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IMPORTANT NOTICE

By action taken at the Seventieth National Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, August 19-23, 1951, The Banner will be discontinued in its present form with this issue. The contract was not renewed due entirely to financial reasons.

As no provision was made for a substitute for the coming year, the National Secretary-Treasurer will issue a bi-monthly publication. This will be a six page paper that will be distributed by first class mail with free copies being sent to each Camp Secretary, each Department Officer, each National Officer, and each Past Commander-in-Chief. The General Orders will be contained in this publication.

Any member wishing to subscribe to this paper may do so. The subscription rate will be \$0.60 yearly, covering six issues, mailed first class mail. Subscriptions should be sent to Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, New Jersey.

DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENTS will please co-operate by condensing news from their Departments, as there will not be as much space available as in the past. News must reach the National Secretary-Treasurer on the 25th day of each month preceding each issue. The next issue will be in January, 1952.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5

Series 1951

Headquarters

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Office of Commander-in-Chief

924 Loomis Avenue,
DES MOINES, IOWA

November 1, 1951.

COMMITTEES

Committees as provided by the C. & R. and Resolutions adopted at the Seventieth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, are hereby announced.

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GRAVE MARKING COMMITTEE—National Graves Registration Officer, Bertrand O. DeForest, 27 Homestead Ave., Derby, Conn.—Note: Each Department Commander should forward to Chairman DeForest the name of one member (one from each Department) to serve on this committee.

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PUBLICITY—Harold Drown, P. D. C., 187 Plain St., Stoughton, Mass.

SURVEY OF THE ORDER—William M. Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati 9, Ohio.

DEDICATION DAY

November 19th will be Dedication Day, commemorating the Dedication of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pa., and the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, in 1863. Every Camp should plan appropriate exercises to observe this occasion, inviting members of the Allied Orders, and the public. This is a splendid opportunity of teaching American History, and telling the story of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS

Elections and Installations shall be in accordance with provisions of the C. & R. 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. Invite members of the Allied Orders. Joint installation with Auxiliaries or other Orders are hereby authorized and encouraged.

INSPECTIONS

In accordance with Article 5, Chapter 1, of the Regulations, pages 13-14 of the C. & R., Installing Officers are directed to make inspection of Camp records, books and finances, etc.

SPECIAL AIDES

We will continue the appointment of Special Aides of brothers

securing five or more new members, also brothers giving outstanding service to the Order, their names to be published in the national paper.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC FUND

By action of the Seventieth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, this fund will be continued. Supervision and responsibility for this fund is assigned to the National Patriotic Instructor, John W. Emery, East St., Easthampton, Mass. Department Patriotic Instructors are requested to lend every possible assistance to the National Patriotic Instructor in the performance of his duties.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established at the 70th Encampment in Columbus. The principal is to be kept intact, and the interest to be used for welfare and patriotic work. The fund is established by subscriptions from members of the organization and other persons in memory of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, or a member of not less than ten dollars; and also by legacies and bequests.

The following contributions have been received to this fund, and the money deposited in a special savings account:

- Cleon E. Heald, \$10.00—In memory of Warren R. Ellis, Co. I, 9th N. H. Vol.
- Roy C. Call, \$10.00—In memory of Warren Call, 26th Maine Vol.
- Richard F. Locke, \$10.00—In memory of John M. Locke, Co. M, 2nd Mass. Cav.
- Albert C. Lambert, \$10.00—In memory of William Lambert, Co. F, 81st Penna. Vol.
- Edna S. Lambert, \$10.00—In memory of John Simpson, Co. C, 3rd N. J. Vol.
- P. D. C. Association, \$25.00—In memory of all deceased Past Dept. Commanders, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- William Schneider, \$500.00—In memory of Peter Schneider, Co. F., 153rd Illinois Vol.
- Roy J. Bennett, \$10.00—In memory of James Wilfred Bennett, enlisted in Co. C, 2nd Reg., Vermont Vol. Inf., May 1, 1861.

Total contributed to date, \$585.00. A permanent record will be made of each contributor, and the name and service record of the Civil War man honored.

PASS WORD—PAID UP MEMBERSHIP CARD

By action of the 70th National Encampment, the pass-word is hereby discontinued as of January 1, 1952. In place thereof, each member is required to show a paid-up membership card to gain admission, to vote, or to hold office in any Camp, or Department. No changes in regulations were made in the Ritual where the Pass-word is mentioned. Camps are hereby authorized to substitute wording "Paid Up Membership Card" where necessary, until official changes are made and printed.

PER CAPITA TAX

Starting the September, 1951, quarter the per capita tax to Departments is .60c yearly, payable quarterly in the amount of .15c per member in good standing.

REQUISITION FOR SUPPLIES

Supplies can only be furnished to Camps by sending Requisition Form No. 1 together with check to cover cost to Department Secretaries.

Supplies can only be furnished to Departments by sending Requisition Form No. 1½ together with check to cover cost to the National Secretary.

Camp and Department Secretaries will please co-operate.

1952 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

By action of the Encampment at Columbus, the 1952 National Encampment will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., the week of August 20th. Complete information as to hotels, rates, method of reservation, etc., will be announced at a later date.

I hereby appoint the following convention committee for the 1952 Encampment to be held in Atlantic City:

- Chairman, Albert C. Lambert, P. C.-in-C.; Fred Combs, Sr., P. D. C.; William G. Simpson, Dept. Commander; Andrew Richardson, P. D. C.; Robert McCloud, Sr., P. D. C.; William T. Bryan, P. D. C.; Harry Pennell, P. D. C.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The Union Soldiers of the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic gave us a proud heritage, but one which is too often neglected. Only five of these men are among the living today; LET US HONOR THEM WITH LIVING DEEDS.

It is incumbent upon us, The Allied Orders, who have worked throughout the years with these comrades, to perpetuate their principles and traditions. WE MUST NOT FAIL THEM. I, as Commander-in-Chief, hereby pledge myself and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War anew to Comrades James A. Hard,

Douglas T. Story, William Allen Magee, Albert Woolson and Israel Broadsword.

IN MEMORIAM

To the Family of Lansing A. Wilcox, who passed away September 29, 1951, at the age of 105 years.

I wish to extend my sincere sympathy for the loss of this great member of your Family. He had the high privilege of being a soldier in the Grand Army of the Republic, and of living to a great age.

We lose another member of the Grand Army of the Republic, here on earth, but he will be happy to answer to Roll Call in that vast Army above, which will be all too soon, completed.

HEADS AFFILIATED ORDERS

The following were elected National Presidents of the Allied Orders:

- Woman's Relief Corps: Mrs. Daisy Heinemann, 2669 N. 28th, Milwaukee, Wis.
 - Ladies of the G. A. R.: Mrs. Harriet Eaton Hughes, 6655 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
 - Daughters of Union Veterans: Miss Jennie Moriarty, 68 Sayles Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.
- To them and their fine organizations I extend cordial greetings. Recognizing their splendid efforts on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, we wish for them continued success through the years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 5

Report of National Treasurer—September-October, 1951, Incl.

GENERAL FUND	
August 31, 1951, Deficit	\$ 208.83
Receipts:	
Per Capita Tax	\$ 635.75
Membership Fees	11.00
Supplies	262.41
Interest on Bonds	28.75
Columbus Encampment Committee	62.43
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	\$ 791.51
Disbursements:	
General Expense	\$ 436.97
Encampment Expense	105.61
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	542.58
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Balance November 1, 1951	\$ 248.93

G. A. R. FUND	
August 31, 1951—Balance	\$2,393.89
Disbursements	41.75
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Balance November 1, 1951	\$2,352.14

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE	
November 1, 1951—Balance	\$ 102.00

SAVINGS FUND—HONOR ROLL ACCT.	
Balance August 31, 1951	\$ 75.00

Receipts:	
William Schneider, Missouri	\$500.00
Roy J. Bennett, Iowa	10.00
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	510.00

Balance November 1, 1951	\$ 585.00
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U. S. BONDS	
November 1, 1951—Balance	\$5,500.00

Attest: ROY J. BENNETT, Commander-in-Chief.

ALBERT C. LAMBERT, National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUNDRY INTERVIEWS

Ralph Waldo Emerson, American philosopher (1803-82): "He is a strong man who can hold down his opinion. A man cannot utter two or three sentences without disclosing to intelligent ears precisely where he stands in life and thought, namely, whether in the kingdom of the senses and the understanding, or in that of ideas and imagination."

W. C. Thurston, poet (1874-1944): "It is inconceivable that the present horrible state of affairs should exist in this world. And what is it all about? Mankind has three elemental needs—food, clothing, and shelter. All of which mother earth will supply without bloodshed. Poor little man; his ego and his ignorance have been his undoing. No wonder a God-man named Jesus was crucified. Strange to say, day after day he is still being crucified in every town in our land."

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES
(All previous price lists are void)

Camps will revise Form No. 1 and Departments will revise Form No. 1½ to conform to the following price list before ordering supplies.

Camps must purchase all official supplies from Department Headquarters on Form No. 1. Supplies from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters will always be shipped to Department Headquarters and NOT to Camps or individuals and only on Form No. 1½ from Department Headquarters.

Cost of Camp Supplies		Form 1½	Form 1
		To Depts.	To Camp
No. 1	Requisitions for Supplies.....per 100	\$1.25	\$1.60
2	Appl. for 50-year Badges.....per 100	1.25	1.60
3	Appl. for Membership.....per 100	1.25	1.60
4	Transfers.....per 100	1.25	1.60
5	Appl. for War Medals.....per 100	1.25	1.60
6	Honorable Discharge.....per 100	1.25	1.60
7	Past Officers Credentials.....per 100	1.25	1.60
8	Delegates Credentials.....per 100	1.25	1.60
8½	Alt. Delegates Credentials.....per 100	1.25	1.60
11	Constitution, and Regulations.....each	.15	.20
12	Statements of Account.....per 100	1.00	1.30
13	Camp Council Quarterly Report per 100	1.00	1.30
14	Notices to Delinquent Member per 100	1.00	1.30
A	Descriptive Book.....each	1.75	2.25
B	Camp Treasurer Receipt Book.....each	.60	.80
C	Camp Secretary Requisition Book each	.75	1.00
D	Minute Book.....each	1.50	2.00
E	Ledger.....each	1.50	2.00
F	Cash Book.....each	1.50	2.00
H	Book—new members to sign.....each	1.52	2.00
	Electros of Badge.....each	1.00	1.30
	Electros of Coat of Arms.....each	1.00	1.30

Department Supplies		Form 1½	Form 1
		To Depts.	To Camp
0000	Password.....	Free	Free
1½	Dept. Requisition for Supplies.....per 100	1.50	.....
2½	P. D. C. Credentials to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.....per 100	1.25	.....
2¾	Delegates Credentials to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.....per 100	1.25	.....

Cost of Camp Supplies		Form 1½	Form 1
		To Depts.	To Camp
3½	Alt. Delegates Credentials to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.....per 100	1.25	.....
4½	Department Transfer Cards.....per 100	1.00	.....
21	Rituals.....each	.75	1.00
22	Installing Officers Reports.....per 100	2.00	.....
23	Organizers Reports New Camps.....per 100	1.00	.....
26	Camp Charter Applications.....per 100	2.50	.....
27	Camp Sec'y Quarterly Reports.....per 100	2.50	.....
27D	Dup. Book—Camp Sec'y Quarterly Reports.....each	.50	.65
28	Camp Treasurers Quarterly Reports.....per 100	1.25	.....
28D	Dup. Book—Camp Treasurers Quarterly Reports.....each	.35	.50
35	Dept. Sec'y Report Camps Dropped, etc.	Free	Free
37	Dept. Sec'y Consolidated Reports.....	Free	.....
37D	Dup. Book of Form 37 for record.....each	1.00	.....
38	Dept. Treas. Consolidated Reports.....	Free	.....
38D	Dup. Book of Form 38 for Record.....each	.80	.....
45	Secret Work Envelopes.....per 100	1.50	.....
49	Certificates of Election—Dept.....each	.20	.....
60	Camp Patriotic Instructors Reports.....per 100	1.25	.....
61	Dept. Patriotic Instructors Reports.....per 100	1.25	.....
	Dept. Secretary's Cash Book.....	6.00	.....
	Dept. Secretary's Requisition Book.....	6.00	.....
	Dept. Treasurer's Receipts Book.....	8.00	.....

Badges and Decorations		Form 1½	Form 1
		To Depts.	To Camp
	Membership Badges.....each	1.00	1.25
	Past Camp Commanders Badges.....	1.00	1.25
	Past Dept. Commanders Badges.....	10.00	.....
	War Medals.....	2.25	2.50
	Fifty Year Badges.....	2.00	2.25
	25 Year Bars.....	.40	.50
	Bronze Recognition Button.....	.50	.60
	Membership Ribbons (Blue).....	.15	.....
	Department Fibbons (Red).....	.15	.....
	Camp Seal Presses.....	Prices quoted on request	.....

FANCY VERSE

It's curious what a sight o' good a little thing will do; how ye can stop the fiercest storm when it begins to brew, an' take the sting from what commenced to rankle when 'twas spoke, by keepin' still an' treatin' it as if it was a joke. You'll find that you can fill a place with smiles instead o' tears, an' keep the sunshine gleamin' through the shadows of the years—by jes' laughin'.

Folks sometimes fail to note the possibilities that lie in the way your mouth is curvin', an' the twinkle in your eye; it ain't much what's said that hurts as what you think lies hid; it ain't so much the doin' as the way the thing is did. An' many a home kep' happy an' contented day by day, an' like as not a kingdom has been rescued from decay—by jes' laughin'.—Anonymous.

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"PUT TO BED" FOR LAST TIME

In newspaper parlance an expression is used to describe final disposition of the efforts of correspondents and editors following collection of news and matter to go into any edition, as it is turned over to stereotypers and pressmen, and distributed to readers. It is called "putting the paper to bed."

The preparation of matter for this, the last issue of The Banner for the above operation, brings mingled feelings to ye Editor—elation because of the release of duties that at times have been confining and burdensome; regret because we will lose the close contact our position supplied with the Officers, the many fine Correspondents and Brothers, who have contributed news and ideas for our official paper.

The volume number on the front page of our paper shows that for fifty-five years The Banner has been going to our membership. It was first started as an Illinois project, but in 1903, at the Providence, R. I. Encampment, it was adopted as our official organ. Until 1918 the paper was competently edited by Past Com.-in-Chief Wm. G. Dustin. A partnership with Mr. Dustin, starting in 1905, brought the present Editor into the picture, taking over duty when Mr. Dustin passed away in February, 1918.

The continuous association with any project for nearly half a century brings about many interesting experiences—some pleasing, some sad, some amusing, but all in the days work, and all cherished. The breaking of such an association is bound to bring changes in many ways, but we are hoping that it will give us a chance to do some of the many things that we have always wanted to do, but never found time for. It will, however, make no change in our love for the Order, and our willingness to do everything in our power to continue to advance the Order's interests in every way. The love for our father's comrades is stronger than ever and we shall always be glad to demonstrate this in every possible way.

We shall ever revere the many dear friends and brothers whom we have been privileged to know, and shall hope to meet and greet them as we gather in Encampment. And so, not good bye, but "til we meet again". Ye Editor.

WHAT THEY SAY

A Tribute

As the oldest ranking Dept. Press Correspondent, with a service of 24 years, I want to bear testimony to the fine outstanding editorship of The Banner we have had in Past Com.-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook. He has used the blue pencil sparingly and then only from necessity. He has given us a publication, which, considering the pittance received for publishing the same, has been invaluable.

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Some of the articles by such brothers as the late Michael G. Heintz, and our National Patriotic Instructors, are well worth preserving for a long time. Several of our shut-in brothers have written me telling me how much they will miss The Banner. Its demise is a serious blow to the Order.

May our Heavenly Father give you good health, long life and shower his choicest blessings upon you, Alan. We know that your loyalty and devotion will not cease.—Neil Cramer.

It's Nice To Have Known You

The above (caption) is spoken seriously. The Banner is finally furling, temporarily at least, this issue marks its passing. How much of our illustrious past is enfolded, can never be estimated. Much of its beneficence can be attributed to Allan S. Holbrook, over a long period for approximately fifty years. He has been splendid, his task stupendous. Some men work so hard, earning millions of dollars, they have no time to collect, while others work so hard collecting they have no time to earn. Allan Holbrook retires to a throne in the first group.

For nearly a dozen years, spread over a quarter of a century, it has been my happy privilege to work with Holbrook, in a State or National capacity. If I've accomplished anything for our Order, it has been materially thru the medium of our National organ "The Banner." Its pages perhaps contain the only permanent records of our history.

And as Ye Editor retires, no one seems ready to volunteer the assignment to continue. The financial burden has been mounting for some time. This man has withstood the shocks. Many headaches and heart aches have been his, but heart throbs and enlightenment for so many of our members. Now he well might ponder if it was labor for his pains. "What price, Glory?" In the warp and woof of our S. U. V. existence, we might stoutly fling back the answer: "The reward of a deed well done is to have done it." We can think of no better answer. There is no better reward.—Bro. Harold M. Drown.

A Valiant Servant

As I understand it the good old Banner ceases to exist with the issuance of the November issue.

According to the standing item on the first page each month our official organ has done valiant service for our Order for 55 years. As I recall it the first few years of its publication was not national in scope, but for 50 years it has been our official organization publication.

We have watched its progress through the years, and the one regret that many of us have, is that we have not had more contributions to its columns from the membership of the organization, especially from those holding or having had the experience of serving in Department and National offices.

We must realize the strain on an editor and the publishers of any newspaper, especially in these days of high costs of paper, ink, labor, etc., but The Banner has never failed us on the days of publication. The Order, now, without an official publication, will find it difficult to promote its interests, and this probably means that our official notices will have to be promulgated to camps only through General Orders, as they were, for years until The Banner included them in its columns.

Our thanks to the publishers and others who have given us The Banner through the

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

John W. Emery
227 East St., Easthampton, Mass.

Brothers: Having been appointed and installed as your National Patriotic Instructor, I humbly acknowledge this high honor and privilege to serve our beloved order. I will strive, to the best of my ability, to perform the several duties of this office in a highly creditable manner.

YES—Contributions to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund will be solicited again this year. I hereby request all Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors to represent this office in this function. Camp Patriotic Instructors will forward any contributions received to their Department Instructor, who will forward these monies to our National Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, 2772 So. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

NOW IS THE HOUR—Not of the popular tune hit—but let each brother make every hour the hour of great importance to our order and to the memory of "The Boys in Blue". Not the saddened sorrowful memories of a gone-by era but the happy memories of the great heritage that is ours—ours only through the salient fact that their blood supposedly flows through our veins. Can we not honestly ask ourselves this question, "What am I doing to keep America as they would want it kept?"

Webster defines a patriot as a person who loves his country, and zealously supports and defends it and its interests. Is each brother doing his part? Dad did.

Another definition by Webster—Patriotic—Devoted to the welfare of one's country. I am certain that we all are devoted to the welfare of our Country. It is our bounden duty—our pledge to the "Boys in Blue". Let us keep that pledge solemnly and sincerely as long as we live, and while we live let us pass it on to the children of today.

America needs organizations like ours to keep it free from the evils of Communism or any other such ism. You and I can do much to defeat this evil to a free thinking peaceful world, by standing up at all times—yes verily shouting from the roof tops—"I AM AN AMERICAN." Thank God for all the good that implies.

Brothers, like the eagle, may we be quick to discover our Country's needs, strong in its defence and swift to carry out the objects of our Order. May we ever wear the badge of our Order with the high esteem with which we hold all that is dear to us.

I particularly wish to acknowledge the splendid achievements of our Auxiliary and to thank its members for their untiring efforts in assisting the Sons. I am fortunate and grateful to them for giving me so wonderful a person for inspiration during my tenure in office as National Auxiliary President Phyllis Dean of the Massachusetts Department.

And, finally, as the holiday season approaches, I send my greetings to all members, wishing them a joyous Christmas and prosperity and health through the coming years. When the Christmas bells ring out may they ring peace and happiness deep in the hearts of all humanity. On the coming of the New Year raise high your cup of coffee and drink to the success of the Order so dear to us—"and I will pledge with mine."

Roy J. Bennett,
Commander-in-Chief

DON'T FORGET—NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT—ATLANTIC CITY—AUG. 24-28, 1952

The Last Leaf

When Wisconsin's beautiful timber was assuming its most brilliant hues and the leaves were beginning to fall, our beloved Comrade, Commander Lansing Alonzo Wilcox, the last of our G. A. R. members, passed to the Great Beyond.

His death occurred in the Grand Army Home at King, Wis., Sept. 29, 1951, at the age of 105 years.

The Wisconsin G. A. R. was actually the first state organization in the nation and the first encampment was held in Madison on June 7, 1866. Gen. James K. Proudfit was elected Commander. The Illinois Department was organized July 12, 1866, more than a month later. The Madison G. A. R. Post was chartered June 10, 1866, and six more Posts were chartered in Wisconsin during that year.

Comrade Wilcox had been a resident of the Grand Army Home since August, 1950, when he could no longer be cared for at home. He was born in Kenosha, Wis., March 3, 1846, enlisted at the age of 18, and was assigned to Co. F, 4th Wisconsin Cavalry stationed at Baton Rouge, La. Following the Civil War, he taught school at Cadott and served as postmaster there from 1902 to 1912.

In 1946 he attended the Department Encampment in Kenosha and again in 1949 at Milwaukee. He headed the memorial section of the State Centennial parade in Madison May 29, 1948, and I had the honor of acting as one of his escorts, being at that time Dept. Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

For a time he lived on the Pacific coast but returned shortly to his native state and is said to have owned several hundred acres of timber land and a cheese factory at the time of his death. He was a quiet unassuming gentleman, beloved by all who were privileged to know him. He had served as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and for several years as Department Commander. His fourth wife and a daughter survive him.

Chapel service was held at King, Wis., Oct. 1, at 1:30 p. m. which was well attended by members of the Allied Orders and veteran groups. The remains were then escorted to Cadott by Co. G, 426 Inf., Wis. National Guard of Stanley, Wis.

Many of us continued on to Cadott where funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. the following day in the high school auditorium. He was laid to rest, surrounded by that beautiful timber he loved so well.

"And if I should live to be
The last leaf upon the tree—
Let them smile, as I do now,
At the old forsaken bough."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

—Franklin S. Hubbard, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

To the Memory of

Brother Michael G. Heintz

The preparation of a Memorial to Brother Michael G. Heintz is a difficult assignment, for Brother Heintz was not only the life and spirit of our Camp but was a household word throughout the community in which he lived for so many years. He was loved by everyone who knew him.

We all remember "Mike" Heintz, who died on June 22, 1951, at the age of eighty-two, as a vigorous, magnetic man, who walked with a stride, whose upright carriage expressed his uprightness of character and emanated the spirit of youth. He was never too busy

What Made Lincoln Great

Commander-in-Chief Heald's Lincoln Day Address, February, 1951

Legend tells us that on February 12, 1809, at a wilderness crossroads in Kentucky, two frontiers men met and drawing up their teams one said to the other, "Any news?" and the other man replies, "Nop, only that I just heard that Nancy Hanks has had another baby—giddap" and each proceeded along in opposite directions.

You and I have discovered that seemingly unimportant events frequently are of such import that people and nations are affected from their impact.

The event that occurred on that February day in the wilderness of Kentucky has resulted in a life that not only showed its influence upon the people and government of his day but has had a carry-over down to this present moment.

Born in a primitive log cabin with a floor of packed down earth, one door swinging on leather hinges, one small window probably covered with tightly stretched animal skin, a stick-clay chimney and smoky fire-place, with a peg ladder to the attic where he slept, Abraham Lincoln has emerged from these primitive and humble surroundings to be acclaimed as one of the great men of world history.

Those of you who are Lincoln students appreciate the situation in which one finds himself when he consents to speak on an occasion such as this one here tonight.

Without question no man in history has had as many words written about his life as has Lincoln and the astounding fact is that Lincoln books today are being written and are eagerly sought by the public in this year 1951.

There are any number of phases of Lincoln's life which offer a speaker almost unlimited material for an address.

I might discuss with you the boyhood days of Abraham Lincoln with the joys and sorrows which come to all of us to a greater or lesser degree, and the loss of Lincoln's mother which so profoundly affected his entire life might well deserve our entire thoughts for an address.

I am particularly interested in Lincoln's school days and his teacher, Mentor Graham, whose influence made a distinct contribution to Lincoln the man. With less than one year of formal schooling, Mentor Graham was able not only to teach him grammar and mathematics but by so doing he gave Lincoln the foundation for surveying and later for the study of law. Sometime I hope that I may be permitted to devote an entire discussion on this one subject of the man who taught Lincoln.

The religious life of Lincoln offers another subject which time does not permit us to explore.

We might very profitably devote this time to Lincoln's New Salem. You all recall the story of the raft with young Lincoln aboard which became grounded on the dam and how he used his knowledge of physics to float the craft and proceed on the trip.

However, this seemingly minor incident changed Lincoln's life as he remained in New Salem for six years (1831-1837) and there in that frontier town on the banks of the Sangamon River, 20 miles Northeast of Spring-

field, Lincoln lived, worked and grew in stature. New Salem became a town of about twenty-five families. A typical pioneer town of log cabins, store, mill and postoffice.

Here again we might discuss an era of Lincoln's life which includes business, failures, a broken heart in the death of Ann Rutledge, political defeat, his career as postmaster and his part time job surveying with John Calhoun, his first political victory in 1834 when he was elected to the Legislature and the influence on his life from the contacts and acquaintances which he made while in the legislature.

The era of Lincoln's life beginning in 1837 in Springfield where he studied law and opened his office as a lawyer, his political campaigns, his debates with Douglas and finally Lincoln as the President of the United States, are all phases of his life which time does not permit me to discuss here tonight.

Coming as I do from the State of New Hampshire, I will, with your permission, take just a few moments to tell you of another incident which happened to Lincoln in my State which greatly aided his election as President of the United States.

Following the famous Douglas Debates, Lincoln returned defeated to Springfield, downhearted and financially troubled. He shortly received an invitation to come to New York City for an address and as he needed the speaker's fee and as he had a son who was a student at Philips-Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire, whom he wished to visit, he decided to accept the invitation. You all know the impact of his Cooper Union address. Lincoln's son, Robert, had roomed with a prominent family in Exeter by the name of Tuck. Amos Tuck had served in Congress with Lincoln, but had not known Lincoln intimately. New Hampshire was in the midst of a political campaign and Amos Tuck upon learning from Robert Lincoln that his father was coming from New York City to visit at Exeter, immediately seized the opportunity to arrange for Lincoln to speak at several political rallies in New Hampshire cities and I believe that while on this New Hampshire speaking tour the name Abraham Lincoln was first mentioned as the next President of the United States. Lincoln was allowed very little time to devote to his son as he had planned but he did meet men in New England without whose 42 votes he never could have been nominated at the 1860 Chicago Convention.

May I offer one more thought about Lincoln and one which has been considered of some significance by numerologists. Seven being the so-called number of perfection Lincoln lived:

The first seven years of his life in Kentucky.

Two times seven years in Indiana.

Four times seven years in Illinois.

And he lived seven years in Washington.

His paternal ancestry has been traced through seven generations.

There are seven letters in both his first and last names.

He was born on the Sabbath—7th day.

He lived a cycle of eight times seven years.

Many other world figures have been born in the month of February including Washington, Darwin, Edison, Mendelssohn, Han-

del, Dickens, Longfellow and many others.

What Made Lincoln Great? In my opinion it was the combination of many homely virtues which he personified—honesty, industry, tolerance, perseverance, humility, kindness, positiveness, broadmindedness, reverence and sympathy. All of us have and practice one or more of these virtues of greatness, but few of us are endowed with the capacity for all of them as was Lincoln.

I doubt if Kipling had Lincoln in mind but he certainly described the qualities that made him a great man when he wrote:

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it upon you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt
you

But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And you don't look too good or talk too wise.

If you can dream and not make dream your
master,

If you can think and not make thoughts your
aim,

If you can meet with triumph or disaster,
And treat those two imposters just the same,
If you can bear to hear the truth you've
spoken

Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to
broken

And stoop and build them up with worn-out
tools.

If you can make one heap of all your win-
nings

And risk it on one turn of pitch and toss,
And lose and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss,
If you can force your heart and nerve and
sinew

To serve your turn long after they are gone
And to hold on when there is nothing in you,
Except the will which says to them: "Hold
on."

If you can talk with crowds and keep your
virtue,

Or walk with kings, nor lose the common
touch,

If neither foes nor friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you and none too
much,

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds worth of distance run,
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,
And what is more—you'll be a man my son.

What Made Lincoln Great?—His stand on problems of his day which seem to parallel our problems in 1951.

We are faced with the problem of Communism with its human slavery.

Lincoln said, "We cannot live half free and half slave"—and he did something about it.

Socialistic trends are endangering many of our American time-proven ways of life.

Lincoln said, "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."

"You cannot help small men by tearing down big men."

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich."

Today we are faced with an ever increasing National debt.

Lincoln said, "You cannot establish security on borrowed money."

Today we face the problem of a tendency in government to furnish protection for the individual from the cradle to the grave.

Lincoln said, "You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence."

Finally, I will quote another statement of Lincoln's made nearly one hundred years ago when he said, "You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

What Made Lincoln Great? Each of us as individuals and collectively as an organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should discover Lincoln the man and promulgate his virtues of greatness to all America in this present hour of National crisis.

I leave with you the words spoken by Abraham Lincoln on the occasion of an overnight stop at Indianapolis, Indiana, while on his way from Springfield, Illinois, to Washington, D. C., to take the oath of office as the 16th President of the United States of America, when he said, "It is not the President of the United States, nor the politicians in Washington but it is only you the people who can save this Republic"—Thus spoke this once poor, desolate boy from the Kentucky wilderness, the flat-boatman, rail-splitter, surveyor, country lawyer and politician—the man who now belongs to the ages—Abraham Lincoln.

Memorial Day and The Flag

Address Given in 1951 by Frederick K. Davis, Present Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Friends, we have met this Memorial Day to honor the veterans who are buried here. And we cannot do them higher honor than to display and raise aloft the Flag they loved so well and under which they served.

Why does the display of the Flag do them such high honor? In appearance, it is only a piece of cloth with some bright colors on it—red, white and blue. True, these colors are combined in an interesting and striking way. There are stripes of alternate red and white, with white stars on a field of blue.

It is, indeed a beautiful piece of cloth. But we do not display the Flag because it is so lovely to behold, but because it represents our Union of States in one Republic, and because it represents the ideals and principles of the Constitution under which we live and in defense of which these veterans served.

What can we say today that will do justice to this Flag, to its history, to its meaning? How can we tell its story with our poor words? Where can be found the words that can encompass its history, or paint the picture of its glory?

Conceived as it was in 1777 in the midst of war for freedom, the crimson of its stripes was caught from the best blood that ever poured on freedom's altar. Into its shining bars of white were woven the hopes and prayers of the noblest souls who ever strove for liberty. And its field of blue, with the white stars spread symbolically upon it, seems to have been the special gift to America of Heaven itself.

Yes, I think God had great expectations for America. "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget—lest we forget."

Born of conflict for national independence, and of the determination never to submit to tyranny by government, the Flag represented the highest ideals of individual liberty. Under it rode George Washington, the father

of his country. And while it waved in the breeze at Yorktown in 1781, the enemy against whom Washington fought gave up the fight and prepared to leave our shores. Then, as our nation took form, the Flag became the symbol of the sublimest principles of a free people that the ages have yet unfolded—a government of the people, by the people, for the people.

In 1812 the Flag saw the same enemy back on our shores again. But he was quickly expelled from his new aggressions. And then, in 1861, when misguided people sought to destroy the Union, the Flag went forth again to preserve our nation. Like a pillar of flame it led the Union soldiers through the mists and over the rocky steeps to the heights of Lookout Mountain, and achieved a victory above the clouds as if rebuking the lords of slavery before the Throne of God.

At Gettysburg, first obscured in the smoke and confusion of defeat, it later shone forth in victory, and when it flashed along the crimsoned crests of the battlefield the nation knew that treason had received a mortal blow.

For four long, red years the Flag waved and wavered above the fields of carnage and destruction, but emerged finally in safety in the hands of General Grant at Appomattox without one single star erased! Not a star was gone! Not one single State was lost!

Again, after thirty-three years of peace, when the pitiful cry was heard in our land of peoples held in the ruthless yoke of heartless Spain, the Flag led America to make them free. To Cuba and the Philippines it brought release from bondage. The men who carried it then were on a lofty mission.

Nineteen years later came World War I, then came World War II, and the Flag led the way around the world, inspiring deeds of deathless glory and bringing relief and succor to the peoples of every continent.

But the story of the Flag cannot be told. That story is too big. No book of history could contain it. That resplendent banner has been the harbinger of liberty and progress to the oppressed of every land and clime. Its splendor is reflected in the love of many millions of people who have come to America from other lands and who have found here the blessings of freedom and happiness which were denied them in the countries of their birth.

When we salute the Flag, we do not salute merely a piece of colored cloth. We salute the United States of America. That Flag is the Flag of men—and women, too—who suffered every sacrifice, and faced every peril, to build and preserve this nation. They honored the Flag, now the Flag honors them. That is the Flag of men who died on land and sea and in the air that we might live; that we might be secure in our homes, our schools, our churches. They honored the Flag, now the Flag honors them.

That Flag is the Flag of Washington and Lincoln. It is the Flag of our fathers. It is your Flag and my Flag. No other Flag that waves today on earth holds out so brave a hope for all mankind.

A soldier said, "Wrap the Flag around me, and I can die better." Let us, the living, wrap the Flag, and the principles it stands for, around us, and we will not only die better, we will live better.

That Flag waved over our land and our homes when we lay in our cradles. It waved over the veterans who lie buried here. Let us resolve that, as we received it clean and uncorrupted from those who preceded us, so shall it wave over our children.

Central Region Conference

The Central Region Conference was held in Des Moines, Iowa, October 17th and 18th, 1951. The meetings were presided over by the Regional Commander, Brother Theo. H. Mohr of St. Louis, Missouri. Many interesting subjects were brought to those attending, with very inspiring words from our Commander-in-Chief, Roy J. Bennett, and National President, Phyllis Dean.

The meeting was adjourned and the evening was turned over to the Department of Iowa for the purpose of the banquet and reception of our Commander-in-Chief, Roy J. Bennett.

Sunday morning the meeting reconvened and the last details of Regional business were completed with election of officers as follows: Commander, Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri; Sr. Vice, George W. Lovering, Illinois; Jr. Vice, Lela B. Shugart, Indiana; Secretary, Ellinore Konrad, Wisconsin; Treasurer, Roy R. Lewis; Chaplain, Ethel Jones, Iowa, and Patriotic Instructor, Louis Blair, Ohio.

Among the many constructive decisions made by the delegates attending was a resolution to be drawn up commending General Douglas MacArthur for the services he had rendered to the United States and the entire world.

The meeting was closed so that our Regional Commander, Commander-in-Chief and National President could be taken to the broadcasting station to participate in the program which we all enjoyed listening to on the radios in our hotel rooms.

It was the decision of the delegates to accept the invitation of the Dept. President of Wisconsin to hold their next annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.—Ellinore Konrad, Secretary.

G. A. R. Founding Commemorated

(Address broadcast on Saturday, April 7, in Chicago, by Dept. Com. A. Leroy Reynolds, Dept. of Illinois, on the occasion of the commemoration of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.)

Eighty-five years ago yesterday, on April 6, 1866, an important event was in progress, an event which was destined to make this date long remembered in the history of our country.

An ugly and bloody war had just come to a close. Our Union had endured and the word "United" was still a part of our beloved name. We were still the "United States of America," with all units intact.

There was a growing feeling of comradeship among the survivors of that war, also a feeling that those who never came home, should not be forgotten. And so, on April 6th, 1866, this sentiment crystallized into action. Here in our own State, in the City of Decatur, 12 men gathered in an upper room and the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC was born. The GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC when at its peak, reached a total membership of nearly 500,000 members, and true to the high ideals incorporated in its constitution, was an untold power for good.

After eighty-five years there are still members of this great organization living although their number can about be counted on the fingers of one hand. They are all more than 100 years of age and are content to let others take over the burdens which they, even now, regretfully lay down.

But the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, even in its younger days of vigor and strength, foresaw this state of affairs. They knew that the time would come when they personally would no longer be effective. In their wisdom, they organized their sons into a body that would perpetuate their memory as well as their ideals.

This order is known as the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR. Its membership is composed of sons and grandsons. All males over 16 years of age, who are in direct line of kin to the Union soldier of the Civil War, are eligible. By the perpetuation of this worthy body, the deeds of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC will never die.

In 1935 the first unit of a coast-to-coast Highway honoring the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC was dedicated at Providence, Rhode Island. Last week, just 16 years later, a bill was signed by Governor Russel of Nevada, Designating Highway No. 6 as the G. A. R. Highway in that State. With Governor Russel's signature, the last link of the Atlantic-to-Pacific Highway has been forged. United States Highway No. 6, extending from Provincetown, Mass., to Los Angeles and Long Beach, Calif., has been officially designated as the G. A. R. Highway by each of the fourteen States through which it passes. Suitable markers have been installed in most of the States, and all will be taken care of in the near future.

There has been a demand that some kind of a suitable memorial to the Grand Army be placed in Decatur, the place where the Grand Army of the Republic had its beginning, a building where the Grand Army properties, mementos and records can be housed, with a meeting place for patriotic orders. So far nothing of this has materialized.

Each year, as April 6th approaches, we, the Sons and Daughters of the Civil War, under the name of the Cook County Banquet Association, meet together for the purpose of commemorating the birth date of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. The American people must not be allowed to forget these veterans, who in their youth fought in the bloodiest battles of all time, under inconceivable hardships, that the honor of our Nation should be upheld—that our Flag should lose none of its stars.

Under the leadership of such men as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and through a real PEOPLE'S government, our country has come to be recognized as the most powerful in the world. Those who established our liberty have long since gone from us; those who fought to preserve our Union are all but a memory. Their great trust now descends to new hands. We can win no laurels in a war for independence, or for saving the Union, for earlier and worthier hands have gathered them all. But there remains to us a great duty—that of defending our liberty so dearly bought.

As Sons of the Old Comrades, we are too old for active military duty; but our sons and their sons have willingly heeded their Country's call for defense, while we at home have supported them in every way possible, physically, morally and financially.

The platform today of our National Organization is partially as follows: We are in favor of

A fight to the finish against communistic infiltration in our government.

Severe penalties for war profiteering in any emergency.

Universal military training.

A balanced Federal budget with a sane spending of the tax-payer's money.

Additional appropriations for the "Voice of America" broadcasts.

Outlawing Communism as an American political party.

Child welfare and education, particularly for needy descendants of Civil War Veterans.

We oppose

World government or any other idealistic scheme, whereby the sovereignty of the United States will be at stake.

We are in favor of co-operating with public officials at all times for the public good, and are definitely opposed to anything that would bring a reaction that would be harmful to our Country.

The GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, as a National organization, was closed at Indianapolis in 1949. The Illinois Department of the G. A. R. will be closed this year at the June Encampment, held very appropriately at Decatur, the city of their birth.

The Grand Old Men we will see no more, but may their spirit ever remain with us, though unseen, in every parade, hovering near when danger threatens, and giving us, through their memory, moral support and encouragement in time of need.

Battle Flags Go Back To Virginia

Two flags taken from Virginia at the close of the Civil War were returned for an indefinite loan.

The relics—the flag of truce used at Appomattox Courthouse and a Virginia battle flag—were presented to the Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Monument.

The National Park Service announced the flags are being loaned by the Custer National Monument in Montana. They were turned over to Superintendent Hubert A. Gurney, of the Appomattox Monument by Col. Bryce C. W. Custer, grandnephew of Gen. George Armstrong Custer of "Custer's Last Stand" fame.

The flag of truce, made from a linen "huckback" towel, was provided by Confederate Maj. R. M. Sims. Sims is said to have bought the towel in Richmond for 40 Confederate dollars and later tried unsuccessfully to get it back from the Northern troops.

The Virginia battle flag was captured near Namozine Church in the closing days of the Appomattox campaign by Maj. Thomas Ward Custer, brother of George Armstrong Custer.

Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of Abraham Lincoln, died October 15, 1818, at the early age of 35 years.

Liberty's Birthday

We're no experts on the subject but they say that when a lady gets to be thirty she starts fibbing about her age. Well, we know one lady who is a lot older than that and won't deny a year of it. What's more, she's just as alluring as the day she was born. She's got more men worshipping at her feet now than she ever had before. In fact, folks have come half way around the world just to get a look at her face. Pretty neat for a dame who celebrated her 65th birthday on October 28.

Of course, we're talking about Lady Liberty, the Statue that's standing in New York harbor since 1886. Most every American knows the basic facts about her. How she was a gift from France to the United States and how, from the base of the pedestal to the tip of her torch, she rises 305 feet from Bedloe's Island, facing the incoming ships from Europe. Her index finger is eight feet high; 40 persons can stand in her head; each eye is two and a half feet across.

After World War II, one home-coming GI left his crutches at the foot of Liberty's staircase and went up and down 168 steps on hands and knees. Another waved to her as his ship came in and shouted, "Old Lady, I never want to see your face again."

This year, Americans will be prouder than ever of Lady Liberty. Because this is Freedom Year, the 175th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. In her left arm, pressed against her side, Lady Liberty carries a book representing the Law which has on it, in block letters, the date July 4, 1776. So the Lady symbolizes liberty based on law, the immortal concept affirmed for the first time on American soil by the Declaration of Independence.

Through the years, men and women fleeing the tyranny of the Old World for the freedom of the New have greeted the Lady with a smile. Exiles from the despotism of the Russian Czar, refugees from Hitler's bestial persecution, freedom-loving fugitives from behind the Iron Curtain—all have seen in the Lady a symbol of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Looking at her, the humblest may feel sure that here, human rights are safe. And all through these years Americans have been fighting and sacrificing for these same ideals.

Without uttering a word, the Lady is our most eloquent spokesman for the right of free speech. Her feet do not move, yet she leads us along the path of equal opportunity and justice for all. Her arm is immobile, but she points tirelessly to the goal of a greater, freer, happier America.

The men who signed the Declaration pledged "our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor" on the altar of freedom. One hundred and seventy-five years later, veterans of America's wars are carrying out the same pledge to Lady Liberty.—J. Geo. Fredman, Jersey City, N. J.

Publicity Plus

Brothers everywhere are requesting and urged to send news clippings to Harold M. Drown, Stoughton, Mass., for our permanent records. Please send publication's credit line (name) and date used. And don't use scotch tape. Paper clips and stitching, O.K.

Allied Orders in Reading, Pa. Have Their Own Building

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic of Reading, Pa., dedicated last year their new G. A. R. Memorial Hall, with Department and National Officers participating. William Weidenheimer, President of the G. A. R. Memorial Hall Association, formally dedicated the building, to the memory of McLean Post No. 16, and Keim Post No. 76, the two local G. A. R. Posts.

The property, a four story brick and steel constructed building, 40 feet wide and 100 feet long, was purchased in 1947 at a cost of \$35,000, but due to lease commitments possession could not be obtained until 1949. Alterations, and the installation of a modern grille and kitchen in the basement, at a cost of \$15,000, delayed the formal dedication of the building.

The first floor contains the office of the Secretary of the Association, Past Com.-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, and a ballroom 40 feet wide by 75 feet long, with a balcony around three sides. The balcony floor also contains two additional rooms. The second floor contains the lodge hall, measuring 40 x 52 feet, an ante room, closet room, two kitchens, toilets and two office rooms. The third floor is rented to outside parties, and the fourth floor with a room 40 by 70 ft., and two additional rooms, is used by the G. A. R. Cadet Drum & Bugle Corps, and the Sons of Veterans Reserve Company for drilling purposes.

At the dedication, Brother Randolph Hammer presented two bronze plaques to the Association, in memory of his late uncle and aunt, Horace and Molly Hammer. The one plaque contains the inscription "G. A. R. Memorial Hall;" the other, "Dedicated to the Memory of McLean Post No. 16, and Keim Post No. 76, Grand Army of the Republic." The plaques will be installed on the outside of the building, one on each side of the entrance. Other presentations made that day were a silk Flag for the lobby by the National Woman's Relief Corps; a silk Flag for the grille by the local Auxiliary; an electric coffee urn by the local Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans; and cabinets for the kitchen by the local Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Following the dedicatory program, a concert was presented by the Pennsylvania Brigade Band, S. V. R., under the direction of its leader, Captain Charles D. Knecht, Jr.

The Memory of 1776

The sacred memory of the Fourth of July, 1776, should be more to us than just another holiday. It should bring from the recesses of our mind a vista of the sacrifice, suffering, and toil that the men and women of the Revolutionary period experienced to secure freedom of thought, freedom of speech, and freedom of action.

These pioneers accomplished their purpose, and for more than a century and a half their posterity has been enjoying a realization of their dreams with the privilege won from the sacrifice of their blood and from the sweat of their brow.

The highest tribute we can pay to our forebears is to maintain the standards of liberty they established. We cannot do it by reckless spending; we cannot do it by idling our

time; we cannot do it by exploiting our neighbor; we cannot do it by flouting the Constitution they established; but we can do it in a common purpose to strengthen the bulwarks of our Republic, so that the ideals of our forefathers and our own freedom will endure unto the end of time.

As we honor the memory of those whose lives were sacrificed to win and to maintain this freedom, we should resolve in our hearts to be better, truer, Americans, and to make the spirit of 1766 the spirit of every day life, when the issues of freedom are again brought with greatest significance before the people.

P. D. C. National Association

The annual meeting of the Past Department Commanders National Association was held on Thursday morning, August 23, with a good attendance. The Executive Director reported a fair response to the letter sent to each Past Department Commander and that several had joined while at the National Encampment.

It was voted to put \$25.00 into the newly created Commandery-in-Chief Memorial Fund, as a Memorial to all deceased P.D.C.'s.

It was also voted that the next meeting be a breakfast meeting at the Encampment in Atlantic City, N. J. The Executive Director was elected to serve another term.

Since returning home from the National Encampment several Brothers have sent their dues in and I would be very glad to hear from any other P. D. C. who has not already joined our Association.—Yours in F. C. & L., John W. Emery, Executive Director, 227 East St., Easthampton, Mass.

P. C.-in-C. Heald Files For Office of Mayor

Cleon E. Heald, who recently completed a one year tour as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, turned the Keene, N. H., mayoralty race into a four-cornered contest when he filed his name with City Clerk in the nonpartisan election November 6.

Heald said: "I believe that the time has passed in the administration of our city government when we should continue to live in a dream world which is far too costly for a city the size of Keene.

"I have made no pledges to any individual. . . I shall discharge my duties without fear or favor. . . I will be available and will give courteous attention to each individual. . . I will work for efficiency and economy and . . . I will upon all occasions represent the city of Keene in a dignified and businesslike manner."

Those Who Go Forward

There's a story in naval annals of a certain cruiser which was anchored in a harbor in the Pacific along with ships of other flags, when a sudden and furious tropical storm broke.

At the first blast of the wind, the captain of the cruiser hoisted anchor and steamed straight out to sea into the teeth of the gale. It was tough going, and for two days the vessel's fate was in doubt. But when later the ship returned to its moorings, battered but intact, the other vessels were lying piled up on the shore, victims of the gale.

The future belongs to those who go forward, not to those who hope to ride out its furies. That goes for individuals as well as nations and systems, in war or in peace.—Grit,

OREGON

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

Reception to Sr. Vice Davis

On the evening of October 15, the Eugene Camp and Auxiliary held a reception for the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Frederick K. Davis. This was attended by the Dept. Commander, Dept. Secretary-Treasurer and members of some of the other Camps.

After a very fine dinner, a short program was held consisting of several numbers by the Octogenarians Quartett, a reading by Sister Lammers, and community singing. Then there were speeches of appreciation and congratulation by the Dept. Officers, Camp Commanders and others.

Oregon appreciates the honor which has come to us, in the elevation to this office of our worthy Brother Davis. He has been most active in his Camp and in the Department for many years, and we have honored him for this excellent service. That the Commandery-in-Chief also feels his value, is most gratifying to all of us.

MAINE

Clayborn H. Wellington, Dept. Press Cor., Liberty, Maine

Dept. Com. Morton Honored

Dept. Com. Charles F. Morton, was honored at a reception, Sept. 29, at the Maine State Grange Home, Augusta. Nearly 200 members of the Sons and Auxiliary from various parts of Kennebec County, Biddeford, Bath, Sanford, Saco, Portland and

other places, attended. There were also members of Sanborn Lodge, IOOF, of which Com. Morton is a member.

The Hall was artistically decorated with fall flowers. Mrs. Elizabeth Babb was the general chairman, with P.D.C. Henry Patten, co-chairman. They were assisted by Mrs. Marguerite Miller, Norman Fossett, Mrs. Annie Brown and other members of Col. Henry G. Staples Camp and Auxiliary. The Rev. Arthur G. Christopher, pastor of Green Street Methodist church, offered the invocation, which was followed by the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. A program was presented and various representatives of organizations were introduced and spoke.

After the program there was dancing, including round dances and contra style, with music by Fuller's group. Refreshments were served.

ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.

U. S. Marine Band Came to Dwight Oct. 31

The many readers of The Banner who have enjoyed the Marine Band music at our Encampments from 1930 to 1949, may be interested to know that the Band was here on above date to give our school children and the people generally a chance to enjoy their fine music. The Band was on tour and because of a cancellation of contract, a date was available. Some of our enterprising citizens took advantage of this opportunity and audiences of nearly two thousand attended the afternoon and evening performances.

The members of the Band captured the entire community and gathered many more

admirers. Ye editor had a few minutes chat with Major Santelman and told him how much those gathered at our encampments in Boston and Columbus missed their music. He replied that he and the boys also missed those occasions, as they were fond of our people, and hoped that the time might come when they could be with us again.

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Greetings to Allied Orders

Greetings were extended by your Dept. Commander at the recent National Encampment held at the Morrison Hotel, on Sept. 2 to 6, 1951, to the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Com-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett was present and we were well received by all present.

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Mid-Winter Encampment

The 21st Annual Mid-winter Encampment will be held at Oak Park Arms Hotel, on Dec. 8 and 9, 1951. Meeting will start at 1 p.m. Reservations for rooms can be made to Mr. Keith Snyder, Assistant Manager. An interesting program is arranged for your pleasure.

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Inspections of Homes

Inspections of Soldiers Widows' Homes will be made during the first three months of 1952, to the Wilmington Home, Maywood Home and Quincy Home. I will appoint the necessary personal of the Sons to work with me and be present.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

C. A. Curtis, Press Secretary, 450 Magnolia, Long Beach 12.

Camp 5, Santa Cruz

Wallace-Reynolds Camp moved into their new hall at 513 Center Street, on the street floor.

Interest has increased wonderfully, and the Camp is having a very good attendance, and have several prospective members coming in.

A program of patriotic and social activities is being arranged for the winter months. Watch this camp grow.

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Sons Of Vets Guard Ideals Of War Dead

Phil Sheridan Camp, San Jose, sons of Union Veterans, of the Civil War, today carries on traditions of the men in blue who fought in the Civil War. Some members of the unit are in their 90's but display energy envied by many younger organizations.

Phil Sheridan Camp was founded in 1899, and its Auxiliary in 1932. Older San Jose folk can remember well when more than 1000 Civil War Veterans, most of them organization members, marched in Memorial Day parades here near the turn of the century.

Present day activities of the unit and Auxiliary are many. These include card parties, pot luck dinners, picnics, a monthly social affair and participation in patriotic events. Younger members point with pride to the high degree of activity found in older members.

Unit headquarters is in Druids Hall, 85 W. Santa Clara St.

One of the "live wires" of the Auxiliary is Mrs. Jesse Nickols, 92, who at this year's convention of affiliated Civil War veterans' organizations, received an ovation for her recitation "Toast to the Flag."

Through all its activities, Phil Sheridan Camp stresses patriotism and vigilance against encroachments upon civil liberties, either through foreign aggression or by carelessness in legislation.



692 YEARS OF PATRIOTISM—That's enviable record hung up by these seven men of Phil Sheridan Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Jesse Nickols, Auxiliary member. Top row, left to right, are William A. Ashworth, 86; R. W. Eby, 87; H. A. Sessions, 86; and "baby" of oldsters, George B. Burdick, 81. Seated left to right, are George P. Edmans, 84, pointing proudly to unit's 1899 charter; Mrs. Nickols, energetic at 92; James S. O'Dell, 84, and Shannon Jones, 92, who earns title of "grandpa" because of seniority. Edmans has been member 49 years; O'Dell has been Commander three times as result of enthusiastic service.

MASSACHUSETTS

Harold M. Drown, Publicity Secretary, 187 Plain Street, Stoughton

It is with a feeling of remorse, mingled with pleasure, that I head the Massachusetts column this month, probably the last in the annals of The Banner. Pleasure that I pen, first and foremost, the fine testimonial to Dept. Com. Herbert L. Smith. "Herb" Smith is one of the outstanding men I have met in our Order, over a period of almost forty years. In his comparatively short tenure of serving he has contributed more of constructive endeavor than many do in a life time.

The reception tendered on Sept. 22, by Collingwood Camp 4 and Aux. 26, was ideal. It was a perfect summer evening. From back of the beautiful Memorial Building—scene of festivities—stands the canopy over Plymouth Rock, which bears the tradition of our American way of life. These fine people in Plymouth, did themselves proud and no apology is needed. About 350 friends turned out from every nook and corner of the Old Bay State, pouring into the Bay Colony.

Camp Com. Frank A. (Tony) Raymond was the "M.C." Mrs. A. Louise Gardner, P.D.C. was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Heading the guest line was Nat'l Pres. Phyllis M. Dean, and Nat. Patriotic Instructor John W. Emery, representing the Commandery-in-Chief. Dept. Pres. Mabelle Long, D.U.V., and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Janet Willey, Ladies of the GAR, were present, along with Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mabelle Howard. Included also were: John B. Davis, P.D.C. of New Hampshire, who acted as escort to Mrs. Beatrice Smith, wife of our Dept. Commander; Harold (Duke) Arnold, Nat. Council; Nat. Counselor Mrs. Margaret C. Palmer; Nat. Pers. Aide Mrs. Stella Sanford; Maude B. Warren, P.N.P.; H. Harding Hale, P. C.-in-C., and Harold M. Drown, N.P.R.O.

P. D. C.'s noted were: Addison A. Quinn, William O. Fuller, Parker B. Chandler, Louis E. Haskell, George W. Kimball, Allan B. Howland, and Roy C. Call. Also P.D.P.'s Ada B. Ewell, Beatrice E. Pike, Myra L. Blanchard, Pamela S. Elder and Gertrude J. Gaffney. Officers of the Department included: Carder A. Perkins, S.V.C.; Leon H. Palmer, Sec.; Chas. W. Hooper and Edward Lennon, Council members; Musician Robert L. Wood. Dept. Aux. Officers: Blanche Foster, Vice Pres.; Marguerite Mitcheson, Treas.; Council member, Gusle Dunlevy; Pat. Instruc. Ruth Larrett; Inspc., Mary Raeke; Pers. Aide, Pearl Bowen, and Historian, Margaret Melendy.

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It Is No Myth: We'll Whiz With Smith

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Old Timers Reach Manhood

Those who have had membership in our Order for twenty-five or more years, gathered for the twentieth time on Sept. 29 at Somerville, where a majority of the annual festivities have been held.

These "Old Timers" are distinctly different from any other S. U. V. group. Some have said that about every member has twenty-five years of service. Quite true, but those of a "50" rating changes the picture and the "60" year contingent are the "idolized" few. And its seldom we see them elsewhere. We gladly pay them homage.

Leon H. Palmer, our Dept. Secretary, presided this year, as president and he can claim a long number of semesters in service. Charlie Bradlee, P. Sr. V. D. C. and Peren-

niol Sec.-Treas., has filled a niche that is invaluable.

George Edward Fritz, 78, had another annual tribute in verse. The poet Laureate's joyful theme was that we had just become of age as an organization. This raconteur's sad commentary that he was chosen President for ensuing year, but grateful that Addie Quinn, Dept. Com. in 1931, when "Old Timers" were chartered, is now the Sec.-Treas. P.D.C.'s Winchell and Call, fifty-year member "Bill" Crocker, are the Executive committee.

Donation of an abundance of choice apples was again a fact, thru Lloyd Hardy of Leominster. These were disposed of by Auctioneer "Bill" Fuller Past O.T.S. President, and funds added to treasury. A dozen or more than half centenarians were head table guests, along with Dept. Comr. Smith.

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Cranberry Special

We witnessed part of the fruition, thru "Bert" Smith's endeavors, one evening in October, at Carver. Dept. Com. Smith has been nursing needing Camps ever since before he held major office in the Order.

Most of the degree staff which performed at Nat'l Encampment in Boston, was functioning again. Two able looking candidates were initiated. Several others signed up were delayed, probably because these are busy weeks now, down in those cranberry bogs. Word also comes that others will be signed up. This Camp will be built around W. W. II boys, with a heritage of one of best headquarters in our state—a beautiful brick and stone edifice in a picturesque setting, dedicated to G.A.R. and operated by the S.U.V.C.W.

About thirty-five members of Plymouth district turned out and were well supplemented by Carver Aux. in force, who served an excellent collation. I rode back with Charlie Hooper, over those rained-soaked roads, in a drenching cloud burst, feeling we had renewed the obligation, taken at the time of our initiation.

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Recent Deaths

Two venerable stalwarts of Low Camp 6, Beverly, have left the Camp room for the last time. Notification of deaths received punctually from Roger W. Hanners, Camp Secretary, but reported here post currently, because of circumstantial delay.

John E. Healey died in August, at the age of 94, with 34 years Camp membership. He was well known in Beverly, having served in the City Government as a member of the old common council and as alderman of his ward. At the time of his death he was known as the Oldest Dog Constable in the United States. Prominent in Odd Fellows circles and was the last charter member of the Roger Drown I.O.O.F. in Lynn.

Closely following death of Bro. Healey, we learned that John A. Stone answered final roll call, at the age of 85. Past Com. Stone was known to many of us as an eloquent and serviceable member. Twenty-nine years a member, with twenty of them as Chaplain, where his talent was best utilized. Also an outstanding exponent of "Flag Charge" (and how few have been) he often rendered this gem in the public schools of City—requested by them. Bro. Stone had two years as Camp Commander and repeatedly served the Department as District Commander for North Shore Area. From 1900-1937 he was a police officer for the City of Beverly.

Carver Selectman Jesse A. Holmes, Philanthropist, financier and backbone of McFarlin Camp for years, surrendered Oct. 19, after several months of poor health. He served as chairman most of his 30 years on the Board of Selectman and was a prominent cranberry grower. A son, Norman, is well known caterer; purveyor of famous clam bakes, and gallantly carrying on S.U.V. traditions, as Camp Treasurer.

Frederick H. Cook, 50-year member of E. A. Bennett Camp, Leominster, is another Brother who has passed on. Ernest W. Foley, Camp Secty., reports service held for him at last Camp meeting.

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"Pen it-says Bennett-When It Happens"

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Summeritis

Past Pres. Emerson Whitman of the "Nomet" Assoc., sponsored an outing at his beautiful summer camp on Lake King Phillip, Sandown, N. H., in July. Mr. and Mrs. Whitman make charming hosts.

George Wm. Kimball, P.D.C., who served 20 years as Secretary of the No. Met. Dist. Ass'n. is now President. V.P. Clarence Howard graciously consented to serve another year as such, so that George could hold an office he most richly deserves.

During the visit in Boston of General MacArthur the Pub. Secty. had rare privilege of being the Emissary of National and State Bodies to meet the General in the Hall of Flags, State Capital. A candid camera caught yours truly in hand clasp with Mac, which experts declare is best likeness ever taken of our most distinguished member.

Annual commemorative exercises by Bay State Camp were held on Long Island, Boston Harbor, June 30. By happenstance, Mrs. Ethel T. Wood of Dorchester Affiliated Orders, was asked to represent the ladies. Her tribute to the Memory of the G.A.R. was one of the finest we've ever heard. Camp Com. Capt. Joseph F. O'Connell, son of the late congressman, presided and Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Bauer, represented the National Body.

Laurence R. E. Johnson sends in items of interest from the "West". Brothers witnessed the installation of fellow members Ralph "MC" Peters, as Commander of Springfield Camp, U.S.W.V., on Oct. 13.

Tift Camp 15 members have had anniversaries, to wit: "Ed" Partenhelmers, their 40th; and Myron Johnsons for 48. Veteran campaigner, Bro. Myron, also added another birthday soon.

We regretted to hear that "Bill" Darling lost his wife. Sister Darling had not been too well for some time, but kept getting around, and always appeared most cheerful. Your host of friends extend deepest sympathy, Bill.

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Perpetuating G. A. R.

The biggest event in Massachusetts commemorating the Grand Army of the Republic will be held by the Friendly Relations group of Allied Orders, on Dec. 15, in the Charter Room of the New England Mutual Hall, 225 Clarendon St., Boston. Accommodations are largest we've ever had, centrally located and thus accessible, with plenty of parking facilities.

Ever since a year ago the nearly three hundred who attended then have been longingly looking for this occasion. Mrs. Ella F. Long, General Chairman, was Dept. Pres. of W.R.C. when this vital unit was established in 1921. Our Dept. Com., Herbert L. Smith, is deeply interested in these annual affairs, and an excellent committee from our Department is working, headed by D. C. Chr. "Charlie" Hooper. Banquet

tickets are \$1.75 (tax inc.) Booster ads 50c each. Our slogan: "Every Member Of Every Order Should Attend But Every Member Must Be A Booster."

Radio Celebrates "Uncle Tom's" 100th Anniversary

Observance of the 100th anniversary of the first printing of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" were broadcast to two regions of our Bay State. First, on September 20, at WMEK, Salem. Listeners heard Past Dept. Com. Addison A. Quinn's enjoyable renderings of "My Darling Nellie Gray", "Old Black Joe", "Battle Cry of Freedom" etc., suggestive of slavery days. Then a colorful highlight sketch of "Uncle Tom" and its powerful influence for emancipation of negro slaves by Brother Hale was heard. Substantially this same program was sent out October 19 by WKOX but tailored especially for veteran listeners of Cushing Veterans hospital, Framingham, but believed to have interest in a dozen neighboring towns and to serve as a reminder that our volunteer fathers fought for freedom as well as for the Union. Station officials in both instances expressed unusual appreciation of our use and treatment of "Uncle Tom" as the medium for our message. Such recent experiences naturally have encouraged us to renew our efforts to utilize fresh methods of approach for greater effectiveness in spreading publicity for our commemorative cause.—H. Harding Dale, Dept. Radio Com.

OHIO

Louis G. Blair, Sr., Press Correspondent, 1214 Herschel Ave., Cincinnati 8, O.

Camp 43, Salem

This Camp observed its 50th anniversary on Sept. 12, 1951. It was first organized in 1885. After a few years the charter was revoked but on Sept. 12, 1901, a new charter was granted it.

Philip Triem Camp meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. For over 40 years it never missed having a meeting.

An anniversary party was held on Sept. 12. Dept. Sr. Vice. Com. Wood of Alliance, was present and presented 50-year medals to charter members, J. E. Bentley, C. E. Triem and G. E. Votaw. Talks were also given by Past Dept. Coms. Waller and Austin, of Alliance.

The guests were Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, Daughters of Union Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and Brothers from Alliance.

MINNESOTA

Charles F. Martin, Press Correspondent, 126 So. 12th Street, Minneapolis 2, Minn.

C-in-C. Bennett in Minnesota

Com.-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett honored the Minnesota Department with a visit on Saturday, October 27. The Minneapolis Camp Auxiliary served a sumptuous ham dinner in the G. A. R. Memorial Hall in Minneapolis. An informal meeting was held following the dinner at which eight Past Dept. Commanders and four Past Dept. Presidents of the Auxiliary were among those present, as well as the present officers.

The Commander-in-Chief is highly regarded in Minnesota. He merits the support of every member of the Order. He will make friends for the Order.

Camp 1, St. Paul

St. Paul Camp No. 1 suffered the loss of Brother Francis M. Smith, who passed away

on September 27 at the age of 47. Brother Smith served St. Paul Camp as its Commander for two terms, and later served two terms as Dept. Commander. He was a brilliant and able attorney, and at one time held the position of assistant city attorney in St. Paul. Brother Smith attended some of our National Encampments and was highly regarded by those he came in contact with.

Camp 8, Minneapolis

George F. Rapp, long a member of Minneapolis Camp No. 8, passed to his reward on October 21 at the age of 82, after several years of illness. He received his 50-year Membership Badge several years ago. Until his illness prevented, he had been a regular and faithful member of the Camp.

NEW JERSEY

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

Camp 4, Trenton

The Camp has started fall activities in a fine way. Meetings are well attended and much interest is being taken.

Our annual election was held on October 4th, and a good staff of officers selected, headed by Robert S. Colton as Commander. They will be installed in November by Past Com. Wm. R. Mulholland, Jr.

Thursday evening, November 1st, was fifty-year night. At that time eight brothers who have been members for fifty years or more, were honored. Four of these brothers who had not received a fifty-year badge were presented with same.

Our annual Boy Scout Night, will be held on Thursday, November 15th. At that time the Camp will entertain the Scouts who assisted with the Memorial Day work.

The Camp color guard and other members will take part in the Dedication Day exercises held by Phil Kearny Camp at New Brunswick, on Sunday, November 18. The Scouts from Trenton will give the pageant of the Flags at that time.

A good delegation will attend the Mid-year meeting of the Department, in the rooms of Dayton Camps No. 5, in the War Memorial Building, Trenton, Sunday, November 25.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Past Com. Geo. H. J. Grove, Sr. Brother George was an active member for many years, serving in various offices in the Camp and serving the Department as Patriotic Instructor in 1950 and 1951. Also, his son, Frank E. Grove, who was active for several years, and Samuel Haverstick, who was active in civil and political life in the City, serving several terms as Surrogate of Mercer County. The sincere sympathy of the Camp is extended to the widows and families of these brothers.

Ferd V. Dayton Camp No. 5

On September 29 the Camp tendered a testimonial dinner and reception to Dept. Com. William G. Simpson that was well attended by local and out of town guests. All of the allied organizations were represented by their Dept. Presidents.

Several members of the Camp attended the reception to Dept. President Mrs. Maud DeRose in Paterson on October 6th. On Oct. 3rd the annual dinner meeting of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. was held in Trenton and was nicely supported by all organizations.

The Camp color guard will participate in the Dedication Day exercises in New Brunswick on November 18, and also at the massing of colors at the Military Ball to be

held in the War Memorial Building, Trenton, on November 3.

The mid-winter meeting of the Department will be held in the War Memorial Building, Trenton on Sunday, November 25. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. Dinner will be served to everyone present at 5 p.m. by Camp No. 5 and Auxiliary No. 5.

Officers of the Camp were installed by Dept. Sec. Fred H. Combs, Sr., at our first meeting in November. They include: Com. Robert Gerke Jr.; Sr. Vice, Albert W. Lambert; Jr. Vice, Robert Davison; Council, Walter Davison, Richard Kucker and George Satterthwaite; Sec., William G. Simpson, and Treas., Albert C. Lambert.

The Camp is planning a chartered bus trip to Bethlehem, Pa., on December 15 to view the Christmas lighting display. This is one of the outstanding spectacles of the Christmas season.

ATLANTIC CITY IS THE WORLD'S PLAYGROUND. PLAN YOUR VACATION TO ATTEND ENCAMPMENT NEXT YEAR

PENNSYLVANIA

Richard S. Widdoes, P.D.C., Press Correspondent, P. O. Box 13, Darby, Pa.

Seen and Heard

When a press correspondent hears nothing from the Camps of the state, naturally there is no news. But in order to keep Pennsylvania in The Banner, here goes with a bit of this and that.

Of primary importance is Dept. Com. Charles Dern's order to wear badges at meetings, or other public functions where our Order is represented.

This has a more far-fetching angle than appears on the surface. Many of you will say—"why bother?" To be sure Jim, Harry and Joe in the Camp Room know we are members, so why the badge?

Just this. Have we thought lately, what THE BADGE stands for? Do we remember the badge charge at the altar? Do we recollect with what pride we received the badge when we were initiated into the Sons? Just stay along this line of thought for awhile—then WEAR THE BADGE.

Aside from Camp and other meetings of G. A. R. affiliates, the badge should be worn, for instance, when taking part in any patriotic function that might be sponsored by another organization. The BADGE SHOULD BE WORN.

Most of the public today does not recognize the badge. If we see someone taking a glance at the emblem—explain it—tell what it represents—The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—one of the best organizations in the world—open only to direct descendants of Civil War Veterans. Then we must tell of our Order. Thus—a prospective member.

WEAR THAT BADGE

Observe Dedication Day

With November here, all Sons of Union Veterans SHOULD be thinking of Dedication Day. That memorable day, Nov. 19, when all should honor Abraham Lincoln and his immortal speech at Gettysburg. All Camps should have programs to mark this occasion—But are we?

As is the custom, many dinners and banquets are scheduled in the state—Pittsburgh, Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia and the G. A. R. affiliates of Delaware County. Only one date has been sent me—that of my own county—Delaware. This will be 6:45 p. m. on Nov. 19, at the Chester Y. W. C. A. Reservations can

be made with Bruce Hemminger, 423 E. 12th St., Chester.

WEAR THE BADGE

Lincoln Observances

Following the elections and installations of December and January, our order next looks forward to the observance of Lincoln's birth. Here too, many affairs are held throughout the state. Unfortunately many of them may be held on the same night, Feb. 9. We do not have the list. How about letting us in on them? The Sons of Veterans Club of Philadelphia have about decided on the Feb. 9 date.

WEAR THE BADGE

Reception to Dept. Officers

Ellis Camp 9 and Auxiliary 200 of Philadelphia have planned a reception for Dept. Com. Charles H. Dern, and Dept. Pres. Viola L. Breeme, for Nov. 10 at Beck's, Philadelphia. The affair, in the form of a dinner, was expected to attract scores of members of the Sons and Auxiliary. At the same time, other sitting Department officers were to be honored.

Dept. Com. Dern Busy

Com. Dern has a busy schedule that takes him well into January. Events attended by him included an annual banquet of Aux. 1, and a testimonial dinner to P.D.C. Bob Delcamp, Nov. 4, at Mt. Carmel. The day following, he officiated at a class initiation of candidates at Camp 72, Shamokin. Oct. 19, he made an official visit to Camp 2, Schuylers, Philadelphia, where he was afforded the usual hospitality of that group.

Nov. 16, the Commander will make a visitation to a combined meeting of Camp 60, New Oxford, Camp 33-R, of York, and Gettysburg 112. The latter Camp is host. Might be a good idea for some of those living in the area, to attend. The G. A. R. meeting room is on East Middle St.

Staying over in the battlefield city, Dern will attend an annual Dedication Day dinner at the Hotel Gettysburg, Nov. 17. Nov. 19 he will be at the G. A. R. allied orders' dinner in Chester. Among his dates for installing new officers, is Reading, on Jan. 8.

With installations just around the corner, Com. Dern has granted permission for joint ceremonies with Auxiliaries. He urges that installing officers get their reports to headquarters as soon as possible.

Camp officers attention: How about forwarding your installation dates to me. It may mean that other Camps or members will pay you a visit. Also, the Dept. want the dates for its records. Any other meetings, social events or presentation of special badges, will be news for the rest of the state. Send it along. And for now—

WEAR YOUR BADGE

NEW YORK

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Department Notes

New York Department was represented at the Nat'l Encampment at Columbus by a delegation of 14, headed by Dept. Com. Milton H. Armstrong. P. C.-in-C. Charles F. Sherman paid the memorial tribute to P. C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Sheldon and Past Dept. Com. and Past Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief William H. Klein. P. D. C. Rev. William A. Hallock acted as National Chaplain. P. C.-in-C. Neil Cranmer made the nomination speech for Commander-in-Chief Roy J. Bennett.

Dept. Com. Armstrong announces he will

endeavor to attend any Camp class initiation which may be held.

Seventeen Camps are delinquent in sending in quarterly reports. Camps are urged to observe Armistice Day Nov. 11 and Dedication Day Nov. 19.

The 1952 Dept. Encampment will be held at the Ten Eyck Hotel, Albany, June 8-11. P. D. C. Charles Messer is Encampment Chairman. Past Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Margaret Brady is Co-Chairman.

Chief Deputy Truman Vincent has named the following District Deputies: Grover C. Scott, Rochester District; Charles N. Tracey, Utica District; Cecil M. Baer, New York District; Robert Wagoner, Capitol District; Alonzo Kennedy, Syracuse District; Jack Owens, Southern Tier; Jonathon Huston, Central Hudson; Edward H. Gottschalk, Buffalo District.

Dept. Sec. Julius Isaacs is sojourning in Florida. His son, Bertram, is acting as Dept. Sec. during his absence.

Dept. Com. Milton Armstrong and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Ethel Ferris were guests of Auxiliary 45 at a reception and dinner Oct. 13 at Schenectady. On Oct. 27 they were guests of Phillip Sheridan Auxiliary of Albany, Tibbets Auxiliary of Troy and Col. A. D. McConihe Auxiliary of Troy at a dinner and reception at the Trojan Hotel.

Dept. Com. Armstrong and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Ethel Ferris were entertained at a dinner and reception Saturday evening, Oct. 6, at the Clinton Hotel, Ithaca.

Camp 77, Elmira

Diven Camp mourns the death of one of its fine members, William Prindle.

Wallace J. Howell, Principal of the George M. Diven School, was given the obligation at the September meeting in the American Legion Home. Chief Deputy Truman Vincent, Charles Vincent and Neil D. Cranmer, P. C.-in-C., attended the dinner and reception at Ithaca Oct. 6 in honor of the Department Officers.

Diven Camp was represented at the dinner and reception to Dept. Com. Milton Armstrong at Newburgh, Oct. 20, by Chief Deputy Truman Vincent, Past Dept. Com. Leslie More and National Counselor Neil Cranmer. They were also guests together with P. C. Andrew Wright at the annual inspection of Auxiliary No. 49 on Oct. 24, at the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A.

Camp 26, New York City

Tilden Camp participated in the annual Flag Raising of the New York County United Spanish War Veterans, on the morning of July 4. It was held at the "Liberty Pole" on the City Hall Commons.

Koltes Camp No. 171, S. U. V., joined with Tilden Camp, and both Camps, under the leadership of Dept. Deputy Cecil M. Baer, proceeded to the "Eternal Light" in Madison Square Park. The Sons were part of the Honor Guard at these ceremonies, conducted by the Minute Men of America on the 175th Anniversary of American Independence.

Camp 140, New York City

Com. H. A. Schnirring recently paid visits to Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 20, of Brooklyn, McClellan Camp of Yonkers, and Koltes Camp No. 171, of New York. 267 Flags were placed on Civil War graves by a committee headed by Miles T. Winslow. The Rev. Nathan A. Seagle, D. D., a member of the Camp, was recently honored by being selected as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York State.

Lafayette Camp will observe Veterans' Night Thursday, November 29, with a dinner at Rosoff's Restaurant, 147-153 West 43

Street. The annual election and installation of officers will take place. William F. Bruckel has been elected to membership. He was secured by Com. H. A. Schnirring.

Chief Deputy's Message

Chief Deputy Truman A. Vincent of Elmira has issued the following: "Now that vacation time is over and all Camps should be meeting regularly again it is time for us to get out and get under and try to build up our organization. Let's all give a long and a strong pull, and a pull together, and try to make our organization one of the leading patriotic bodies in our state and in our nation."

Senator Karl Mundt Approves Action at Columbus

National Counselor Neil D. Cranmer is in receipt of the following letter from United States Senator Karl E. Mundt, of South Dakota:

"Please permit me to extend my congratulations to you and to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the very constructive and encouraging resolution passed at your recent National Encampment whereby you called on like minded citizens from the South to join you in political efforts to rescue this country from the dangerous shoals of socialism toward which we seem to be drifting with alarming speed and certainty.

As you may, or may not know, for some 18 months I have been devoting a part of my time and efforts to an attempt to place before Americans the need for evolving a political formula in 1952 which will enable those who think alike to vote alike for president, regardless of where they live geographically, or how they registered politically.

I shall be happy to have from you any suggestions or reactions which might come to mind. In all events, I want you to know I believe that the Sons of Union Veterans demonstrated great Americanism and constructive leadership in passing your recent resolution, extending the generous hand of co-operation to those in the South ready and willing to turn their eyes from the past and face up to the challenges confronting our American freedoms at the present and in the future.

With best wishes and kindest regards,
Cordially yours,
KARL E. MUNDT,
United States Senator."

Camp 25, Newburgh

The dinner and reception Oct. 20 tendered by Bradley Camp and Auxiliary to Dept. Com. Milton Armstrong and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Ethel Ferris, of Ithaca, at the Palatine Hotel was an occasion long to be remembered. Mrs. Eulla Armstrong was general chairman and toastmistress. Among the speakers were Past Nat'l Presidents Mayme Dwyer, Ida B. Lange and Mary Stapleton.

Past Com.-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer was installed National Counselor by Past National Counselor Robert W. Doughty, of Beacon.

A number of gifts were presented Brother Armstrong and Sister Ferris. Past Dept. Commanders present included Charles L. Messer of Albany, Fred C. Barnard of Ithaca and Leslie W. More of Owego. 25-year membership badges were presented to Brothers Evans and Milliken. Colonel Jonathon Houston, Secretary of Howland Camp, Beacon, was given an ovation. He is a retired U. S. Army officer.

Camp 154, Albany

Ten Eyck Camp is deeply appreciative of the honor bestowed upon it in the appointment of Past Dept. Com. Charles L. Messer as a member of the National Americanization Committee.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Greetings: It is with a great deal of pleasure that we note the renewed interest in our Order. New Camps and Auxiliaries are being instituted. Membership Committees report progress throughout the country and that is very encouraging. We have fine leaders in our Departments and Auxiliaries. Department Presidents have outlined programs endeavoring to further assist the Auxiliaries in work which will win the respect and praise in their communities. Organizations are like living beings. They receive their vitality and essential elements from the individuals composing it. If love of country, belief in the Principles and Institutions preserved by the sacrifices of our Veterans is deeply implanted in our hearts; if we are proud of our Order—this pride—this dignity and honor we feel, will elevate ourselves and make our Auxiliaries attractive to those who are eligible.

Will Department Press Correspondents continue to gather important items and send to our National Press Correspondent? We are trying to find a way to enable the Departments to receive news of one another. However, the importance of placing your Department or your Auxiliary before the public through your local press, is most important. Don't be discouraged if they won't accept your news at first. Just keep hammering away and keep on sending the news; they will realize your Order must be important and give you space.

Yours in F. C. & L., Phyllis M. Dean

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Hello Sisters! Have YOU heard the news that is going around? A money prize of \$25.00 is being given for new members! Yes, the Sister securing the greatest number of new members—which includes Reinstatements but not Transfers—over 10 by June 30, 1952 will be awarded \$25.00 in cash for her own use! That will be my own personal reward to her for hard work. Let us all get together, Past National Presidents as well as the youngest member in our organization, and see what can be done in an organized, gigantic movement for new members. Loyal to you, Jessie G. Estlow

NATIONAL CIRCULARS

Circular letters have been issued by Nat. Pat. Instructor Rose Isaacs and Nat. Vice Pres. Jessie Estlow. Sister Rose is appealing for money for the Nat. Patriotic Fund and it is not too early to send money or make plans for raising money for this Fund. Out of it a worthwhile gift will be purchased for presentation to some hospital or other worthy cause at the Nat. Encamp. at Atlantic City, N. J., next year. Out of this fund the Love Gift of \$200 to the Sons is also taken. Give generously, Sisters.

RECEPTION TO OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND COM.-IN-CHIEF

The reception to Com.-in-Chief Roy Bennett, of Des Moines, Ia., and Nat. Pres. Phyllis Dean, of Westboro Mass., given by the Dept. of Iowa, S. U. V., and their Auxiliary, the evening of Oct. 20, was a very delightful and successful affair. P.N.P. Wilma Combs was general chairman and with her assistants did a grand job of it.

The reception, first planned to be held at the Hotel Savery, was later changed to the Elks Club, where the dinner and reception, followed by a program and dancing,

took place. The menu was cream of tomato soup, wafers, sirloin of beef, oven brown potatoes, corn O'Brien, tossed salad, French dressing, blueberry muffins, apple pie, coffee.

The following program was given: Organ selections, Bernard Hardy; Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation, Rev. Chas. M. Houser; Introduction of Robt. H. Hoffman, Toastmaster; Greetings, Lt. Col. Stephenson, Hon. Ray Mills; Dancing Dolls; Accordionist, John Birdsall; Solo, Janice Weir; Introduction of distinguished guests and National and Department Officers.

Brief talks were made by Com.-in-Chief Birdsall; Solo, Janice Weir; introduction of Olive Haynes and Past Nat. and Dept. and Past Dept. officers of both Sons and Aux.

On the following day, Sunday, a meeting of the Central Region, S.U.V. and Aux., was held in the Elks Club, with the Regional Commander, Theo. H. Mohr, of Mo. Dept., presiding. All officers were re-elected. The Central Region consists of the Dept. of Colorado-Wyoming, Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kans., Mich., Minn., Mo., Nebraska, Ohio and Wis.

FINAL ISSUE OF THE BANNER

This (November) issue of The Banner is the last and final number, as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the National Encampment held last August in Columbus, Ohio, did not renew the contract because of several conditions. Many, many years ago, The Banner, the brain-child of the late Past Com.-in-Chief Wm. G. Dustin, of Dwight, Ill., was adopted as the official organ of the Sons of U. V., a portion of its pages being given over to the news of their women's Auxiliary. During these years I have served as the National Press Correspondent, and together with the very efficient and capable help of Department and Auxiliary Press Correspondents, we have tried to present news from the various Departments in an interesting manner so far as space in each issue of The Banner allowed. My heartfelt and sincere thanks to all these Sisters for their kindness and greatly appreciated assistance received during the decades now past.

Keep up the good work of publicity by keeping your order in the public eye through the medium of your local newspapers, on the radio, and in every other means possible. There are many ways through which our order can be publicized and brought to the attention of people of today. I wish you all the greatest of success in all the work that you undertake. To the Sisters of the National body, of this and past years, my greatest thanks to you for your warm friendships and multitude of kindnesses, shown to me through the many years. I remember you all with gratefulness and appreciation—Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor.

DEATH OF P.N.P. KATE G. RAYNOR

The death of P.N.P. Kate G. Raynor, Ohio Depart., last September, has removed from the golden chain of Past National Presidents of our Auxiliary, another link. An invalid for many years, Sister Kate was not able to participate in our many activities or to attend our Nat'l. Encampments, but her heart was in the grand work of our organization and in the earlier years she was very prominent. She was elected Nat. Pres. of our order in 1896 at the Nat'l. Encampment held in Louisville, Ky., and the following year presided at the Nat. Encampment held in Indianapolis, Ind.,

Sept. 9-11. To her many friends and relatives, we extend sympathy.

CARD OF THANKS

To all those who sent me cheer cards and letters following my accident last September, when I sustained a broken ankle, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation. They were gratefully received and greatly appreciated.—Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

Glendale: On Sept. 29, the Camp and Aux. were host and hostess to a meeting of Dist. No. 2. A buffet supper at 6:30 p.m. was enjoyed by all, tables being prettily decorated by the Aux. girls. At 8:00 p.m. members, guests and visitors were welcomed by the Aux. Pres. and Camp Com. The Dept. Pres. Ruth Ryan was escorted to her station by the Guides and Color Guards. The District officers were seated and vacancies filled. Nat'l. Past Nat'l. Department and Past Department officers were escorted in, introduced and welcomed. Dist. 2 had the honor of welcoming Past Com.-in-Chief Wm. Anderson and his wife, P.N.P. Margaret Anderson, of Mass., who are now living in Calif. Their remarks were enjoyed by all. It was a nice evening and there was a good attendance. Among those present were Dept. Com. Elmer Wohlgemuth, V. P. Mollie Sneeburg, Nat. Organizer Beatrice Riggs, Nat. Chap. Jim Young, P.N.P. Mamie Deems, S.V.C. Mel Riggs, Fourteen Dept. and Past Dept. officers of the Sons and 16 Past and present Dept. officers of the Aux. attended the meeting, as well as officers of the allied orders of the G. A. R. family. The new officers who attended were pleased with their first meeting. The next meeting of Dist. 2 will be December 10 at Santa Ana. Plans are underway for the Lincoln Banquet and Mid-Winter meeting.

Ontario: Aux. to S.U.V. had a benefit dinner for their Camp Oct. 9. Bro. Mel Riggs is Commander. The crowd was large, the chicken dinner better. There were 106 paid dinners. The A. Podrasnick Aux. is to be congratulated.

Fresno: Dist. No. 1, with Dist. No. 2 as guests held their meeting Oct. 13-14 in Fresno. Dinner was served at a cafeteria at 6:30 the 13th, special tables being reserved. A reception for Dept. and Nat. officers was held later in Legion Hall, followed by entertainment and a get-together of old and new friends. Among those attending were Nat. C. of S. Lenore Glass; Nat. Organizer Beatrice Riggs; Nat. Chaplain James Young; P.N.P. Mamie Deems; Dept. Com. Elmer Wohlgemuth and his staff of officers; Dept. Pres. Anna Cheney and her staff of officers. On Sunday the Dist. 1 meeting was called to order and the members from the south and north were welcomed by the Fresno officers. Bro. Vernon Cheney presided as Pres., the Pres. chair being vacant. The usual opening ceremonies prevailed and routine business conducted. Following dinner and a social hour, the meeting was reconvened, and a memorial service was held for Sister Effie E. Darby, Pres. of Dist. 1 at the time of her death, who had passed on since their last meeting. Several others who had passed on were also memorialized at this service. Sister Darby will be missed by her Aux., the District and members of the order both in the south and north. Talks were made by Dept. Com. Wohlgemuth, Dept. Pres. Cheney,

Dept. S.V.C. Melville Riggs and Dept. V.P. Mollie Sneeburg, and an opportunity was given all others present to make remarks. There was a large attendance and everyone had a fine time. The next meeting of Dist. 1 will be held in Oakland in Jan. 1952.—Lena E. Simmons, Dept. Press Cor., 554 N. Montana Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT

New Britain Aux. No. 1: On Wed, evening, Oct. 24, Aux. 1 and members of Camp 16, Sons, entertained Dept. Pres. Mattie Degenkolbe of Rockville, and her staff, Dept. Com. C. Brown Newton, Hartford and his staff, and the Past Dept. Presidents and Commanders. A delicious supper was served at 6:30 p.m. Bro. Morton Gibney and Sister May Gibney were given a surprise farewell party as they are soon to take up their residence in Florida. An informal meeting took place at 8 o'clock with Sister Marion (Gibney) Horton presiding as toastmistress. Mrs. Horton is a sister of Mrs. Gibney. Several of the guests gave short talks. A very delightful program followed in charge of Sister Carrie Yarrol. Sister Edith Hall and Sister Yarrol played several duets on the piano; Sister Hall gave several solos and Bro. Fred Yarrol sang a solo and performed a dance number. A skit "Old Hats", given by several members of Aux. No. 1 was very much enjoyed by all. A purse of money was presented to Brother and Sister Gibney and the best wishes of all to go with them in their new home in Florida.

Rockville, Aux. No. 5: The annual Dept. Fair was held in historic old G.A.R. Hall on Saturday, Oct. 27. Local merchants donated many of the articles for sale. Many beautiful articles included quilts, rugs crocheted, knitted and hand-made articles, toys, plants, novelties and food. Sister Skinner of Aux. 5, served a delicious supper of sauer kraut and pork, and lemon meringue pie to about 150 people. At the Sons tables, Bro. Clark of Easthampton did a very good job of "auctioneer", which caused a good deal of enjoyment. A good sum of money was raised by both Sons and Auxiliary and the Fair was a huge success.—Celia M. Goodrich, Conn. Dept. Press Cor.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

Mid-Winter Encampment

The Annual Mid-Winter Encampment will be held this year on Saturday, December 6, in the Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Ill. The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. and we have many important matters which must be handled at the Encampment, it will be very much appreciated if we can open the meeting on time.

Each and everyone who is able should attend the Mid-Winter Encampment. The work we do here is important, and we need each and every member at this meeting. After the business is over, there will be a delicious dinner served followed by a very entertaining program which our Chief-of-Staff, Vivian Moore, is planning. Past Dept. President's breakfast Sun. morning, Dec. 9.

IOWA DEPARTMENT

Davenport. Abraham Lincoln Camp and their Aux. held a picnic on July 1, at Duck Creek Park. Thirty-three members and friends were present together with guests from West Liberty and Coralville, Ia. A delicious dinner was followed by a social time in the afternoon.

On Aug. 6 Bro. and Sister Harrington, of Davenport, held open House in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Over 100 relatives and friends called and many beautiful gifts and flowers were received.

On Aug. 12 our Sons and Aux. were entertained at a picnic at the home of Bro.

and Sister Pederson, of Coralville, where a fried chicken dinner was enjoyed at noon, followed by a social afternoon. Present were guests from Davenport, Bettendorf, Iowa City and West Liberty. Included in the assemblage were four Past Presidents—two mother and daughter teams.

Waterloo. On Sept. 8 Waterloo Camp and Aux. held a banquet at the Black tea room in honor of the Dept. officers. We were then invited to the home of Homer and Myrtle Young for a lovely evening which included a nice lunch. Members were present from Iowa Falls, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and other places.

Des Moines. On Sept. 20 Aux. 8 and 10 and the Sons held a banquet at Yonkers tea room, honoring the Dept. officers. Afterwards we were invited to the Reva Samuelson home for a pleasant social evening. Members were present from Waterloo, Iowa Falls, Cedar Rapids and other places.

On Oct. 2 Dept. Press Cor. Mary Blank of Iowa, was on the bus going through Colby, Wis., and saw the funeral procession of Wisconsin's last G. A. R. comrade. She was sorry she could not get off the bus and attend the funeral. It was a beautiful and impressive scene.—Mary Blank, Dept. Press Cor. Iowa Falls, Ia.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

Mass. Dept. Aux. to S. U. V. submits its last report for The Banner's last edition.

We find Sister Mabel Howard, Dept. Pres., and her Per. Aide, Pearl Brown, making visitations all over the state, having already covered many miles. Small Aux. are having Book Inspections, large Aux. going in for ritualistic work with precision and spirit. Exemplifications are being held; one such was held in Springfield recently, following a Survey & Planning meeting of the afternoon.

Aux. 127, Westboro, has new life in a Past Presidents Ass'n., and a dinner will be served to all Past Comds. of the Melvin H. Walker Camp, of which Austin Stearns is the Commander.

So the Aux. are still working with the Sons. The good work goes on and will go on for years to come. Some new members are being added; young girls are stepping into the shoes of their mothers, in the case of Aux. 33 Worcester and Aux. 86 Barre.

A formal reception is now in the planning for Nat. Pres. Phyllis M. Dean. P.N.P. Margaret Palmer is chairman and the affair will be held in Cambridge.

A large Regional meeting is being held in Providence, R. I. where a big dinner and entertainment will be enjoyed.

At Barre, a large flag was presented to the Unitarian church, thus our patriotic work goes on.

The Dept. Encamp. in April will be held in Swampscott, thus Mass. Aux. to the S.U.V. continues. It will be in its 62nd year. Our good work will live on and on. Our good deeds will make the world a better place in which to live. A pebble tossed into the water will cause a ripple to the very edge of the stream. Let us all continue to toss our pebbles—always a good pebble—and we'll watch the good work grow and grow. All hail, Massachusetts!—Helen M. Mills, Dept. Press Cor.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT

Penacook. Dept. Inspec. Bertha Goodnow, of Troy, made her official visit to our Aux. in Oct. and complimented the officers upon their good work and gave the Aux. a very good rating. Dept. Pres. Erlene Palmer, of Alton, was also an honor guest, and congratulated the Aux. on its fine record.

Among those who spoke were the following Dept. officers: V. P. Mae Marsh, of Keene;

Sec., Nellie Clough, Alton, and Chap., Gladys Rollins, Keene. Others who spoke were Nat. Treas. Harriet Brown, Troy; P.D.P. Emma Wheeler, Milford; P.D.P. Anna Atkins, Troy; P.D. Com. Homer A. Atkins, Troy, and P.D.C. Kenneth Wheeler, Milford. Gifts were presented to the Dept. Inspec. and Dept. Pres. in behalf of the Aux. by Rosalind B. Hoyt, Pres. of the local Aux. The mystery package given by Mrs. Hoyt was won by Mrs. Iyla Barrett. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Keene. The Aux. to S.U.V. presented the following program in observance of Constitution Day in G.A.R. hall, with Sister Martielle Marston in charge: Reading of articles about Francis Key, Mrs. Maud B. Russell and Mrs. Martielle Marston; song "Star Spangled Banner", members; reading, "Constitution Day," by Mrs. Helen Andersen; reading of the preamble to the Constitution, Miss Beverly Marston; reading of the dates of ratification by states. Invitations to attend inspections of the Hillsboro and Bennington Aux. Oct. 1 and 2 were accepted. Mrs. Timothy Sullivan presided at the meeting. At a meeting of the Aux. on Oct. 2 a program was presented and plans discussed. Announcement was made of the approaching official visit of Dept. Pres. Erlene Palmer on Oct. 16, with supper at 6:30.—Beatrice Lassonde, Dept. Press Cor., 53 Fisherville Rd., Penacook N. H.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

On Sept. 29th a dinner and reception was given in honor of our Dept. Commander William Simpson, by his camp, Camp No. 5, of Trenton, and on Oct. 12, a reception was given in honor of our Dept. Pres. Maud DeRose, by her Aux. No. 3, of Paterson. Both of these affairs were well attended a very good time was had by all.

P.N.P. Margaret Schroeder, who moved to Florida several months ago, had the honor to represent our Nat. Pres. at the American Legion Convention held in Miami recently. We know Margaret did a wonderful job and we are pleased that this honor was conferred upon her, and I am sure she will have many interesting things to report.

To our Dept. Com. William Simpson and his daughter P.N.P. Edna Lambert, we offer our sincere sympathy in the recent loss of a dear sister and aunt.

This being the last issue of The Banner, mere words cannot express how we shall miss it, but we must accept whatever is best for the Sons of Union Veterans, to carry on their work. To our Nat. Press Cor. Jean Thole, many thanks, Jean, for your kindness to both our Dept. and also to myself, thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Last but not least—we of New Jersey shall be looking for a large delegation to the Nat. Encampment, which will be held in Atlantic City, the week of Aug. 24, 1952.—Mrs. Ruth Daly, Dept. Press. Cor., 1039 Anna St., Elizabeth 4, N. J.

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

Ovid. Aux. 72 entertained at a dinner at the Romulus Hotel on Aug. 30, in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Von Nostrand, Past Dept. officer of New York Dept. She was presented a gift from the Aux.—Mrs. Ella Jones, Dept. Press Cor.

Newburgh—A reception and dinner was given by the Sons Camp and Aux. of Newburgh, honoring Dept. Com. Milton Armstrong and Dept. Pres. Ethel Ferris, of Ithaca. During the evening Robt. Doughty P.D.C., installed Past C.-in-C. Neil Cranmer as Nat. Counselor of the S. U. V. Others attending were Aux. Pres. Howland, Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, Past Pres. Ida Mower and Jona-

than Houston, of Cold Spring. P. N. P.'s Mayme Dwyer and Mary Stapleton and several Dept. Officers were present.

Bronx, New York City—Aux. 31 has a new meeting place—a Club House, where they have many privileges—through the courtesy of one of our members. Our Aux. and Camp (Oliver Tilden) are planning a joint celebration of Dedication Day.

Elmira—Dept. Pres. Ethel Ferris and Dept. Inspector Jennie Smith, both of Ithaca, were honored guests at a, thirteen supper given by our Aux. at the Pennsylvania R. R. Y. M. C. A. Several other Dept. officers of both Sons and Aux. were present. A business meeting followed a supper, the Aux. being inspected at that time by Mrs. Smith. The Pres. Marie Cranmer presided at the meeting. An American Flag will be presented Nov. 24 to the Neighborhood House in memory of Pfc. Thomas Konkoloski, who gave his life in the battle of Seipan July 10, 1944.—Mrs. Ella Jones, Dept. Press Cor.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

The 68th Annual Encampment Dept. of Penna. was held in Altoona the week of June 17-21, 1951. The Department officers were installed by P. N. P. Clara Gallagher and the new President is Miss Viola Bremme of Phila. Aux. 200. A reception is being held in her honor by her Aux. on Nov. 10 at Beck's, Phila. Other officers are: Vice Pres. Mrs. Mary Bender, Milton, Pa.; Council Members: Mrs. Lottie Trumbower, Hellertown; Mrs. Catherine Hilbert, Allentown, and Miss Mary M. Walker, Minersville, Pa.

Aux. 19 of Lancaster entertained the Past Pres. and Past Com. Assoc. of South Central Penna. on Oct. 27 at G. A. R. Hall. Social hour followed the business meeting. Aux. 19 is now planning for Inspection Nov. 12.

Philadelphia—Schuyler Camp No. 2 Sons and wives are celebrating Abraham Lincoln's birthday with dinner and dance at McCallister's, Spring Garden St., Phila, on Feb 1, 1952. Reservations by Jan. 25, to Mr. Fred Fisher, 3750 Marshall St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.

Don't forget the Lincoln Social Banquet—Date to be announced later.

Pittsburgh—The Allegheny County Memorial Association was recently entertained by Aux. 198, Pittsburgh.

The Annual Banquet commemorating the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery on Nov. 19 will be held this year on Nov. 17 (Sat.) at Hotel Gettysburg. A program is also held at the Cemetery on the afternoon of the same day by the Sons. This is always an outstanding affair in this district. This district was honored by having Sister Ella Ruggles, of Carlisle, elected to National Council. This District is comprised of Carlisle, New Oxford, Gettysburg, Middletown, Harrisburg, Elizabethtown, York, Palmyra and Lancaster.

York Inspection will be Nov. 27 with the Dept. Press Cor. as Inspector. York holds their Anpomattox Banquet each year in April.—Helen E. Sprenger, Dept. Press Cor., 500 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT

Rhode Island Dept. of the Sons and Aux. entertained the New England Regional in Oct., the two-day meeting being held in the Arsenal, in Providence. New officers for the men's unit are: Homer Atkins of Troy, N. H., commander; Harold Arnold, Warwick, vice commander, and Louis Winchell, Malden, Mass., secretary-treasurer. Aux. officers are: Mrs. Margaret Merritt of Portland, Me., president; Mrs. Maude Russell, Keene, N. H., vice president; Mrs. Gertrude Peterson, Providence, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Alice Crossley, Providence, musician and publicity; Mrs. Pamela Elder, Roxbury, Mass., registrar and Mrs. Mary Eddy, Ches-

ter, Vt., radio chairman. Mrs. Phyllis Dean of Westboro, Mass., national president, addressed the 150 persons attending and stressed making the objectives and background of the membership known. A watch will be presented to the honor student graduating from the Coast Guard Academy, New London, next June, it was decided. The next association meeting will be held in Rutland, Vt., in March.

Providence. The S. V. Aux. last June gave a reception honoring Harold Arnold, who then was Nat. Council member of the Sons of U. V., and Sister Gertrude Peterson, then Nat. Pat. Inst. of the Aux. to S.U.V. The reception was held in the Y.M.C.A., and guests included Sister Pamela Elder, of Mass., who then was Nat. Chief of Staff of the Aux., and Mrs. Mable Taylor, Nat. Historian of the L. of G. A. R.. Other guests from New Hamp. and Mass. were present, also heads of the various allied orders. A program was given and Bro. Arnold and Sister Peterson received lovely gifts. Refreshments were served.

Westerly. Our Aux. No. 11 is quite active. We entertained Dept. Pres. Mabel Skinner and her staff in June, Pres. Skinner making her official visit at that time. Many of the Dept. officers were present, also Sister Gertrude Peterson, who was Nat. Pat. Instr. at that time. Dept. Com. George Parker, of the Sons, was also a guest. Dept. Pres. Skinner was presented with a gift from the Aux., a penny social was held and refreshments served. Bingo was held June 23 at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Morgan, in Ashaway, and on Aug. 9 we attended the Dept. annual outing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grier, in Hoxie.—Mrs. Alice Crossley, Dept. Press Cor., 362 Point St., Providence.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT

Dept. Pres. Nita Reed and Dept. Insp. Florence Scovelle have been making their official visits. Ten of the 14 Auxs. have been visited. Sickness has prevented other visits.

Mid-year Conference will be held at Montpelier, November 10, when Dept. officers will exemplify the Ritual; supper to be served by Montpelier Aux. and an evening program will be in charge of D.P.I. Beulah Moody.

P. D. Com. Arthur Robinson and Laura Phillips, P.D.P. of W.R.C., have given talks on the Civil War in the Barre schools.

P.D. Com. Wm. and Mrs. Reed were guests of honor at a reception in S.U.V. Hall, Chelsea, on Oct. 13, to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. George Reed, P.D. Sr. V. C. was master of ceremonies. At a family supper, 25 of the immediate family were gathered.—Sue Abbott, Dept. Press Cor.

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RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The following Recommendations from Nat. Pres. Lela Shugart's Report to the Nat'l Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio last August were adopted: That one page in our Proceedings, with photograph, be dedicated to the memory of P.N.P. Mame E. Herbst.

That we give our Love Token of \$200 this year to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

That we join with the Sons in extending an invitation to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Daughters of Veterans to meet with us at our next Annual Encampment.

That the Registration fee of \$1.00 be continued, same to be applied to the cost of printing the proceedings.

That the Arlington Hall association be given the privilege of again sending out

the Christmas stockings to the Departments as in former years.

That we petition Congress to permit no additional entry of immigrants or displaced persons until all our veterans have secured education, housing and employment.

That all our members exercise vigilance in their communities, so that our heritage is not molested by any subtle subversive activity; and further that we insist that the schools teach the merits of our system of free enterprise, constitutional government and American history, that students may understand and appreciate the advantage and duty of American citizenship.

That we continue to be affiliated with the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense and that our incoming National President represent us at the next meeting to be held at the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C., Jan. 24-26, 1952.

(All of the above Recommendations were approved by the Committee on Officers Reports, and the Committee sustained by vote of the Nat. convention.)

Nat. Pres. Shugart's Recommendations that the per capita tax remain the same for the coming year was not approved by the Committee on Officers Reports and the Recommendation was referred to the Committee on C. R. & R. In view of financial conditions of the Natl. organization it was voted later in the Encampment to raise the per capita tax, but not until next year. Nat. Pres. Shugart's Recommendation to continue the \$100 scholarship, to be placed at the discretion of the incoming National Pres., was also not approved by the Committee, and the Committee was sustained.

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ENCAMPMENT ECHOES

Among the faces missed who were always present at Nat. Encamps. were P.N.P. Margaret Schroeder and her husband George, who recently moved from N. J. to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Another couple were P. C.-in-C. "Bill" Anderson and his wife, P.N.P. Margaret, who also were among those moving to new locations. After living in Mass. all their lives, the Andersons moved to Highway Highlands, Calif., several weeks ago. Others missed from the P.N.P. ranks were Mamie Deems, Margaret Waters and Ida Rokes Klein, who lost their husbands during the past year; Margaret Carney Palmer, Willma Combs and Edith Nile who also were unable to attend. All of these Sisters were greatly missed, but their hearts were with us all during Encamp. and all sent greetings which were read in Encamp.

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At the Past Nat. Presidents dinner the following officers were elected: Pres. Maude B. Warren, Mass.; V.P., Edith Nile, Ohio; Chap., Gladys Sallman, Ill.; Sec., Ida B. Lange, N. J.; Treas., Mary E. Stapleton, N.Y.

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The souvenirs at the banquet for Nat. Pres. Lela Shugart and C.-in-C. Cleon Heald were lovely small silver bells. Table decorations were miniature replicas of the famous old Liberty Bell, and flags and flowers. This was all planned and arranged by Nat. Chief of Staff Pamela Elder, and the banquet and the following reception, which later included dancing, were all very much enjoyed by all present. The "bells" signified N.P. Lela's slogan for the year "Liberty and Union; let the Liberty Bell ring loud and clear."

Interwoven as is the love of liberty with every ligament of your hearts, no recommendation of mine is necessary to fortify or confirm the attachment.—George Washington.