Reserve Hold Picnic

On July 20 the S. V. Reserve, under the ommand of Capt. Robert C. C. Smith, held their annual outing at Hubbard Park, Meriden. From all reports an enjoyable time was had by all present.

MAINE

David E. Grindle, Press Correspondent, 367 Alfred St., Biddeford.

Camp 46, Bath

The Auxiliary of Hyde Camp was entertainprepared and served entirely by the men.

The tables were decorated with fall flowers, the decoration scheme being the work of the men also. The flowers were sent later to the sick and shut-ins, and to the hospital.

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Camp 25, Bridgton

Our Camp met with a great loss in the pass ing of Brother Frank A. Webb at Mercy Hosder but the entire community will miss him, as he was in public life in many ways. He of today. was a Past Dept. Commander of the Sons, as well as Past Commander of our Camp which was named for his father. He was born at North Bridgton Oct. 2, 1873, the son of Isaiah S. and Harriet [Knapp] Webb, but had rebeen invited to attend the following meetings sided many years in Bridgton. At one time til a short time before his death. He was active in the political life of the town, having seven years, when the Town Manager form years was Treasurer and Tax Collector of the Bridgton Center Village Corporation.

He was a member of the various branches of the Masons, of the Loyal Order of Moose, Russell Camp, Derby, at 8:00 p. m., at the and had served as its Secretary, and was a charter member of the Modern Woodman, and served many years as its Clerk; also a member of the Congregational Church and served Secretary and Treasurer of our Camp for over thirty years, but not consecutively.

He married Georgianna Scribner, who died in 1940 after many years of illness, but until

of the Camp and Auxiliary, joined by members of Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp and mie Ledwith instigated activities such as Auxiliary. The floral pieces were many and

He was not only active in political life, and

He was laid at rest in Forest Hill Cemetery,

Resolutions of respect to the departed ing for the "officers" slamming out a home brother were passed by the Camp, and our run and several doubles, not to mention burn- Charter was ordered draped in his memory.

We extend our sympathy to Sister Isabel ning to steal second time and again. Wally Richardson, a Past President of the Auxillary, Rassett and Bert DeForest, Sr., helped the in the loss of her mother, who passed away winning cause with good playing, while Jack on the same date that Brother Webb did, and

RHODE ISLAND

E. A. Hoyt, Dept. Sec., 146 Beacon Ave., Providence 3, R I

Camp Visitations

Dept. Com. Esten is preparing his visitation list for the various Camps of the Dept. Following are announced: Elisha Dyer, Camp 7. Providence, Arsenal, Benefit St., Friday, Nov. 7: A. E. Burnside Camp 5, Mon., Nov. 24, Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, Beacon Ave. Other Camps will follow as fast as arrangements can be made.

* * * * Past Events

A very fine home-coming party was given by W. R. C., well attended by Sons. A very enjoyable time was had by all present. A reception to Dept. Com. Esten and Dept. Pres. ed at supper Tuesday evening, Sept. 16, by Gertrude Peterson of Auxiliary was enjoyed the brothers of the Camp. The supper was by all. Gifts came in by the wagon load. Our Dept. Com. received as one of his gifts a very fine tobacco pouch to replace the one he lost on a visit to Gettysburg Cemetery, en route home from Nat. Convention at Clevland, O.

Another very fine affair was the reception to Dept. Pres. Mrs. Peabody, of the Daughters of Veterans

At the 200th anniversary of the Town of Warren the Tobin W. R. C., assisted by Col. Joel Abbott Camp No. 21, S. V., had an ele-War Uniform and G. A. R. Veteran Uniform

* * * * Present Service Medals

Elisha Dyer Camp, Providence, held the highlight affair of the past Quarter on Sept. 26, giving a testimonial dinner and presenting War Service Medals to 17 members of their Camp, including 3 members from Dept. Com. Esten's Camp No. 16 of Pascoag. A total of 20 Brothers, C.-in-C. Moran was present, his been Treasurer and Tax Collector for thirty- first visit out of his Dept., also Past C.-in-C. Wm. L. Anderson as well as Adj. Gen. James of government was adopted, and for many Murphy of R. I., Dept. Coms. of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled Veterans. The presentation speech was made by Past Com.-in-Chief Anderson. All honored guests had the pleasure of pinning Badges on the Veterans.

One sad note of the occasion was the vacant chair, for Brother John Wilcox. He gave his life for his Country in the Merchant Marine, when his ship was torpedoed; he was also a Veteran of World War I, a member of Gordon Green Post, American Legion of Hope Valley.

The toastmaster for the occasion was the very able President of the New England Rerecently at Bunnell's Picnic Grove in Wood- her health would no longer allow her to do so gional Association, Past Dept. Com. Frank S. Reavey. This Camp is really going places if they keep it up. They have sponsored a Boy Scout Troop, have a committee of five Broth-Funeral services for Brother Webb were ers, and one Scout Master. These six Brothheld at the Congregational Church here Sept. ers will attend a school of instruction one 3 and were largely attended by the members night a week for six weeks, to prepare them for their work. They are also taking an active part in the recruiting drive of the National Guard; also their own recruiting drive. and will soon close up three new applicants.

Adversity, if a man is set down to it by annual event, the Dept. Officers Team, coach- to those in need as well as to others. His degrees, is more supportable with equanimity ed by Harold Scott, edged out a 23-22 victory kindness will long be remembered by all who by most people than any great prosperity arrived at in a single lifetime.—Samuel Butler,

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

dent, 807 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa. ent. Dwight, Ill.

GREETINGS FROM NAT'L PRESIDENT Dear Sisters:

We are starting the fall meetings of our Will you do your part?

The Thanksgiving season will soon be here. Let us all do our share of good deeds to make they too have cause with you to be thankful. fice was bestowed on her by Stanton Aux. All good deeds are part of the Rehabilitation program and are to be reported to the chairman, P. N. P. Gladys Sallman.

To each member, I extend most sincere ly, to a harbor of Peace and Harmony.

Loyally yours, in F. C. and L., KATHARINE L. JOYCE, National President.

IN MEMORIAM

Members of our order extend their sincere pliments of the Aux. sympathy to P. N.P. Margaret [Peg] Brady, of Albany, N. Y., in the loss of her husband, the hearts of her many friends throughout Deems, Beatrice Smith and Earl Riggs. the Auxiliary.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The National Press Correspondent acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a copy of the "Sons of Veterans News Letter," a newsy little publication edited and issued by the Sons wishing success to the "News Letter."

Thanks is also extended to P.D.P. Ruth Daly, of New Jersey Dept., who issues every Boulder, Aug. 31, honoring the 99th birthday than Dec. 1. Members are asked to bring armonth, fine mimeographed bulletin of news of of Com. Robt. T. Bryan of the G. A. R. We ticles for the grab bag. Dept. Pres. Helga Auxiliaries in that enterprising and alive found him well and enjoying the day. There Galbraith has made the following appoint-Dept. This means a great deal of hard work was a large attendance at the campfire picnic ments for the Encamp.: Guide, Vera Fricke, for Ruth, but her heart and soul is in it and given by the Sons Sept. 7. A basket lunch Elgin; Asst. Guide, Maude Whitmore, Aurora; the result is the fine publication enjoyed by was enjoyed, followed by a program. Twenty- Color Guards, Sadie Keefer, Chicago, and Beaso many of its readers, not only in New Jer. four Sons and Aux. members from Pueblo at- trice Swanson, Rockford; I. G., Emma Mcsey, but elsewhere.

Other equally interesting publications reaching me is the "Booster," issued by Camp 236, Pa. Dept., and "Camp News," issued by Camp 4, Mass. Dept. These both are live and interesting publications and keeps Sons and Auxiliary members in close touch with each other. Many thanks for these copies.

EXTRA BANNER PAGE

With this month's issue of The Banner, the

Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspond- the part of our Brothers is greatly appreciumns wish to express their sincere thanks.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

Auxiliarles with great enthusiasm, and I am home for a noon luncheon, which was follow- Gilbert and Dept. Insp. Wright. A motion most happy to note, we are gaining in mem- ed by a business session. Arrangements were picture of Boys Scouts, showed by the Scouts. bership. This will please your National Vice made for several members to attend the Dis- was enjoyed by all. President, Sister Mae Gibney, who is Chair-trict meeting at Fresno. Mr. Darby showed man of Membership, and is very eager to list moving pictures of the Memorial Day parade An exceptionally fine program was enjoyed you on her National Honor Roll. If each and services, also pictures of a trip he and by all. Talks were made by several Dept. ofmember can bring in one new member this his wife had taken to Alaska and the Yukon ficers and a basket lunch was served. Dept. year, our Organization would go over the top. Territory, including Dawson, Nome and Cir- Pres. Gilbert will visit our Aux. o ... cially Nov. cle, showing the midnight sun, etc.

Home for Boys, is planning a quarter shower some one less fortunate a bit happier, so that for this Home. The appointment to this of- R. Henry. Nice refreshments were served.

Sister Lura Wohlgemuth was hostess in Nov. 7. July to the H. W. L. Sewing Circle of Lawton Aux., Long Beach, at a Garden Party held at her home in that city. Lunch was served at good wishes for a very happy holiday season. noon. Sixteen members and two guests were Cor., Pro Tem. May each day be filled with joy and apprecia- seated at tables which were placed in the tion for our wonderful country, and the privi- patio. Flowers and green foliage made an ef-God will find a way to guide our Leaders safe. P. D. P. Charles L. Chappel, who recently day celebration for Margaret Curtis, and a Aux Pres. Jeanette Townsend with the com-

Pasadena-Aux. 3 and Camp 7 entertained at a Garden Party held at the home of Bess members who are Dept. officers on Aug. 24, at James Brady, who passed away Aug. 21, thus Garwood, in Pasadena, last July. Dinner was a party at the home of Mrs. Mary Clark, of severing a happy companionship of many served to 90 guests, after an original bur- Woodbridge. The honored ones were Dept. years. He was more familiarly known as lesque was put on by members of the Camp. "King," a cognomen of the days when he was Sister Charlotte Turner presided at the piano; Reimann and Dept. Jr. Advisor Betty Finer. a well known baseball player. Kindhearted Sister Bess Garwood of Aux. 3 was Master of and true, he was ever a friend to those who Ceremonies; Joe Wood sang a solo, accompaneeded help. He and Margaret were devoted nied by his 8 year old daughter. Gertrude all. to each other, and the sorrow in the breaking Butler, Pres. of Aux. 2, was introduced and of the ties that bound them so closely for also her staff of officers. Past officers attend by all Auxs, and reports will be in evidence many years, will find a responsive cord in ing were Dr. Ralph Barrett, P. N. P. Mamie in the next issue of The Banner. - Gertrude

All the California Auxs. observed Memorial Day last spring by attending services in commemoration of the day. - Mrs. Effic Darby, Dept. Press Cor., 1735 Helen St., Modesto, Cal.

COLORADO & WYOMING DEPARTMENT

Colorado Springs-Aux. 5 held a reception for all newly elected Dept. officers of the alher officers, 16 of whom were present. The Musician, Ethel Heilman, Chicago. Aux. was inspected Oct. 13 by Sister Rose Keach, of Pueblo, for Dept. Insp. Winifred tion for Dept. Pres Helga Gailbraith, and Wright. The Sons will entertain the Aux. Dept. Com. James B. Blackman and their offi-Nov. 10 with their annual dinner. Pueblo and cers. Aux. 20 of Rockford was hostess to the Denver members will he guests also. Dept. District on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 2. In the Pres. Grace Gilbert will make her official visit at this time. Dedication Day will be observed at the last meeting in November.

Denver - Dept. Insp. Winifred Wright, of Auxiliary will have another page for news of Colorado Springs, inspected our Aux. Oct. 14. W. North Ave. on Nov. 14 at 8 p. m. The their organization. This was made possible The officers did their work well and looked Camps and Auxs. of Chicago are making through the generosity of the Sons of U. lovely in their formals. Prior to the inspec- plans for a big dance early next year. The

Mrs. Katharine L. Joyce, National President, 807 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa. V., who relinquished a page in order to give tion Aux. Pres. Sarah Livine entertained the Dept. officers of Sons and Aux. with a delicious dinner at her home. Dent. Pres. Grace ated by their Sisters, who through these col- Gilbert made her official visit at this time and both she and Sister Wright were presented with corsages and gifts. The Sons joined the meeting and talks were given by Dept. Com. Modesio-Aux. 10 mct at the Effie Darby Gco. W. Lee, of Colo. Springs, Dept. Pres.

> Pueblo-The annual picnic was held in July. 7. Ora Meacham entertained members and Clara Forucroak, Chairman of Arlington friends at a card party at her home in Aug., assisted by Miss Louella Holmes and Mrs. W. Dept. Insp. Wright will inspect our Aux, on

> > Colorado & Wyoming Dept. expresses sympathy to Dept. Press Cor. Ellen Parr in the loss of her husband .- Belva T. Lee, Press

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT

Our Dept. Pres., Mrs. Mattie Chapman, and leges we have as Americans. We trust that fective background. An honored guest was 12 delegates and members of Conn. Dept. journeyed by train and by auto to Cleveland, celebrated his 100th birthday; another appre- Ohio, last Aug., to attend the Nat. Encamp. clated visitor was Mr. Curtis, one of our S. U. of the G. A. R. and the allied orders. The ter-V. Brothers. This meeting was also a birth- rific heat kept everyone busy with fans, trying to get a bit of cool air. Conn. Dept. was decorated cake was presented to her by the honored by having P. D. P. May Gibney elected to the office of Vice Pres. [Best wishes to you, May].

Aux. 2, New Haven, honored three of their Chap. Mary Clark; Dept. Press Cor. Gertrude About 50 attended the party; a bountiful supper was served and a good time enloyed by

Plans for winter activities are in progress Reimann, Dept. Press Cor., 850 Lafayette St., Bridgeport, Conn.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT Mid-Winter Encampment

The Mid-Winter Encamp, of Ill. Dept. S. V. and Aux. will be held in the G. A. R. Hall, Elgin, on Saturday, Dec. 6. This will be an all-day session. The Council meeting will be of Veterans of Santa Cruz, Calif. The little lied orders in July. An interesting program held at 10:00 a. m. The business meeting will six page paper contains interesting news of was enjoyed after which punch and cookies convene at 1:30 p. m. Luncheon will be all the patriotic orders allied with the Grand were enjoyed. The Aux attended a reception served at noon and a joint dinner with the Army of the Republic in California. Here's July 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Sons at 6:00 p. m. Price of dinner, \$2.00 per Roland, in honor of their 60th wedding anni- plate. Please make reservations with Rose versary. Several attended a reception in Lee Brush, 210 Dexter St., Elgin, not later tended. Dept. Pres. Grace Gilbert introduced Lean, Belvidere; O. G., Tillie Laurel, Chicago;

Belviderc-On Sept. 5 Aux. 60 had a recepevening they gave a reception for Sister Helga and Brother Jimmie and their officers.

Chicago-Abraham Lincoln Aux, 14 is having a card and bunco party at a hall at 758

committee in charge will meet at the home of Chas. B. Martin, P. S. C. C.-in-C., of Parsons, in 7 new members and 2 members by transfer Brother and Sister Blackman on Nov. 9 to was present and gave a very interesting re- since April of this year. - Ruby M. Fuller, make final plans. This will be a big event! port of the Nat'l Encamp. which he had at Dept. Press Cor., 238 Lowell St., Wakefield, Details will appear in this paper. Watch for tended. Refreshments were served during Mass. the date

November, 1947 --

Dwight-Aux. 2 resumed their meetings in Sept. after a vacation during July and Aug. On Sept. 24 a very informal reception for Sis- backyard garden of Mrs. J. L. Trax. Mrs. very beautiful and efficient manner in which ter Olive Haynes, Nat. C.-of-S., was held at Eva McGee, who poured, wore an antique the home of Sister Letty Dustin Connor. Sis- dress made of old fashloned calico, with very offer to "Our Edna," our heartiest congratuter Haynes was appointed to this important full skirt trimmed with ruffles, long sleeves, position by Nat. Pres. Katharine Joyce, and and tight bodice trimmed with very old lace, Dwight Aux, appreciates the honor. The re- buttoned to the throat with small close-set ception was preceded by a covered dish sup-black bone buttons. Antique glass ware, china an Inspiration to all. per. Sister Haynes and Sister Jean M. Thole, and silver were used on the table, the silver gifts of money. A report of the Nat. conven- The silver offering was placed in a small, lidter Haynes. The Oct. meeting was held at carried on the battlefield during the Civil the home of Sister Jean M. Thole, at which War, by relatives of Mrs. Trax. Serving tatime plans were made for the observance of bles were decorated with garden flowers. Proand was a great success. \$70 was cleared and will be used for patriotic work through the medium of Nat. Chief-of-Staff Haynes' fund, to which it was given .- Ruby Stewart, Dept. Press Cor., 3047 N. Albany Ave., Chicago.

IOWA DEPARTMENT

Iowa Falls-A picnic, sponsored by the Junior Aux., was a big success. This was given under the direction of Grace Hanson, Counselor, and Junior Adviser, also of Iowa. Miss Clarence P. Rennell, of Portland, and Dept. Darlene Kay, Aux. Pres., and a charming lit- Pres. York, were escorted to the Auditorium tle hosicss, welcomed the guests as they ar- by the Color Bearers. Dept. Pres. York was rived, and it was very nice to meet the mem-presented with a bouquet of American Beauty bers of the Sons and Aux. of Iowa Falls. Martha Penny is the local Aux. Pres. Five Auxs. other lovely gifts. P. D. C. Charles York actand three Camps were represented, 85 people ed as Master of Ceremonies. Speakers were being in attendance. After a wonderful din- Mrs. Grace Darling, Sec., to the National G. ner of chicken and noodles, games were play- A. R., of Richmond, and Charles C. Webster ed, everyone having a fine time. The Des P.D.C. A program of vocal and instrument Moines people hired a bus and brought 40 peo- al music was given, also two readings, all of ple that way. Everyone agreed it was a love- which was greatly enjoyed. Supper was ly picnic and hoped the Juniors would have served by the local Aux, and Camp, with Arthanother one soon.

dedication of the G. A. R. Highway, in appropriate ceremonies at the State University of Iowa. Ebenezer C. McMurray, 103 year old Iowa Civil War veteran, and Iowa's G. A. R. Com., John P. Martin, 99, of Sutherland, presided at the unveiling of the marker, which others. later was placed on Highway 6. A program of speeches and music preceded the dedica-

Gov. Robert D. Blue, principal speaker, recalled the important role of the state of Iowa and also Dept. Pres. of Maryland, Sister Daly, Dept. Press Cor., Elizabeth, N. J. in the Civil War and reminded the audience Manely is kept very busy, but she is happy of 400 persons that of 76,000 Iowa men who to do all she can to help our order along. She fought in the Civil War, over 13,000 laid down vision of the boys of the Civil War, and to the convention will be held in May, 1948. future, for these men have left to us a heritage of freedom."

State Senator Leroy S. Mercer presided during the program and introduced E. A. Johnson of Cedar Rapids, Judge Advocate of the Spanish-American War Veterans; City Attorney Edward Lucas, of Iowa City; Dean Bruce Mahan of the University extension division, representing President Virgil M. Hancher, and Marie L. Basham, Past President of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Sept. 25 a "Neighborhood Meeting" was held Iowa and Minnesota. - Sue Bennett, Dept. Pres Co., 924 Loomis St., Des Moines.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT

the evening.

Salina-The Aux, sponsored a Silver Anlique Tea Friday afternoon, July 25, in the Press Cor., 1943 Park Place, Wichita, Kan.

MAINE DEPARTMENT

South Paris-Nearly 200 guests, including members from 28 S. U. V. Camps and 24 Auxs. in Maine Dept., were present in Paris Grange Hall, Sat. eve., Sept. 27, at a reception of her Aux.-Aux. 2 of Union City. given by the Joshua Chamberlain Aux. and Camp in honor of Dept. Pres. Hilda York, of Norway. Dept. Officers, led by Dept. Com. roses by her own Aux. She also received many ur Hunt in charge. Other Dept. Officers besides Dept. Pres. York were Sisters Mar-On Sept. 28, at Iowa City, occurred the guerite Merritt, Alice Brown, Lucile Blake, Rubie Plummer, Ila Day, Mable Morris, Beulah Freeman, Alice Peabody, Ella Holston and Ethel Widden, and Brother Charles York; Venessa Beedle, Dept. Pres. of the D. U. V., and Alice Blaquien, Dept. Pres. 40 and 8, and

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

Dept. Pres. Cora L. Manoly writes that in new members. As Pres, of her own Aux. reports the Aux. is improving each meeting,

MASSACHUSETTS

Barre-Aux. 86 held a Mystery Ride July 19, all making the trip by buss and ending with a supper. Twenty-eight members and was held at the home of Pres. Etta M. Brown. Aux. 28 Sister Brown held a "Brush Party" summer vacation. All members were requested to bring their one dollar for the W. and Present at the ceremony were delegations M. Committee and tell how it was earned.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

We are very proud of the many compliments paid to P. N. P. Edna Lambert for the she presided at the Nat. Encamp, and again ations for a very splendld job, not only at the Encamp., but throughout the entire year, We know her loyal and untiring service has been

Edna, as the years slip by down Memory Lane, Nat. Press Cor., were each presented with service used being more than 100 years old. And you live these days over and over again, May the joys that we wish you along the way, tion held in Cleveland, Ohio, was given by Sis- covered quart bucket of tin, which had been Grow brighter and brighter with each passing day.

On Sept. 30. Aux. 3 of Paterson celebrated their 59th Birthday Anniversary with a din-Dedication Day, Nov. 19. Plans were also ceeds will be added to the general fund, and ner, which was well attended by the memmade for a public Koffee Klotch. This was used for relief work. Mrs. Freda Burke is bers and friends. Several of our sisters with held Oct. 28 at the home of Sister Olive Haynes President of the Aux.—Amy M. Miller, Dept. our Dept. Pres. Irene Archer and members of her staff attended the reception given in honor of Dept. Pres. Anna Stoudt, of Pa., on Oct. 11.

On Sat., Oct. 18, our Dept. Pres. Irene Archer was tendered a reception by the members

Recently the members of the Rehabilitation Committee gave a party to a group of Veterans at Halloran Hospital, Staten Island, Plans are now under way to give a Hallowe'en party to the Veterans at the U.S. Veterans at Lyons, on Wed. eve., Oct. 29. Cigarettes, tobacco and candy will be distributed, games will be played and refreshments of cider and doughnuts will be served. Our Dept. Pres. Irene Archer and several members of her Staff will assist the Committee at this party.

Recently the engagement of our Dept. Vice Pres., Ella Reeger, was announced and the lucky fellow is Dept. Com. of Pa. Jack Yocum. We know the many friends of Ella and Jack are happy to hear this and join with us in wishing them good luck and happiness.

Aux. 5 and Camp 5, of Trenton, will sponsor a Dedication Day Dinner in the Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton, on Nov. 19. Joint committees are working to make this an outstanding celebration of the delivery of "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address." We are looking forward to a large attendance also to greet our Nat. Pres., Katharine Joyce, who has accepted an invitation to be present.

At this time we would like to offer our very Maryland Dept. is progressing and are taking best wishes to our Nat. Pres, Sister Joyce, for a very happy and successful year. - Ruth

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

The Past Presidents Club of Greater New York presented an American Flag to the Newtheir lives. "We dedicate this highway today," both in membership and harmony, and that burgh Girl Scout Camp, Wakota. This flag Blue said, "as a symbol of unity between Maryland is gaining and Auxs. are holding will be raised each morning and lowered at these 48 states from coast to coast, to the fine, progressive meetings. The Department sunset. Sister Frances Dannic, of Brooklyn, is Club President also Past Pres. of Aux. 24.

New York City-Aux. 24. July 17 we had the pleasure of greeting our newly elected Dept. officers of our Aux., Sisters Mae Maples. V. Pres.; Sophia Isaacs, Chief-of-Staff, and friends made the trip. A successful card party Nora Mooney, Insp. They were presented with corsages and gifts. We are very proud to have had three members honored at the for the benefit of the Aux. On Sept. 9 we held convention at Lake Placid. Sept. 19 our Aux. the first regular meeting of the Aux. after the met to honor Constitution Day. Pat. Inst. Mary Sattler read a beautiful poem on the Constitution. The meeting was enjoyed by all present.

Elmira-Aux. 49 were honored to have our in Athol-Winchendon, Orange, Athol, Barre Dept. Pres., Myrtle B. Phillips, with us Oct. Auxs. 5, 53, 65 and 86 taking part. There was 14. A tureen dinner was served, followed with also initiation of candidates. Dept. Pres. Pau- a social evening. Members of the Camp, Jun-Wichita-The Sons of U. V. and Aux. of line Elder and P. N. P. Maude Warren were lor Aux. and friends were present. Sister Wichita had a social evening Monday, Sept. among the guests present. Supper was served Phillips gave a very interesting talk and was 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lewis, by members of Aux. 65. Aux. 86 has taken presented a corsage and gifts. Mrs. Thomas Good gave several readings which were greatly enjoyed by all. The birthday of Past Com. Gorden 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 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 chairlady 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. B. 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., ney. It was Lincoln night, so it gave us a 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. Stoudt, of our Aux. The function was sponsored by Aux. 6, the full and winter months. Sister Stella of Reading. A delicious dinner was served Pheasant was elected Press Correspondent for and many Nat. officers were present, includ- the balance of the term.

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 Stoudt, Dept. Chiefof-Staff, S. U. V., who is the husband of Dept. Pres. Stoudt, 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

On Oct. 15 Dept. Pres. Anna Stoudt 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 official visit to Auxs.: 7, Waverly; 3, Cortland; 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. Stoudt 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 Stoudt, Dept. Council Member and Nat. Per. Aide Clara E. Lewis, and Dept. Insp. Grace Forsythe. Dept. Pres. Stoudt was presented with a small overnight bag and Nat. Pres. Joyce an Aux. seal. On Friday noon, Oct. 17, Sisters Joyce, Stoudt 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. Stoudt, and presented Sisters Stoudt 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 McKingood 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 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 neited 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 Ridler, 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. Abbett. 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.; Moly 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.

Windor-P. P. Club met to honor the 73rd birthday of Mrs. Esther Parker. Club presented flag to Baptist Church of Windson 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. 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 La-Mothe, 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.