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# "IT CAN BE DONE" "IT MUST BE DONE" "IT WILL BE DONE"

Two months have lapsed since we met at Indianapolis. During these two months serious thought and consideration has been given to what can be done in obtaining a large net gain in membership. In my September message, I invited you to join with me in a resolution involving seven points which, if seriously maintained by you, will assist in reaching our goal.

Eight months remain in the period that will be included in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer, to be submitted at the 1950 Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. The quota for your Camp during this period is set for a net gain of six members. This is an average of less than one new member per month. Each and every Camp in the entire Order can meet this quota. It can be done-It must be done-It will be done! Numerous requests have been received by your Commander-in-Chief to offer suggestions for membership increase, and how to interest the younger eligibles. Many good suggestions have been offered by former Commanders-in-Chief, but regardless of how many suggestions are given, an honest effort must be put forth to gain success.

Full responsibility for the success or failure of your Camp lies with you. If you will recognize your responsibilities to your Organization—if you truly appreciate your heritage—if you are interested in having your organization grow, you will accept my invitation and your Camp will go forward. In turn, your Department and the Commandery-in-Chief will accomplish a substantial increase in membership, and we will reach our goal. I fully realize that there are a number of Camps with small membership and likewise small attendance. I would suggest that Camps join together in planning group initiations. In this manner, a larger attendance can be had to greet

new members. Remember first impressions are lasting. Invite your Auxiliary—invite the other organizations to attend such class initiations. At all times use the "Long Form" Initiation. Wherever possible, the officers charges should be given without using the Ritual, which will make your ceremonies more impressive and complete.

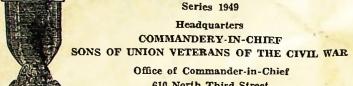
Too often, new members are admitted with only the obligation. When this is done, we neglect giving to such members the true picture of the Order. While it is true an eligible can become a member by simply signing the obligation on an application blank, and he need not enter the Camp room for initiation, I am of the strong opinion that any person, to seriously recognize his obligation as a Son of a Union Veteran, must present himself at the Altar, place his left hand on the Bible, raise his right hand and solemnly repeat the obligation in the presence of witnessing members.

The next problem is how to maintain interest after recruiting new members:

FIRST, Camp meetings must be conducted with enthusiasm. Again, the responsibility is yours. True, some of us like to reminisce on what transpired in the "good old days." Certainly, we cannot and must not forget the history of our fine organization, but we must realize that the younger member wants "Action!" He will not regularly attend a long drawn-out meeting. Conduct your meetings quickly and efficiently and plan for social activity to follow your meetings.

SECOND, Organize the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the military unit provided for in our organization. In all Camps where there is an active Reserve, there is also an active Camp. The Reserve will definitely interest the younger eligibles (Continued on Page Five)

# GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5



610 North Third Street HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

November 1, 1949,

#### ADDITIONAL STAFF OFFICERS

Appointment of Staff Officers is hereby completed with the following appointments:

National Patriotic Instructor-William F. Nemitz, 85 Warwick Ave., Stratford, Connecticut.

National Chaplain-Rev. Richard C. Partington, 2036 East Cumberland St., Philadelphia 25, Pennsylvania.

Personal Aide-Frank S. Copenhaver, 3102 Boas St., Penbrook, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

#### COMMITTEES

Committees as provided by the C. & R. and Resolutions adopted at the Sixty-Eighth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief are hereby appointed:

#### Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Highway

Chairman, Captain J. Clark Mansfield, 1213 Milton Avenue, Regent Square, Pittsburgh 18, Pa.; Chief Engineer, John G. Spielman, 207 Rosswell Ave., Long Beach, Calif.; Roy J. Bennett, P. D. C., 4 Loomis Ave., Des Moines, Iowa; W. R. Coffey, P. D. C., 1127 West Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.; Albert W. Foust, P. D. C., 523 West Sixth St., Schuyler, Neb.

#### Committee on Marking Graves

Chairman, Bertand O. DeForest, P. D. C., 27 Homestead Ave., Derby, Conn.

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All Department Commanders and Department Secretaries are hereby directed to assist the Legislative Committee in any matters of Legislation which may be of interest and to the welfare of the Sons of Union Veterans.

#### Committee on Americanization

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Committee on Memorial Trust Fund & Survey of the Order Chairman, William M. Coffin, P.-in-C., 3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio; William L. Anderson, Sr., P. C.-in-C., 40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.; John W. Emery, P. D. C., East Street, Easthampton, Mass.; Richard R. Locke, P. C.-in-C., Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Henry Towle, P. C.-in-C., 13 Free St., South Portland 7, Maine.

#### DEDICATION DAY

November 19 will be Dedication Day in commemoration of the Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863. Camps and Departments are requested to properly observe this day with special exercises to which members of the Allied Orders and the general public should be invited, thereby paying tribute to those who wore the

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC FUND

By action of the Sixty-eighth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held in Indianapolis, this fund will be continued. Supervision and responsibility for this fund is assigned to the National Patriotic Instructor, William F. Nemitz, 85 Warwick Ave., Stratford, Conn., and should be given every consideration. Department Patriotic Instructors are hereby directed to lend all assistance possible to the National Patriotic Instructor in performing

#### ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS

Elections and Installations shall be in accordance with provisions of the Constitution and Regulations. Installation of Camp Officers may be public or private. If public, ceremonies shall be conducted impressively and with dignity, with little or no use of the Ritual. Make your ceremonies interesting and invite members of the Allied Orders to attend. Joint installations with Auxiliaries or other Orders are hereby authorized and encouraged.

#### INSPECTIONS

In accordance with Article V, Chapter I, of the Regulations, pages 13-14 of the C. & R., Installing Officers are directed to make Inspection of Camp records, books and finances, etc.

#### REMOVAL OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF RIBBONS

All Officers and Staff Appointees heretofore appointed and wearing the Commandery-in-Chief yellow ribbons, are hereby relieved. All such ribbons shall be removed from their badges.

#### 1950 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Time and place of the Sixty-ninth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief has not as yet been decided. The Council-in-Chief, together with the National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, P. C.-in-C. Perle Fouch and your Commander-in-Chief are giving this matter serious thought. In accordance with Resolution adopted at the Sixty-eighth Encampment, invitations have been extended to the National Presidents of each of the Allied Orders to join with the Sons of Union Veterans in planning for 1950. It was my desire to be in position to include in this order details appertaining to the 1950 Encampment. Delayed replies have necessitated postponement of publishing definite information on the Sixty-ninth Encampment until the January issue of The

#### PER CAPITA TAX INCREASE

By action of the Sixty-eighth Encampment of the Commandcry-in-Chief in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Per Capita Tax payable by Departments to the Commandery-in-Chief will be .12c per member per quarter, beginning with the December Quarter. Department Secretaries and Treasurers are directed to take note of this

#### ADDITIONAL DONATION TO G. A. R. FUND

Following the Encampment at Indianapolis, but too late to be included in the September issue of The Banner, a contribution of \$50.00 was received from the Department of Maine, making a total of \$800.00 for the year 1948-1949 turned over by Brother Franklin S. Hubbard.

#### DONATION OF \$150.00

Special mention is hereby made of the contribution at the Indianapolis Encampment by P. D. C. William Schneider of St. Louis, Mo. Brother Schneider contributed \$150.00 to be used by the National Legislative Committee. Appreciation is hereby extended to him on behalf of the entire membership for his generosity. It is with pleasure that I hereby appoint P. D. C. William Schneider as Special Aide and entitled to wear the Commandery-in-Chief Ribbon.

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Sincere best wishes are extended to the Commander-in-Chief. Theodore Penland, and to all Comrades of the Grand Army for continued health and that we may have the privilege of entertaining them at our 1950 Encampment. We renew our pledge to loyally assist this grand organization wherever possible and to continue their work.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We sincerely regret the passing of two Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic since the final Encampment at Indianapolis: Comrade Charles L. Chappel-Mustered Out: Sept. 19, 1949.

(Department of California). Comrade James P. Martin - Mustered Out: Sept. 20, 1949.

(Department of Iowa).

Those attending the final Encampment of the Grand Army will remember Comrade Chappel who served as Chief-of-Staff to Commander-in-Chief Penland.

#### ALLIED ORDERS

To the National President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Harriette G.

McCollough, Des Moines, Iowa; National President Ladies of the Disbursements: G. A. R., Mrs. Margaret H. Worrell, Washington, D. C.; and National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Clara Mosher, Los Angeles, Calif., our congratulations on their election to head these splendid organizations and very best wishes for a successful year.

Congratulations to the National President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, Alton, New Hampshire. May the Sons of Union Veterans throughout all Departments recognize the loyalty and support given by our Auxiliary and in turn extend the same loyalty and support to assist wherever and whenever needed.

#### ADDRESS CHANGE

Past Com.-in-Chief H. Harding Hale, Room 527, 88 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1 Report of National Treasurer, September-October, 1949, Incl. CENERAL FIRM

GENERAL FUND	
August 31, 1949, Balance	.\$1,126.94
Receipts:	
Per Capita Tax\$370.60	
Membership Fees 14.50	
Supplies 103.79	
Interest on Bonds	
	526.39

Supplies \$354.24 General Expense 790.34 Encampment Expense ...... 100.00 October 31, 1949, Balance.....\$ 408.75 G. A. R. FUND Gift to Arlington Hall ......\$50.00 October 31, 1949, Balance ......\$1,445.37 W. L. JACQUES FUND October 31, 1949, Balance \$ 119.16
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE Commander-in-Chief. ALBERT C. LAMBERT. National Secretary-Treasurer.

\$1,653,33

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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

November, 1949

Brothers: Having been appointed National Patriotic Instructor, I appreciate the honor bestowed upon me and will try and fulfill the duties of said office to the best of my ability

The Grand Army of the Republic is no more. The organization that was founded in and patriotic fervor. Brothers, patriotism is the foundation of

our Order, it is like seasoning to food, and must be applied constantly and wisely to our work. We will always cherish the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, their teachings and wishes, and we are solemnly pledged to carry on their work, therefore we must look to ourselves and our own organization as the instrument to accomplish this task. There is no more opportune time to take stock of ourselves than the present. There is no better time than now to say to ourselves. Am I doing all that I can for the Order? Am I trying to secure new members? If you are a Camp Patriotic Instructor do you always have something of interest to inspire your fellow members? Patriotic Instructors are an indispensible influence on Camp life, and no meeting should pass without the Camp Patriotic Instructor's necessary program. I hereby urge all Department Patriotic Instructors to assist all Camp Patriotic Instructors when and wherever necessary in the preparation of material for the promul- of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

partments. Many of you are fortunate in be- of Pennsylvania this month, for it was at ing able to use the Radio as a means of pub- Gettysburg that the decisive battle of the licity. Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have great Civil War was fought on July 1, 2, 3, been very successful in this field, and as this 1863, between the Union and Confederate is the quickest way to reach the public it Armles. To each member of our organization should be used as often as possible. Remem- it means much more than just another hisber, Patriotism-Strength-Courage.

#### SUSTAINING FUND \_\_\_\_ \$1,000.00 \_\_\_\_

Brothers, it is the wish of your Command-Decatur, Ill., on April 6, 1866, as the result of er-in-Chief that we raise the largest fund an idea of a Methodist Minister and an Army possible for the necessary work that we must Surgeon, held its final Encampment in the accomplish this year. The goal is One Thou-City of Indianapolis, Ind., last August, and Sand Dollars, and I am confident that every closed its books forever. For eighty-three member of our organization will want to years the members rendered a fine career of contribute to this worthy and necessary fund. service to this Nation, that can never be Remember Brothers, we are on our own now. equalled by any other organization of similar and there will be other organizations watchnature, and their achievements will live as ing to see if we can stay on the track and long as this Country lives. Now the time has finish the race, or fall by the wayside. Those come for us, Sons of Union Veterans of the of you who attended National Encampment Civil War, the only male organization ever remember how quickly we raised a large sum affiliated with the Grand Army of the Re- of money on the floor to meet expenses. It public, to carry on the crusade for them, and proved that it could be done, so let us put by deeds and words perpetuate their ideals the same enthusiasm and generosity into the creation of a substantial fund so that it will not be necessary to take up a collection at our next Encampment. Contributions can be made individually or by Camps. It is my plan to issue a contributor's honor roll card, with your name and Camp number, so if contributions are sent in the Camp name, be sure and send names of members in order that they may receive their cards.

Brothers, we have a Commander-in-Chief this year who will be working under new and trying conditions, and it is our duty to back him up to the limit. He is not asking us to do anything that he himself would not tackle, so let's get that old "Rally Round the Flag" spirit and make this fund raising job a howling success. Remember the motto on our Badge? "Preserved by the Grace of God." Well, I would like to add to it, "Sustained by the Loyalty of its Members." Come on Brothers, let's start that fund climbing.

#### --- \$1,900.00 ---DEDICATION DAY PROGRAM

gating of Patriotism in your respective De- should turn their eyes toward the great State torical point of interest, to which thousands of tourists and visitors from all parts of the world are attracted annually. It is a part of us, a part of our heritage, for many of our Brothers can stand on that hallowed ground and say-Here is where my Father, or Grand-Father, or Great-Grand-Father, whichever the case may be, fought and suffered and died, in order that this Nation might remain free from the bonds of slavery and oppression. The Battlefield is much more than a place of beautiful monuments. It is a place of sacrifice a place where the cream of the Nation's manhood was sacrificed on the field of battle; a place where the Union Soldier fought with determination and courage to preserve the nation handed down to him by the American Revolutionary Soldiers eightyseven years before; a place where at evening twilight one can almost visualize the great carnage and roar of battle over the fields and ridges, and Armies surging back and forth, advancing and retreating, until the final victory for the Northern Armies ends the greatest battle in the history of the world. Yes, Brothers, we should all feel proud to say that Gettysburg belongs to us, and we are a part of Gettysburg. A few months after the Battle, the Gettys-

burg Battlefield Association was formed and land acquired for the purpose of establishing Military Cemetery. As time went on, more land was purchased, and in the year 1895, the Association transferred to the Federal Government six hundred acres of land and three hundred and twenty monuments and markers. To-day there are twenty-five hundred acres and over two thousand monuments and markers under the jurisdiction of the War Department. On the nineteenth of November, 1863, the Cemetery was dedicated by President Abraham Lincoln, whose brief address, while not bringing much attention Every Son, Grandson and Great-Grandson at the time, soon was to become the greatest

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#### Discovery of 44 New Brady Civil War Negatives

Neil D. Cranmer, Past Com.-in-Chief

A total of 44 rew Brady Civil War negatives were found recently in an attic barn at Owego, N. Y., 36 miles east of Elmira, by George L. Andrews, former District Attorney of Tioga County.

Mathew Brady was the renowned Civil War photographer, whose pioneering coverage of battles made him the country's first combat photographer. The negatives include such noted Americans as General U. S. Grant, George A. Custer, Phillip H. Sheridan, well as Secretary of War Stanton, Hamilton plate making at the Civil War battle fronts. Fish and James G. Blaine.

The negatives were glass plates wrapped in packed in wooden boxes. They are in a fine ration of Binghamton, N. Y. state of preservation. Frederick H. Meserve

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of New York, owner of the largest private Brady collection, described the 44 negatives as a sure find.

Andrews' mother inherited the negatives from Andrew Burgess, a gunsmith, who bought and operated Brady's photograph gallery in Washington.

The national archives have a select group of 5,000 original negatives; the Library of Congress has 6,000, and the Handy's collection 1,500. (Mrs. Brady was a Handy). Meserve has 15,000 Brady originals gathered over a period of 50 years. Despite his fame Brady died penniless in 1896. He never recovered the fortune he invested in the wag-Winfield S. Hancock, and John A. Logan, as ons he sent out equipped for on-the-scene

The 44 Brady negatives found in Owego. N. Y., have been purchased by Ansco Divi-Washington newspapers dated 1866, and sion of the General Aniline and Film Corpo-

#### Veterans' Own War Stories Preserved

It was my good fortune last year at Grand Rapids to secure the recorded voices of three valiant survivors of the G. A. R. as they told of their Civil War days. This year at Indianapolis that collection was importantly increased by three more recordings of three more personally told experiences of service for the Union. These priceless mementoes of the concluding G. A. R. Encampment are being transcribed. The unstinted co-operation of NBC's two local radio outlets made possible the significant achievement. In addition, that station forwarded the scotch tape imprint of the Comrades' words to NBC headquarters in New York where it was used Sunday, Sept. 4, in the network's coast-to-coast weekly program, "Voices and Events." I hope some of you back home heard that program. Besides, the recordings were delivered to the government's "Voice of America" station for beaming to Europe. Not many years from now I am confident these first-hand war narratives will be recognized as rare personal histories treasured from fields where our fathers' fought.—H. Harding Hale.

#### G. A. R. Stamp

The current 3-cent commemorative U. S. Postage stamp portraying a Grand Army Veteran, 100 years old, went on sale August 29. The comrade in black slouch hat, bearing the gold escutcheon with the lettters GAR, symbolizes the passing of the group.

In the background is a faint memory of the youthful recruit wearing a McClellan cap, presenting an Army rifle and bayonet, the hour glass indicates that time is running out

John G. Spielman of Long Beach, sponsor of the stamp, reports that the first printing Sec.-Treas., Vernon E. Cheney, 4041 Altamont Ave., Oakland 5, Calif.

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Campbell St., Valparaiso, Ind.; Sec.-Treas., Colorado & Wis. by the Post Office Department was 110,000,-000, and that 1,185,000 of these stamps were sold on the first day at Indianapolis, also that 471,696 souvenir envelopes bearing this stamp were cancelled on August 29. It is said that only one first-day sale has exceeded

The movement to secure this token was started by Spielman who was assisted by his brother, Fred, of Fairfield, Iowa. They attended that Encampment and were active

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and afford the Camp a source of contact for new and vounger members.

THIRD. Organize an initiation team with each member memorizing his part. If your Camp is small, I suggest combining two or three Camps within a district to organize such team.

Fourth, Organize a Junior Camp of Sons of Union Veterans as now provided for by Resolution adopted at the Sixty-eighth Encampment of the Commanderyin-Chief. Enlist the aid of our Auxiliary, Daughters of Union Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. in recruiting members for the Junior Camp. Remember training begins in youth and seldom is forgotten.

FIFTH, Immediately put new members to work in assisting Camp activity, but do not force responsibilities on new members without full willingness to recognize and accept such responsibilities.

SIXTH, Where possible, organize a Fife and Drum Corps which, in addition to keeping the Civil War music to the front, will also be an attraction and a source of activity to the younger members.

SEVENTH, Last but most important, recognize that the responsibilities are yours. A salesman cannot sell his product unless he believes in it and tells others about it. You believe in the Sons of Union Veterans —live and talk it—by so doing, you can sell it to others.

The quota for your Camp from now to June 30, 1950, is a net gain of six new members. The success or failure to meet this quota is your responsibility. Start now to assist your Camp in meeting their quota. If true effort is put forth by you—if suggestions are accepted-your Camp will exceed this quota and without difficulty, the membership of our Order will be

Your Commander-in-Chief will appreciate being advised monthly the progress of your Camp in membership gain. In addition, Camp Secretaries or Commanders are requested to advise the name and address of each Brother who, during this period, presents the applications of five new members. Each Brother responsible for five new members will be appointed as "Special Aide" to the Commander-in-Chief in recognition of his efforts.

Your Commander-in-Chief had the privilege and pleasure of attending the reception to the National President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Ethelyn Tucker, at Alton, new Hampshire, on October 15. The reception was a credit to our Auxiliary and was well attended by members of the Sons of Union Veterans. The Department of Massachusetts had a delegation of seventy-one members of the Sons and Auxiliary.

On November 19 your Commander-in-Chief will have the honor and privilege of serving as master of ceremonies at the annual observance of the Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg. This service is conducted annually by Camp 112, Gettysburg, on the spot where Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous address. I feel this is a rare privilege and will be an honor to our organization.

Before the next issue of The Banner, we will be observing two very important days in our calendar year-Thanksgiving and Christmas. May we, on this Thanksgiving Day of 1949, give thanks for the blessings bestowed on us-the privilege of being an American—the privilege of worshipping in our chosen way -the privilege of living in a country free of dictators, where all are endowed with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

May we, on Christmas Day, remember that this is the Lord's birthday. May we again give thanks for his birth.

Until I greet you again in January, may I extend best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas Season and a Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely and Fraternally, . JOHN H. RUNKLE, Commander-in-Chief.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION (Continued from Page Three)

we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil rying on the observance of Veterans Night as named by the Grand Army of the Republic, and now known as Dedication Day-November 19. To those of you who have been following a regular program on this day each year, keep up the good work. I realize that the observance cannot be always held on that date, and that there are numerous ways of handling the observance, but let us all at least do something toward keeping this imregardless of religion, and ask them to co- fervor.

the observance of Dedication Day. Contact the observance of Dedication Day your local papers and Radio Station, and try piece of literature in the world. So it is that to arrange for at least fifteen minutes to broadcast Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and a War, have taken up the patriotic duty of car-short comment on the history and origin of the day. Try and hold a district meeting, or an open meeting, and invite a pupil from 3. Prayer by the Chaplain. (The following or each of the grade schools in your community to attend, also the Clergy and Civic Heads, and members of the various Military and Fraternal Organizations to participate with your Camp in the program. Each Patriotic Instructor will have to work out his own method of putting this important obportant date before the public. Epecially do servance across, but I have confidence in I urge all Camp Patriotic Instructors to con- each and every Brother, knowing full well tact the principals and heads of all Schools, that they will co-operate with a patriotic

operate with you and your fellow members in | Here is a program that can be used for

#### November 19, 1949 1. Reading of the Objects of the Order of

- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. 2. Singing of "America" by the assembly.
- your own):

Almighty Father, God of Nations, thou who didst send deliverance to the captives and set at liberty them that were bruised, hear us. Thou art the God of the common people, or thou wouldst not have made so many. Grant that Government by, or, and for the people may never perish from the earth. With malice toward none, but with charity for all, may we, as a people be enabled to carry on to perfection the institutions of Fraternity, Civil

glorious heritage. Unless the great God I therefore offer shall be with us, and aid us, we must fail. but the same omniscient mind and aland support us, and we shall not fail, we ans Night.' shall succeed. Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it. May we ever understand that the purposes of the Almighty are perfect and must prevail, tho' we erring mortals may fail to accurately perceive them in advance. May our Order become a blessing which it seeks to advance, remain uninjured from internal strife and from foreign attack, and go on unto perfection until that day when the Lord of Hosts shall declare time no longer. Grant these things, we pray thee, for thy name's sake. Amen. 4. Salute to the Flag (Pledge of Allegiance).

- 5. Address of Welcome (By Camp Commander or Patriotic Instructor).
- 6. Song-"The Battle Cry of Freedom."
- 7. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. (Preferably by a local school nunil).
- 8. Address by principal speaker (On Lincoln or Gettysburg).
- 9. The Star Spangled Banner. Our National Anthem.

Brothers, you will notice that I have placed the reading of the objects of our order first on the program for Dedication Day. To me this is most important, for it is only by acquainting the public with the purpose of our organization that we may hope to gain new Fraternal, Military, and Educational programs whenever you receive an invitation. We do not have to take the back seat from anyone, and if we don't blow our own horn. nobody will notice us. Another important ton of our Order. Brothers, Our Fathers Camps generally throughout the various Deus do likewise, else how shall we know a many of them of an elaborate character, Brother when we meet, or while traveling?

#### ---- \$1,000.00 ----

Let me hear from every Department Patriotic Instructor and every Camp Patriotic Instructor in our Organization. Let's swap ideas and keep the fires of patriotism burning brighter than ever before for the "Good of the Order."

#### --- \$1,000.00 ----

## **Dedication Day**

mander-in-Chief Sherman in 1915, at the Encampment in Washington, D. C.

In that report, under the heading of "Special Days" he stated as follows:

ers paid so dearly with their life's blood, should honor itself by entertaining in a speand which we have received as a most cial manner such of the veterans as survive.

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Recommendation No. 1 - That the Commander-in-Chief designate one night in each day, and with the aid of Cong. Keating of mighty arm that guided them shall guide year to be observed by all Camps as "Veter- New York and members of the allied orders,

At that Encampment, the Committee on Officers' Reports reported, viz:

the Commander in Chief designate one day the day as a holiday, within the state's borin each year to be observed by all Camps as ders have succeeded, and it is so celebrated. Veterans Night."

Your Committee heartily concurs and dewill soon become one of the great days on itor. the Sons of Veterans calendar.

Commander-in-Chief Stephens followed Brother Sherman, and in his report to the Encampment in 1916, held at Kansas City, "Veterans' Night:"

dress by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg.

This night was generally observed, throughout the various Divisions, by patriotic meet- swered. ings being held with the veterans of the community as the honored guests. The rein importance is to do things.

creating much favorable publicity.

In the early days these events were attendto the coming generations.

in the magnitude as last fall. The surviving came known as "Dedication Day," a day on sions. veterans were entertained by the Sons of which honor would be given to all Veterans "Many of the workmen being of a charac-Veterans and their Auxiliary, and it was my of the Union Army, but particularly to those ter denominated 'food for powder,' were

and Religious Liberty, for which our Fath- made permanent, and once a year the Camp were bivouacked with their Comrades on the "Other Shore"

During the last few years the Legislative Committee of our Order worked unceasingly to have this day set aside as a National holiit was so designated during the year of 1946 only. Efforts to make the date a holiday permanently have thus far not been successful, In some states, however, efforts of members Recommendation No. 1 is as follows: That to have the Governor of the state proclaim Until concerted action by Congress may be had it would seem that the above is the only to the land, and our National Institutions sires to express the hope that this day will answer to the problem, and such is earnestly be observed in no perfunctory manner, but recommended in every Department.—Ye Ed-

#### Who Was the Original Uncle Sam?

Although none of us has had the pleasure Mo., he stated as follows, under the heading of meeting the gentleman personally, we all know Uncle Sam. We recognize his picture Following the recommendations made by at a single glance. His high hat, his chin Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman and in tuft, his star spangled vest and his lank form fulfillment of the action of the National En are familiar to everybody. Uncle Sam is the campment November 19, 1915, was designated symbol of us all; he represents the typical as Veterans Night. The date was considered citizen of the United States. Just how Uncle very appropriate because it marked the an- Sam obtained his present position is one of niversary of the delivery of the immortal ad- the unsolved mysteries of American history. The question, "Who was the original Uncle Sam?" has never been satisfactorily an-

Some authorities say that the original Uncle Sam was Samuel Wilson who was born at sult of this observance was very beneficial West Cambridge, now Arlington, Mass., Sept. members. Publicity is the life of our order, to the Order. It gave prominence to the 13, 1768. Samuel had a brother, Ebenezer, and we must put the name of the Sons of Camps locally and furnished the means of who was about five years older. The father, Union Veterans of the Civil War to the front giving proper publicity. Activity counts, and whose name was Edward, moved with his as often as possible. Take part in all Civic, the work of the Camps and Divisions must family to Troy, N. Y., about 1789, and soon be kept before the public. The way to grow became a prominent man in the life of the rising town.

In an article entitled "Uncle Sam" by Al-Ever since that time November 19 in each bert Matthews there is the following interyear has been celebrated as a day on which esting passage: "Immediately after the decmatter is the wearing of the recognition but- the veterans have been particularly honored. laration of the last war with England (the War of 1812), Elbert Anderson, of New York, wore that little Bronze Button as a univer- partments have arranged for and carried out then a contractor, visited Troy, on the Hudsal sign of recognizing a fellow comrade. Let events with that particular object in view, son, where was concentrated and where he purchased a large quantity of provisionshaving prominent speakers and talent, and beef, pork, etc. The inspectors of these articles at that place were Messrs. Ebenezer and Samuel Wilson. The latter gentleman (ined by the Veterans, many of them taking variably known as 'Uncle Sam') generally supart in the program, reminiscing on their perintended in person a large number of experiences and thus bringing out many workmen, who on this occasion, were emthings of interest to those attending. Al- ployed in overhauling the provisions purthough the events were understood to be held chased by the contractor for the army. The in their honor, they delighted to meet with casks were marked E. A.-U. S. This work those of the younger and affiliated organiza- fell to the lot of a facetious fellow in the emtions and were much pleased that others ploy of Messrs. Wilson, who, on being asked were interested in their ideals and were at- by some of his fellow workmen the meaning The origin of this day came about through tempting to see that these ideals were being of the mark (for the letters U. S., for United a recommendation in the report of Com- carried on, and would continue to be held up States, were then almost entirely new to them), said he did not know, unless it meant As time passed on and the ravages of dis- Elbert Anderson and Uncle Sam - alluding ease and age took a heavy toll of the Veter- exclusively, then, to the said 'Uncle Sam' ans' ranks, making the attendance of any Wilson. The joke took among the workman, Veterans' Night was suggested for the 19th Veteran on these occasions a rare privilege, passed currently; and 'Uncle Sam' himself of November. And while this event has been it became evident that the name for the oc- being present, was occasionally rallied by observed somewhat in the past never before casion should be changed, and the day be them on the increasing extent of his posses-

judgment that the celebration should be who had answered the last Roll Call, and found shortly after following the recruiting

drum, and pushing toward the frontier lines, for the double purpose of meeting the enemy and of eating the provisions they had lately labored to put in good order. Their old jokes of course accompanied them, and before the first campaign ended, this identical one first appeared in print-it gained favor rapidly, till it penetrated and was recognized in every part of our country, and will no doubt, continue so while the United States remains a nation. It originated precisely as above stated and the writer of this article distinctly recollects remarking, at the time when it first appeared in print, to a person who was equally aware of its origin, how odd it would be should this silly joke, originated in the midst of beef, pork, pickle, mud, salt, and hoop poles, eventually become a national cognomen."

The Troy Daily Times, published in Samuel Wilson's home town, printed the following statement under date of July 1, 1854: "Died-Samuel Wilson, aged 88 years, died this morning at his residence, 76 Ferry Street. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabi- The deeds of Lincoln's men will live, tants of this city. He came to Troy about the year 1793, and consequently had resided here 61 years. He was about the last of those termed 'first settlers.' Mr. W. purchased the lands east of this city, now owned by Messrs. Vail and Warren, and occupied by them for farming purposes till about 1820. He then sold them all, except four acres, upon which his present residence stands. He has been one of the most active businessmen of the community, and we can truly say he was an honest and upright man."

In J. A. Weise's history of the city of Troy

is this passage: "Among the well known citizens of Troy in the year 1812, was Samuel Wilson. Being one of the first settlers, and besides having a kind and benevolent disposition, he won the esteem and affection of everybody in the village, and was more generally designated as Uncle Sam than by his proper name. It is related that on one occasion his youngest son wandered away from home and was lost. A gentleman found him crying in a strange place, and asked him whose boy he was, and received for an answer, that he was Uncle Sam's boy. By this appellation the father was readily recognized and he was returned to his parents. During that Samuel Wilson was the original Uncle enduring. the military operations along the northern Sam. But Albert Matthews, in his monoborder in the War of 1812, Samuel and Ebenezer Wilson were engaged in an extensive slaughtering business, employing about 100 ciety, has dug up a quotation which comes men, and were slaughtering weekly more mighty close to disproving the Samual Wil- Decatur, Ill., Oct. 15 and 16. than 1000 head of cattle. During this year, son theory. This quotation is also from a he and his brother received a contract from Troy paper, the Troy Post, and appeared in dianapolis were ably given for both the Sons Elbert Anderson, Jr., an army contractor, to supply the troops stationed at Greenbush with beef, 'packed in full bound barrels of white oak.' Samuel Wilson was also appointed at this time an inspector of beef for the exclaim the Government editors ... This who organized the Grand Army, Benjamin F. army, and was accustomed in the line of cant name for our government has got al- Stephenson, and a visit was made to the duty to mark all the barrels of meat passing most as current as 'John Bull.' The letters U. building where their first Post was organized his inspection with the abbreviated title U.S. S. on the government waggons, etc., are sup- in 1866. of the United States. In the army at the posed to have given rise to it." Remember cantonment at Greenbush, there were a number of soldiers who had enlisted in Troy, right at the time when the incidents previltalks by those present were given on the and to whom 'Uncle Sam' and his business ously related in this article are supposed to needs of our organization. Good music was were well known. The beef received from Troy, they always alluded to as Uncle Sam's same town! beef, and the other soldiers without any inquiry began to recognize the letters U. S. as gave the true origin of "Uncle Sam." The the initial designation of Uncle Sam. A con- nickname for the government was naturally was presented by two gentlemen of Decatur tractor from the northern lines strengthened suggested by the letters "U. S." on the prop- who explained the idea of a final honor of

#### The Last Review

Last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, the week of August 28, 1949. By George William Kimball, Past Dept. Commander, 11A John St., Chelsea 50, Mass.

The G. A. R. have closed their books, How sad their friends must be, The "Boys in Blue" were good and true, They kept our land most free.

They played the "Game of Life" with vim, A loyal group were they. They kept OLD GLORY free from stains Lord rest their Souls we pray.

These grand old VETS, five score and more, Who held their last review, Have set a record hard to beat, God bless our Boys in Blue.

Their little round bronze button friends, We'll shortly see no more, For millions now have answered "TAPS" They've passed through Heaven's Door.

For they were heroes true, The Stars and Stripes will always fly O'er graves of Boys in Blue.

Although their labors are at end, In Heaven, we shall meet. For GOD and LINCOLN will be there. The Boys in Blue, to greet.

For what they did, and all they dared, Remember them to-day, Without these Boys of Sixty-one We'd have no U. S. A.

As Sons of Vets, we'll "Carry-on," Our ranks are growing thin, But if each "SON" will do his bit, We're bound, my friends to WIN.

this impression thereafter, when, purchasing a large quantity of beef in Troy, he advertised that he had received a supply of Uncle Civil War" and General Sir Frederick Mau-Sam's beef of a superior quality. The name 'Uncle Sam,' a few only knowing its derivation, became in a little while the recognized familiar designation of the United States, and is now as well known to the world as the term "War Between the States." He apis the appellation John Bull."

All this is interesting and tends to prove graph on the subject published in the proceedings of the American Antiquarian Sothe issue of Sept. 7, 1813, which was early and Auxiliary by those who attended. A vivid in the War of 1812. It reads as follows: description of the closing scenes of the Grand "Loss upon loss, and no ill luck stiring (sir) Army were also given by those who had been but what light upon Uncle Sam's shoulders, eye witnesses. A tribute was given the man that statement was written by a Troy editor the St. Nicholas Hotel, and a number of good have occured - and it was written in the rendered by a local Barber Shop Quartette,

It is likely that the editor of the Troy Post nished by local talent.

erty of the federal government. But somebody must have used it first. It started somewhere. May not this have happened in Troy? And may it not have been suggested as a joke by one of "Uncle Sam" Wilson's employees? The interesting story of the origin of "Uncle Sam" is as good as any other until somebody comes along with absolute proof or disproof.—The Pathfinder, April 23,

#### The Civil War

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

The confusion in the minds of those who call the Civil War the erroneous name of the "War Between the States" is shown in Robert Selph Henry's "The Story of the Confederacy." In the "Foreword" by the eminent historian, Douglas Southall Freeman of Richmond, Virginia, the war is called "The War Between the States;" as it likewise is called in the author's preface. In the text it is indiscriminately called by both names, sometimes on the same page (p. 13).

#### Sources

Under the above head, the author says: "Sources for even the simplest story of the Confederacy are overwhelming in number, mass, detail and variety-literally thousands of books, articles and pamphlets, publications of all sorts."

Then the author lists many of these authorities. Only one of the listed titles, Alexander H. Stephens' "War Between the States" uses that term.

Among others cited are Henderson's "Stonewall Jackson and the American Civil War;" Confederate General Gordon's "Reminiscences of the Civil War:" Edward Conrad Smith's "The Borderland in the Civil War"; John C. Ropes' "Story of the Civil War;" Livermore's "Numbers and Losses in the Civil War in America;" Geer's "Campaigns of the rice's "Statesmen and Soldiers of the Civil War"

Thus the weight of authority cited by Henry is heavy against the author's use of pears to compromise with himself by using both terms. Such a compromise will not be

#### Central Region Conference

The Annual Conference was held in the city of the beginning of the Grand Army,

Events of the National Encampment of In-

The banquet was held Saturday evening in and Mother Singers. A play was also fur-

Sunday morning the subject of Memorials

some kind at the place where the Grand 18, 1882, at Pittsburgh, Pa., divided into six Army had its beginning.

ern hospitality at its best.

Reports of the Grand Army Highway Committee and Program and Policy Committee state to issue a suitable proclamation honoring Dedication Day.

year: Commander, Franklin S. Hubbard, Ke- ner. nosha, Wis.; Sr. Vice, Theodore F. Mohr, of Powell, Indianapolis, Ind.; Chaplain, Ethel Francis P. Addy, P. D. C., Utica, N. Y. Jones, Des Moines, Iowa.

next conference.

#### Early History of Order

Old Congress Hall, Christ's Church where minds are closed as tightly as your fists. Washington, Franklin, Morris and other Revolutionary heroes worshipped, and the designed and made the Flag of the United States of America. May we not, therefore, destiny.

The Sons of Veterans organization was Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, G. A. R. On Sept. 29, 1879, the Anna M. Ross Cadet Corps were organized in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. The Corps were officered by members of the G. A. R. Their principal object was the observance of Memorial Day in co-operation with their respective Posts. In 1880 a Division, or State organization, was completed in Pennsylvania. The order spread in the years 1881 in the states of New York, New Jersey and Delaware. In the year 1881 a National organization was effected with Alfred Cope the first Commander.

On Nov. 12, 1881, Major A. P. Davis of Pittsburgh, Pa., formed an organization in from the parent organization and joined that and go to America." founded by Major Davis. This left three tional organization headed by Commander most to do. Cope. In 1886 a consolidation of the Cadet the Post system. The Camp system has prevailed since.

ans of United States of America, held Oct. their stalwart courage.

National Encampment of the Commanderyin-Chief held at Grand Rapids in 1885.

were given. The latter recommended that The following resolution was adopted by the each Department urge the Governor of their 22nd annual National Encampment of the The following officers were elected for next No. 3 of Commander-in-Chief William War-

"Resolved: That this Encampment endorse St. Louis, Mo.; Secretary, Ellinore Konrad, the objects and purposes of the order of of Milwaukee, Wis.; Treasurer, Roy Lewis, 'Sons of Veterans U. S. A.' and hereby give Milwaukee, Wis.; Patriotic Instructor, Crystel to the Order the Official name and title."-

Clench your fists. Now you have in your hands a two-fisted symbol of force. You are ready to fight! Your mind has become tense. It seems to me not amiss to emphasize the Thoughts of anger and fear surge into your fact that the Sons of Veterans' organization consciousness. Approach another man with love where the Liberty Bell of Revolutionary own. He, too, is ready to do battle. Of course, fame proclaimed liberty throughout the land you may not come to actual physical blows, and to all the inhabitants thereof; and where but you are meeting in an atmosphere stands Independence Hall, Carpenter's Hall, charged with antagonism and mistrust. Your

Now, open your hands. As you open them you will find your tensions leaving. Your Betsy Ross Home where Betsy Ross, under body will begin to relax. Your mind will the guidance of the Father of our Country, open up. The open hand can hold no weapon; it can conceal no knife of treachery. It is a symbol of peace, understanding, good will. It say that grand is our origin and great our takes an open hand to pat a man on the back, to help pull a man up to higher ground. to join hands with others in a common cause, founded in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1878. The to type a letter, to paint a picture, to perprincipal promoters were the members of the form an operation, to design a skyscraper, to plant a garden, to turn the pages of a book.

Closed fists make clubs of hands. They are only good for fighting or pounding tables. Open hands can go to work in thousands of constructive ways.

Take a look at those two open hands of yours. They are tools with which to serve, make friends, and reach out for the best in life. Open hands open the way to achievement. Put them to work today!-Wilfred A. Peterson, Editor, The Silver Lining.

#### Heritage of Optimism

My maternal grandfather was a carpenter that city under the title of Sons of Veterans, in a little town in northern Sweden. He had U. S. A. A Constitution, Rules and Ritual learned of a land of freedom and opportuwas adopted providing for local, state and nity across the sea. One day he came home national organization. In 1883 thirty-three and said he had quit his job. My grandof the Cadet Corp's organization withdrew mother said, "We will sell all that we have and color.

She knew that was my grandfather's su-

And so with three small children, the Corps with the Sons of Veterans of U. S. A. youngest just a year old, they crossed the head. It is a warmth, a magnetism, that took place. This ended what was known as Atlantic on an old cattle ship. They didn't reaches out and draws people together in a know a soul in this strange land. They could- common purpose. n't speak the language. They became pioneer Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veter- building a home. I have always admired bombs as a way of settling disputes.

An historical writer has pointed out that Grand Divisions, viz: The New England the secret of our national greatness is the W. F. Hathaway gave an account of his States forming the first Division, The East- fact that the optimists from all over the visit to the National Convention of the Sons ern States the second, The Western Middle world came to America. The people who of Confederate Veterans in Little Rock, Ark., States the third, The Rocky Mountain States came here were those who believed in the which is the first time one of our members the fourth. The Pacific States the fifth, and future. They had the daring to break old had ever been a guest of that organization. the Southern States the sixth. The Grand ties and launch forth into the unknown. He was well received and extended real south- Divisions were discontinued by the Fourth They had the intestinal fortitude to take a chance. They left the pessimists standing on the dock in the homeland afraid to come Official Recognition as Auxiliary to G. A. R. along on the great adventure.

It is well to remember this mighty heritage of optimism that is ours when defeatists be-G. A. R. held at Columbus, Ohio, September, gin to predict disaster. This nation was built 1888, and was promulgated in General Orders by optimists who overcame tremendous obstacles. They believed in the American dream. They have thrown us the torch of dynamic optimism. It is up to us to keep it burning!-Selected.

#### Peace is More Than a Word

The word peace has been printed billions Kankakee, Ill., was chosen as place for Clenched Fists and Open Hands of times, uttered in billions of prayers, spoken millions of times over the radio and voiced thousands of times by every member of the human race in all the languages of earth. And still we have wars.

It is high time to consider that peace is first saw the light in the city of brotherly your fists clenched and watch him clench his more than a word. It is more than a spot of ink on a piece of paper, or a sound on our

> Peace is everything that makes life worth living.

> Peace is God on both sides of the table in conference.

Peace is goodwill in action.

Peace is world-wide neighborliness.

Peace is co-operation and team-work; it is pulling with people instead of pushing them around.

Peace is sanity and common sense in human relations.

Peace is open-mindedness. It is a willingness to listen as well as to talk. It is looking at both sides of a situation objectively.

Peace is patience. It means keeping our tempers, rising above petty irritations, taking the long-look. It means keeping our shirts on and giving time a chance to work

Peace is having the courage and humility to admit mistakes and take the blame when we are wrong.

Peace is international courtesy. It is good sportsmanship in world affairs.

Peace is tact, and tact has been defined as the ability to pull the stinger of a bee without getting stung.

Peace is vision. It is being big enough to give up small individual advantages for the universal advantage of a warless world.

Peace is the open hand instead of the clenched fist. It is tolerance and understanding toward men of every class, creed

Peace is a mighty faith. It is a radiant belief in the potential goodness and greatness Cadet Corps in Pennsylvania loyal to the Na preme desire . . . the thing that he wanted of men. It is a dynamic confidence that war can be abolished forever.

Peace is a thing of the heart as well as the

Peace is top-level thinking, feeling, acting. The first National Encampment of the farmers in Michigan, clearing the wilderness, It is rising above tanks, planes and atom

Peace is a way of living!-Author unknown.

Sundry Interviews

November, 1949

Grenville Kleiser, author, New York City: "It is remarkable what can be accomplished with ordinary abilities, if right desire is cou- the white people landed slave owners. The pled with determination and diligence. So public should be told about this and the called drudgery and disappointment are often threat that Russia may yet make slaves of forms of discipline that lead to large suc-millions of our people. cess. Formidable difficulties vanish before courageous and indomitable spirit. Many of life's greatest victories have been due to inexhaustible patience, resolution, and industry, rather than to extraordinary talent. Daily self-discipline and self-culture are essential to highly progressive life. You are shaping your destiny by the quality and direction of your daily thought habits."

Grace Moore, vocalist, New York: "Don't be afraid to be alone! You really get nothing he moved to Elgin from Aurora, and resided from people, hordes of people skipping through with a relative. He had given a long-time your life, hardly touching you. Until you mean something to yourself, you can't be important to anyone else. One must live the good alone-life in order to grow and develop in one's own way. You develop your best alone. 'Happy is the person who demands of life the leisure to catch the beauty and emotion of deep living'."

Walter P. Chrysler, founder Chrysler Corporation (1875-1940): "There is no such thing as a big job. Any job, regardless of size, can be broken down into small jobs, which when done, complete the larger job."

Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President (1743-1826): "How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy."

#### **IOWA**

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

The members of the G. A. R. in Iowa have all passed on to their eternal home. The last one was Dept. Com. James P. Martin, Sutherland, whose passing was Sept. 20, 1949, at the age of 101 years, 10 months and 10 days.

He served until the close of the war and was stationed at Fort Lyon, Virginia. He was on guard duty outside the Capital the night President Lincoln was assassinated, and was one of those by whom the news of the tragedy was relayed along the line.

He was blessed with good health most of his life and was able to drive a car until he was past 90, and he was very active. Like all of the members of the G. A. R. he had much dianapolis last August and the Encampment to do in developing a new land which is gave full endorsement of the project. now rich and great.

\* \* \* \* Camp 33, Waterloo

Homer L. Young, Dept. Com., reports that their Camp had a Memorial Service Sept. 27 and the public attended in such great numbers that the house was packed. One number on the program was a transcription of the funeral service of the last Civil War Veteran in Iowa. Mr. Milton Fields, a Negro lawyer, gave a very fine talk about what the Civil War did for Negroes. The American Legion and Spanish War Vets were there in uniform and had their colors. There was no banquet will be held, following which there solicitation for members but the Sons got will be a program carried out, and a general two applications and the Auxiliary got two good time will be had. applications. xxxx

Receptions

The Camps at Waterloo, Iowa Falls and Des Moines have honored the Dept. Officers of the Sons and the Auxiliary with receptions and banquets, where there was discussion about more education of the public as to what we owe to the Union Army for the tion for A. Lawrence Calderwood, the Dept. Nov. 22.

work it did. It was suggested that if the Commander, Sat., Sept. 10, in the Bosworth Confederates had won the Civil War it might | Memorial Hall, Portland. be now that about 95% of the white people would be slaves, with possibly about 5% of

## ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.

Two P. D. C.'s Pass On

Illinois Department has recently suffered the loss of two of its Past Dept. Commanders. Chas. R. Brush, Commander in 1945, died at his home in Elgin on Sept. 8. He had not been in good health since the death of his wife some two years ago. Following her death service to the Department and his home Camp in Aurora, and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Harvey A. Flock, Commander in 1942, died at his home in Springfield on Oct. 9. He suffered a stroke and died within a few hours. Brother Flock was a Mason as well as a Son of a Union Veteran, and the Masons had charge of his funeral. His pall bearers were six boys whom Harvey had coached in the Masonic tenets. He was a lovable, earnest character, interested in all our affairs, and gave loyal service to the G. A. R. at every opportunity.

According to the records of this scribe there are now living 20 of those who have served our Department as Commanders.

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Decatur Memorial May Be G. A. R. Building At the Central Region Conference, held in Decatur, Ill., Oct. 15 and 16, Linn H. Cannon, Americanism Officer for the 19th District, American Legion, and Charles E. Lee, President of the Board of Directors of the Veteran's Center of Macon County asked for an auditorium-type building to be constructed there in Decatur, as a memorial to the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic in Decatur in 1866.

A building of this sort would be a "living memorial" and much more useful than a statue both men contended. Their plans called for Federal financing on the ground that it would be a national memorial, of more than local significance. The size, cost and design would have to be worked out as plans develop.

A resolution covering this matter was presented at the National Encampment at In-

> \* \* \* \* Mid-Winter Encampment

The annual mid-winter meeting of this Department, Sons and Auxiliary, will be held Dec. 10 and 11 at the Arms Hotel, corner Oak Park Ave. and Washington Blvd., Oak Park. The members of Camp 61-65 and their Auxiliary are host and hostess for this affair Reservations are to be made direct with Steve J. Day, manager of the Hotel.

Registration and general organization will take place during the afternoon Saturday. On that evening at 6:30 p. m. the annual

MAINE M. E. Tilley, Press Correspondent,

P. O. Box 224, Biddeford.

Reception to Department Commander Shepley Camp and Auxiliary held a recep-

Many of the different organizations were represented, bringing greetings and gifts.

Entertainment was furnished by a team of singers and dancers, and an orchestra under the direction of Everett Chase furnished music for dancing after the greetings.

Mrs. Marguerite P. Merritt, Nat. Council Member No. 2 of the Auxiliary, was one of the speakers.

Refreshments were served in the dining hall, and Autumn colors were used as decorations.

Both the Auxiliary and Camp did a bangup good job to send our Dept. Commander off on a good year. We all want it for Lawrence is a mighty good guy and should have a good year.

Dept. Com. Call, of Massachusetts, was an out of the state guest.

\* \* \* \* Camp 4, Portland

The Annual Fair of the Dept. Sons and Auxiliary was held in G. A. R. Hall, Bath, on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The Fall banquet, get-together and guest night for the Past Dept. Coms. and Past Dept. Pres. was held at the Graymore Hotel, Portland, Saturday evening, Oct. 8. A very enjoyable time was reported with a large attendance. Plans were made for assistance to Camps and Auxiliary by the "has beens."

#### VERMONT

Thomas A. Chadwick, Publicity Director. Springfield.

Picnic and Lunch

District No. 5 held its annual basket lunch and picnic on Sept. 18, at Gassetts; possibly, since the word "picnic" brings visions of grass, and shade, and warming sun, I should say "get-together" instead, since a cold, showery day made it necessary to hold the affair in the Grange Hall. However, in spite of the weather, those who attended had a fine time. Ray Buzzell, of Springfield, furnished music throughout the day. The young people danced. and the rest listened, watched and visited, There was a nice program in the afternoon. About fifty members and friends attended.

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A Live Camp

Sparked by big, good-natured Edwin Barnard, the present Dept. Organizer, Camp 34 of Springfield is engaged in several progressive activities. This Camp is sponsoring a group of Cub Scouts at North Springfield. and is organizing a Junior Camp. They have also been collecting leather, plastics and small tools, for the occupational therapy room at the Veteran's Hospital, in White River Junction.

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Fifth District Meeting

On Oct. 1 District No. 5 held its fifth meeting of the year, at Brattleboro. A fine supper was served by the Auxiliary, and P.D.C. George A. DeWitt had arranged an unusually splendid program, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there. The attendance was 42, bringing the attendance for the year at District Meetings to the total of 220. The next District Meeting will be at Springfield, on Nov. 12, when the annual election of officers will be held. 34 34 36 36

Blind Member Commander Camp 91, at Saxtons River, held its annual

election of officers Oct. 25, with twelve members present. Alaric Nichols, who has been one of the strong members for several years in spite of his total blindness, was elected Commander. Installation of officers will be

#### KANSAS

C. B. Martin, Correspondent, 122 South 32nd Street, Parsons, Kan.

Camps have been very backward about sending in news this Quarter and our items will be few. However I do want to report that Brother Frank Green, of Old Abe Camp No 16. Topeka, had the honor of bringing in five new members.

The Dept. Picnic of the Auxiliary at New ton in September was a grand success. Near ly all of the Past Dept. Presidents of the Auxiliary were present, and several Past Dept. Commanders. A picnic lunch was held at the park, and as it rained the meeting adjourned to the hall, where a very nice prearranged program was given.

Word comes from a Past Dept. Commander that in July, 1889, he drove a team with a load of household goods to Kingfisher, Indian Territory. He was told to stop at a certain corner and wait for instructions. Ten years ago he went back and stood on the same corner, and again this year, on the sixtieth anniversary, he went back and again stood on the same spot. Brother Hobble belongs to the 89ers Club. I also belong to the 89ers Club and our club holds a banquet each year. Saturday evening, Oct. 22, our annual banquet was held, with forty-six members present. 1889 was the year I graduated from the schools of Parsons. However, Parsons Camp No. 23, Sons of Veterans, had been organized in 1886, with over 100 members. The Camp has never been suspended and as far as I know I am the only living Charter Member. The Camp is still in existence and has never been suspended.

I was again this year unable to attend the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in Indianapolis, and I was very sorry to see the hoped that they would continue their En-campments until the last Grand Army man was in attendance.

#### MICHIGAN

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

#### Heirs of G. A. R.

The last issue of The Banner, Veterans groups argue rights to succeed the G. A. R. War making some claim for recognition, was brushed aside by other organizations.

We are the heirs of the Grand Army of the to carry on. There is no organization that words of our fathers. "Therefore he it resolved that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of the Dept. of Michigan, do Grand Army of the Republic from this 26th Encampments of the Dept. of Michigan, and determine the place and date."

No organization can part the Sons, and our Allied Orders of the G. A. R., The Sons, Daughters, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and S. V. Auxiliary, must carry on as in the past. We as Sons, Daughters and Allied Orders must not step aside. Our duties to our fathers must be preserved. May 30th, Memorial Day, was originated by our fathers, The Grand Army of the Republic that day is their day and our day, we must and will carry on, and no brushing aside. All Veterans and organizations, and the public are certainly welcome to join in and participate in the observance on that day.—Brother A. C. Marvin, Port Rowan, Ont., Canada, Member Blair Camp No. 7, Jackson, Mich.



MRS. ETHELYN C. TUCKER

Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, of Alton, N. H. was elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at its 63rd Annual National Encampment, held in Indianapolis, Ind., the week of August 28, 1949. That it was a wise choice has clearly been demonstrated by the enthusiasm and ardor with which Mrs. Tucker has Grand Army of the Republic disband. I had taken up the many duties of the office, and that she will "make good" in the busy role of the national head, goes without saying.

Mrs. Tucker has a fine background in Auxliary work to help her in her present important office that dates back twenty-five years ago, when she first joined the Auxiliary in her home state-New Hampshire. She filled many offices' in her own Auxiliary, from the lowest up to the highest, holding the office of President at two different times. She also has held various Department offices and in 1937-38 served as New Hampshire's Presiand the Sons of the Veterans of the Civil dent with ability and perception. Recognizing her qualifications, the National Organization elected her in 1941 a member of the National Council, and as a further test, in Republic, and now we have filled their places 1944, gave her one of the difficult offices (that of raising money for the order) can take from us this heritage. I quote the through the medium of National Patriotic Instructor. The amount of money Mrs. Tucker raised was outstanding-in fact the largest amount ever raised by a Patriotic Instructor, assume their duties as successors of the up to that time. In 1947 National President Lena Barrett appointed Mrs. Tucker her Naday of June, 1947, fix for any and all future tional Chief-of-Staff-another difficult office, for this office entails not only raising a sizeable amount of money for her fund, but also the making of arrangements for entertainment at the National Encampment. Those who attended the National Encampment at Indianapolis realized that "Ethelyn" did not fall down on the job in any respect. At this Encampment she was given the highest gift within the power of the Order-that of National President.

Mrs. Tucker is the wife of Andrew L. Tuckr, of Alton, N. H. She has one daughter, living in California, one granddaughter and grandson. Five uncles who served in the Jnion Army throughout the Civil War gives Mrs. Tucker ample eligibility to the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. She is also Revolution and of the American Legion Auxa member of the Daughters of the American iliary.

#### **NEW JERSEY**

November, 1949

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

#### Camp 1, Hoboken

On Oct. 1 our Camp celebrated its 67th birthday, having been installed on Oct. 2, 1882. It being a stormy night only a few members were present.

Com. Williams is not progressing very rapidly and Brother Chas. W. Miles and William Hendberg are also not very well, but all the good wishes for their speedy recovery from the members go to them.

Camp meeting in November will be on Friday, Nov. 25, on account of Thanksgiving. Com. Williams and the officers express to all members and friends an earnest invitation if in our neighborhood to come to the meeting. X X & & &

#### Camp 4, Trenton

The Camp has started fall activities in a big way. On Thursday evening, Sept. 29, a class initiation was held and four candidates were initiated. We are glad to welcome these new brothers into our Camp meetings, as they are attending and adding new life with their songs and music.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, our annual election was held and a new staff of officers elected. We are expecting a good year under their leadership. They are young men with new ideas that we are sure will be a benefit to the Camp.

A committee is arranging for our annual Battery Anniversary Dinner, which will be held in the near future. This is always an outstanding affair and a get-together for some of our older members.

On Friday evening, Nov. 25, we will tender reception and dance to Dept. Com. Russell H. Bogert, who is a member of this Camp. It will be held in the War Memorial Bullding in Trenton. A number of National and Department Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary, and the other Allied Orders, are expected to attend. All members and friends are invited.

Members of the Camp attended the reception to Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Genevieve E. Bolan, at Orange, Saturday, Oct. 8, and had a very enjoyable evening.

The sincere wishes of the Camp for a swift and complete recovery is extended to our brothers who are ill.

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#### Camp 5, Trenton

The four fishing trips taken by members of the Camp during the summer were very successful and enjoyable. Prizes were won by Edward Darrah, George Satterthwaite, and A. C. Lambert.

Members of the Camp attended the reception to Mrs. Genevieve Bolan the New Jersey Dept. President in Orange, and are now planning to attend the mid-winter meeting of the Department on Nov. 19 at Bloomfield.

The Color Guard will take part in the massing of colors of the Military Ball being held in Trenton on Nov. 19 by the Jewish War Veterans.

Within the past few weeks we have initiated Larry Eldridge and Jim Phillips into the Camp. Both are enthusiastic and should become active workers.

New Camp Officers were installed on Nov. by P. D. C. Edwin R. Shaw as follows: Com., Parker Nichols; Sr. Vice, Walter Davison; Jr. Vice, Robert Gerke, Jr.; Sec., Wm. G. Simpson, Treas.; A. C. Lambert.

The best wishes of the Camp are extended to Bill Severns for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

#### NEW YORK

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

Dept. Patriotic Instructor's Message Dept. Pat. Inst. Phillip Satler has issued the following:

"Now that vacation days are over it behooves us to get down to business again and get into the limelight and before the public insofar as our organization is concerned. The Sons of Union Veterans is a patriotic Order and as such we must carry on the patriotic services which were exemplified by the lovalty and tenacity of the Boys in Blue to our Flag and Country in 1861 to 1865.

Union Defenders or Dedication Day is rapidly approaching let us therefore do all in our power to hold some natriotic exercises or the 19th of November or as near to that date as possible, in honor of our noble sires and the immortal Abraham Lincoln. I hope all Camps will join with their Auxiliaries in this event.

#### Southern Tier Association

The annual meeting and picnic of the Southern Tier Association, Sons and Auxiliaries, was held at Tanyhannock State Park Saturday, July 23. Camps and Auxiliaries represented were Ithaca, Ovid, Auburn and Elmira. Pres. P. D. C. Fred C. Barnard called on the following for brief messages: Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Leslie W. More, of Owego; Past Dept. Com. Hermon L. Brockway, Ithaca; Past Com,-in-Chief Neil Cranmer, Elmira.

Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Jennie Humphrey, Auburn; Vice Pres. Evelyn Doland, Elmira: Sec., Myrtle Burnham, Elmira; Treas., Edith Patterson, Ovid.

Auxiliary having the largest delegation present from outside Elmira.

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## Camp 2. Brooklyn The Long Island Daily Press of Aug. 29 had a two-column cut and writeup of P. C.

Howard E. Bunker ,82 years of age, and 62 Queens Camp of Sons of Union Veterans.

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#### Camp 140, New York City

Lafavette Camp will hold a meeting Thurs day, Nov. 17, at Rosoff's Restaurant, 147-151 West 43rd St. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p. m. The annual election and installation of officers will follow. Past Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Henry Bender will be Installing Officer. Mr. Henry Pell, a member of the Camp will speak on "Old and New Fort Ticonderoga."

Lafayette Camp mourns the passing of the following brothers: Clarence P. Mears, initiated Nov. 19, 1934: William Bell Wait, initiated April 18, 1911, and Robert R. Boyce, initiated April 16, 1912.

#### \* \* \* \* Camp 88, Waverly

from Dist. Dep. Truman Vincent, of Elmira, bertson Memorial Building. Deputy Vincent cruiting drive, but many applicants have litat its regular meeting on Oct. 19 in the Alwas accompanied by Com. Andrew Wright, was accompanied by Com. Andrew Wright, Pat. Inst. Alfred H. Burchard, P. C. J. Gor. Possible. We try every angle before we give up. don Wilcox and Past Com.-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer of Camp 77, Elmira. All spoke

Brother Perry Connell, former County Commander of the American Legion, presented Oliver Tilden Camp will attend the meeting Waverly Camp an historic document, the of its Auxiliary at Vasa Temple, Bronx. As charter of Walter G. Hull Post of the Grand this is the nearest date "Dedication Day," Army of the Republic. Among those present the feature of the evening will be joint exer-Were Past Com. Hiram Cronk, a member of clses in honor of Abraham Lincoln, and all the Sons for 64 years. Past Com. Frank Cole the veterans of the Grand Army, those living presented a gift to Dep. Vincent. Com. Wal- and those who have passed on.

ter Thrasherd presided. Refreshments were served.

#### Camp 223, Buffalo

Our meetings have been much better attended. Recently with members of our Auxiliary we held a Peach Festival. We expect to clear over \$200.

We have sustained a great loss in the death of three of our members: Charles R. Crafts, Past Coms, Thomas H. Oswald and Adelbert S. Brooks. We extend to their families our deepest sympathy.

Our Camp was host for the quarterly meeting of the Western New York Past Camp Commanders and Past Auxiliary Presidents Association, held in October. \* \* \* \*

#### Сатр 66, Ѕугасиве

vinter activities on Sept. 21 with open house. Delegations from Fulton and Merriam Camp and 17 members of the Auxiliary were in at- Ralph Sheldon, only surviving charter memtendance. It was a very enthusastic meeting.

The meeting was opened by Com, Kennedy, who spoke on the National Encampment at Indianapolis. The meeting was then turned over to P. C. George V. Randall, chairman. P. D. C. Klein spoke of the fast fading ranks of the G. A. R. and of the National Encampment. P. D. C. Courtney stressed many important factors of our Order, P. C. Buehl, of Fulton, gave remarks as did other visitors. Refreshments were served.

## Camp 77, Elmira

Three members of Diven Camp attended the National Encampment at Indianapolis. They were: Com. Andrew Wright, Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Leslie W. More and Past Com .in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer,

The Camp held a bingo party Saturday, The 1950 meeting will be held at Elmira. A Oct. 15, at 1125 Broadway. The annual electric of \$5 will be given to the Camp or tion of officers will be held Monday, Nov. 8.

#### Department Officers Honored

Auxiliary No. 57, Troy, entertained the Dept. Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary at a dinner and reception at Anchor Hall, Saturday, Oct. 22.

Auxiliary 45, Schenectady, honored the years a member of the Order, who is spear- Dept. Officers of Sons and Auxiliary with a heading a movement to organize a Central dinner and reception at the Mohawk Hotel, Saturday, Oct. 29. Mrs. Edith Ostrander was chairman of the committee in charge.

#### \* \* \* \* Camp 2, Brooklyn

Camp has placed a new name on our roster. Mr. Gerard F. Farley was mustered in at our trophy to be awarded to the Camp in the Sept. meeting. We are still after recruits and hope to make each meeting a muster night. Our election of officers has been concluded and most of our officers have held over, however, we are breaking in new members to take over in 1951. We meet on the third Friday evening at 714 Seneca Ave., Ridgewood. When in our vicinity, pay us a visit. Always a hearty welcome.

At our Jan. meeting we will have our Installation of Officers and present two fifty-Waverly Camp received an official visit year badges to two real OLD TIMERS.

P. C. Howard E. Bunker of this Camp is getting much publicity in his one-man retle or no records to make their desire to join

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#### Camp 26, New York City

On Thanksgiving eve., Wednesday, Nov. 23

A program of interest has been arranged by the Patriotic Instructors, Brother Arthur Quidor and Sister Anne Lowenthal. The speaker of the evening will be P. D. C. Julius Isaacs, Dept. Sec. Treas., who is a member of Tilden Camp and Counselor to Tilden Aux-

After the meeting, there will be a social nour and refreshments.

#### Camp 88, Waverly

Waverly Camp has been bereaved by the passing of Charles Strong. For over 50 years ne was a druggist, and for many years head of the Red Cross of Waverly. He was a Past Commander and Treasurer of Camp 88.

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#### Camp 154, Albany

On Nov. 19 Jacob H. Ten Eyck Camp will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a dinner General Sniper Camp opened their fall and at Panetta's Restaurant ,382 Broadway. A special program in connection with Dedication Day has been planned. P. C.-in-C. Dr. ber, will be present.

#### WISCONSIN

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

#### Mid-Year Meeting

Pursuant to a call issued by Dept. Com. George A. Powers the mid-year joint meeting of the Wisconsin Department, Sons and Auxiliary, was held in Madison on Oct. 30. The attendance was good, and after greetings were exchanged, several topics of mutual interest were discussed. The keynote of all the discussions seemed to be how each organization could not only make their position stronger but aid the other in doing likewise.

The afternoon sessions were separate. The general discussion centered around how to further our influence as a Department and increase membership. P.D.C.'s Roy Lewis, J. O. Smith and F. S. Hubbard offered many excellent suggestions and pledged support to the plans submitted. P. D. C.'s Geo. A. Powers and J. O. Smith and L. C. Wheeler, Commander of Henry Harnden Camp 2, reported on the National Encampment at Indianapolis

P. D. C. Wilbur Hathaway, of Minnesota, gave an inspiring address relative to membership campaigns.

About two years ago, Bro. Chester Hubbard made available a traveling trophy in the Since our last notice DuPont-Eiseman form of a beautiful bronze plaque to be known as the Lansing A. Wilcox Trophy, this Wisconsin Department obtaining the largest number of new members during each year ending March 31. At this mid-year meeting. the trophy was presented to Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Madison, which became its first winner. This trophy was named after the only surviving Civil War Veteran in Wisconsin and was accepted by Camp Com. L. C. Wheeler, who stated that it was his desire that his Camp win it three times in order that they might retain permanent possession. \* \* \* \*

#### Notes

Bro. F. S. Hubbard reported that the Camp at Kenosha was looking forward to increased membership and activities. Bro. Roy Lewis reported that the Camp at Milwaukee was very active and had mustered several new members and planned social activities.

Henry Harnden Camp, Madison, were the hosts Oct. 24 at a public patriotic meeting. Good music, combined with an excellent address by Judge O. A. Stolen, after which refreshments were served, made the evening an enjoyable one as well as very instructive.

Peace is using the Golden Rule as a measuring stick in solving world problems.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

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

Nov. 20 in Chester

Chester. The monument of Lt. Isaac E. Wilde, for whom Wilde Post No. 25, G. A. R. was named, will have been re-cut and polished and will be rededicated. The Sons of Union with G. A. R., formed the "official line." Veterans will be in charge and all Veteran organizations participating.

Commander-in-Chief John Runkle has been invited to be the principal speaker. The time is set for 2:30 p. m. in Chester Rural Cemetery. All are invited, especially the Reserves—and in "Blue" if possible.

#### \* \* \* & Official First Day Covers and Stamps

A few First Day Covers are yet available (G. A. R. Stamp, Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 29, 1949) 20c each, 6 for \$1.00. Sheets of G. A. R. Stamps can be secured if desired - 50 stamps per sheet, \$2.00 per sheet—mailed in-

Write Frank M. Heacock, 321-C Evans Place, Chester, Pa.

#### xxxx Pensions

Do you know H. R. 5821, introduced Aug. 1, would provide identical pensions to Confederate Veterans and Widows as now paid Union Veterans and Widows!

Believe it or not, but H. R. 5821 specifies that the Confederate Veterans were in the by young lady ushers. Civil War!

## Notes

National G. A. R. Highway Committee Chairman Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, P. D. C. of Penna., is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie, Pa., and P. D. C. John C. Yocum is hospitalized at Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Mrs. Marle Harkins, Past Dept. Pres. L. of G. A. R., of Penna., and Past Nat. Sr. Vice Pres., died on Oct. 11 at her home in Pittsburgh, and was buried Oct. 14. She served during 1942-1943, and was a member of Auxiliary 198 of Pittsburgh.

The 56th annual Lincoln Banquet, Sons of Veterans Club, Philadelphia, will be held Saturday, Feb 11, 1950, Hotel Sheraton, 19th and Walnut Sts., Philadelphia, Details will appear in January Banner.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

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

Honors Bestowed on Com. Call

Crowding G. A. R. Hall, Dorchester, to nearly double its normal capacity, 300 guests paid tribute to Dept. Com. Roy C. Call on Sat. Eve., Sept. 24. It was an appropriate setting, culminating a period of over 40 years; for with this buildings' history and maintenance, the name of Call is synonymous.

Members of a fine Camp and Auxiliary worked hard during a hot summer, under chairmanship of Eugene G. Wallingford. Commander of Camp 30 in 1906, Personal Aide to Dept. Commander, and oldest member. Mabel Weaver, Past Pres., served as Sec.-Treas. in an efficient manner. Ethel Pronk was "guardian" of guest book and never lost a name. Camp Com. Frank H. Rein donated the appetizing collation and personally supervised the preparing of it.

A beautiful floral display was arranged by Mrs. Jessie Fairbanks, Vice Pres. of the Auxiliary. Many of the fall flowers were furnished by Mr. Paul Ruggiero, of Stoughton,

Receptionists were Mrs. Maude B. Warren, P. N. P., serving for Mary Dow, only P. D. P. of Aux. 90 (and who was unable to attend), Harold M. Drown, only living P. D. C. of Camp 30, and Mrs. Bessie T. Drown, of Aux. 90, the Dept. Chief-of-Staff. Nat. Pres. Ethelyn C. Tucker, of Alton, N. H.: Nat. Council-Sunday, Nov. 20, will be a red-letter day in in-Chief Member Cleon E. Heald, of Keene, N. H.: Dept. Aux. Pres. Gladys D. Milkey, of Greenfield, local unit leaders and officers of Dept., S. U. V., with heads of orders allied

Escorted in by the Anderson's, one of rare cases of a married couple to have served as usual routine. National heads of our two orders (only instance in Mass.) was General Chairman his sister and Julia (mother) Smith, one of the few living widows of G. A. R., and with- vice. out doubt the most active. "Mother" Smith Street" for approximately 50 years.

All living P. N. P.'s and P. C's-in-C, from Mass, were present and all but one of Dept. his wife, Emma Wheeler, Dept. Aux. Pres., of by putting us wise to the eligibles. New Hampshire: Dept. Com. William F. A group of the immediate family of the Dept. \* \* \* \*

Coming Events in Massachusetts Nov. 12, 1949 - Reception to Herbert L. Smith, Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, and A. Men's Hall, Main St., Ext., Plymouth, Mass., at 8:00 p. m.

Nov. 19, 1949-Dedication Day observance conducted by the Past Commanders Assn. Dept. P. I. Carder A. Perkins is chairman, assisted by brothers Bickford, Bogue, Tillson, Devine and Day. \* \* \* \*

#### Tifft Camp News Flashes

Com. Lawrence R. E. Johnson, Harold P. Shepardson and Herbert Bogue attended the National Encampment at Indianapolis the week of Aug. 28.

Two of our members celebrated wedding anniversaries—Myron E. Johnson, P. C., his 45th on Sept. 21, and Edwin W. Partenheimer, Past Sr. Vice, his 38th on Sept. 12. Congratulations and more power to them.

Tifft Camp and Aux. 10 will hold a joint nstallation on Nov. 9 at 8:00 o'clock at G. A. R. Hall, 44 State St.

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Let's Make It a Rule to Perpetuate the G. A. R.

The Friendly Relations Committee of Or ders Allied with the Grand Army of the Republic was created approximately a quarter of a century ago. As its name implies, a closer friendship could be established and the comrades were our guests at these annual gatherings. When the "Boys in Blue" faded in numbers and finally disappeared from our midst, profits each year were donated to some worthy cause that we believed would be approved by them.

Saturday, Nov. 5, at 8:00 p. m., in St. Rose in the shadows of a site that was the Old as Dept. Press Correspondent, and asks that Soldiers' Home, where so many Comrades spent their last days and years. Our project activities within this Dept. kindly communithis year benefited Massachusetts Veteran cate with him. Hospitals and The Children's Medical Center,

A three-act comedy, "In the Good Old

#### MARYLAND

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

#### Camp 2, Wilmington, Del.

Our Camp was represented at the National y Dept. Com. Jas. C. Tatman, Past Dept. Coms. Conner and Baldwin and Nat. Del. Chas. P. Weldin. From all accounts it was an enjoyable session and our members felt well repaid for their time off from their

Since our last news item we are glad to report another member of our 50-year club Wallingford, with Com. Call, accompanied by with one of our old timers, Harry Yunt, receiving this much prized badge of long ser-

At our October meeting we had the pleashas been an institution at "No. 91 Park ure of voting into membership Irving H. Brinton, successful contractor, magistrate and musician. The only regret we have is the fact that we did not know years ago that Officers. Other noted guests and speakers our good friend Irving was eligible to the were: Dept. Com. Kenneth T. Wheeler and Sons. We hope he will make up for lost time

Along with the good things in life come Nemitz, Conn.; Past Jr. V. C.-in-C. Allen F. those of sadness as we have parted with an-Spink and Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Alice Cross- other of our elderly members. Charles Rumer, ley, R. I.; Mrs. Bertha M. Fiest, Pres. Aux. 90, Sr., on Oct. 23, in his eighty-third year. From and representatives of a half dozen veterans' | 1912, one of our active men in the ranks, who organizations, who were properly recognized for many years carried his rifle on one of our firing squads for Memorial Day observ-Commander were ceremoniously presented ances. We are glad he was with us this year in the parade, riding in an auto and taking part, as he remarked at the time, "for his 35th year."

At our October meeting on the 17th, a Hallowe'en Party was staged for our younger Louise Gardner, Aux. Dept. Chaplain, in Red group and included all those less than 90 years of age. Great credit is due to Lt. Coyle, chairman, Dept. Com. Jas. C. Tatman and Camp Com. Dave Green, the committee in charge, as they did a bang up job and the evening was one of fun and enjoyment. It showed the boys of our Military Company, as well as our younger members, that the Camp is interested in their welfare.

#### INDIANA

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

#### Camp 28, Richmond

General William P. Benton Camp was repesented at the 83rd National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Indianapolis in September by its Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps.

The men were equipped with uniforms of blue, resembling Civil War uniforms, the coats having been altered for this purpose; the caps, however, being original, made for the army in 1864, and the type worn by General Sherman's "bummers" in the Georgia Campaign.

Martial airs of Civil War days were played during the line of march and seemed to especially please the old comrades who were

at the reviewing stand. The Richmond Corps has been inactive for some years but was revived again especially for the last G. A. R. Encampment. Local Camp response has been so favorable that it has been decided to keep the Corps active.

Bro. Angus E. Ogborn, of Benton Camp, re-Hall, Broadway, Chelsea, our function for tiring Dept. Sec. Treas. of Ind. Dept., has 1949 was sponsored. This fine place is located been appointed by Dept. Com. Ray Tuthill

Other things may be seized with might, or Custodian of Salvation Army Camp in Summertime, was presented by the cele-brated Asbury Grove Players.

A timetand, was presented by the cele-brated only with study.—Johnson.

#### CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

November, 1949

Edward W. Carmichael, Press Secretary, 2254 E. Mountain St., Pasadena 7, Calif.

#### Comrade Chappel Passes

First on our list is the passing of Charles Lysander Chappel, who passed away in the Naval Hospital in Long Beach on Monday, Sept. 19, 1949.

Comrade Chappel was the last of the G. A R. veterans of Long Beach, where he had been a familiar figure for many years, especially in any patriotic work in the city. He loved a parade and always marched until his failing strength made it necessary for him to ride.

The funeral services were conducted in the main auditorium in the Veterans Memorial, membered for the many joint dinners. which had a large overflow crowd in other rooms in the building, and also in Lincoln Park across the street, in which sound amplifiers had been placed to accommodate the many friends. Huge banks of flowers formed at Gilogly Funeral Home, Orange, Oct. 29. a background for the Flag-draped casket. The Sons of Union Veterans had charge of the services in the hall and the United Spanish War Veterans held the ritual services at the graveside.

Flags were flown at half mast on the main the services, by order of the postmaster; other Flags in the city were also at half-staff.

Comrade Chappel was 102 years old and had just returned from the last Encampment of the once glorious G. A. R. He seemed to have put too much effort in the trip and didn't recover from so much excitement.

This Department will miss our old comrade for a long time. \* \* \* \*

## District Meeting

District No. 2 meeting was held in the gar den at the home of Bess and Ralph Garwood, Sept. 25, with Pres. Bessie Woermer, of Inglewood, presiding. A delicious share-a-dish supper was served to seventy-six members and friends. Seven Auxiliaries and five Camps were represented.

Pres. Nellie E. Smith, of San Francisco, was present, as were nineteen other National and Department officers. Sister Lena Barrett gave us a splendid talk about the Nat'l Encampment. Elmer Wohlgemuth told us of Comrade Chappel's trip back to the last G. A. R. Encampment and of his last days at home. He brought out of what wonderful courage. the Veteran was made.

Membership was discussed in a round table forum and \$10 was voted for the Polio Foundation.

No. 2's next meeting will be with Stanton Camp and Auxiliary in Inglewood, date to be announced later. \* \* \* \*

#### Camp 7, Pasadena

Phil Kearney Camp is still on the map and prospering. We expect to take in three new members at our November meeting.

At our December meeting two of our members will be presented with 50-year badges. They are Wm. E. Brown and Bro. Linus L. Karns.

We have had two benefit parties for the Camp this month and one more is scheduled. By doing this we have money to pay our bills and per capita without drawing on our savings. We have a good time at the same time replenishing our treasury.

We are especially proud to report that our dues are paid up to Dec. 31, 1949.

#### \* \* \* \* Joint District Meeting

attended from the South and enjoyed every them the "Grand Army" way of observing life tends to outrun our ethical impulses.—
minute of it. On Saturday evening a dem-

onstrative program of square dancing was the Boys in Blue that fought in the War given. A business meeting was held Sunday from 1861 to 1865. morning to be followed by the banquet at noon.

membership were freely discussed. All of us thing that cannot be bought or given to anyone but to the descendants of Union Veterthought.

Eighty-nine members and friends enjoyed the hospitality for which Fresno is so well the other fellow to do all of the work.

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#### Camp 12, Santa Ana

The Camp has sustained a severe loss in the passing of P. C. Perry V. Grout on Oct. 26 at his home in this city. He had been a faithful worker for many years, and with his J. Houghland, 320 Plymouth Drive, Willoughwife Roena, Past Pres. of Tent 19, are re-

For 40 years he was field manager for the Santiago Orange Growers Association, the largest growers and packers of citrus fruit in Southern California. Services were held

#### \* \* \* \* Camp 10, Long Beach

The Camp is saddened by the loss of Brothr S. W. Hillary who passed away Sept. 23.

The Camp will celebrate their golden anniversary on Nov. 18, with a joint banquet Charles O. Boynton is general chairman.

Sec., who has returned to this city, and G. so that he can send them to The Banner for Keith Graves. Also added to the roster were publication. Keep Ohio in the paper. Geo. W. Bain and Lloyd H. Norman.

Brother John G. Spielman, sponsor of the expectations. 110 million stamps were printenvelopes on that first day, an all time tribute to our comrades.

The New York Stamp Club sponsored a broadcast over WNBC on August 27, on the theme of the Grand Army, the Grand Army Highway and the G. A. R. Commemorative highway, which bears its name, extending will be at the Mayflower Hotel. from Long Leach, 3550 miles to Cape Cod. It tells of the efforts of the brothers to have a 3 cent commemorative stamp issued.

#### OHIO

Charles J. Thobaben, Press Correspondent, 14118 Shaw Ave., East Cleveland 12, Ohio

#### Camp 100, Cincinnati

U. S. Grant Camp observed Constitution Day at its September meeting. Louis G. Blair, P. D. C., delivered an interesting and instructive address on "The Formation of the Constitution of the United States."

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Extracts from Department Orders Since the Grand Army of the Republic has

aid down the gavel it is the duty of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as the only male organization of the affiliated orders to take it and carry on the work that in this matter cannot be stressed too highly, has been started by the Grand Army. We cannot finish this work, but we can carry on the work the way that we know that they

It is up to the members to sell the sons and grandsons the real worth of their herit-In the afternoon meeting finances and age, and make them feel that this is someans of the Civil War; so all see if you are a

#### Christmas Donations

The time of the year has arrived that an annual appeal should be made for donations for the Kenia Home and Madison Home. Davis H. Evans, Route 1, Zanesville; Carlton N. Edie, 213 Prospect Ave., Findlay; Nelson by, are your committee. All checks for this fund should be sent to the Sec.-Treas., R. J. Williams, 339 13th Ave., Columbus 1, Ohio. Please make this donation as large as possible as by your donations the residents in the Homes can enjoy a Happy Christmas.

#### Send News for The Banner

Are you sending items of interest to the Dept. Press Correspondent? It is only by your submitting items to him that you will get news in The Banner. This is the paper that is for you and all news that you wish other Camps to know about what you are dopostoffice and on all branch offices during with the Auxiliary, and program. This open ing can be published. Bro. Charles J. Thobmeeting will have guest speakers from other aben, 14118 Shaw Ave., East Cleveland 12, veteran and civic bodies. Past Dept. Com. Ohio, is the Dept. Press Correspondent. See that he gets all items of news by the 25th The Camp reinstated J. A. Boynton, P. D. day of the month preceding month of issue

#### Mid-Winter Conference

This is quite early to remind the members Grand Army Memorial Stamp, returning of the Mid-Winter Conference and Luncheon, from Indianapolis, states that the demand but this will be held the second Sunday in for this "Boys in Blue" souvenir far exceeded January (8th), 1950, at 10:30 a. m., Room 216, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, O. This ed, 1,185,000 were sold the first day at the In- has been a very inspirational meeting and dianapolis postoffice and 471,696 cancelled on all members who can should attend as business of importance is transacted and plans for the Annual Encampment in June are made.

#### Department Encampment

The Dept. Encampment will be held in Akron, O., next June. All should make plans Stamp. Brother John and his brother Fred to attend this, the first since the Grand A. Spielman, of Fairfield, Iowa, were the Army of the Republic has closed its books in speakers. A recording of his broadcast was the State of Ohio, and this is the first Engiven over State KGER on Nov. 3. The story campment for some time that has been held by these sons of a Civil War Veteran covers out of the Capital City, Columbus. Make the epic of the G. A. R., and the memorial your plans NOW to attend. Headquarters

#### Annual Inspection

The small number of Camps reporting inspections annually is a sad reminder that too many Camps are losing interest in an important branch of our work. Dept. Inspector Joseph G. Gilliland, 610 Clinton Court, Findlay, will communicate with Camps in ample time for inspections to start January 1. Heed his call that he may receive a 100% response to his appeal for definite action.

## Welfare Committee

Wherever tried, a Camp Welfare Commit-tee has proven its worth. This requirement of the Constitution and Regulations was printed in Dept. Order No. 3. In addition to the duties there given it may be used in keeping a Camp alive, and by calling members to important meetings and for funerals of deceased members. Camp Commanders are therefore requested to appoint this important committee without delay. Urgency

The world today is not so much in need of skill as of character. We do not lack ability A joint meeting of Districts No. 1 and 2 would like it to be carried on. Our big task is so much as we lack purpose. Our capacity was held in Fresno, Oct. 15 and 16. Nineteen to interest those that are to follow and teach for achievement in public life and in private

## AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

7 Gilman Road, Alton, N. H.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The Holiday Season is almost with us so may I extend to you all greetings and every good wish for a pleasant Thanksgiving and may the Spirit of Christmas enter each heart in its truest sense. May we pause to remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

Inspections are now over and I trust many new members have been added, also new officers are being chosen. May I wish for them a year of worthwhile service for our Organi-

Please accept my sincere thanks for all the lovely cards received since my election as your National President.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, ETHELYN C. TUCKER,

#### National President \* \* \* \*

#### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Huntington Park, Cal., Sept. 12, 1949. Dear Members: Congratulations to all the newly elected and installed officers of the Aux. to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who were so fortunate as to be at the Encampment at Indianapolis, Ind., Aug.

Words fail to express my gratitude to all those who helped to make it an outstanding Encampment. Your kindness and love, your expressions of good will and your gifts will be remembered and remain with me always. My appreciation and thanks to all.

It was an Encampment long to be remem bered, as we have said adieu to the Organization called "The Grand Army of the Re-

We have and will have our Civil War Veterans who answered Lincoln's call to protect our United States and our Flag. They will never be forgotten.

May we have UNITY as in years gone by, a living Fraternity, a Charity for all and a Loyalty no one can question.

With the lighted candles at our meeting, representing Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, the three tall candles burned brightly until near the end of our Encampment. Charity

burned the longest. Let us take it as a good omen to be Charitable to all; keep our lights burning for all time, in memory of those who were and are our GUIDING LIGHT, those "BOYS IN

Sincerely yours, LENA G. BARRETT, Past National President.

#### \* \* \* \* GENERAL ORDERS AND CIRCULARS

Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker has issued her General Order No. 1 and same has been promulgated to all Depts. It is a very informative one and contains much of interest to Depts. and Auxs., particularly the Recommendations passed at the Nat. Encamp. held at Indianapolis. A partial list of Standing Committees is also given, as well as a list of Nat. Special Aides. She has chosen a most appropriate motto-New Hope.

Nat. Chief-of-Staff Lela B. Shugart and Nat. Patriotic Instructor Elsie Sprague have each promulgated a Circular Letter asking for contributions to their individual funds. Each Dept. and each Aux. can have a part donating to these funds. Personal contributions are also gratefully received.

Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, National President, one. She announces that the "Special Pro- G. A. R. plot and the Memorial Day message Gilman Road, Alton, N. H. ject" this year is the "Archbishop Hanna was given by Chap. Thos. V. Sagler of Camp Center" home for boys. A new home is now Carson and a beautiful spray of flowers by near completion in Sonoma County, where 169 acres of buildings for the purpose of educating boys who have known nothing but many trades, and well educated and will be Press Cor., 1005 E. Routt Ave., Pueblo, Colo. given a chance to be good future citizens. 1651 Oak St., San Francisco.

served at tables set up on the lawn to about Springs, Colo. 70 people, after which a fine meeting was conducted by Dist. Pres. Bessie Woerner.

Oakland, the latter part of Nov. to help de-

Calif. Dept. mourns the loss of Comrade apolis, Ind., last August.

tario Calif

pinochle and 500 followed the dinner, awards [ (Isabel Benware, P. C.). going to Mesdames Anna Stevens, Roxie Mason and Elsie Powell. It was a delightful garden party for all present.

presided at the business meeting that folher husband, Past C.-in-C. Ralph Barrett. Past Nat. V. P. Charlotte Turner presided at were Sister Effie Dahms, Nat. Per. Aide Beatrice Riggs, and other Dept. officers and friends, which included Mrs. Cora Jones, Dept. Pres. of the D. of U. V. N. P. Barrett told of her recent visits to many of the Dept. Encamps, she had attended in the mid-west and in the east.

Holmes.

Colorado Springs-The Aux, and Sons and A meeting of District No. 1 of Ill. Aux, to and two of our members, Sisters Edna Row Sadie Keefer, after which election of officers in assisting in this grand, patriotic work by and Laura Duriger, presented the Colorado took place as follows: Pres. Ethel Shores, flag. We were happy to be the ones to pre- Rockford; Vice Pres., Cappy Rehrmann, Chi-CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC DEPARTMENT War songs. Memorial Sunday was well at Treas. Mamie Coleman, Chicago; Chap., A Dept. Order No. 2 from Dept. Pres. Nellie tended by members of the Aux. and Sons. Freelove Arnold, Elgin; Pat. Inst., Helen

our Pres., Pearl Peterson.

Denver and Fort Collins Auxs. also observed Memorial Day in a fitting and approneglect in the past. These boys will be taught priate manner, — Hattie E. Mottice. Dept.

Colorado Springs Aux. is having a Parcel \$15 from each Aux. in Calif. is asked for this Post Sale to replenish their treasury. The project. The chairman is Zuma Maynard, sale is set for Nov. 26 and donations will be thankfully received. Packages that can be The meeting of Dist. No. 2 was held in sold for a quarter will be on sale wrapped Pasadena Sept. 25, at the home of Mr. and just as received. Send them to Belva T. Lee. Mrs. Ralph Garwooden. A potluck supper was Dept. Vice Pres., 729 So. Cascade. Colorado

#### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

Rockford-The Past Presidents Club of the The Sons and Auxs. of Calif. Dept. will Rockford Aux. was entertained Oct. 11 at hold a carnival in the War Memorial Bldg., the home of P.D.P. Nellie Spalding at Byron, Ill., where the meeting was held. Prefray expenses of Dept. convention. There will ceding the meeting the members of the Club be a Parcel Post Sale and packages to sell were entertained at luncheon by Sister Spaldfor 25 cents each will be gratefully received ing at a hotel in Byron. It was an ideal by Mrs. Nellie E. Smith, 4018 22nd St., San autumn day and all present enjoyed the gathering very much.

Chicago-Aux, 14 held their regular meet-Chas. L. Chapple, who passed away Sept. 20, ing at their new hall, 2517 W. Fullerton Ave., 1949, in Long Beach. "Daddie Chapple" was with our Fres., Sister Ullman, presiding. born in Hartwick, N. Y., July 7, 1847. He was Prayer, flag salute and reciting of the Ameripresent at the Nat. Encamp, held in Indian | can Creed were given. We initiated one new member. We were very pleased to have with Sister Cora Downing is greatly improved us P. N. P. Eva Blackman and husband, P. since her operation and is now at the home D. C. James Blackman; Dept. Pres. Mae Gaof her daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Riggs, of On- ble, Dept. Chap. Sadie Keefer and Dept. Treas. Capitola Rehrmann. P. C. Brother Pasadena - Aux. 14 members and friends McLane, of Old Glory Camp, was also preswere gaily entertained with a covered dish ent. After the meeting we held Open House dinner at 6 o'clock in the evening last sum- and refreshments of delicious cake and cofmer, in the beautiful gardens of Mr. and fee were served. All departed for their Mrs. Ralph Garwood, Pasadena. Games of homes, having spent a pleasant evening.—

Dwight-Dwight Aux. resumed their meetings in Sept. after a vacation of two months, July and August. The Sept. meeting was Sister Lena Barrett, who at the time was held at the home of Nat. Press Cor. Jean M. Nat. Pres. Aux. to S. U. V., made her official Thole. A fine account of the Nat. convenvisit to the Aux. in Glendale. A delicious tion held at Indianapolis was given by Nat. luncheon was served at noon, with Mrs. Ruth | Sec. Olive M. Haynes, and pictures and sou-Ryan, Pres. of Aux. 22, as hostess. She also veniers of the convention were shown. Dwight Aux. is very proud of the election of Sister lowed. Nat. Pres. Barrett was escorted by the Olive as Nat. Sec. at Indianapolis, and is Guides and Color Guards, and introduced by confident she will fill the office to the satisfaction of all Sisters of the Order. The Oct. meeting was held at the home of the Pres., the piano during the meeting. Other guests Chloe Kelch, and plans for the observance of Dedication Day were made, to be held Nov. 16 at the home of Sister Olive Haynes, with a covered dish supper and informal program. Aux. 2 has lost two members by death, Sisters Essie Duffy and Lidella Thompson.

The Past Dept. Presidents Club of Ill. A. S. U. V. were entertained Oct. 9 at the home of COLORADO & WYOMING DEPARTMENT Nat. Sec. Olive Haynes. Sisters Haynes served Our Dept. Encamp. was held at Manitou a delicious baked ham dinner. Nine Past Springs June 6.8 and was well attended. Dept. Presidents were present, including P. N. Joint Memorial services were conducted by P.'s Eva Blackman and Gladys Sallman. Nat. Aux. Dept. Chap. Sister Peterson and Wesley Press Cor. Jean M. Thole and Sister Chloe Mottice, Dept. Chap. for the Sons. Sister Kelch, Pres. of Aux. 2, Dwight, were guests. Rose Keach was re-elected Dept. Pres., and Sisters Letty Connor, Elizabeth Haynes and Sister Belva Lee, Vice Pres.; Nellie M. Jones, Kathryn Parks acted as waitresses. The day Sec.; Charlotte Tobias, Treas. The new offi- was ideal and it was a very lovely occasion. cers were all installed by P. D. P. Louella P.D.P. Anne Byron, of Kankakee, presided at the business meeting of the Club.

the other allied orders presented a flag to the new Lincoln school, for their Auditorium, The meeting was opened by the President, sent these flags to this new school. Children cago; Council: Sadie Keefer, Chicago, Rose of the 5th and 6th grades sang several Civil Lee Brush, Elgin, Elsie Evans, Maywood; E. Smith is a very interesting and instructive On Memorial Day flags were placed on the Richards, Chicago; Press Cor., Lovina Lorah,

Maywood. The new officers were installed joyed .- Florence Arnold, Dept. Press Cor. by Dept. Pres. Mae Gable. The Belvedere Augusta. Aux, was hostess. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Rose Lee Brush and family in the loss of her husband.-Lovina Lorah, Press Cor.

#### IOWA DEPARTMENT

November, 1949

Davennort-The S. H. V. Camp and their Aux, gave a dinner and reception honoring by P. N. P. Maude B. Warren. An invitation Dept. Com. Homer L. Young, of Waterloo, was received from Taunton Aux. for the exand Dept. Pres. Lila Mae Keller, of Betten- emplification of their work on Sept. 21. Also dorf, and their Dept. Officers. Oct. 1 at the to a reception for Dept. Com. Roy Call of the Lend-a-Hand Club. A fine program, dinner and community singing was enjoyed. Several per was held at their next regular meeting, Past Dept. Officers from Ill. Dept. were pres- Sept. 20. The meeting was followed by a

Dcs Moines - Aux. 8 and Aux. 16 held a dinner-reception in Aux. 8 hall, honoring Dept. Com. Homer L. Young, of Waterloo, and Dept. Pres. Lila Mae Keller, of Bettendorf, and the members of their staffs, on Oct. 8. A very fine dinner was served and comreturned home safely from the war.

Des Moines - Camp 75 and Aux, 8 entertained S. V. C.-in-C. Roy J. Bennett at a surprise dessert, after business meeting, in honor of his birthday. They gave him a shower of birthday cards. Camp 77 and Aux. 16, also of Des Moines, were invited.

At the Iowa Dept. Encamp, held last June among the officers elected, appointed and installed by P. N. P. Willma L. Combs, were Dept. Pres., Lila Mae Keller, Bettendorf; V. P., Myrtle Young, Waterloo; Sec., Melissa Harrington, Davenport; Treas., Blanche Ren- | Commander, respectively. ner, Des Moines. We are sorry space does not permit printing the entire list of officers.

July 31. There was a large attendance, 8 Essex, was accepted, members to bring a box elected Dept. officers being present. The at- lunch. tendance of Junior Sons and Junior Aux. members was cancelled because of polio. A wonderful time was had by all present. Officers elected to serve next year were Ethel The sum of \$10 was donated to the Polio C. Roy Bennett. Games were played and a march. dinner was served at five o'clock on the lawn. Sons and members of the Aux. assisted.—Eva Merritt, Dept. Press Co., 1609 7th St., Des Moines, Ia.

ces Warner was general chairman, having held later. been appinted by Dept. Pres. Lucille Blake. Sister Gertrude Stewart, of Bath, was named

in Litchfield. After supper games were en- Cor., 42 Cliff St., Abington, Mass.

#### MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

of the Aux, in G. A. R. Hall. Reports on the Nat. convention at Indianapolis were given Sons at Dorchester Sept. 24. Roll-call supsale and luncheon in charge of Sister Ethel Williams.

Abington—A well attended meeting of Aux. 67 was held in the G. A. R. Hall, Abington, on Sept. 13. A card party was held in the afternoon followed by a box lunch. At the business meeting in the evening the group munity singing indulged in. There were 70 voted to extend thanks to our Pres., Maud present to enjoy a very pleasant evening. On Colburn, for the work she had done during Oct. 9 Aux. 16 presented a flag to the Sun. the hot summer months realizing \$28.75. Doshine Open Bible Church. The presentation nation of money was voted to the Salvation was made by Marcia Frazer, Pat. Inst., who Army and Polio Fund. The Aux, sponsored a was introduced by Pres. Gertrude Berch, The party for the Veterans of Plymouth County flag was accepted by the pastor, Rev. Calvin Hospital at Hanson, Mass., Sept. 21, and on Lopes, who stated his little church had a ser | Sept. 27 the local group and Sons entertained vice flag of 22 stars, all blue; every boy had the P. C. Assn. of Sons and Aux, in.G. A. R. Hall, Abington. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Plymouth - Aux. 26 met recently at Red Men's Hall, Plymouth, with Pres. Rose Richmond presiding. Included in the evening's business was a donation of money to the Salmeeting. Plans are also being made for a reception to Dept. Officers with members of Camp 4. Committees from both Orders are making arrangements. Mrs. A. Louis Gardner, of Aux, 26, and Herbert E. Smith, of the Dept. Much praise and many compli-

Beverly-Aux. 25 held their regular meeting in G. A. R. Hall with the President, Sister Louise K. Goodwin, presiding. An invita-The State Picnic was held at Iowa Falls tion to attend an outing at Mitchell Camp,

South Hansen-Aux. 2 met at G. A. R. Hall, High Street, with the Pres., Thelma Duff, presiding. Kate Burgess was elected Chaplain and Ethel Chamberlain appointed Musi-Jones, Pres.; Sec.-Treas., W. H. Hathaway. cian. They were installed at the next regular meeting. Inspection was held Oct. 1. Fund, of Iowa Falls. The date and place of Natalie Brown, Dept. Inspc., inspected our the picnic next year will be announced later. Aux. Following the meeting refreshments The Junior Sons and Junior Aux. members were enjoyed, Sister Mary Sampson in charge. were entertained at the home of S. V. C.-in- Sister Blanch Foster was winner of the nickel

Wakefield-Aux. 13 met at the home of the Pres., Grace Martin. At the business meeting a fine report was given by Miss Minnie Kelley, chairman, to raise money for the Na-MAINE DEPARTMENT

The annual fair of the Aux. to the Sons of members went to the Bedford Hospital and U. V., Maine Dept., was held in Bath Oct. 15, served for the soldiers there. A small gift according to plans made at the outing held will be sent for the Fair at Worchester. Plans at Rock Hill Inn, Bath, last June. Mrs. Fran-were also made for a rummage sale to be

The regular luncheon of the Past Presidents' Association was held at Pattern's Res-Sec.-Treas. of the fair. There was a rum- taurant, Boston, followed by the regular mage sale and tables of fancy work, hand- meeting in Tremont Temple at 3 o'clock with kerchiefs, candy, food, jellies and jams and a the newly installed officers in charge. Sister mystery booth. The Sons also had a table at Margaret Melindy presided. Donations of money was voted to the Hospital Committee Harking back to summertime activities, the and Ways and Means. Margaret Mitcheson members of Aux. 18, Augusta, enjoyed a pic- as hostess introduced Dept. Com. Roy Call, nic supper on the lawn at the home of Sister as our special guest, who gave a fine report Maud Keen, who served salad and coffee. In of the Nat. Convention. A gift was present-August another pleasant event for Aux. 18 ed to him by Sister Mitcheson. Nat. Pres. was the baked bean supper which the Fred Ethelyn Tucker, of N. H., was our guest, at Harriman's served to members of Augusta S. our Oct. meeting with P. D. P. Ada Ewell as ceded the meeting. V. Camp and Aux. at the Harriman cottage hostess. - Mrs. Maud Colburn. Dept. Press

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT The 57th annual Encamp. of Minn., N. and

S. Dakota Aux. to S. U. V. was held June 10-Brockton — Sister Bertha Holmes, Pres. of
Aux. 17 conducted a well-attended meeting cis Hotel, St. Paul, Minn. The opening session was called to order at 11 a. m. by Dept. Pres. Florence Silvers, who presided graciously at all sessions. All officers were attired in floor-length white gowns. The President's station was decorated with baskets of beautiful flowers, presented her by her own Aux Following the morning session a luncheon was held by the Past Dept. Presidents with Dept. Pres. Silvers as guest of honor. The Courtesy Hour was held at 3:00 p. m., at which time all representatives of the allied patriotic orders extended greetings of their respective organizations and presented Pres. Silvers with many beautiful gifts. In turn Dept. Pres. Silvers presented each of her officers with a very pretty gift. Memorial services in charge of Brother Bailey and acting Dept. Chap. of the Aux., Sister Luella Derrig, were held. A beautiful flower was laid on the altar by our Dept. Pres. for each of the departed Sisters, as soft music and singing prevailed.

That evening Stunt Time was enjoyed with a wonderful program of music and speaking.

The following morning election of officers was held, followed by installation. Among the new Dept. officers installed were the following: Dept. Pres., Florence Silvers (reelected); V. P., Millie Robinson; Sec., Alice Payne; Treas., Agnes Ruffcorn. Space forvation Army. Luncheon was served after the bids publishings the entire list. At 6 p. m. a banquet and reception was held. Thus closed the 57th Encamp., which will long be remembered by all attending as one of the most harmonious and successful in the history of Camp 4, are Dept. Chaplain and Senior Vice ments were extended the retiring Pres. and her Chief-of-Staff, Blanche Charter, on her highly successful ending of a wonderful year. -Luella Derrig, Dept. Press Cor., 1621 E. Superior St., Duluth, Minn.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT The New England Regional Assn. S. U. V.

and Auxs, held their summer meeting last July at the Weirs. About 115 members and guests were present for the week end. Two Nat. officers, then holding the offices of Jr. Vice C .- in-C. of the Sons, Allen F. Spink, of Hartford, Conn., and Nat. Chief-of-Staff of the Aux., Ethelyn Tucker, of Alton, N. H., were present. Sessions were conducted by Charles C. Webster, of Springvale, Me., Regional Com., and May Gibney, of New Britain, Conn., Regional Aux. Pres., the opening session being Sat. p. m., followed by a homecooked supper in the barracks. A program and entertainment was held in the evening, speeches being made by Nat. and Dept. Officers and others. Vocal and instrumental music also was a feature, and a Gay Nineties sketch was amusing. Civil War songs were sung by a chorus. Final business sessions were held Sunday morning. The sum of \$25 was voted by the men's unit to Lincoln Memorial University, Harrowgate, Tenn., which was erected as a memorial to both Abraham Lincoln and the men who fought in the Civil War. The women units of New England Depts. will sponsor an essay contest: topic can be on any historical phase of the Civil War.-Beatrice Lassonde, Dept. Press Cor. Penacook, N. H.

#### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

On Oct. 1, the N. J. Federated Societies held their annual meeting at the Hotel Hildebrecht, in Trenton, with a fine representation from our Auxiliaries. P.D.P. Ella Recger presided at the meeting. A dinner pre-

On Oct. 8, our Dept. Pres. Genevieve Bolan was tendered a very lovely reception by her

only one, the entire Staff of Officers were present and all the Officers were presented with a lovely corsage. The Nat. Officers present were Nat. Vice Pres. Ruth Daly, Member of the Nat. Council Marion Werner of N. Y., and Director of the Budget P. N. P. Edna Lambert. Splendid entertainment was presented and enjoyed by all. P.D.P. Agnes Holland was the chairman of the committee in charge.

On Oct. 15, P. N. P. Edna Lambert, Director of the Budget, and Nat. Sec. and Treas. of the Sons Albert Lambert attended the reception to our Nat. Pres. Ethelyn Tucker, in Alton, N. H. Nat. Vice Pres. Ruth Daly had planned to attend, but due the very sudden illness of her husband, was unable to be

present.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, the Rehabilitation Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dept. Pat. Inst. Lena Williams, entertained a group of veterans at Halloran Hospital in Staten Island. Musical entertainment was given by a group of children, four boys and their sister, ranging from 5 to 11 years of age and was well enjoyed by the boys, who asked that they come back soon again. This musical group are children of a nephew of Nat. Vice Pres. Ruth Daly. Following the entertainment, refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served and candy, cigarettes and Hallowe'en favors were distributed by members of the Committee.

Aux. 7, of Bloomfield, was presented with a flag staff by the members of their Camp, J. J. H. Love Camp No. 12. Now Aux. 7 has a beautiful new Banner and large Flag on the new staff to accompany it on all occasions. Two very faithful members of Aux. 7 parted with their homes of many years in Bloomfield to make their home in Florida. They are P. D. P. Philippine Raab and her sister, P. Aux. P. Margaret Conway. These sisters were honored with a lovely farewell party by the Aux. and also with a party given by P. N. P. Margaret Schroeder.

Aux. 15 of Elizabeth is very proud of the honor brought to their Aux. and the Dept. by the election of P. D. P. Ruth Daly to the office of Nat. Vice Pres. At their meeting following the Nat. Encamp. the Aux. members entertained with a surprise party in Ruth's honor and presented her with several gifts.—Ruth Daly, Dept. Press Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth 4, N. J.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

Newburgh — Aux. 52 and the S. V. Camp held a dinner-reception in Oct., honoring Dept. officers of both Sons and Aux. After the dinner, which was arranged by Aux. Pres. Constance Burgess, a joint meeting of the Camp and Aux. was held. The honored guests were escorted into the hall by the Guides and Color Guards. Many Dept. and Past Dept. Officers were present of both Sons and Aux., as well as delegations from Camps and Auxs. of Albany, Rensselaer, Beacon and N. Y. City. Among the guests given honors was Sister Marion Werner, of N. Y. City, a member of the Nat. Council, Aux. to S. U. V., who was presented with a corsage of yellow roses, tied with yellow ribbons, the national colors, and was presented with gifts. The other honored guests were presented with corsages of red roses, the Dept. Colors, tied with red, white and blue ribbons, and also received gifts. Letters of regret were read from many unable to attend.—Mrs. Ella Jones, Dept. Press Cor., 420 Oakwood Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

(The following first three items were re-

ceived too late for Sept. Banner).
Utica—More than 150 attended the joint picnic of Aux. 15 and Camp 43 held at Procinstallation is to be held with the Sons on ter Park, last July. Races, a ball game and Nov. 14.—Olive B. Boren, Dept. Press Cor., community singing high lighted the activi-

Aux., No. 9 of Orange. With the exception of ties. Sisters Mae Burnham and Stella Learnard were co-chairman.

New York City-A joint meeting of Aux. 24 and its Past Presidents was held and plans made for a card party Oct. 2 in their rooms.

Syracuse — Aux. 25 held a picnic at the camp of P. D. P. Adeline Schleit in August. This was a very enjoyable occasion.

#### OHIO DEPARTMENT

Newark-Newark Aux. 77 has had a very busy season. New members have been initiated, a flag presented to the Day Camp of the Central Church of Christ, District No. 5 picnic, District meetings and a lovely reception held at beautiful Granville Inn for Dept. Pres. Ida B. Elchorn and Dept. Sec. Mary Cline. Following a sumptuous dinner a program of songs, magic and group singing was enjoyed. Judge Cecil J. Randall of the Common Pleas Court of Columbus, who is the Dept. Counselor, gave the address of the evening, using for his subject "Patriotism vs. Communism." The affair was in charge of a committee headed by Mrs. Addie Cabeen and was attended by a large number of Dept. officers, Past Dept. officers and Aux. and Camp members.

Dayton - Several members of the Camp and Aux. 89 attended the reception at Alliance for Dept. Com. Robert Austin and other Dept. officers. A reception was held for Dept. Insp. Opal Conner, Dept. Pers. Aide Margaret Fulton and Jr. Vice Com. Arthur C. Stoltz, attended by Robert Austin, of Alliance, Dept. Com., and many other officers and guests. Sister Pauline Keller continues her good work of giving happiness with her gathering of tax stamps and giving gifts.

Salem-A number of folks from both Aux. 83 and Camp attended the reception for Dept. Officers at Alliance. They report good interest and regular meetings being held.

Frost—Aux. 108. The annual inspection of Aux. officers was held with Sister Opal Conner of Dayton, Dept. Inspt., as the inspecting officer. Fine work was noted and a number of guests present.

Fostoria-Aux. 48. The first anniversary of the "baby" Aux. is being celebrated with a pot luck supper to which all Auxs. and Camps have been invited. Joint installation services are to be held with Sister Edith Nile, P. N. P., as the installing officer.

Alliance-Aux. 91, Alliance, has had many activities. The Sons and Aux. picnic; Inspection of Aux. by Sister Opal Conner, of Dayton, Dept. Insp.; election of a fine staff of officers; District 3 meeting held at Silver Park with the Dept. Pres., Dept. Com. and a number of other Dept. officers present. Memorial services were held for Dept. Com. and Post Com. John H. Grate, followed by the reading of his will. A Hallowe'en concession was held by the Aux, and Camp during the 5-day Hallowe'en celebration, netting a good profit. The highlight of the activities was the lovely reception tendered Dept. Com. Robert Austin: Dept. Chief-of-Staff, George Waller; Dept. Pers. Aide, Spencer Sebrell; Dept. Color Bearer, Howard Conrad. and Dept. Press Cor. Bearer, Howard Conrad, and Dept. Press Cor. Olive Boren. This was attended by Dept. Pres. Ida Eichorn and her Pers. Aide, Margaret Fulton; Sr. V. Com. W. W. Dorsey of Mt. Vernon; Jr. V. Com. Arthur C. Stolz, of Dayton, and many Past Dept. officers and members of both Camps and Auxs. Sister Edith Nile, P. N. P., was mistress of ceremonies and presented Bro. Austin with the gavel owned and used by the late Dept. Com. Grate of the G. A. R. in his Dept. and Post meetings. The honored guests received many gifts and a fine program was presented, followed by dancing and refreshments.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

The 66th annual Encamp, of Penna, Dept. Aux. to S. U. V. was held at Philadelphia June 26-30. It was a very successful and enjoyable Encamp, and was well attended. Dept. Pres. Beulah Cummins presided most ably at all the sessions. Among the new Dept. officers elected, appointed and installed were the following: Dept. Pres., Kathryn Snyder, Pottsville; V. P., Lottie Trumbower, Hellertown; Sec., Elizabeth Feeley, Pottsville; Treas., Margaret McKinney, Philadelphia. A love token of \$50 was presented to the Pa. Dept. Sons of U. V. by the Presiding Dept. Pres. Beulah Cummins. The sum of \$25 each was voted to be sent to the Nat. Chief-of-Staff and Nat. Patriotic Instructor Funds.

Allentown-Aux. 26 held their July meeting on the lawn of the beautiful home of one of our sisters, Ruth Fink. The mother of Sister Fink is Cora Peters, and she is a charter member of Aux. 26. A covered dish and all kinds of refreshments were served after which we played bingo, and a short business meeting was held. The following are the Sisters who attended: Cora Peters, Ruth Fink, Helen Kline, Ruth Shoenberger, Erma Moser, Grace Kinney, Blanch Wertman, Carrie Phiffer, Bertha Rauch, Catherine Hilbert, Louise Schrock, Flora Ackerman, Jennie Fatzinger, Miniie Hunsberger, Brother Wilson Welty of the S. U. V., and Robert Dleter, Chief M. C. of the Navy.

The Western Penna, Assn. of Sons and Auxs. met at Elwood City, Sunday, Sept. 18, with 16 Sons and 24 women in attendance. Reports of Dept. and Nat. conventions were Gilbert Brown, of the Sons, and Council Member Genevieve Duncan, of the Aux. Absent Dept. officers were Mae Rodgers, Chap., and Grace Forsythe, Council Member. P. C .in-C. John Sautter was present and gave a very vivid report of the last Grand Army campfire. Bros. Charles Locke and J. Clark Mansfield, from Davis Star Camp, gave short addresses. The next meeting, which will be the first annual meeting, will be held Nov. 6, at Indiana, Pa., at which time election of officers will be held. The ladies of Elwood City gave a very fine exhibit of their hospitality in serving a very fine lunch, including several homemade cakes. (Clara Lewis, Sec.)

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

Kenosha—Four members of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and of the S. U. V., who were elected to state offices, were honored at a party held at Odd Fellows' Temple. Pot luck supper at tables decorated in garden flowers and American flags opened the party. honor guests were Mmes. Lawrence Michel, Michael Roeder, F. S. Marquissee and Carolyn Sauders. The program featured community singing of patriotic songs, with Norma Thompson at the piano. Solos were presented by Maynard, 13 year old pianist, and Dorothea Rasmussen. Ceremonies introducing the honored guests were impressive. There were visitors from Minneapolis, Green Bay and Wauwatosa.

Madison-Camp 2 and their Aux. enjoyed their annual picnic July 31 in Conjunction with Sons and Aux. of Stoughton, at a beautiful little Stoughton park. A fine dinner and a general get-together was enjoyed by all. There were representatives from Mil-waukee. The Aux. entertained the new members taken into the Madison Aux. during the past year at the home of Maribel Good, Lakeland Ave., Friday evening, Oct. 14.—Lorena Smith, Dept. Press Cor., 919 E. Johnson St., Madison 3, Wis.

All Dept. Presidents are urged to send names and addresses of newly elected Aux. Presidents to The Banner, Dwight, Ill., so each may receive a copy for filing.