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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. Whenever 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

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Discovery of 44 New Brady Civil War Negatives

Neil D. Cramer, Past Com.-in-Chief A total of 44 new 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, Winfield S. Hancock, and John A. Logan, as well as Secretary of War Stanton, Hamilton Fish and James G. Blaine.

The negatives were glass plates wrapped in Washington newspapers dated 1866, and packed in wooden boxes. They are in a fine 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 wagons he sent out equipped for on-the-scene plate making at the Civil War battle fronts.

The 44 Brady negatives found in Owego, N. Y., have been purchased by Ansco Division of the General Aniline and Film Corporation of Binghamton, N. Y.

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 letters 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 for the order.

John G. Spielman of Long Beach, sponsor of the stamp, reports that the first printing by the Post Office Department was 110,000, 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 this record.

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 in representing this feature.

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and afford the Camp a source of contact for new and younger 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 Commandery-in-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 not 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 doubled.

Your Commander-in-Chief will appreciate being advised monthly the progress of your Camp in membership gain. In addition, Camp Secretaries or Com-

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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operate with you and your fellow members in the observance of Dedication Day. Contact your local papers and Radio Station, and try to arrange for at least fifteen minutes to broadcast Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and a 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 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 observance across, but I have confidence in each and every Brother, knowing full well that they will co-operate with a patriotic fervor.

manders 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.

Here is a program that can be used for the observance of Dedication Day—

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.
3. Prayer by the Chaplain. (The following or 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

some kind at the place where the Grand Army had its beginning.

W. F. Hathaway gave an account of his visit to the National Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Little Rock, Ark., which is the first time one of our members had ever been a guest of that organization. He was well received and extended real southern hospitality at its best.

Reports of the Grand Army Highway Committee and Program and Policy Committee were given. The latter recommended that each Department urge the Governor of their state to issue a suitable proclamation honoring Dedication Day.

The following officers were elected for next year: Commander, Franklin S. Hubbard, Kenosha, Wis.; Sr. Vice, Theodore F. Mohr, of St. Louis, Mo.; Secretary, Ellinore Konrad, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Treasurer, Roy Lewis, Milwaukee, Wis.; Patriotic Instructor, Crystal Powell, Indianapolis, Ind.; Chaplain, Ethel Jones, Des Moines, Iowa.

Kankakee, Ill., was chosen as place for next conference.

Early History of Order

It seems to me not amiss to emphasize the fact that the Sons of Veterans' organization first saw the light in the city of brotherly love where the Liberty Bell of Revolutionary fame proclaimed liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof; and where stands Independence Hall, Carpenter's Hall, Old Congress Hall, Christ's Church where Washington, Franklin, Morris and other Revolutionary heroes worshipped, and the Betsy Ross Home where Betsy Ross, under the guidance of the Father of our Country, designed and made the Flag of the United States of America. May we not, therefore, say that grand is our origin and great our destiny.

The Sons of Veterans organization was founded in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1878. The principal promoters were the members of the 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 that city under the title of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. A Constitution, Rules and Ritual was adopted providing for local, state and national organization. In 1883 thirty-three of the Cadet Corp's organization withdrew from the parent organization and joined that founded by Major Davis. This left three Cadet Corps in Pennsylvania loyal to the National organization headed by Commander Cope. In 1886 a consolidation of the Cadet Corps with the Sons of Veterans of U. S. A. took place. This ended what was known as the Post system. The Camp system has prevailed since.

The first National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of United States of America, held Oct.

18, 1882, at Pittsburgh, Pa., divided into six Grand Divisions, viz: The New England States forming the first Division, The Eastern States the second, The Western Middle States the third, The Rocky Mountain States the fourth, The Pacific States the fifth, and the Southern States the sixth. The Grand Divisions were discontinued by the Fourth National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Grand Rapids in 1885.

Official Recognition as Auxiliary to G. A. R. The following resolution was adopted by the 22nd annual National Encampment of the G. A. R. held at Columbus, Ohio, September, 1888, and was promulgated in General Orders No. 3 of Commander-in-Chief William Warner.

"Resolved: That this Encampment endorse the objects and purposes of the order of 'Sons of Veterans U. S. A.' and hereby give to the Order the Official name and title."—Francis P. Addy, P. D. C., Utica, N. Y.

Clenched Fists and Open Hands

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. Thoughts of anger and fear surge into your consciousness. Approach another man with your fists clenched and watch him clench his own. He, too, is ready to do battle. Of course, you may not come to actual physical blows, but you are meeting in an atmosphere charged with antagonism and mistrust. Your minds are closed as tightly as your fists.

Now, open your hands. As you open them you will find your tensions leaving. Your body will begin to relax. Your mind will 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 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, to type a letter, to paint a picture, to perform 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 in a little town in northern Sweden. He had learned of a land of freedom and opportunity across the sea. One day he came home and said he had quit his job. My grandmother said, "We will sell all that we have and go to America."

She knew that was my grandfather's supreme desire . . . the thing that he wanted most to do.

And so with three small children, the youngest just a year old, they crossed the Atlantic on an old cattle ship. They didn't know a soul in this strange land. They couldn't speak the language. They became pioneer farmers in Michigan, clearing the wilderness, building a home. I have always admired their stalwart courage.

An historical writer has pointed out that the secret of our national greatness is the fact that the optimists from all over the world came to America. The people who came here were those who believed in the future. They had the daring to break old ties and launch forth into the unknown. They had the intestinal fortitude to take a chance. They left the pessimists standing on the dock in the homeland afraid to come along on the great adventure.

It is well to remember this mighty heritage of optimism that is ours when defeatists begin to predict disaster. This nation was built 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 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 more than a word. It is more than a spot of ink on a piece of paper, or a sound on our lips.

Peace is everything that makes life worth living.

Peace is God on both sides of the table in a 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 its magic.

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 and color.

Peace is a mighty faith. It is a radiant belief in the potential goodness and greatness of men. It is a dynamic confidence that war can be abolished forever.

Peace is a thing of the heart as well as the head. It is a warmth, a magnetism, that reaches out and draws people together in a common purpose.

Peace is top-level thinking, feeling, acting. It is rising above tanks, planes and atom bombs as a way of settling disputes.

Peace is a way of living!—Author unknown.

Sundry Interviews

Grenville Kleiser, author, New York City: "It is remarkable what can be accomplished with ordinary abilities, if right desire is coupled with determination and diligence. So-called drudgery and disappointment are often forms of discipline that lead to large success. 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 from people, hordes of people skipping through 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 to do in developing a new land which is 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 solicitation for members but the Sons got two applications and the Auxiliary got two applications.

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

work it did. It was suggested that if the Confederates had won the Civil War it might be now that about 95% of the white people would be slaves, with possibly about 5% of the white people landed slave owners. The public should be told about this and the threat that Russia may yet make slaves of millions of our people.

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 he moved to Elgin from Aurora, and resided with a relative. He had given a long-time 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Nov. 22.

MAINE

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Reception to Department Commander Shepley Camp and Auxiliary held a reception for A. Lawrence Calderwood, the Dept.

Aux., No. 9 of Orange. With the exception of 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 Aux. 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 received too late for Sept. Banner).

Utica—More than 150 attended the joint picnic of Aux. 15 and Camp 43 held at Procter Park, last July. Races, a ball game and community singing high lighted the activi-

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. Insp., 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 Aux. 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. Olive Boren. This was attended by Dept. Pres. Ida Elchorn 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 Aux. 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. Joint installation is to be held with the Sons on Nov. 14.—Olive B. Boren, Dept. Press Cor., 1105 W. Vine St., Alliance, Ohio.

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 Schoenberger, Erma Moser, Grace Kinney, Blanch Wertman, Carrie Phiffer, Bertha Rauch, Catherine Hilbert, Louise Schrock, Flora Ackerman, Jennie Fatzinger, Minnie 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 Aux. met at Elwood City, Sunday, Sept. 18, with 16 Sons and 24 women in attendance. Reports of Dept. and Nat. conventions were given and honors extended to Dept. Com. 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 Sauter 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. The honor guests were Mes. 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 Milwaukee. 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.