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## DEDICATION DAY--November 19

For the first time in the history of this great nation, its legislative bodies have set aside a day to honor a speech, and the one who made it. The speech is the Gettysburg Address, delivered by President Lincoln on November 19, 1865. The Joint Resolution was introduced in the house of Representatives by the Hon. Louis Ludlow, of Indiana, and was approved August 7, 1946. The resolution follows:

[Public Law 645—79th Congress]  
[Chapter 800—2d Session]  
[H. J. Res. 35]

Designating November 19, 1946, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day.

Whereas the Gettysburg Address of President Abraham Lincoln is the outstanding classic of the ages; and

Whereas it will touch the hearts of men and inspire them with faith in our matchless democracy as long as time endures; and

Whereas in that address Mr. Lincoln adjured his fellow countrymen to dedicate themselves to the principles of democracy in order that government "of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth": Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 19, 1946, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, be, and hereby is, designated in our calendar of special days as Dedication Day.

That the President of the United States is requested to proclaim November 19, 1946, as Dedication Day and to suggest that the address be read on that day in public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea and wherever the American flag flies.

Approved August 7, 1946.

In accordance with the above all Camps, in every Department, will arrange for and carry out in full detail programs to observe and commemorate this date this year. Full publicity in your local papers should be given, and all eligibles and the public

generally be invited. A suggested program is herewith given.

### PROGRAM FOR DEDICATION DAY

Prologue—Massing of Colors.

Singing of The National Anthem by assemblage.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by assemblage.

By the Chaplain—

The Invocation used at Gettysburg by Reverend Thomas H. Stockton, Chaplain of the U. S. House of Representatives:

"O God, our Father, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour, inspire us with Thy spirit, and sanctify us. By this altar of sacrifice and on this field of deliverance—on this mount of salvation—within the fiery and bloody line of these munitive rocks, looking back to the dark days of fear and trembling, and to the rapture of relief that came after, we multiply our thanksgiving, and confess our obligations to renew and perfect our personal and social consecration to Thy service and glory. Bless the efforts to suppress this rebellion. As the trees are not dead, though the foliage is gone, so our heroes are not dead, though their forms have fallen—with their personality they are all with Thee, and the spirit of their example is here. It fills the air, it fills our hearts, and as long as time shall last, it will hover in these skies and rest on this landscape."

### LINCOLN SPEAKS AT GETTYSBURG

A printed invitation came to Lincoln's hands, notifying him that on Thursday, November 19, 1863, exercises would be held for the dedication of a National Soldiers Cemetery at Gettysburg.

The same circular invitation had been mailed to Senators, Congressmen, the Governors of Northern States, members of the Cabinet, by the commission of Pennsylvanians who had organized a corporation through which Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota were to share the cost of a decent burying-ground for the dust and bones of the Union and Confederate dead. In the helpless onrush of the war, it was known, too many of the fallen

had lain as neglected—cadavers rotting in the open fields or thrust into so shallow a resting place that a common farm plow caught in their bones. Now, by order of Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania, seventeen acres had been purchased on Cemetery Hill, where the Union center stood its colors on the second and third day of July, and plots of soil had been allotted each state for its graves. The sacred and delicate duties of orator of the day had fallen on Edward Everett. An eminent cultural figure, perhaps foremost of all distinguished American classical orators.

The following is a short review of the two-hour address of Hon. Edward Everett: Benjamin B. French introduced the Honorable Edward Everett, the orator of the day, who rose, bowed low to Lincoln, saying:

"Mr. President." Lincoln responded: "Mr. Everett."

The orator of the day then stood in silence before a crowd that stretched to limits that would test his voice. Beyond and around were the wheat fields, the meadows, the peach orchards, long slopes of land, and five or seven miles farther the contemplative blue ridge of a low mountain range. His eyes could sweep them as he faced the audience. He had taken note of it in his prepared and rehearsed address:

"Overlooking these broad fields now reposing from the labors of the waning year, the mighty Alleghanies dimly towering before us, the graves of our brethren beneath our feet, it is with hesitation that I raise my poor voice to break the eloquent silence of God and Nature.

"But the duty to which you have called me must be performed; grant me, I pray you, your indulgence and your sympathy." Everett proceeded: "It was appointed by law in Athens" and gave an extended sketch of the manner in which the Greeks cared for their dead who fell in battle. He spoke of the citizens assembled to consecrate the day. "As my eye ranges over the fields whose sods were so lately moistened by the blood of gallant and loyal men, I feel as never before, how truly it was said of old that it is sweet and becoming to die for one's country.

"Northern cities would have been trampled in conquest but for those who sleep beneath our feet" said the orator. He gave an outline of how the war began, traversed decisive features of the three days' battles at Gettysburg, discussed the doctrine of State sov-

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**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6**

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November 1, 1946.

By action of the Indianapolis Encampment, 1946; of the Commandery-in-Chief, following will be observed and govern:

**INSERT IN ARTICLE VI, CHAPTER 1, PAGE 17, C. & R.**

Section 8. Any Camp whose members reside in different communities may arrange its members into divisions, or sections corresponding to such communities; may give each such section or division a distinctive name; may prescribe its organization; and may delegate to it such of the work of the Camp in that community as the Camp may specify.

**PROCUREMENT OF RIFLES FOR RESERVE**

An Act of Congress provides that ten [10] Rifles will be furnished the Sons of Veterans Reserve, upon application to the Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C., at a cost of one [\$1.00] dollar each—\$10.00, and payment of freight from the Arsenal from which shipped. If further information is desired write Chief-Staff C. Leroy Stoult, Reading, Pa.

**ACTING CHIEF-OF-STAFF ACTIVITIES RESTORED**

Sections 1-5, inclusive, of Chapter IV, Page 40, C. & R., was by the Indianapolis Encampment, restored to active operation [Suspended 1944] is now in effect for all purposes and activities applicable thereto.

**IMPORTANT INTERNAL REVENUE INSTRUCTIONS**

U. S. Treasury Internal Revenue Department emphasizes in recent notice that: Organizations exempt from payment of Income Tax, whose employee[s] for services during a calendar quarter does not exceed \$45.00 are excepted for Federal tax purposes. Any employee[s] Officer[s] receiving in excess of \$45.00 per calendar quarter will file return to the Collector of Internal Revenue in his District.

**AMENDMENTS TO C. & R.**

These will also be promulgated to Departments to be furnished each Camp and Officers will place in the official copies of the C. & R. in use in their Camps and be governed thereby.

**AMENDMENT TO RITUAL**

Amendments to Ritual adopted at the Indianapolis, 1946. Encampment, will be promulgated as inserts to be pasted in Rituals as indicated. They will be furnished Departments. Department

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eighty and renounced it, drew parallels from European history, and came to his peroration quoting Pericles on Dead Patriots: "The whole earth is the sepulchre of illustrious men." "The men of nineteen sister states had stood side by side on the perilous ridges." "Seminary Ridge, the Peach Orchard, Cemetery Culp, and Wolf Hill, Round Top, and Little Round Top, humble names, henceforward dear and famous—no lapse of time, no distance of space, shall cause you to be forgotten."

He had spoken for an hour and fifty-seven minutes, some said a trifle over two hours, repeating almost word for word an address that occupied nearly two newspaper pages, as he had written it and as it had gone in advance sheets to many newspapers.

Everett came to his closing sentence without a faltering voice: "Down to the latest period of recorded time, in the glorious annals of our common country there will be no brighter page than that which relates the Battles of Gettysburg." It was the effort of his life and embodied the perfections of the school of oratory in which he had spent his career. His erect form and sturdy shoulders, his white hair and flung-back head at dramatic points, his voice, his pose, and chiefly

some quality of inside good-heartedness, held most of his audience to him, though the people in the front rows had taken their seats three hours before his oration closed.

Ode sung by Baltimore Glee Club, written for the occasion by Benjamin B. French, words as follows, music not available:

Great God in Heaven!  
Shall all this sacred blood be shed?  
Shall we thus mourn this glorious dead?  
Oh, shall the end be wrath and woe,  
The knell of freedom's over-throw,  
A country riven?

It will not be!  
We trust, O God! Thy gracious power  
To aid us in our darkest hour.  
This be our prayer—"O Father! Save  
A peoples freedom from its grave.  
All praise to Thee!"

Reading of the President's Proclamation declaring November 19, 1946, as Dedication Day.

Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Remarks on the aftermath of the Gettysburg Address.

Commanders will supply each Camp with five [5] Inserts and Camp Commanders will attach them in Rituals.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARLINGTON HALL**

Again the dearest season of the year approaches, Christmas, the birthday of the King of Kings who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

And again we are asked to fill the little red stockings for the project of Arlington Hall, which has come through the years to be one of our great interests. Many of us have visited Arlington Hall, in Des Moines, Iowa, and have seen various families of boys that our kind generosity has helped grow into manhood. Sixteen of these boys, grown to manhood served their nation bravely and patriotically in the late war.

Now a new family of young boys is growing up at Arlington Hall. They need our help. Will you please fill the little red stockings to overflowing in the name of the gentle Jesus whose birthday we will soon celebrate?

"A possible man of affairs  
A possible leader of men;  
Back of the grin that he wears,  
There may be the courage of ten.  
Lawyer or merchant or priest  
Artist or singer of joy  
This, when his strength is increased  
Is what may become of a boy."

Contributions should be sent to Blanche Renner, Arlington Hall, Box 125, Des Moines, Iowa.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1**

Report of National Secretary-Treasurer, September-October, 1946, Inc.

	Receipts:	General [Checking Account]
September 29, 1946, To Balance.....		\$1,841.52
For Membership Fees .....	\$ 14.00	
Per Capita Tax .....	507.70	
Supplies .....	195.62	
Miscellaneous .....	4.11	721.43
		\$2,562.95
By Disbursements:		
General Expenses .....	\$1,529.51	
Office Expenses .....	115.50	
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses .....	53.19	1,698.20
October 31, 1946, By Balance .....		\$ 864.75
	Organization G.A.R. Com. U. S. Highway Marking Bonds Fund Fund Com. Graves Form G	
Oct. 31, 1946, By Balance.....	\$669.59 \$1008.24 \$100.00 \$25.00 \$6700.00	
Attest:	By order of	NEIL D. CRANMER, Commander-in-Chief.
H. H. HAMMER,		National Secretary.

**Song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" by assemblage.**

Benediction by Camp Chaplain.

**THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS**

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining

**Patriotic Instruction**

Ernest E. Barnum, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor, 1289 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport 5, Conn.

The following story by Mary R. S. Andrews is a splendid tribute to Abraham Lincoln, for his great love for his fellow countrymen, and to commemorate November 19, 1946, as DEDICATION DAY.

**"THE PERFECT TRIBUTE"**

"On the morning of November 18, 1863, a special train drew out from Washington, carrying a distinguished company. The presence with them of the Marine Band from the Navy Yard spoke a public occasion to come, and among the travellers there were those who might be gathered only for an occasion of importance. There were judges of the Supreme Court of the United States; there were heads of departments; the general-in-chief of the army and his staff; members of the cabinet. In their midst, as they stood about the car before settling for the journey, towered a man sad, preoccupied, unassuming; a man awkward and ill-dressed; a man, as he leaned slouchingly against the wall, of no grace of look or manner, in whose haggard face seemed to be the suffering of the sins of the world. Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, journeyed with his party to assist at the consecration, the next day, of the national cemetery at Gettysburg. The quiet November landscape slipped past the rattling train, and the President's deep-set eyes stared out at it gravely, a bit listlessly. From time to time, he talked with those who were about him; from time to time there were flashes of that quaint wit which is linked, as his greatness, with his name, but his mind was today dispirited, unhelpful. The weight on his shoulders seemed pressing more heavily than he had courage to press back against it, the responsibility of one almost a dictator in a wide, war-torn country came near to crushing, at times, the mere human soul and body. There was, moreover, a speech to be made tomorrow to thousands who would expect their President to say something to them worth the listening of a people who were making history; something brilliant, eloquent, strong. The melancholy gaze glittered with a grim smile. He—Abraham Lincoln—the lad bred in a cabin, tutored in rough schools here and there, fighting for, snatching at crumbs of learning that fell from rich tables, struggling to a hard knowledge which well knew its own limitations—it was he of whom this was expected. He glanced across the car. Edward Everett sat there, the orator of the following day, the finished gentleman, the careful student, the heir of traditions of learning and breeding, of scholarly instinct and resources. The self-made President gazed at him wistfully. From him the people might expect and would get a balanced and polished oration. For that end he had been born, and inheritance and op-

portunity and inclination had worked together for that end's perfection. While Lincoln had wrested from a scanty schooling a command of English clear and forcible always, but, he feared rough-hewn, lacking, he feared, in finish and in breadth—of what use was it for such a one to try to fashion a speech fit to take a place by the side of Everett's silver sentences? He sighed. Yet the people had a right to the best he could give, and he would give them his best; at least he could see to it that the words were real and were short; at least he would not, so, exhaust their patience. And the work might as well be done now in the leisure of the journey. He put a hand, big, powerful, labor-knotted, into first one sugling pocket and then another, in search of a pencil, and drew out one broken across the end. He glanced about inquiringly—there was nothing to write upon. Across the car the Secretary of State had just opened a pack of books and their wrapping of brown paper lay on the floor, torn carelessly in a zigzag. The President stretched a long arm. 'Mr. Seward, may I have this to do a little writing?' he asked, and the Secretary protested, insisting on finding better material. But Lincoln, with a few words, had his way, and soon the untidy stump of a pencil was at work and the great head, the deep-lined face, bent over Seward's bit of brown paper, the whole man absorbed in his task. Earnestly, with that 'infinite capacity for taking pains' which has been defined as genius, he labored as the hours flew, building together close-fitted word on word, sentence on sentence. As the sculptor must dream the statue prisoned in the marble, as the artist must dream the picture to come from the brilliant unmeaning of his palette, as the musician dreams a song, so he who writes must have a vision of his finished work before he touches, to begin it, a medium more elastic, more vivid, more powerful than any other—words—prismatic bits of humanity, old as the Pharaohs, new as the Arabs of the street, broken, sparkling, alive, from the age-long life of the race. Abraham Lincoln, with the clear thought in his mind of what he would say, found the sentences that came to him colorless, wooden. A wonder flashed over him once or twice of Everett's skill with these symbols which, it seemed to him, were to the Bostonian a keyboard facile to make music, to Lincoln tools to do his labor. He put the idea aside, for it hindered him. As he found the sword fitted to his hand he must fight with it; it might be that he, as well as Everett, could say that which should go straight from him to his people, to the nation who struggled at his back towards a goal. At least each syllable he said should be chiselled from the rock of his sincerity. So he cut here and there an adjective, here and there a phrase, baring the heart of his thought, leaving no ribbon or flower of rhetoric to flutter in the eyes of those with whom he would be utterly honest. And when he had done he read the speech and dropped it from his hand to the floor and stared again from the window. It was the best he could do, and it was a failure. So with the pang of the workman who believes his work done wrong, he lifted and folded the torn bit of paper and put it in his pocket, and put aside the thought of it, as of a bad thing which he might not better, and turned and talked cheerfully with his friends.

before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

**ERNEST E. BARNUM,**

National Patriotic Instructor, pinch-hitting for our Commander-in-Chief, who is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, N. Y., suffering with a badly infected foot. He will probably have to remain there for several weeks.

go again into battle; there were the rank and file of an every-day American gathering in surging thousands; and above them all, on the open-air platform, there were the leaders of the land, the pilots who today lifted a hand from the wheel of the ship of state to salute the memory of those gone down in the storm. Most of the men in that group of honor are now passed over to the majority, but their names are not dead in American History—great ghosts who walk still in the annals of their country, their flesh-and-blood faces were turned attentively that bright, still November afternoon towards the orator of the day, whose voice held the audience.

For two hours Everett spoke and the throng listened untired, fascinated by the dignity of his high-bred look and manner almost as much, perhaps, as by the speech which has taken a place in literature. As he had been expected to speak he spoke, of the great battle, of the causes of the war, of the results to come after. It was an oration which missed no shade of expression, no reach of graps. Yet there were those in the multitude, sympathetic to a unit as it was with the Northern cause, who grew restless when this man who had been crowned with so thick a laurel wreath by Americans spoke of Americans as rebels, of a cause for which honest Americans were giving their lives as a crime. The days were war days, and men's passions were inflamed, yet there were men who listened to Edward Everett who believed that his great speech would have been greater unenforced with bitterness.

As the clear, cultivated voice fell into silence, the mass of people burst into a long storm of applause, for they knew that they had heard an oration which was an event. They clapped and cheered him again and again as good citizens acclaim a man worthy of honor whom they have delighted to honor. At last, as the ex-Governor of Massachusetts, the ex-ambassador to England, the ex-Secretary of State, the ex-Senator of the United States—handsome, distinguished, graceful, sure of voice and of movement—took his seat, a tall, gaunt figure detached itself from the group on the platform and slouched slowly across the open space and stood facing the audience. A stir and a whisper brushed over the field of humanity, as if a breeze had rippled a monstrous bed of poppies. This was the President. A quivering silence settled down and every eye was wide to watch this strange, disappointing appearance, every ear alert to catch the first sound of his voice. Suddenly the voice came, in a queer, squeaking falsetto. The effect on the audience was irrepressible, ghastly. After Everett's deep tones, after the strain of expectancy, this extraordinary, gaunt apparition, this high, thin sound from the huge body, were too much for the American crowd's sense of humor, always stronger than its sense of reverence. A suppressed yet unmistakable titter caught the throng, ran through it, and was gone. Yet no one who knew the President's face could doubt that he had heard it and had understood. Calmly enough, after a pause almost too slight to be recognized, he went on, and in a dozen words his tones had gathered volume, he had come to his power and dignity. There was no smile now on any face of those who listened. People stopped breathing rather, as if they feared to miss an inflection. A loose-hung figure, six feet four inches high, he towered above them, conscious of and quietly ignoring the bad first impression, unconscious of a charm of personality which reversed that impression within a sentence. That these were his people was his only thought. He had something to say to them; what did it matter about him or his voice?

'Fourscore and seven years ago,' spoke the

At eleven o'clock on the morning of the day following, on November 19, 1863, a vast, silent multitude billowed, like waves of the sea, over what had been not long before the battlefield of Gettysburg. There were wounded soldiers there, who had beaten their way four months before through a singling fire across these quiet fields, who had seen the men die who were buried here; there were troops, grave and responsible, who must soon



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Upon being installed into office at the Indianapolis Encampment last August our new Commander-in-Chief had the following to say:

I desire at this time to express my sincere thanks and profound appreciation for your selection, by unanimous vote, of myself as your Commander-in-Chief. I want to also thank our Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert and Past Dept. Com. Abbott of New York for the efficient way in which they have installed the officers.

I stand before you this morning with a deep sense of humility when I stop to think of the eminent men, living and dead, who have preceded me in this office, some of whom are present here today—several of them after an absence of several years—and others who have gone on more recently, like the lamented Past Com.-in-Chief William Allan Dyer of my own Department of New York, and still more recently the beloved Frank Kirchgassner of Massachusetts. Only last year I received a letter from Past Com.-in-Chief Kirchgassner expressing a hope that his health would be sufficiently restored that he might be present here at this Encampment. When I consider

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the record of these men, as I said, I do feel very humble.

I said a moment ago that some of these Past Com.-in-Chief had passed on but I have the feeling in a sense that they are with us this morning, perhaps looking down over the ramparts of Heaven, and I trust nodding their heads in approval over the procedure of this Encampment which is now about to close. As we are surrounded by a crowd of unseen witnesses, I am sure that we must have their benediction and their blessing as we go forward.

I desire at this time to outline three or four objectives which I shall have as your Com.-in-Chief. Some of these you have taken official action in declaring, others I assume that you will favor by common consent.

First of all, I want to make my supreme objective the welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic. Only 154 Civil War Veterans left on the pension rolls as of June 30. Only 83 members of the G. A. R., I am informed by Miss Cora Gillis, their National Secretary now remain and I don't care how much we may disapprove sometimes some action they have taken, to me and to you, I am sure they are still our "Boys in Blue" and the "Grandest army that ever marched beneath one Flag." Anything we can do, for them, collectively and individually, I propose that we shall do it.

My second objective is that we ought to combat in every corner and every place the subversive doctrines of Fascism, Nazism and Communism. We don't hear so much about these words any more but I am well informed that the proponents of these movements are still working here and do get into key positions of responsibility in various organizations of business and labor and religion. I think we ought to stand with the other patriotic organizations of America for the preservation of the American way of life.

Then we ought to, especially this year and right soon, observe this Dedication Day on the 19th of November, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Our Nat'l Patriotic Instructor I believe is already making plans which will be in the September issue of The Banner whereby we may celebrate, and perhaps get others outside of our own organization and the allied organizations of the Grand Army, to observe this very important day which has now been made a memorial, at least for this year, by Congress—Dedication Day. And I trust that through the efforts of Past Dept. Com. Heintz we shall be able to have this memorial made permanent for every year.

Then I think we could engage in almost no more important project than the pushing of the G. A. R. Highway. I'm sure Past Com.-in-Chief Barrett and Capt. Mansfield and you all will agree with me that no more fitting memorial to the Grand Army could be secured than to place the missing links in this chain of states in our G. A. R. Highway, and make it what it should be—a real memorial to our fathers. Then we should continue our plan of increasing our membership, so well begun by our retiring Com.-in-Chief Hale. We should recruit our ranks and I am sure that before we can do that we must do something else which shouldn't take so long. I have had it in mind for sometime and given a lot of

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thought to it. I do believe that in this organization we need a revival of the light of faith but, friends, I do not mean some occasion, word or phrase like Coue, the French philosopher had, "Every day in every way I'm growing better and better." I do not mean by sitting down and indulging in wishful thinking, but I mean the kind that's filled with action. You know, those of us who invoke our Book of books as a rule and guide, that James tells us that faith without works is dead, and I think we should revive some kind of faith with works. And because I have faith in the One above, and because I have faith in you, my Brothers, that I shall have your co-operation, and because I have this faith in my own heart, I am sure we can go out and imbue in others faith in the present and in the future of our organization, and we shall banish pessimism and everything which savors of that. I am sure that we are going to come out of the wilderness sooner or later into the promised land. I was never more sure of the future of our organization and that victory will eventually come to us than I am as I stand before you this morning as your incoming Commander-in-Chief.

"Face to the firing line, O friend,  
Fight out life's battle to the end  
This earthly stuff if used in God's way  
Will be enough.  
One soldier when the fight was red,  
Threw down his broken sword and fled,  
Another snatched it, won the day  
With what his comrade flung away."  
—Edwin Markham.

**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION**

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President, 'our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

'But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow, this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or to detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.'

There was no sound from the silent, vast assembly. The President's large figure stood before them, at first inspired, glorified with the thrill and swing of his words, lapsing slowly in the stillness into lax, ungraceful lines. He stared at them a moment with sad eyes full of gentleness, of resignation, and in the deep quiet they stared at him. Not a hand was lifted in applause. Slowly the big awkward man slouched back across the platform and sank into his seat, and yet there was no sound of approval, of recognition from the audience; only a long sigh ran like a ripple on an ocean through rank after rank. In

Lincoln's heart a throb of pain answered it. His speech had been, as he feared it would be, a failure. As he gazed steadily at these his countrymen who would not give him a little perfunctory applause for his best effort, he knew that the disappointment of it cut into his soul. And then he was aware that there was music, the choir was singing a dirge; his part was done, and his part had failed.

When the ceremonies were over Everett at once found the President. 'Mr. President,' he began, 'your speech —' but Lincoln had interrupted, flashing a kindly smile down at him, laying a hand on his shoulder.

'We'll manage not to talk about my speech, Mr. Everett,' he said. 'This isn't the first time I've felt that my dignity ought not to permit me to be a public speaker.' He went on in a few cordial sentences to pay tribute to the orator of the occasion. Everett listened thoughtfully and when the chief had done, 'Mr. President,' he said simply, 'I should be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as near the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes.'

But Lincoln shook his head and laughed and turned to speak to a newcomer with no change of opinion—he was apt to trust his own judgments.

The special train which left Gettysburg immediately after the solemnities on the battlefield cemetery brought the President's party into Washington during the night. There was no rest for the man at the wheel of the nation next day, but rather added work until, at about four in the afternoon, he felt sorely the need of air and went out from the White House alone, for a walk. His mind still ran on the events of the day before—the impressive, quiet multitude, the serene sky of November arched, in the hushed interregnum of the year, between the joy of summer and the war of winter, over those who had gone from earthly war to heavenly joy. The picture was deeply engraved in his memory; it haunted him. And with it came a soreness, a discomfort of mind which had haunted him as well in the hours between—the chagrin of the failure of his speech. During the day he had gently but decisively put aside all reference to it from those about him; he had glanced at the head-lines in the papers with a sarcastic smile; the Chief Executive must be flattered, of course; newspaper notices meant nothing. He knew well that he had made many successful speeches; no man of his shrewdness could be ignorant that again and again he had carried an audience by storm; yet he had no high idea of his own speech-making, and yesterday's affair had shaken his confidence more. He remembered sadly that, even for the President, no hand, no voice had been lifted in applause.

'It must have been pretty poor stuff,' he said half aloud; 'yet I thought it was a fair little composition. I meant to do well by them.'

His long strides had carried him into the outskirts of the city, and suddenly, at a corner, from behind a hedge, a young boy of fifteen years or so came rushing toward him and tripped and stumbled against him, and Lincoln kept him from falling with a quick, vigorous arm. The lad righted himself and tossed back his thick, light hair and stared haughtily, and the President, regarding him, saw that his blue eyes were blind with tears.

'Do you want all of the public highway? Can't a gentleman from the South even walk in the streets without—without—' and the broken sentence ended in a sob.

The anger and the insolence of the lad were nothing to the man who towered above him—to that broad mind this was but a child in trouble. 'My boy, the fellow that's interfering with your walking is down inside of you,' he said gently, and with that the astonished

youngster opened his wet eyes wide and laughed—a choking childish laugh that pulled at the older man's heartstrings. 'That's better, sonny,' he said, and patted the slim shoulder. 'Now tell me what's wrong with the world. Maybe I might help straighten it.'

'Wrong, wrong!' the child raved; 'everything's wrong,' and launched into a mad tirade against the government from the President down.

Lincoln listened patiently and when the lad paused for breath, 'Go ahead,' he said good-naturedly. 'Every little helps.'

With that the youngster was silent and drew himself up with stiff dignity, offended yet fascinated; unable to tear himself away from this strange giant who was so insulting-kind under his abuse, who yet inspired him with such a sense of trust and hope.

'I want a lawyer,' he said impulsively, looking up anxiously into the deep-lined face inches above him. 'I don't know where to find a lawyer in this horrible city, and I must have one—I can't wait—it may be too late—I want a lawyer NOW,' and once more he was in a fever of excitement.

'What do you want with a lawyer?' Again the calm, friendly tone quieted him.

'I want him to draw a will. My brother is—he caught his breath with a gasp in a desperate effort for self-control. 'They say he's dying.'

He finished the sentence with a quiver in his voice, and the brave front and the trembling, childish tone went to the man's heart. 'I don't believe it—he can't be dying,' the boy talked on, gathering courage. 'But anyway, he wants to make a will, and—and I reckon—it may be that he—he must.'

'I see,' the other answered gravely, and the young, torn soul felt an unreasoning confidence that he had found a friend. 'Where is your brother?'

'He's in the prison hospital there—in that big building,' he pointed down the street. 'He's captain in our army—in the Confederate army. He was wounded at Gettysburg.'

'Oh!' The deep-set eyes gazed down at the fresh face, its muscles straining under grief, and responsibility, with the gentlest, most fatherly pity. 'I think I can manage your job, my boy,' he said. 'I used to practice law in a small way myself, and I'll be glad to draw the will for you.'

The young fellow had whirled him around before he had finished. 'Come,' he said, 'Don't waste time talking—why didn't you tell me before?' and then he glanced up. He saw the ill-fitting clothes, the craglike rough-modelled head, the awkward carriage of the man; he was too young to know that what he felt beyond these was greatness. There was a tone of patronage in his voice and in the cock of his aristocratic young head as he spoke. 'We can pay you, you know—we're not paupers.' He fixed his eyes on Lincoln's face to watch the impression as he added, 'My brother is Carter Hampton Blair, of Georgia. I'm Warrington Blair. The Hampton Court Blairs, you know.'

'Oh!' said the President.

The lad went on: 'It would have been all right if Nellie hadn't left Washington today—my sister, Miss Eleanor Hampton Blair. Carter was better this morning, and so she went with the Senator. She's secretary to Senator Warrington, you know. He's on the Yankee side—the tone was full of contempt—but yet he's our cousin, and when he offered Nellie the position she would take it in spite of Carter and me. We were so poor—the lad's pride was off its guard for the moment, melted in the soothing trust with which this stranger thrilled his soul. It was relief to him to talk, and the large hand which rested on his shoulder as they walked seemed an assurance that his

words were accorded respect and understanding. 'Of course, if Nellie had been here she would have known how to get a lawyer, but Carter had a bad turn half an hour ago, and the doctor said he might get better or he might die any minute, and Carter remembered about the money, and got so excited that they said it was hurting him, so I said I'd get a lawyer, and I rushed out, and the first thing I ran against you. I'm afraid I wasn't very polite.' The smile on the gaunt face above him was all the answer he needed. 'I'm sorry, I apologize. It certainly was good of you to come right back with me.' The child's manner was full of the assured graciousness of a high-born gentleman; there was a loveable quality in his very patronage, and the suffering and the sweetness and the pride combined held Lincoln by his sense of humor as well as by his soft heart. 'You sha'n't lose anything by it,' the youngster went on. 'We may be poor, but we have more than plenty to pay you, I'm sure. Nellie has some jewels, you see—Oh, I think several things yet. Is it very expensive to draw a will?' he asked wistfully.

'No, sonny; it's one of the cheapest things a man can do,' was the hurried answer, and the child's tone showed a lighter heart.

'I'm glad of that, for, of course, Carter wants to leave—to leave as much as he can. You see, that's what the will is about—Carter is engaged to marry Miss Sally Maxfield, and they would have been married now if he hadn't been wounded and taken prisoner. So, of course, like any gentleman that's engaged, he wants to give her everything that he has. Hampton Court has to come to me after Carter, but there's some money—quite a lot—only we can't get it now. And that ought to go to Carter's wife, which is what she is—just about—and if he doesn't make a will it won't. It will come to Nellie and me if—anything should happen to Carter.'

'So you're worrying for fear you'll inherit some money?' Lincoln asked meditatively.

'Of course,' the boy threw back impatiently. 'Of course, it would be a shame if it came to Nellie and me, for we couldn't ever make her take it. We don't need it—I can look after Nellie and myself,' he said proudly, with a quick, tossing motion of his fair head that was like the motion of a spirited thoroughbred. They had arrived at the prison. 'I can get you through all right. They all know me here,' he spoke over his shoulder reassuringly to the President with a friendly glance. Dashing down the corridors in front, he did not see the guards salute the tall figure which followed him; too preoccupied to wonder at the ease of their entrance, he flew along through the big building, and behind him in large strides came his friend.

A young man—almost a boy, too—of twenty-three or twenty-four, his handsome face a white shadow, lay propped against the pillows, watching the door eagerly as they entered.

'Good boy, Warry,' he greeted the little fellow; 'you've got me a lawyer,' and the pale features lighted with a smile of such radiance as seemed incongruous in this gruesome place. He held his hand to the man who swung toward him, looming mountainous behind his brother's slight figure.

'Thank you for coming,' he said cordially, and in his tone was the same air of a grand seigneur as in the lad's. Suddenly a spasm of pain caught him, his head fell into the pillows, his muscles twisted, his arm about the neck of the kneeling boy tightened convulsively. Yet while the agony still held him he was smiling again with gay courage. It nearly blew me away,' he whispered, his voice shaking, but his eyes bright with amusement. 'We'd better get to work before one of those little breezes carries me too far. There's pen

and ink on the table, Mr. — my brother did not tell me your name.'

'Your brother and I met informally,' the other answered, setting the materials in order for writing. 'He charged into me like a young steer,' and the boy, out of his deep trouble, laughed delightfully. 'My name is Lincoln.'

The young officer regarded him. 'That's a good name from your standpoint—you are, I take it, a Northerner?'

The deep eyes smiled whimsically. 'I'm on that side of the fence. You may call me a Yankee if you'd like.'

'There's something about you, Mr. Lincoln,' the young Georgian answered gravely, with a kindly and unconscious condescension, 'which makes me wish to call you, if I may, a friend.'

He had that happy instinct which shapes a sentence to fall on its smoothest surface, and the President, in whom the same instinct was strong, felt a quick comradeship with this enemy who, about to die, saluted him. He put out his great fist swiftly.

'Shake hands,' he said. 'Friends it is.'

'Till death do us part,' said the officer slowly, and smiled, and then threw back his head with a gesture like the boy's. 'We must do the will,' he said peremptorily.

'Yes, now we'll fix this will business, Captain Blair,' the big man answered cheerfully. 'When your mind's relieved about your plunder you can rest easier and get well faster.'

The sweet, brilliant smile of the Southerner shone out, his arm drew the boy's shoulder closer, and the President, with a pang, knew that his friend knew that he must die.

With direct, condensed question and clear answer the simple will was shortly drawn and the imprudent lawyer rose to take his leave. But the wounded man put out his hand.

'Don't go yet,' he pleaded, with the imperious, winning accent which was characteristic of both brothers. The sudden, radiant smile broke again over the face, young, drawn with suffering, prophetic of close death. 'I like you,' he brought out frankly. 'I've never liked a stranger as much in such short order before.'

His head, fair as the boy's lay back on the pillows, locks of hair damp against the whiteness, the blue eyes shone like jewels from the colorless face, a weak arm stretched protectingly about the young brother who pressed against him. There was so much courage, so much helplessness, so much pathos in the picture that the President's great heart throbbed with a desire to comfort them.

'I want to talk to you about that man Lincoln, your namesake, the prisoner's deep, uncertain voice went on, trying pathetically to make conversation which might interest, might hold his guest. The man who stood hesitating controlled a startled movement.

'I'm Southern to the core of me, and I believe with my soul in the cause I've fought for, the cause I'm —' he stopped, and his hand caressed the boy's soulder. 'But that President of yours is a remarkable man. He's regarded as a red devil by most of us down home, you know,' and he laughed, 'but I've admired him all along. He's inspired by principle, not by animosity, in this fight; He's real and he's powerful and' —he lifted his head impetuously and his eyes flashed—and, by Jove, have you read his speech of yesterday in the papers?'

Lincoln gave him an odd look. 'No,' he said, 'I haven't.'

'Sit down,' Blair commanded. 'Don't grudge a few minutes to a man in hard luck. I want to tell you about that speech. You're not so busy but that you ought to know.'

'Well, yes,' said Lincoln, 'perhaps I ought.' He took out his watch and made a quick mental calculation. 'It's only a question of going without my dinner, and the boy is dying,' he

thought. 'If I can give him a little pleasure the dinner is a small matter.' He spoke again. 'It's the soldiers who are the busy men, not the lawyers, nowadays,' he said. 'I'll be delighted to spend a half hour with you, Captain Blair, if I won't tire you.'

'That's good of you,' the young officer said, and a king on his throne could not have been gracious in a more lordly yet unconscious way. 'By the way, this great man isn't any relation of yours, is he, Mr. Lincoln?'

He's a kind of connection—through my grandfather,' Lincoln acknowledged. 'But I know just the sort of fellow he is—you can say what you want.'

'What I want to say first is this: that he yesterday made one of the great speeches of history.'

'What?' demanded Lincoln, staring.

'I know what I'm talking about.' The young fellow brought his thin fist down on the bed-clothes. 'My father was a speaker—all my uncles and my grandfather were speakers. I've been brought up on oratory. I've studied and read the best models since I was a lad in knee-breeches. And I know a great speech when I see it. And when Nellie—my sister—brought in the paper this morning and read that to me I told her at once that not six times since history began has a speech been made which was its equal. That was before she told me what the Senator said.'

'What did the Senator say?' asked the quiet man who listened.

'It was Senator Warrington, to whom my sister is—is acting secretary.' The explanation was distasteful, but he went on, carried past the job by the interest of his story. 'He was at Gettysburg yesterday, with the President's party. He told my sister that the speech so went home to the hearts of all those thousands of people that when it was ended it was as if the whole audience held its breath—there was not a hand lifted to applaud. One might as well applaud the Lord's Prayer—it would have been sacrilege. And they all felt it—down to the lowest. There was a long minute of reverent silence, no sound from all that great throng—it seems to me, an enemy, that it was the most perfect tribute that has ever been paid by any people to any orator.'

The boy, lifting his hand from his brother's shoulder to mark the effect of his brother's words, saw with surprise that in the strange lawyer's eyes were tears. But the wounded man did not notice.

'It will live that speech. Fifty years from now American schoolboys will be learning it as part of their education. It is not merely my opinion,' he went on. 'Warrington says the whole country is ringing with it. And you haven't read it? And your name's Lincoln? Worry, boy, where's the paper Nellie left? I'll read the speech to Mr. Lincoln myself.'

The boy had sprung to his feet and across the room, and had lifted a folded newspaper from the table. 'Let me read it, Carter—it might tire you.'

The giant figure which had crouched elbows on knees, in the shadows by the narrow hospital cot, heaved itself slowly upward till it loomed at its full height in air. Lincoln turned his face toward the boy standing under the flickering gas-jet and reading with soft, sliding inflections the words which had for twenty-four hours been gall and wormwood to his memory. And as the sentences slipped from the lad's mouth, behold a miracle happened, for the man who had written them knew that they were great. He knew then, as many a lesser one has known, that out of a little loving-kindness had come great joy; that he had wrested with gentleness a blessing from his enemy.

'Fourscore and seven years ago,' the fresh voice began, and the face of the dying man stood out white in the white pillows,

shardp with eagerness, and the fact of the President shone as he listened as if to new words. The field of yesterday, the speech, the deep silence which followed it, all were illuminated, as his mind went back, with new meaning. With the realization that the stillness had meant, not indifference, but perhaps, as this generous enemy had said, 'The most perfect tribute ever paid by any people to any orator,' here came to him a rush of glad strength to bear the burdens of the nation. The boy's tones ended clearly, deliberately: 'We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.'

There was deep stillness in the hospital ward as there had been stillness on the field of Gettysburg. The soldier's voice broke it. 'It's a wonderful speech,' he said. 'There's nothing finer. Other men have spoken stirring words, for the North and for the South, but never before, I think, with the love of both breathing through them. It is only the greatest who can be a partisan without bitterness, and only such today may call himself not northern or southern, but American. To feel that your enemy can fight you to death without malice, with charity—it lifts country, it lifts humanity to something worth dying for. They are beautiful, broad words and the sting of war would be drawn if the soul of Lincoln could be breathed into the armies. Do you agree with me?' he demanded abruptly, and Lincoln answered slowly, from a happy heart.

'I believe it is a good speech,' he said.

The impetuous Southerner went on: 'Of course, it's all wrong from my point of view, and the gentleness of his look made the words charming. The thought which underlies it is warped, inverted, as I look at it, yet that doesn't alter my admiration of the man and of his words. I'd like to put my hand in his before I die,' he said, and the sudden, brilliant, sweet smile lit the transparency of his face like a lamp; 'and I'd like to tell him that I know that what we're all fighting for, the best of us, is the right of our country as it is given us to see it.' He was laboring a bit with the words now as if he were tired, but he hushed the boy imperiously. 'When a man gets so close to death's door that he feels the wind through it from a larger atmosphere, then the small things are blown away. The bitterness of the fight has faded for me. I only feel the love of country, the satisfaction of giving my life for it. The speech—that speech—has made it look higher and simpler—your side as well as ours. I would like to put my hand in Abraham Lincoln's —'

The clear, deep voice, with its hesitations, its catch of weakness, stopped short. Convulsively the hand shot out and caught at the great fingers that hung near him, pulling the President, with the strength of agony, to his knees by the cot. The prisoner was writhing in an attack of mortal pain, while he held, unknowing that he held it, the hand of his new friend in a torturing grip. The door of death had opened wide and a stormy wind was carrying the bright, conquered spirit into that larger atmosphere of which he had spoken. Suddenly the struggle ceased, the unconscious head rested in the boy's arms, and the hand of the Southern soldier lay quiet, where he had wished to place it, in the hand of Abraham Lincoln.

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**NATIONAL G. A. R. FUND**

Brothers, I am appealing to each Department Patriotic Instructor, Camp and Brother, not to forget those who gave their lives in battle—I mean the Boys in Blue who are buried on the battle-field of Gettysburg, and

who lie buried in every battle-field of the Civil War, and who lay in the cemeteries in every City and Hamlet throughout the Country.

Let us, as their Sons and Grandsons, etc., make sure they will have an everlasting Memorial from Coast to Coast, in Route 6—as the Grand Army Highway. Let us also see to it that the few remaining Comrades of the G. A. R., will not want for funds to carry on to the last man, as is their greatest desire.

Your contributions to the National G. A. R. Fund will insure both these most worthy causes. Send all contributions to your Department Patriotic Instructor or Department Treasurer, who, in turn will forward same to me.

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Brother, did your next door neighbor's father or grandfather wear the Union Blue during the Civil War? Why not ask him, or the man working next to you on your job? He may be eligible to join the Sons.

**ROAMING WITH THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Would you like to know the reason for the inauguration of this column? Several brothers at Indianapolis Encampment said to your Commander-in-Chief, "Why don't you write an account of your trips and let us know what you are doing? We rather read that than too many articles."

Before daylight on his return home the door bell rang and there was a messenger boy with a telegram. It was from Dept. Com. Moore, of York, Pa., pledging the utmost cooperation and support of Pennsylvania Department. If that didn't warm the cockles of my heart.

My first trip was to Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19, where I attended a dinner given by Phillip Sheridan Auxiliary. They were handicapped by having to cook it at the homes and bring it to the hall, but it was very fine. In this Auxiliary are two Past Nat'l Presidents, Mrs. Margaret Brady and Mrs. Mary Stapleton. Here also is that hustler, Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Charles L. Messer.

On Sept. 21 I journeyed to Schenectady for a dinner and reception given by about the largest Auxiliary in the state [Allen H. Jackson]. Nine Dept. officers of the Sons were present and held a conference. As a result

of this conference a committee was named of Junior Vice Dept. Com. Messer, W. L. Van Voast of King Camp, Troy, and Brother Wagner of Schenectady. This committee went to work and saved Jackson Camp of Schenectady from losing its charter. The back per capita tax was paid.

On Sept. 28 I went to Rochester for a dinner and reception in honor of Dept. officers. We were all inspired by the presence of Dept. Com. James A. Hard of the G. A. R. I have often referred to Rochester as the patriotic capital of New York. We have many splendid Sons and members of the Auxiliary there.

At Buffalo Sept. 29 I attended a reception given by the Grand Army Memorial Association of Erie County at the Stadler Hotel. Among those present were Past Com.-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Robert W. Rownd, of Ripley, and Nat. Pres. Miss Cora Gillis, of Daughters of Union Veterans.

On all these occasions your Commander-in-Chief has stressed the need for adding new members and has asked the help of the Auxiliary and allied bodies.

Because of the above dates previously made your Commander-in-Chief was obliged to decline invitations to Bath, Me.; Waterville, Me.; Burlington, Vt.; Trenton, N. J., and Boscaw-en, N. H.

Upon his return from Buffalo he was taken seriously ill with a badly infected foot. He is now on his fourth week in St. Joseph's Hospital, where he is slowly improving. He was obliged to cancel dates at Madison, Wis.; Alliance, Ohio; Gettysburg, Pa.; Boston, and Lynn, Mass. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Roy Lewis, at the request of the Com.-in-Chief, represented him at Madison, Wis.

Thank you, brothers and sisters, for the more than 100 get-well cards received. They brought me much of happiness and good cheer. I hope to be back on the job before too long.—NEIL D. CRANMER, Commander-in-Chief.

**Upper Miss. Valley Regional Association Meeting Held**

Upper Mississippi Valley Regional Association of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Departments of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana and Missouri and their Auxiliaries met in Madison, Wisconsin, Sunday, Oct. 20, for the 1946 regional convention, the first post-war one. The Eagles' Memorial Hall was the gathering place.

Sixty-five members were present, including representatives of all Departments of the Regional, and five from Sheboygan, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoberg, Mrs. Maria Krueger, Mrs. Minnie Sommersberger and Mrs. Minnie Leicht. The next meeting will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1947, and will be in Peoria, Ill.

Association officers in attendance were: Edward J. Kaestner, Vice President, who conducted the meeting; Mrs. Kittle Pillsberry, Secretary; Roy R. Lewis, Treasurer, and Clymen Curtis, Chaplain. Inspiring talks were given and much was accomplished. Mr. Lewis, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Milwaukee, represented the Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira, N. Y. Mrs. Helen McGowan, of Madison, represented the National President, Mrs. Edna Lambert, of Trenton, N. J.

Among the distinguished guests were Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Locke, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Past National President, Mrs. Eva Blackman, Chicago, and Past National President, Mrs. Minnie Groth, Madison.

Officers elected are the following: W. F. Hathaway, Iowa, President; Hugh Sneider, Indiana, Vice President; Mrs. Kittle Pillsberry, Milwaukee, Secretary; Roy Lewis, Milwaukee,

Treasurer; Mrs. Gladys Davis, Illinois, Chaplain; Mrs. Agnes Berger, Indiana, Patriotic Instructor.

The sum of \$25 was voted for the Arlington School for Boys. Announcement was made that the Veterans' Night in Milwaukee will be on Nov. 16 at the Republican House, and a general invitation was extended.

Several times Minnesota and Wisconsin had met, co-operating their mutual programs. In his Minnesota Dept. Encampment report in 1938, Dewey Mead mentioned this and recommended an organization. Iowa was the next state to be aded, and a meeting was called for La Crosse the following year. Illinois was next to come in, and Prairie du Chien, the next convention place. There the organization was perfected and committees appointed. At the 1941 meeting in Clinton, Iowa, by-laws were adopted. Chicago was chosen in 1942, and Michigan, Indiana and Missouri received into membership. The last meeting before the one this year was in Milwaukee in 1943.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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

### In Memoriam

I have lost a sincere and devoted Brother, Past Dept. Com. Lawrence D. Riley, who answered "Taps" on Monday, Sept. 16. I succeeded him as Dept. Commander, and I immediately appointed him my Chief-of-Staff. It is extremely difficult for me to express my keen sorrow. Larry, as he was affectionately known by his countless friends, will be missed. His genial personality, cheery smile, friendly handclasp, were some of the fine principles exemplified by this veteran of World War I and faithful member of our Department. To his good wife, children and his aged parents I extend my condolences and pray God that his Soul is happy with Him who has seen fit to take him from our midst. His memory will live on and his numerous acts of mercy to those in distress will serve as monuments for future generations to emulate. Good-bye, Larry.—George Wm. Kimball, Dept. Commander.

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### George E. Weaver

Death took the dean of "old timers" on August 1, when George W. Weaver, over 60 years a member, answered the last roll call. Funeral services were held Sat., Aug. 3, in Second Congregational Church, Dorchester, where he had been caretaker ever since many of us were small boys.

Active up to last, his Camp Commander, Robert L. Wood, one of our youngest, assisted Brother Weaver, with church chores. More than a dozen from Bowditch Camp 30 attended final rites; also Dept. Com. Geo. W. Kimball and the Dept. "Pub. Sec." A substantial gesture by our Dept. Commander, sincerely appreciated.

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### Summer Shorts

Our Dept. Commander received nod of approval from C.-in-C. Hale, when the latter made him a Nat. Aide, just prior to departure for National Encampment, and one of last official acts of our C.-in-C.'s administration.

Rev. Raymond T. Reed is one Dept. Chaplain who can solemnize any occasion or provide wit and humor in time of laughter. When Miss Avedikien announced title of her violin selection at reception to Dept. Com. Kimball, the doctor remarked, in a stage whisper, "It's all Greek to me."

A gala affair July 20 was the one given officers and invited guests of "Nomet" Assn. at home of P. C.-in-C. William L. Anderson and P. N. P. Mrs. Margaret F. Anderson. Honored hosts opened home profusely, with celebrated

"dug-out" the rendezvous for most of evening. Every Son of a Veteran should see this unsurpassed and perhaps nowhere equalled display.

Vernard L. Gordon has been appointed Dept. Organizer by Dept. Com. Kimball.

Our Dept. Patriotic Instructor, Ralph P. Bickmore, has a patent on patriotism. His high grade performance should command commendation. More about Bickmore when we can tick more.

"Les" Sweeney reports 300 Worcesterites attended outing held at Dean Park, Shrewsbury, July 27. When three hundred, within confines of one county association, attend even an outdoor affair in summer, we need fear no immediate demise of our Order.

Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer and Mrs. Bauer entertained Bay State Camp 61 July 27 at their new home in Milton. Over a dozen spent a pleasant afternoon—one of hottest during the year.

Dept. Com. Kimball his Personal Aide, Wm. H. Bridgman, and "Pub. Sec." attended reception to Ruth Messenger, Dept. Pres., D. U. V., at Holyoke June 29. We greeted there P. D. C.'s Moran and Hobson; Dist. Com. Partenhelmer and "Al" Wolff, Judge Advocate, Mass. Dept., D. U. V. P. D. C. Hobson's daughter is the Dept. Patriotic Instructor, D. U. V.

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### Chief-of-Staff

Paul A. Hoyt, P. Sr. V. D. C., has been selected by Dept. Com. Kimball to fill vacancy in office of Chief-of-Staff, caused through untimely death of Lawrence D. Riley, P. D. C.

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### Fun Fare for Oldsters

"Fuller pep" brand was the gathering of "ATS" on Sat., Oct. 5. These 70 "boys," 18 of whom had been plodding along in our beloved order for between 50-60 years, with aggregate service of 1,000 birthdays, went back to Somerville High School to renew their youth. And Pres. Wm. O. Fuller, P. D. C., bereft amid ship, by the lamented loss of P. C.-in-C. Kirchgassner, sailed on largely alone to plan this gala annual event. Not so well himself of late and away for months preceding, we take off our head coverings to "Bill" who had carried on much of proceedings by long distance phone, for which he said "no bill." In turn he thanked Brothers Warren, Weiler and Drown and all others who helped and all who came.

The "Pub. Sec." who served as "Sec' pro tem," felt full of misgivings, trying to fill shoes of one who had established, inspired and sustained this necessary nucleus, nearly a score of years. Others in necrology were Geo. E. Weaver, veteran of veterans; Clayton Studley, of Rockland; J. Chas. Pierce, Scituate. A silent tribute for the foregoing and later three new members were elected to bolster, at least partially, for losses of year.

Oldest in years present was C. L. Coombs [88], who also was one of "Joiners," and Herbert C. Ames was oldest in service [61]. Chas. H. E. Moran, P. D. C. [1926] came longest distance to attend. P. D. C. Weiler responded to the 50-60 year old timers, who had lined up in front to introduce themselves, and then "Bill" Tillson of Taunton proposed "three cheers and a tiger."

First speaker was Dept. Com. Kimball, who first moved a rising vote of thanks to Pres. Fuller; then dedicated poem to him and gang, concluding with stirring membership appeal and announcement of souvenir booklet in the making. P. C.-in-C. Hale said he was only filling in while Fuller was out with "gals" [who had just entertained so lavishly]. Selected musical numbers, dance specialties and a high grade magician had been on tap, through effort of our ever helpful sister, Mary Gordon, D. I. Hale went on to say that it was "always fair weather when good fellows get

together" made possible through vision and spirit of a Bolton, Homan and Kirchgassner. The perennial poet, George Edward Fitz, waxed eloquent once again with his master rhyme, read by Past Pres. A. A. Quinn, P. D. C.

The nominating committee, consisting of Henry F. Weiler, P. D. C., Paul Gasset and Chas. Bradlee, P. Sr. V. D. C., reported a choice of Parker B. Chandler, P. D. C., as President-elect, and Herb H. Marshall, Sec. Treas., with Executive Committee of Fred E. Warren, P. P., William H. Thomas and Everett Atwood. It was then up to Chandler to Parker maiden speech as an "old man" which he did "pronto." A slight deficit for evening was spelled "profit" through donation of pears [this time] by Lloyd Hardy, of Leominster, when same were auctioned in audience. Singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" closed another very memorable affair.

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### Not Demolished

Dept. Com. Kimball and Mrs. Kimball, P. D. C. Haskell and "P. S." Drown, with Mrs. Haskell the courtesy driver, visited Taunton Oct. 8 to help Couch Camp 26 celebrate the 60th anniversary of their charter. And we saw one G. A. R. Memorial not due to be demolished just yet. Brothers, there she stands—formerly a stone church of magnificent architectural splendor, near center of city, and kept in good repair. A well known caterer did himself proud and Camp 26 gave us the greatest show we ever expect to see, when Magician French of Taunton entertained for over an hour.

Sixty years of perpetuating the G. A. R. was read by Sec. Fairbanks. The Dept. Officers, as above, contributed encouragement and other noted guests were Judge "Joe" Warner, great friend of our Order, and Bro. Sturgis, a gold ribboner. Dancing concluded a very much worth while occasion.

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### Springfield Rifles

A "new deal" in District organization was launched Sept. 25 at Springfield, following roll call meeting of L. A. Tift Camp 15. This unit has Senior, Junior District Commanders and constitutes equivalent of a county association. Edwin W. Partenhelmer is Dist. Commander again with Clarence Sherman of James B. Lay Camp 44, Sr. Dist. Com., and William Ruel of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan Camp 60, Jr. Dist. Com. George A. Adams, P. Jr. V. D. C., is Secretary.

On Oct. 10 this outfit really got rolling at Westfield, on a District visitation. A star studded array of speakers included Sr. P. C.-in-C. Wm. L. Anderson, P. D. C.'s Chas. H. E. Moran and John W. Emery, and the District officers who faced a good sized audience. Would that this line-up might include all the western area, serving as a western association, as strong as and similar to "Nomet," "Plyco" and "Warco."

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Springfield's own—"J. A. P." combine, the "J" for Myron Johnson, P. C. & Treas. Tift Camp—triumvirate, again visited Francis Atherton on Oct. 13, the occasion of his 100th birthday and presented this C. W. Vet. and member of their Camp, a bouquet of roses. Found him in good health and spirits.

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### Lawrence D. Riley

Like a blast out of a clear sky came the news flash on Sept. 16 that Lawrence D. Riley 63rd and most recent Past Dept. Commander, never again would meet his multitude of friends with that cheery greeting. Re-lying after a glorious Sabbath, apparently in good health, he was not to be permitted seeing the light of another earthly day. Just before dawn on Monday he silently said "good bye." Only Saturday evening he had attended state installation of American Legion, and

during the final hours with us he and P. D. C. L. E. Winchell had planned for a nearing periodic gathering of P. C. A., of which he was Vice Pres. Yes, "Larry" died with his boots on.

During the several days of vigil the Heavenly Commander was most gracious, furnishing summer weather, even the nights being warm. And fortunate, too, for the hundreds who poured into and around the Riley domicile, in final respect. Sister M. Gertrude, the attentive wife, greeted the mourners, personally, with just the proper message for each, and bearing up ever so nobly, over a crushed and broken heart. Sons and daughters of this fine family were carrying a full share of the burden. Father and mother Riley were also active in arrangements, though none the less shocked, beyond grief.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 17, Dept. Com. George W. Kimball conducted memorial services for Past Dept. Com. Lawrence D. Riley at his late home. Assisting in the ritualistic service were: Rev. Raymond T. Reed, Dept. Chap.; Ralph P. Bickmore, Dept. Pat. Inst.; Com. Thomas Hart of Camp 46, in which Bro. Riley was a Past Commander, acting as Dept. Jr. Vice Com.; and Louis E. Winchell, P. D. C., Sr. Vice Dept. Com.

A large delegation of Sons was present during the service.

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### Letter of Thanks

Many letters of sympathy, spiritual bouquets and kindly co-operation during our bereavement by friends throughout the Dept. of Massachusetts and beyond the border of our state, brought comfort to us in the passing of Lawrence D. Riley, P. D. C. We thank each and every one who in any way helped to share our sorrows.—Mrs. Lawrence D. Riley and Family.

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### Winthrop in Chelsea

Recently our Dept. Commander met with painful injury to his right leg which required several stitches, but he took to his arms in good shape, judging by sheets of news "Pub. Sec." was flooded with from boss. Cheerio, Commander, you're half way through, and one leg still strong. We've seen George limping around in wide flung areas, grateful for many cards of condolence received.

Seriously speaking, our Commander is a game rooster, you can't get him down. He still is taking in members and reports that with Chaplain Reed they expect to institute a Camp at Boston, which we understand will be "Shades of Robert Bell Post." His summary goes on to inform that A. A. Quinn, P. D. C., is chairman of Salvation Army annual drive in Chelsea, and that Pat. Inst. Arthur J. Wrinn was unanimously elected Grand Gu Gu Grandissimo of Military Order of Serpent, fun unit of U. S. W. V. Bro. Commander himself is quite a figure in the "snakes" and we don't mean to infer—a poor decrepit adder.

Howard L. Ostler, of the famous "Ostlers," is now Commander of Post 12, United Amvets of Chelsea. Action in Theodore Winthrop Camp presents an up-to-minute degree team [why not with "Addie Q." instructor] and a bowling team, directed by a South Pacific veteran W. Paul Kimball, P. C., son of "G. W. K." The Camp regrets the passing of Edward F. Flaherty, P. C., after a lingering illness.

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### Plymco Cohorts

Some half dozen get together of Plymouth County Assn. have been held since reorganization of this Southeastern Mass. unit, with average attendance of close to fifty; at Brockton, Pembroke, Plymouth, Rockland, Abington and Stoughton. Dept. Com. Kimball has appeared at half of these and got lost trying to find Pembroke. At Plymouth on a very

stormy evening in August, 18 brothers of Colingwood Camp 4, greeted their guests. This bulwark, south of Boston, is led very ably by Earle W. Harrington, Pres., and Stanley Blanchard, Sec., Treas., with some ranking, present and past Departmental officers as a "steering committee." Watch "Plymco" go, glow and grow!

## INDIANA

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

### Recent Deaths

Our Department has suffered the loss recently of three Past Dept. Commanders, who have long been connected with the interest and work of this Department. George O. Dewey, who died July 18, was a member of the Martinsville Camp, a retired newspaper man, an active member of various fraternal orders and a deacon in the Christian Church. Funeral services were held at Martinsville on July 20 and interment was at Brownsburg. Members of various surrounding Camps attended the funeral, and the I. O. O. F. lodge furnished pall bearers.

Wm. F. Ball was a long time and active member of the Indianapolis Camp, and was well known in the Dept. and National circles. He died at Oteen, North Carolina, on Sept. 23, funeral services being held at Richardson's Funeral Home, Indianapolis, on Sept. 26.

Lawrence A. Handley passed away in June, in Muncie, his home. Benton Camp No. 28 passed resolutions commending his long and active service and closed these resolutions with a selection from one of Brother Handley's own poems, as follows:

The bugles sound taps and they answer the call,  
One by one as the forest leaves fall,  
One by one they drop from our sight,  
Slipping away into the silent night,  
Over that stream on that beautiful shore,  
Never to march or to camp anymore,  
Ever to enjoy in that haven of rest,  
Honors that go to those that are blest,  
One by one they are marching along,  
Hark, you can almost hear their song,  
Over where God and his Angels are,  
One by one go the Sons of the G. A. R.

All three of these brothers will be missed sorely by members throughout the Order. Condolences are sent to families and friends.

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### Dinner and Reception

On Tuesday evening, July 2, Ben Harrison Camp and Auxiliary of Indianapolis, sponsored a most delightful chicken dinner at Fort Friendly, in honor of Dept. Com. Clarence N. Barksdale and Mrs. Pearl Keaton, a member of the Dept. Auxiliary Council. Guests included almost all of the new Dept. Officers of both the Sons and Auxiliary, as well as five Past Dept. Commanders and five Past Dept. Presidents and a host of other members, including one Past Nat. President of the Auxiliary.

## ILLINOIS

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight.  
Meeting of Council and Program and Policy Committee

Because of resignation of Dept. Com. H. J. Bridegroom recently sent Chairman of Council Neill J. Carson, a meeting of the Dept. Council and the Program and Policy Committee was called and held at Pers Marquette Hotel, Peoria, Sunday, Nov. 3. Present were the three members of the Council and most of the members of the Program and Policy Committee. The resignation of Dept. Com. Bridegroom was regretfully accepted by the Council.

The Council, by proper action, nominated and elected the following to serve for the remainder of the 1946-47 term:

Commander, Roscoe C. Mathis, Prophets-town.

Senior Vice, James B. Blackman, Chicago. The Jr. Vice Commander, A. LeRoy Reynolds, remains in the same position, as elected at the Springfield Encampment. These officers will be installed at the coming Mid-Winter Encampment.

Following the above the Program and Policy Committee meeting was called to order. A chairman was chosen and various matters were discussed and action thereon taken which will enhance the Orders interest and work throughout the term.

The matter of inactive Camps reported at Springfield Encampment was reported on by the Council Members in whose hand the matter was left by vote of Encampment. All Camps listed then had been given attention and in one case at least, Kankakee, settlement of back tax made, accepted by Council members, and reorganization of Camp is under way. This will allow for Camp of good size remaining on Department membership rolls.

Arrangements for Mid-Winter Encampment were discussed and tentative place and date for holding was decided upon: Aurora, Dec. 7. Definite arrangements are being made and announcements will be made in Dept. Orders to be issued soon by both Sons and Auxiliary.

Report was also made by Dept. Pres. Beachler of the Auxiliary on the meeting of the Dept. Heads of affiliated orders in Rockford recently. The next Dept. Encampment is to be held in Rockford next June 6-9, 1947. The Headquarters will be established at Hotel Foust, where sessions of both Sons and Auxiliary will be held and room accommodations given. The dates this year provide for a week-end Encampment, something new for this Department, but it was thought this would not interrupt the business interests of the members attending so much as middle of the week dates, and it enabled the hotels to give us better service because of the rooms being fully occupied usually from Monday to Friday. Let's try this out and let's have a rousing attendance to forward our work in annual session.

## RHODE ISLAND

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

### In Memoriam

The Dept. of Rhode Island mourns the loss of Past Dept. Com. Chas. M. Skinner, with Elisha Dyer Camp No. 7, of which he was a member. He was a Veteran of World War 1, also with Gen. Pershing's Punitive Expedition in Mexico. He was member of the American Legion, the 40 and 8, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Y. D. Post.

Bro. Skinner was an active member, a worker for the Order, always a cheery smile for everyone. He is missed by his Camp and the Dept. Dyer Camp furnished a firing squad. The Dept. furnished bearers with others from Legion and Foreign Wars.

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### Notes

Requests have been sent to all Camp Secretaries to forward to Dept. Headquarters mailing lists of their members. More Banners are coming into the State than our membership; the Dept. must pay for these excess copies. Will those Secretaries who have not sent them in please do so at once and stop this expense.

Plans are in the making to celebrate Dedication Day, Nov. 19, by Dept. and all Camps. It is hoped to make this a red letter day.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Elton P. Koch, Dept. Press Cor., McCormick & Henderson Ave., Ridley Park.

**Camp 87, Middletown**

Members of Camp 87 attended the Auxiliary banquet which was held in the G. A. R. Memorial Hall in Middletown, Sept. 12. Several members of the Reserve were present.

Camp 87 is proud of their Brother John Green, Jr. As of Oct. 3, Brother Green is paid in advance \$41.50. Can any other brother of the Sons of Veterans equal this record in payment of dues?

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**Camp 273, Bangor**

Camp 273 of Bangor celebrated its fifty-sixth anniversary and old timers at their headquarters in Moose Hall recently. More than 100 members and guests were present and enjoyed an excellent program and buffet luncheon served by the Auxiliary.

Fifty-year badges were presented to the following: Past Camp Coms. Oliver McFall, Thomas W. Boyer and Charles McFall.

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**Schuylers Camp 2, Philadelphia**

Brothers of Camp 2 are planning their annual Lincoln Day dinner to be held Friday, Feb. 14, 1947, at Hotel McAllister in Philadelphia. Tickets are three dollars, including dancing and entertainment. Those wishing to attend this banquet are requested to contact Dr. E. J. Kerner, 2410 East Clearfield St., Philadelphia 34, for reservations.

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**Camp 236, Frankfort, Phila.**

Guards of Camp 236 are holding weekly drills, and are coming out, helping and in general are a number one asset of the Camp.

Camp 236 ticks, why? The members know what they want and go get it, pass it along to Camp members and others. Campfire nights are get together nights—old timers are here.

Brother Johnson and wife have nearly completely recovered from their recent illness. Brother Nagel and wife are sojourning at Atlantic City. Guard Lieut. Jas. Gunning is the proud daddy of a 6½ lb. boy. Good luck to mother and Jas. Jr. Brother Nagel is a veteran of World War II.

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The Bean Soup celebration, sponsored this year, as it has been since 1900, by the Sons of Union Veterans of McClure, Pa., used up 1300 pounds of beef, an equal poundage of beans, and 1500 pounds of crackers in 1945. Civil War veterans, who of all people would have been thought to have had enough beans in combat to hold them the balance of their lives, were the founders of the Bean Soup celebration in 1891. At the present mammoth celebrations, eight furnaces are used to cook 16 35-gallon kettles of soup at one time.

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**Note Change of Correspondent**

Brothers, please note the change of address of your Dept. Press Correspondent—Elton P. Koch, McCormick and Henderson Ave., Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.

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**REMEMBER DEDICATION DAY, TUESDAY, NOV. 19**

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**Pennsylvania Candidates Reply**

Being questioned as to their respective thought as to increased appropriation for the "Three Homes" i. e. 65th and Vine Sts., Phila., Brookville and Swissvale, the following quotations are excerpts from the two candidates for Governor of Pennsylvania:

From John S. Rice, of Gettysburg, Democratic candidate: "Being a veteran of two wars, I am vitally interested in seeing that not only the veterans of this war, but the vet-

erans of all wars and their families, are properly provided for. I can assure you that I will do everything in my power to see that this is carried out."

Replies Attorney General James Duff, of Carnegie, Republican candidate: "If I am elected Governor, and it can be demonstrated to me that an increased appropriation to the G. A. R. Homes is necessary, I shall be glad to recommend it to the General Assembly."

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**Commander-in-Chief Recovering**

We are happy to learn that Com-in-Chief Cranmer, who has been hospitalized with an infected foot, is well on the road to recovery, and is able to be about once again. He was in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, N. Y.

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**Dedication Day**

Dedication Day, Tuesday, Nov. 19, should and must be appropriately observed. The Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania will observe it as they have annually for approximately 15 years. Their annual banquet will be held at Gettysburg, Saturday evening, Nov. 16, at 6:30. P. D. C. John H. Runkle, of Harrisburg, is the General Chairman. This is one of the outstanding banquets of the year and is deserving of the support and co-operation of every member of the Sons. For tickets write at once to J. H. Runkle, 28 South 24th St., Penbrook, Harrisburg, Pa., at once.

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**Receptions Dec. 6th and 7th**

Dept. Pres. Ritter of the Auxiliary and Dept. Com. Moore, will be tendered their receptions on Dec. 6th and 7th, respectively. Sister Ritter's will be in Philadelphia, and Brother Moore's will be in York. Detailed information will be mailed by the committees.

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**Pottsville Prospects!**

Approximately 150 persons attended the first dinner-dance sponsored by Auxiliary 223 of Pottsville, at the Necho Allen Hotel of that city, Saturday evening, Oct. 12. Col. and P. C.-in-C. Stoult was toastmaster. Kit Snyder was chairman and the committee arranged a most enjoyable evening.

Dept. Com. Moore and Jr. V. Dept. Com. Warr were present at the guest table, as were P. D. C. Runkle and P. D. C. and Sec. to the G. A. R., Bro. Heacock. Representatives were present from Reading, Harrisburg, York, Philadelphia, Mahanoy City and other nearby points. The presence of so many "eligibles" was the result of a plan of the ladies so they could meet the Dept. Commander and discuss the possibilities of a Camp in Pottsville.

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**100 Years Old Dec. 6**

Comrade Charles H. Duckworth, Commander of Capt. H. Clay Beatty Post No. 78, of Bristol, Grand Army of the Republic, will observe his 100th birthday anniversary Friday, Dec. 6.

At the request of his physician, plans for a celebration must not be held as any affair of this nature would upset him too much. His daughter has advised G. A. R. Secretary Bro. Heacock, that even a small family celebration would be taboo.

Comrade Duckworth resides at 115 Liberty St., Newtown, Bucks Co., Pa., with his daughter, Miss Emma P. Duckworth. He has three sons—Clinton and Monroe, of Lancaster, and

Alfred, of Telford, and another daughter, Eleanor, of Philadelphia.

Although no celebration will be held, members of the Allied Orders are requested to remember the Comrade with cards, flowers, telegrams, or in any way that may be best suited to the individual.

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**To Visit Trenton**

P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., of Perkaskie will be the speaker at the Dedication Day program of Dayton Camp No. 5 at Trenton, N. J., Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, at 8 o'clock, in the War Memorial Building. Members of the Allied Orders have been invited, as has the public.

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**80th Anniversary, Jan. 16, 1947**

The 80th anniversary of the Pa. Department, Grand Army of the Republic, will be observed on Thursday, Jan. 16, 1947. P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, Sr., who is also Sec. to the G. A. R., has been named Chairman of the Dept. Committee, and P. D. C. John H. Runkle, of Harrisburg, Co-Chairman, to make the necessary arrangements. More information in the January issue of The Banner.

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**Reception for Daughters' President**

Dept. Com. Moore and members of his staff, as well as several P. D. C.'s were in Reading, Sat., Nov. 2, to attend the testimonial dinner and reception in honor of Mrs. Annamae [Dolly] Berhalter, Dept. Pres. Daughters of Union Veterans. "Dolly" has been Nat. Sec. Hammer's official encampment stenographer for several years.

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**Dept. Commander's Birthday**

This is a gentle reminder that Dept. Com. Moore will observe a birthday anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 12. His address is 914 Clayton Ave., York, Pa.

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**Trenton Reception**

Several Pennsylvanians were present at Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton, N. J., on Saturday evening, Oct. 19, to attend the reception in honor of Sister Edna M. Lambert, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. Among those noted present included Dept. Com. Geo. H. Moore, of York; Dept. Sec.-Treas. and P. C.-in-C. Walter C. Mable, of Phila.; Sec. to the G. A. R. and P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, of Perkaskie; P. C.-in-C. and Colonel of the Pa. Brigade, S. V. R., C. Leroy Stoult, of Reading; Acting Dept. Insp. John C. Yocum, of West Phila.; P. D. C. John H. Runkle and his 2nd Regt. Pipe and Drum Corps of Harrisburg, and P. D. C. John A. Ruggles, of Carlisle.

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**Important Dates**

The following dates are offered for consideration of the Pa. membership. You are invited to attend one or all of them: Sat., Nov. 16—Gettysburg Banquet. Sat., Nov. 23—Camp 15's [Harrisburg] dinner for their members returned from World War II.

Sat., Nov. 30—Dinner-Reception in honor of Nat. President Edna Lambert at Newark, N. J. [For reservations write Miss Anne C. Clayton, 235 Mercer St., Trenton, N. J.].

Fri., Dec. 6—Dinner-Reception in honor of

Dept. Pres. Elizabeth Ritter in Phila. [For reservations write Mrs. Clara M. Gallagher, P. N. P., 938 No. 63rd St., Philadelphia].

Fri., Dec. 7—Reception in honor of Dept. Com. Geo. A. Moore, at the York Country Club at 8 p. m.

P. S.—Phila. Lincoln Banquet, Feb. 15; Harrisburg Lincoln Banquet, Feb. 8. Details later.

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**In Memoriam**

Our Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Alfred W. Gabrio, passed away at his home, July 6, 1946.

Comrade Gabrio, a member of Camp 200, of Philadelphia, celebrated his 100th birthday on Feb. 3 at which time he was honored by all the allied organizations, state officials, friends and members of his family.

Comrade Gabrio was born at White Haven Feb. 3, 1846. At the age of 17 joined the Union Army, serving with Company K, 139th Volunteer Infantry. At the close of the Civil War he worked as a blacksmith with his father until October, 1865, at which time the family moved to Eckley, where his father and he were employed. In 1875 he started his own blacksmith shop in Lybertsville. In 1890 he managed a cigar store and in 1893 he went to work for the Lehigh Traction Co. as a motor-man, where he was employed until 1903, when he was transferred to the Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton Railway Co. In 1905 he left this Company and went to work as a pump runner for the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. at Hazel Mines.

In 1907 he entered the employ of the Hazelton City School District as janitor and was employed in that capacity until 1931, when at the age of 85 he retired.

Our Comrade was given full Military rites on Tuesday, July 9. The funeral services were held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, of which he was a member. Interment was in the Vine Street Cemetery.

A flag draped artillery caisson, drawn by two horses, carried our late Dept. Commander to his final resting place. The funeral escort included the Harrisburg Pipe and Drum Corps. The pall bearers and firing squad were members of the Sons of Union Veterans and members of all the military organizations of Hazelton.

Monday evening, July 8, Camp 200 held a very impressive Memorial Service, the Charter being draped by candle light, in memory of Dept. Com. Gabrio, who had been the oldest living Son of a Veteran and a member of Camp 200.

Nothing but memories as we journey on, Longing for a smile from a loved one gone None know the depth of our deep regret But we remember when others forget.

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**Camp 149, Media**

P. C. Geo. H. Carnathan was united in marriage to Gloria Mae Barnes of St. Thomas, Pa., Saturday, Oct. 26, at Media Presbyterian Church. Bro. Carnathan was Dept. Personal Aide for P. D. C. Heacock when the latter was Dept. Commander. Paul Rosenberger [Camp 295], former member of Dept. Council, was best man, and Elton Koch [295], present Dept. Press Cor., was an usher. Several members of the Order were present including Dept. Pat. Inst. Francis Hall, P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, and members of Camp 10 of Chester, 47 of Palmerton, 149 of Media, and 295 of Hellertown.

**MICHIGAN**

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

**Department Notes**

Plans are being made for radio broadcasts of Lincoln's Gettysburg address Nov. 19 by

Camps at Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Jackson and Kalamazoo.

Dept. Com. Thayne C. LaBanta, of Jackson, will broadcast the address from Jackson radio station WIBM [1420 kc.] Nov. 19, at 9:00 p. m.

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**Camp 14, Grand Rapids**

The last three months we have had three initiations and we welcome to our Camp. Rev. Willitt S. Colegrove, 314 Conant Terrace, S.E.; Rev. Frederick M. Clough, 1546 Sherman St., S.E.; Jay K. Richmond, 329 Hochstir, S.E. We all wish to extend to these brothers the right hand of fellowship and hope that they can help us and that we can help them.

We had a very nice time last month on the spacious lawn of William Glasgow and his daughter Mildred, who entertained the Camp and Auxiliary with a hamburger fry. Thirty-five members and friends were present and we were all well feted.

We are sorry to announce the death of Bro. Harry Pease, who has belonged to our Order for a good many years. We extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

We are sorry to announce the death of Rev. Willett S. Colegrove, who has only been a member three months. He was a fine gentleman and very interested in patriotic work. He was a traveling Evangelist, having visited 45 States and parts of Canada. He was at one time Superintendent of Rescue Mission in San Francisco and Parkersburg, W. Va. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and three brothers and other members of the family.

**CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC**

Al. E. Deems, Press Secretary, 2801 Onyx Drive, Los Angeles 32, Calif.

**Camp 10, Long Beach**

Mrs. Marjorie Sloan, wife of Harold R. Sloan, passed away Oct. 17. She was born in Hemlock, N. Y., and came here 10 years ago from Buffalo, where Brother Sloan was a member of the Sons.

Brother Perry D. Gath is home again, after 16 months in the U. S. Navy Hospital, where he has had a number of operations. He is a veteran of three wars, with overseas service. Before coming to this city he was active in the Sons in Ohio.

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**Camp 2, Los Angeles**

Com. Jacob Grunder, of Alhambra, is doing good work; interesting meetings and initiation at nearly every meeting. With the help of the Auxiliary, their meetings are a grand success.

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**Camp 7, Pasadena**

Com. George Lance, his officers and members, are sure going places and doing big things. At a recent regular meeting, the Camp, with the assistance of the Auxiliary, put on a fine dinner, followed by a Class Initiation.

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**Camp 21, Oakland**

Col. E. D. Baker Camp held their twentieth annual picnic at Mosswood Park, Oakland, Sunday, Aug. 4, with Past Dept. Com. R. B. Dumser as chairman, assisted by officers and members of the Camp and Auxiliary. It was well attended by both Camp and Auxiliaries from Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose, as well as a number of members of other Allied Orders.

The honored guest was J. S. Dumser, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who is also Dept. Commander of California and Nevada.

Past Com-in-Chief of the Sons, D. B. Bowley introduced the honored guest, who gave an inspirational talk and exhorted members of the Allied Orders for closer harmony and greater effort for the welfare and perpetuation of their Organizations.

National and Department Officers, Camp and Auxiliary Officers and visitors were introduced and added materially to the interest of the occasion.

**MAINE**

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

**Department Note**

The fall dinner-meeting of the Past Dept. Coms. and Past Dept. Pres. was held at the Greymore Hotel, Portland, Saturday evening, Oct. 12. Pres. Martin E. Tilley of the P. D. C.'s and Pres. Frances Warner of the P. D. P.'s presided. Twenty-nine members and guests were present. After satisfying the inner man a round table discussion was held, making plans for assisting Camps and Auxiliaries of the Department during the winter months. A social hour followed, every one voting the gathering a complete success.

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**Camp 51, Biddeford**

Sheridan-Grant Memorial Camp was host to the Dept. Asst. Inspector in the person of Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Clarence Rendall, of Shepley Camp, Portland. The full ceremonies of the ritual were carried out by Com. Tilley. Two applications for membership were received and candidates elected, viz: Harry E. Belanger, Jr., and Harry W. Buzzill, great-grandsons. During the initiation service P. C. Harry E. Belanger, Sr., presided, with P. C. Herbert Buzzill at the piano. The floor work was handled by Past Camp Commanders.

Inspection Officer Rendall spoke well of the results of the work and of the fact we were getting younger members.

Dept. Com. Harry Warner, of Bath, was also present in his official capacity. Our Auxiliary was also present together with visiting Auxiliary members who accompanied the visiting officers. Refreshments and a social hour followed.

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**Camp 25, Bridgton**

We held our first fall meeting Sept. 4 and are now holding our regular two meetings a month. So many of our members were unable to attend on account of their work in the summer that we held but one meeting in July and none in August, but we are full of interest in our work. A program has been held on every special night during the year, and Memorial Day was a big affair with William Dawes Veazey, of Portland, as speaker.

Our last meeting was held Oct. 2, with inspection by Past Dept. Com. Charles York, of Norway. Our present Dept. Com. Harry Warner of Bath, was present, as well as many others from various Camps. This being a joint meeting with the Auxiliary a supper was served to the members and visitors of both orders at which about 45 were present. Sister Edith Unnold, President of the Auxiliary, was chairman of the supper committee, and was assisted by other sisters of the order. This was a vegetable supper and one remarkable feature of it was that we had home-made pies, home-made cake, also home-made doughnuts and butter.

As this was the birthday of our beloved Brother Webb, a birthday cake was placed before him and all sang "Happy Birthday To You" which was a surprise to him.

NEW JERSEY

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

Camp 1, Hoboken

Camp meets 4th Thursday at 126 Hudson St. As our next meeting will be Friday, Nov. 29, because of Thanksgiving, installation of officers will be Dec. 26. At our last meeting following officers were elected: Com., Fred Williams; Sr. Vice, Wm. Henberd; Jr. Vice, Chas. W. Miles; Pat. Inst., Henry Lowe; Chap., E. Williams; Sec., Fred Hansen; Treas., H. Schroeder.

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Camp 5, Trenton

The Camp extends sympathy to the families of Edward Roberts, John Metaz, John Brown and Eugene Darrah. We are most unfortunate in losing members by death. All of them were Past Commanders and active.

Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Vincent Hayden installed the following Camp Officers at our first meeting in November: Com., Albert Britton; Sr. Vice, Charles Baum; Jr. Vice, Richard Kucker; Sec., Wm. G. Simpson; Treas., A. C. Lambert.

Attention is called to the fact that the Camp has changed its meeting night to the first and third Tuesday of each month in the War Memorial Building.

The Camp co-operated with the Auxiliary in arranging for a dance and reception in honor of Nat. Pres. Edna S. Lambert and Nat. Pers. Aide Hilda Junge. This was a fine affair and was held on Oct. 19 in the Hotel Hildebrecht.

The Camp is chartering a bus to attend the testimonial dinner to be given by the New Jersey Dept. Auxiliary in honor of Nat. Pres. Lambert in Newark on Nov. 30.

The Camp and Auxiliary will celebrate Dedication Day on Nov. 19 in the War Memorial Building, with the public invited to attend. Speakers will include P. D. C. Frank Heacock of Pa.; Dr. John H. Gindhart, Wm. B. Meytrott, and Nat. Pres. Edna S. Lambert. Sister Lambert will present two automatic record players on behalf of the National Organization to Tilt General Hospital at Fort Dix, N. J., for use in rehabilitation work at the Hospital. She will also present a beautiful silk American Flag to McKinley Hospital, Trenton, for use in their reception room. The Flag will be a personal gift of the National President. All members of this Camp and Auxiliary, and nearby Camps and Auxiliaries are cordially invited to attend.

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Camp 4, Trenton

Our Camp has been very active during the early fall, with all meetings well attended.

Saturday, Sept. 7, we held our annual picnic on the grounds of the N. J. School for Deaf. A good number of Camp and Auxiliary members and their families attended. Various games were played and the day was enjoyed by all.

Friday evening, Sept. 27, a welcome home dinner and party was tendered our members who served in World War II, at Jack Fowler's Restaurant, on the N. Y. Highway. This was a very fine affair. Every Veteran with his wife or mother was our guest. There was a floor show and dancing following the dinner. Nat. Pres. Edna S. Lambert of the Auxiliary, and several other Nat. and Dept. Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were present. Brother Edward C. Moffitt, of Gen. Arthur MacArthur Camp of Elizabeth, was the speaker.

Saturday evening, Oct. 5, some of our members attended a dinner meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies in Newark. P. D. C. Andrew Richardson of our Camp was elected

President of this group for the ensuing year.

Saturday evening, Oct. 19, we attended a Reception tendered Nat. Pres. Edna S. Lambert by her Auxiliary. We congratulate Sister Edna on her election to this high office knowing she will serve with credit to herself and her organization.

Thursday evening, Oct. 24, our annual dinner celebrating the 41st anniversary of our uniform group, Battery A, S. V. R., was held. This as usual was a very fine affair. Lt. Fred H. Mount acted as Toastmaster. Capt. John L. Reeger of the Battery, and Capt. Albert C. Lambert of Company B, gave very interesting talks. Several other members gave reminiscences of various events in which the Battery took part. Brother L. B. Reed had a book on display containing the muster roll and all papers of Co. H of the 21st N. J. Vol. Inf., which was organized in Mercer County, and took a very active part in the Civil War. He also read a history of that Company written by a granddaughter of its Captain, which was very interesting. The members stood in silent prayer in memory of Brothers Spencer L. Walton and Elmer B. Margerum, who passed away during the year.

Thursday evening, Nov. 7, our officers for the ensuing year will be installed by Past Com. Wm. M. N. Gilbert. Norman L. Combs will be the new Commander, Runkle R. Nolan, Sr. Vice, and Willard B. Appleget, Jr. Vice. Com. Combs will have a good staff of officers to work with him during the year. Our Commander, Jr. Vice and several of the staff are veterans of World War II. We are pleased to have these returned veterans take an active part in Camp work.

WISCONSIN

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

Encampment at Kenosha

In the July issue of The Banner, wherein the Encampment, G. A. R. and affiliated organizations, Wis., Dept., were referred to there were some omissions, inadvertent, which we herewith supply. That was our 63rd Encampment, the city of Kenosha place of meeting. The citizens co-operated so effectively that the Encampment was one of the very best we ever held, while the Sons of the local Camp did much to make us feel at home and have a fine, enjoyable time. Thanks and appreciation!

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Dept. Commander on the Wing

Our Dept. Commander, Dr. J. O. Smith, has been active since his election despite the summer heat and vacation period. He visited Superior and while there appraised the possibilities of the revival of the one time Camp there. He is very hopeful. He stopped off at Hancock, up state, reports the Camp much alive, taking in recruits, moving forward. At Lodi there is considerable sentiment favorable to the formation of a New Camp. Our Commander met with the W. R. C. there, very strong, comparatively; backed by their enthusiasm and willingness to help success at that place is a distinct possibility.

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Eau Claire Camp 35

We are in receipt of a communication from Camp Com. Charles Dean. Eau Claire Camp still holds fast. He performed splendid service in gathering many recruits for the Camp in years gone by. This is his third year as Camp Commander. Good for the Camp at Eau Claire and for Brother Dean.

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Madison Camp

This Camp really never takes a vacation. Meetings were held in July and August, one meeting in each month, though, instead of

two meetings as is usual. In August two recruits were mustered. One of them is the son of our Dept. Commander so his family is now 100%, both sons being members of the Camp. A good example has been set and may other dads follow suit.

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Mid-Winter Meeting

This was held at Madison Oct. 12. The attendance, good, was swelled by the presence of members of the Auxiliary and of the Sons from other Departments, coming here for the Regional Meeting, Upper Miss. Valley Assn.

The Auxiliary was represented by Mrs. Eva Blackman of Chicago and Mrs. Minnie Groth of Madison, Past Nat. Presidents; Dept. Pres. Eleanore Konrad of Milwaukee, Mrs. Agnes Carr of Fond du Lac, Mrs. Nettie Hayes of Milwaukee, Mrs. Helen McGowan of Madison, Past Dept. Presidents. The Sons were represented by Dept. Com. Chester L. Carter, of Minnesota; Past Dept. Coms. Dewey B. Mead of Minnesota, Hugh G. Snider of Muncie, Ind., Edward G. Kaestner and Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief Roy R. Lewis of Milwaukee; Dept. Sec. Treas. Oscar Doppler of Baraboo, P. D. C. Sigelko and Dept. Com. Smith of Madison, Past Dept. Jr. Vice Victor Hoberg of Sheboygan, and Frank Hubbard of Kenosha, Jr. Vice Commander.

The Sons met, first, with the Auxiliary where there was a reception and introduction of distinguished visitors, short addresses were given, then the Sons withdrew from the Auxiliary to hold a session apart, all meetings being in the G. A. R. Memorial Hall. In the absence of the Com-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer, of Elmira, N. Y., because of illness, Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief Roy R. Lewis represented him, while Past Dept. Pres. [Aux.] Mrs. Helen McGowan represented Nat. Pres. Edna L. Lambert, of Trenton, N. J.

MINNESOTA

Dewey B. Mead, Dept. Press Correspondent, 116 South 12th St., Minneapolis 2, Minn.

Camp 8, Minneapolis

Sept. 24 was a gala night for the members of Minneapolis Camp, it being their "Old Timers' Night." An old-fashioned bean feed opened the festivities for the evening, which had an initiation for part of the program. Two of the Camp brothers were presented with 50-Year Membership Badges, they were Thomas P. Gleason and George F. Rapp.

The Camp was highly honored in having all of the Dept. heads of the Allied Orders in attendance. Comrade Albert Woolson, 99 years, came from Duluth to be present. He is the Nat. Patriotic Instructor and Dept. Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was the guest of Dept. Com. Chester L. Charter during his stay in Minneapolis.

Brother George C. Sudheimer of St. Paul Camp No. 1 was the principal speaker and gave a very interesting address appropriate for the occasion.

Brother Robert E. Payne, with the Camp 8 Fife and Drum Corps, rendered several selections which were well received.

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Camp 19, Linwood Lake

G. W. Haskell Camp recently celebrated the return home of six of their members from the service of the country. They are Walter Beckman, Fred Grant, Lewis Grant, Thomas Grant, Alton Osgood and Horace Osgood. Another one, John Douglas Ruffcorn, is still in service.

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Necrology

St. Paul Camp No. 1 recently suffered the loss of David W. Bevers, and Minneapolis Camp No. 8 the loss of Benj. A. Ege, and Dr. C. M. Roan, when the Great Commander called these brothers to a better land.

NEW YORK

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

Camp 42, Troy

Past Com. Edward A. Van Voast, Dept. Deputy, inspected the Camp Oct. 16. Com. Kirkpatrick reported two new members in prospect.

The illness of Com-in-Chief Cranmer was noted and a message of cheer was sent him. Relics added to the display at the Grant Cottage at Mount McGregor, Saratoga County, are the rivets and pieces of iron from the boiler used in making the coffin of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

The New York State Library at Albany recently received the gift of a photograph of Grant's coffin, taken in 1885, the year of death, and rivets and pieces of iron from the boiler used in making the coffin, from Joseph G. Kelley of the Troy Boiler Works. The coffin was made in the old Franklin Iron Works, predecessor to the Troy Boiler Works, where parts were also made for the Monitor, war vessel used in the Civil War.

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Monroe County Council

Monroe County Council observed the 105th birthday of Comrade James A. Hard, Dept. Com., New York Grand Army of the Republic, with a public reception in his honor at Hotel Seneca, Monday evening, July 15. Comrade Hard is Monroe county's last surviving Civil War Veteran and the second oldest veteran in the nation. Oldest veteran is Comrade Francis Megaz, of Tucson, Ariz., who is 107.

John H. Waste, as County Commander, presided as has been the custom since the Council established this annual observance on the occasion of Comrade Hard's 100th birthday. The customary huge cake surrounded by 105 candles was enjoyed by the more than 300 friends, who gathered to offer congratulations, and the gifts of cigars, pipes and tobacco outnumbered any previous collection. A letter of congratulation from Governor Thomas E. Dewey was read to Comrade Hard by P. D. C. Fred Colwell, as well as letters from P. N. P. I. Neil D. Crenner and others. Comrade Robert H. Rownd, of Ripley, phoned in his respects during the evening. Comrade Hard responded to his capacity audience of well wishers by reminding them that this was the third time Governor Dewey had remembered him with a letter of good will on his birthday and promised all present to do his best to repeat as long as 'his Boys' insisted on serving him cake each year. Among the out-of-town guests were Dept. Com. Fred Howe and wife, and Bro. John Berry and wife of Niagara Falls.

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Camp 77, Elmira

Diven Camp united with Auxiliary No. 49 in their annual picnic at Hoffman Park, Aug. 8. Past Nat. Pat. Inst. Neil Cranmer was one of the speakers at the recent "I Am An American Day" observance in Elmira at the Southside High School. His theme was "A Challenge to Our New Citizens." About 100 attended.

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Western N. Y. P. C. Association.

The July quarterly meeting of the Western New York Past Commanders Association took the form of a basket picnic held at Kibbe Park, Batavia, Sunday, July 28. Many brought well-filled baskets and spent the day in the beautiful park, while others dropped in for only part of the day, swelling the attendance to at least one hundred in mid-afternoon. Pres. P. D. C. Hallock called a short meeting, which was addressed by Dept. Com. Howe. Buffalo was selected for the October meeting;

where it is planned to revive the former custom of joint dinner together, followed by separate meetings of Camp, Past Commanders and Auxiliary Past Presidents.

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Camp 223, Buffalo

Cook Camp will muster a candidate at its next meeting.

On Nov. 2 the Camp were hosts to the Western N. Y. P. C. Association and Past Pres. Aux. Association at a dinner in the Kathryn Lawrence Tea Room.

Cook Camp joined with the G. A. R. Memorial Association of Erie Co., in holding a reception at Statler Hotel on Sept. 30, in honor of National and Department Officers of our G. A. R. Allied organizations. There was a large attendance from many parts of the state, including Comrade Robert M. Rownd, Past Com-in-Chief G. A. R.; Neil D. Cranmer, Com-in-Chief, S. V.; Miss Cora Gillis, Nat. Pres., D. U. V.; Mrs. Wilhelmina Tagart, Dept. Pres., S. V. Auxiliary; Miss Olivina Smith, Dept. Pres., L. of G. A. R.; Miss Helen Hoag, Dept. Pres., D. U. V.; Fred E. Howe, Dept. Com., S. V.; Wm. E. Kelly, Dept. Sr. Vice Com.; Rev. Thomas H. Langdon, Dept. Chap.; Alonzo H. Kennedy, Dept. Chr. of Council; Judson H. Finch, Dept. Member of Council; Orion L. Murrell, Dept. Dist. Deputy.

Hon. George W. Wanamaker, City Comptroller, member of Cook Camp, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Harriet J. Goetz, Pres. of the Association, welcomed all. Willard B. Stephan, Past Dept. Com., acted as master of ceremonies. He had record played, recording an interview between Comrade Rownd and Comrade James A. Hard, taken at time of Dept. Encampment S. V. held last June at Rochester.

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Camp 52, Syracuse

Merriam Camp marked observance of its 60th anniversary [August 12, 1886] with a delayed banquet held Oct. 2, which was largely attended by members of the Camp, Auxiliary No. 16, and several affiliated guests. One original charter member, Warren S. Norton, was unable to attend, but four other "60 year" badge-wearers, and twelve Past Commanders registered. Program reflected in retrospect the "highlights" of note in the long life of the Camp; a review of the events attending the JERRY [a fugitive slave] RESCUE from Deputy U. S. Marshals here in Syracuse [the site being marked by bronze tablet erected by this Camp many years ago], on Oct. 1, 1851, was had and held as interesting as ever.

At regular meeting following the celebration, officers for 1947 were elected: Com., Maj. Ernest R. Deming Jr. [World War II veteran]; Sr. Vice, P. C. Edwin A. Barber; Jr. Vice, Claude F. Smith. Installation of these and appointive staff is set for Dec. 4, same being in capable hands of P. D. C.'s Dr. A. G. Courtney and Wm. H. Klein.

Incidentally, the long, unbroken, clean record of this Camp has been maintained by adherence to its slogan, "quality not quantity" in membership, and this policy still prevails.

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Southern Tier Association

The Southern Tier Association meeting was held at I. O. O. F. Hall, Binghamton, Oct. 5. It was the first meeting since April, 1942. About 60 were present from Auburn, Binghamton, Elmira, Ithaca Camps and Auxiliaries. Dept. Com. Fred Howe and wife from Niagara Falls honored us.

An invitation to hold a picnic in Elmira in July, 1947, was accepted. Reports from Camps and Auxiliaries found them holding their own, all being active in Defense Work during the war.

The Commander-in-Chief was reported ill in the St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira, and the Sec-

retary was instructed to send Bro. Cranmer our regrets that he was unable to be out to meeting and to send best wishes.

The old officers were re-elected.

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Camp 2, Brooklyn

Du Pont-Eiseman Camp is still going ahead with plans to build up its membership. Last meeting we initiated Wm. P. Henderson into membership. All of our Officers have been re-elected for another term and we look forward to having a good year. We are trying to get more of the members out to the meetings and may make personal calls to encourage this. A list of all the members has been sent to each member and he is requested to pay a visit to the brothers living in his locality. We hope that this plan works out—to get acquainted more—to get really interested in our great work and to have more members in attendance at the meetings.

We invite all members living in Brooklyn, or members of Brooklyn Camps to visit us. We meet third Friday evenings at 714-14 Seneca Ave.

Brothers, how about writing to the Secretary and getting an application blank for that son, grandson, yes even that great-grandson, over 16, into the Camp.

CONNECTICUT

Wm. F. Nemetz, Jr., Correspondent, 85 Warwick Ave., Stratford.

Brothers Pass On

The Connecticut Dept. has suffered the loss of several active members during the last quarter. From Abraham Lincoln Camp 2 of Stamford, Bro. Philip Hogan, Past Camp Commander, an ardent supporter of Camp activities and a faithful contributor to all charitable causes. He served as Camp Commander during the tri-centenary of the City of Stamford, and presided at the Centenary dinner at which occasion, Bro. Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin was honored guest. Bro. Phil also served as Commander of District No. 1, and was also named several times to the staff of the Grand Marshall in the Memorial Day Parades in Stamford. Sympathy is extended to Sister Mary Hogan by the Department. S. U. V. services were conducted by the Lincoln Camp and Dept. Officers.

From Nathan Hale Camp 1 of New Haven: Wallace Bassett, Past Camp Commander and fifty year member of the Conn. Dept. "Wally" as he was affectionately known was custodian of the Admiral Foote Post 17 of the G. A. R. and for many years kept the Post alive by attentive duties in connection with the regular weekly meetings of the Post and Sons of Union Veterans of Camp 17 and Camp 1. S. U. V. services were conducted by members of Camps 1 and 17, assisted by the Dept. Officers. Sympathy is extended to his family by the Conn. Dept.

From Loren D. Penfield Camp 16, New Britain: P. C. C. William G. Gibney, for many years Senior Alderman of the City of New Britain. Known as the "watch dog" of the City Treasury, Bro. Gibney served his City under five Mayors, he being an unsuccessful candidate for that office in 1938. Bro. Gibney, who passed on to the Camp of the Great Commander on Aug. 27, was active in the American Hardware Corp., and a veteran employee. He served in many offices on the Dept. Staff, and was the originator of the movement to petition the U. S. Government to bring the old U. S. S. Hartford, the Flagship of Admiral Farragut's Fleet, to the City of Hartford, for use as a National Shrine and Museum. Held in high esteem by all his fellow workers, Bro. Gibney enjoyed the confidence of City Officials and business men. He was a Past Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge, A. F. & A.

M., Past Patron of the Martha Chapter, O. E. S., Past President of the Corbin Lock Foremen's Club. The Flag at City Hall was placed at half mast, and State and City Officials acted as pallbearers. S. U. V. services were conducted by Penfield Camp. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

The Connecticut Dept. also expresses deepest sympathy to P. D. C. and Past Nat. Patriotic Instructor B. O. DeForest of Derby, on the loss of his mother, Sister Lilla DeForest, and to Sister Carolina Clark, P. D. P. of the Auxiliary, on the loss of her mother.

"I have seen the leaves fall and lie thick upon the ground. I have heard the wintry blasts sing sad requiems over their decay, and yet, Spring came. The soft zephyrs played the branches, they budded forth again, and in the place of Death, there was Life, Beauty, and Joy."—W. F. N. Jr.

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#### Department Commander's Reception

An enjoyable evening was experienced by all members of the allied orders who attended the Reception tendered Dept. Com. Wilbur L. Couch, in All Saints Parish House, Meriden, on Saturday, Oct. 26. Representations from the W. R. C., D. U. V., S. U. V., Ladies of the G. A. R., American Legion, Italian-American War Veterans, Yankee Division, Conn. State Guard, Civic and Fraternal bodies came to honor their fellow townsman and friend. Several past and present Nat. Officers were present including Past Nat. Pres. of the D. U. V. Mrs. Beatrice Manning, Past Nat. Inst. of the Aux. Sister May Gibney, and Nat. Pat. Inst. of the S. U. V. Ernest Barnum.

A pleasing program of vocal selections and acrobatics was presented after which the reception to the Commander took place. P. D. C. Allan Spink acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Personal Aide Christian Heckler was in charge of arrangements, assisted by Sisters Couch and Heckler, and Mrs. Rosina Caulderwood. Refreshments and dancing concluded the program.—W. F. N. Jr.

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#### Officers Get Together

Com. Wilbur L. Couch and Staff and Aux. Pres. Eva Backus and Staff, were guests of Bro. and Sister Spooner on Oct. 6, at Bristol, at a "get-together" of Dept. Officers. The day was perfect and there was a large attendance. The Fire house made an appropriate place for the affair, and many thanks are extended to Bro. Paul and Sisters Spooner and Lyons for their hospitality.

Dinner was served at 1 p. m. after which games were enjoyed by all. The nearby lake afforded an opportunity for boating, and several of the visitors took advantage of it. Supper followed at 6 p. m. followed by vocal selections and music. I make a motion that we have many more of these affairs.—W. F. N. Jr.

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#### Camp 39, Milford

Past Dept. Com. Lyman B. Gregory has been confined to his home for the past several weeks through illness, and is reported as somewhat improved at this writing. The Camp is preparing for the Fall and Winter activities, and will participate in the Armistice Day ceremonies.

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#### Camp 6, Hartford

The Camp has opened its winter meetings with a large attendance. Committees were appointed to arrange for special meetings, with speakers, and entertainment to create interest in the Camp and increase the attendance. A number of the members who were in the service overseas and returned are attending the meetings, some who have received citations and promotions for bravery and loyalty to duty. In their talks, they say that they do not care to go through it again.

The "Night Riders," a group of members of the Camp, will assist and visit a number of the smaller Camps in the District during the winter months in the initiation and installation ceremonies of the officers as in past years. The membership drive will continue throughout the fall.—Brouder.

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#### Reserve Activities

At the regular monthly meeting of the 1st Conn. Regt., S. V. R., held in Bristol recently, it was decided to have a permanent headquarters for the Reserve and the Reserve Corps. Meriden, New Haven and Waterbury were the principal cities mentioned, and the committee will welcome any suggestions from the members as to their choice of meeting place.

It was also voted to have the Reserve Unit listed with the Secretary of State as a semi-military organization.

Camp Secretaries are requested to notify Camp members that they are eligible to join the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and their wives are eligible for the Reserve Corps. This is the branch of our Order that identifies us with the Civil War Period, and since the Army has abandoned the "blues," we are the only semi-military outfit to wear the uniform similar to the one worn by our Sires during the great Civil War of 1861 to 1865. Much needed publicity has been gained on Memorial Day and at our National Conventions, by the appearance of the Reserve in this uniform.—W. F. N. Jr.

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#### Camp 26, Derby

Col. Chas. L. Russell Camp observed "Constitution Day" at its meeting Sept. 18, with Camps and Auxiliaries from New Haven, Bridgeport, New Britain, Meriden as its guests. Hon. Vincent Patrick Kiernan, State Senator of the 17th District, addressed the gathering on the history and composition of the Constitution of the United States. Stating that the U. S. Constitution has a decidedly Connecticut flavor, Senator Kiernan pointed out that it was designed from the Nutmeg state's own constitution, which is the oldest written constitution in the world.

His address was most enlightening and interesting and many points of local interest were brought out during it. The entertainment committee provided radio broadcast reception of the Louis-Mauriell heavyweight championship boxing match in New York, and the Auxiliary served refreshments. Com. Fred L. Chapman presided over the observance program.

Camp and Auxiliary meetings observed a moment of silence to respect the memory of the late Sister Past Pres. Lilla M. DeForest, mother of P. D. C. Bertrand O. DeForest, who passed away on Aug. 26. Also for the late Sister Maria E. Hickey, wife of Past Com. Jos. A. Hickey, whose death occurred in July.

### OHIO

A. G. Gibbons, Correspondent, 566 Hudson Ave, Newark, Ohio

#### First District Meeting

A splendid meeting of the First District was held Saturday evening, Oct. 26, in G. A. R. Memorial Hall, Portsmouth. Dept. Com. Judge Cecil J. Randall was the principal speaker. W. Gordon Ryan, P. D. C., presided, and George S. Carroll, District Aide and veteran Secretary of Vienna Camp, arranged the fine program. Those present from a distance were Dept. Sec. R. J. Williams and Judge Charles T. Warner, P. D. C., of Columbus, and Michael G. Heintz and Louis G. Blair, P. D. C.'s of Cincinnati. Many city and county officers, heads of patriotic organizations and leading citizens were guests. Sixty-year veteran members of Friendship Camp James W. Thatcher

[oldest school teacher in Scioto County] and Ed Warren, accompanied by their grandsons, enjoyed the meeting. That Camp is building for the future with sons, grandsons and great-grandsons on its membership rolls.

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#### Another Comrade Passes

Comrade Hiram Conrad, 97, S. V. D. C. of the Dept. of Ohio, G. A. R., died Oct. 29 at the residence at Alliance, following an illness caused by a fall last spring.

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#### Dedication Day Program

Governor Dennison Camp No. 1 will observe Dedication Day, Friday, Nov. 29, with an elaborate program in Memorial Hall, Columbus. All are welcome.

### VERMONT

Thomas A. Chadwick, Dept. Publicity Director, Chester.

#### Department Notes

The picnic season brought three important gatherings in the Vermont Dept. On Aug. 4 the Peacham-Lyndonville District held their annual gathering at the hospitable homes of Brother and Sister Lewis and Sue Abbott, at Peacham. This picnic was attended by about thirty brothers and sisters of the Order, including Dept. Com. Drown.

On Aug. 11 there was a gathering at the cottage of Dept. Com. Drown, at Lake Eden. This affair was well attended, many Dept. and Past Dept. Officers being present. On the same day, some 125 miles to the south, the Saxton's River and Chester Camps and Auxiliaries held their fifth annual joint picnic, this time at the Coolidge State Forest, in Plymouth; 66 members and guests being registered. Guests included Past Dept. Coms. George A. DeWitt of Brattleboro, Ernest R. Eddy of Chester, and Thomas A. Chadwick of Saxton's River, and Past Dept. Pres. Mary Eddy of Chester. After the picnic, many gathered at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. William Baker on Lake Amherst.

District No. 5, comprising the Camps and Auxiliaries of Chester, Brattleboro, Windsor, Wilmington, Saxton's River, Springfield, Newfane and Rutland, under the leadership of Dist. Pres. Glenn P. Tarbell, of Springfield, has held five meetings in the year now closing. These meetings, held in Chester, Rutland, Windsor, Saxton's River and Brattleboro, had a total attendance of 245, an average of 49. This District has also strengthened its organization by the adoption of by-laws.

At the District Meeting in Brattleboro, Sept. 28, the main item on the program was the initiation of three new members by the Brattleboro degree team, with Past Dept. Coms. Cameron and Chadwick assisting. Two of these new members were great-grandsons of Union Veterans, Hardy Vivier and Joseph Aldrich, each 16 years of age. The third new member was Col. Ernest W. Gibson, a veteran of the late war, formerly a United States Senator, and the present Governor-elect of Vermont.

The members of the Saxton's River Camp and Auxiliary have been working hard the past few weeks refitting the meeting room in the Sons' building. The walls and ceiling have been repainted, the floor refinished, and a new stage built. The labor has been done by the members. A meeting with a special program will be held Nov. 5, in celebration of the completion of the project. The Dept. Commander will be present.

Hugh Henry Camp, of Chester, is planning a chicken-shoot to be held Nov. 9, for the purpose of raising funds for the Camp treasury.

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

Mrs. Edna Lambert, National President, 2772 South Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.  
Miss Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent, Dwight, Ill.

#### TRIBUTE OF APPRECIATION

The Nat. Press Correspondent wishes to express her thanks and appreciation in this way of the confidence placed in her by the Past Nat. Presidents and the other Sisters at the Nat. Encamp. held in Indianapolis. It is not the job but the friendships that mean so much to her and which is appreciated more than any words can express. It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve.

The Nat. Press Cor. also wishes to publicly acknowledge the great help given at the Nat. Encamp. by Sister Chrystal Powell and Sister Edith Snider, both of Ind. Dept. who gave such wonderful assistance on the press committee. Sister Powell saw personally that news of our Encamp. was published in the Indianapolis newspapers. Her and Sister Snider's work was invaluable and I do thank them most sincerely.—Jean M. Thole.

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#### RECEPTION FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Daxton Aux. No. 5 of Trenton, N. J., tendered a reception and dance to Nat. Pres. Edna S. Lambert and Nat. Pers. Aide Sister Hilda Junge in the Hotel Hildebrecht on Oct. 19. This was an outstanding affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Members of the Aux., dressed in white, escorted the Nat. Pres. and distinguished guests into the beautifully decorated room where, following appropriate remarks, a receiving line was formed. Guests included Congress Frank Matthews; Commissioner Donald Connolly, representing the City of Trenton; P.N.P. Stella Owen, Nat. Counselor; Ella Ruggles, Nat. Chief-of-Staff; Mary Liddick, Nat. Treas.; P.N.P. Katie Carr, P.N.P. Ida B. Lange, P.N.P. Clara Gallagher; P. N.P. Margaret Schroeder, P.N.P. Mary Stapleton, P. C.-in-C. Walter Mabie, P. C.-in-C. Leroy Stoudt, and P. C.-in-C. Albert C. Lambert. Both guests of honor received many beautiful gifts. A dance orchestra and the Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps furnished music.

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#### P. D. C. WILLIAM BALL

The sympathy of the National Organization is extended to P. N. P. Sister Lillian Ball upon the death of her husband, P. D. C. William Ball. She has our love and affection in her great bereavement.

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#### COM-IN-CHIEF NEIL D. CRANMER

Brother Neil D. Cranmer, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, is confined to St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, N. Y., with a serious foot infection. We extend best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

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#### DEDICATION DAY

Every Aux. is urged to co-operate with their Camp in observing Nov. 19 as Dedication Day, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The responsibility of proper observance of this historic occasion is distinctly ours. Do not let it pass unnoticed. It is desirable that full publicity be given to our efforts, lest this important occasion be ignored and forgotten.

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#### REHABILITATION WORK

Every Department President is expected to co-operate with her Rehabilitation Chairman, and see that her Department raises funds and distributes them in this important work. By taking an aggressive interest in present day problems, and assisting in rehabilitation we will find added satisfaction and increase the prestige of our Organization.

#### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May the Giver of Gifts bestow  
All things, beautiful and true,  
On you and yours, at Yuletide,  
And all through the New Year, too.  
EDNA S. LAMBERT,  
National President.

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#### DEATH OF MRS. MAHALA BUCKLEY

Members of our order will sympathize with the family of Past Nat. Pat. Inst. Mahala Buckley and with California Dept., in her death which occurred Oct. 29, 1946, in Pasadena. Private funeral services were held Oct. 31 at 3:00 p. m. at the Reynolds & Eberle Mortuary, with P. C.-in-C. of the Sons, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, officiating. Burial followed in Mountain View Cemetery. One of her many lovely poems was read at the service. Sister Buckley served as Nat. Pat. Inst. in 1936-'37, during the term of P. N. P. Ida L. Lewis, now deceased, and made a very fine record. Her heart was in the Aux. work and especially will she be missed in Aux. 14, Pasadena, where she was an outstanding figure. She was the mother of Past Nat. Vice Pres. Charlotte Turner, of Calif. She was born in Wis.

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#### IOWA DEPARTMENT

The annual Iowa State picnic was held at Arlington Hall Home for Boys in Des Moines, sponsored by Sons of U. V. of the Civil War and their Aux. Com. Geo. Clark, of Waterloo, attended and six of his Dept. officers were present. Mrs. Zella Russell, of Fairfield, Dept. Pres., and eleven of her Dept. Officers were present. A bus from Iowa Falls brought 30 members from that city and their Junior members were included. Ninety members were served a chicken dinner at noon. Pricilla Wayne Sprague gave the opening address for a short program and reported the Sons of U. V. and their Aux. throughout the nation had donated the sum of \$761.35 to the Home during the year. At the program a collection was taken and \$10 was donated to the Home. Because every one had such a fine time they voted to hold the State Picnic of June, 1947, at Arlington Hall, with the same officers. They are P. D. C. Roy J. Bennett, Pres., and Dept. Treas. of the Aux. Blanche Renner, Sec.

Des Moines—A reception for the new Dept. Officers was sponsored by Aux. 8 and Aux. 16 and held at the K. C. Hall in Des Moines. P. N. P. Willma Combs was chairman of the entertainment and gave the members a lovely surprise in presenting Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, of Ill., who was then our Nat. Pres., as our honored guest for the evening. Our Dept. Pres. and 11 of her officers were included in the honor. Refreshments were served following a short program. It was a very warm evening but we had a fine representation of our members and a wonderful time. Beautiful flowers and gifts were presented to the guests of the evening.

Waterloo—Sixty-five people were present at a dinner held in honor of our new Dept. officers. Sister Gladys B. Sallman, of Ill., who was then our Nat. Pres., was also an honored guest. The dinner was held in Black's Tea Room. Feted were Mrs. Fred W. Bingham, Dept. Pat. Inst.; George Clark, Dept. Com. and Ray I. Snodgrass, Dept. Sec.-Treas. Also a guest was Mrs. H. E. Packard, Dept. Chap. of the Daughters of U. V. Other guests out of town included Mrs. Elbert Hickey, of Cedar Falls; Mrs. Willma Combs, of Des Moines, P. N. P. of the Aux.; Mrs. Effie Dustin, of Des Moines, Dept. Chap., and Mmes. Grace Hansen, Junior Aux. Organizer, Nellie Cessford and Ruby Kay of Iowa Falls. A delightful program was given and talks were made by the distinguished guests.—Sue M. Bennett, Dept. Press Cor., 924 Loomis St., Des Moines.

#### MAINE DEPARTMENT

Camden—Aux. 26 holds its meetings the 2nd and 4th Fridays in the Grange Hall. We had a sale and beano party on Sept. 27 with very good success. At our meeting Oct. 11 we had as visitors five Dept. Officers, including our Dept. Pres. Rubie Connelly, of Waterville. We also had two applications for membership. We have our Inspection Friday, Nov. 8, with P. D. P. Stella McRea as Inspecting Officer. We have a picnic supper at all of our meetings. We also observe all National Holidays with some appropriate selections. We also try to have a social hour which means a great deal.

Bridgton—Aux. 33 holds its meetings jointly with the Camp and our first fall meeting was held Sept. 4. On Oct. 2 inspection was held by Sister Hilda York, of Norway, and a vegetable supper, at which home-made pies, cake, doughnuts and butter were a feature, was served to the members and visitors of both Camp and Aux. with about 45 present. The tables were prettily decorated in Halloween effect and as this was Brother Webb's birthday, a birthday cake with the lighted candles, was placed at his plate and all sang "Happy Birthday to You." This was a complete surprise to Brother Webb. Our Pres., Sister Edith Unnold, was chairman of the supper committee and she was assisted by Sisters Mrs. Mae Leighton, Mrs. Edith Towne, Mrs. Elsie Towne, Mrs. Isabel Richardson and Mrs. Mozelle Douglass. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Rubie Connelly, of Waterville, Past Pres. Mrs. Edith Farnham, Dept. Chap. Mrs. Leon Merritt and Past Dept. Pat. Inst. Mrs. Alice Brown, all of Portland, besides many others, were present. Mrs. Florence Sanborn was taken into membership. We have observed all the special nights with the brothers and the attendance has been very good until we were obliged to close for the summer on account of the work of so many of the members. Faragut Memorial Assn., which is composed of the members of the Camp and Aux., sponsored "The Dixie Mountain Boys" who were here the night of Oct. 10. We were entertained by Bro. Herman Cook at his Camp on our meeting night, Oct. 16.—[Mrs. J. B. Rolfe, Aux. Press Cor.].—Mrs. Louise Dunbar, Dept. Press Cor.

#### MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

Dept. Pres. Mary Hines, has issued her Dept. Order No. 2, and in them she gives the names of the following Sisters she has appointed as Nat. Aides to Nat. Pres. Edna Lambert: Miss Minnie Wackenhauer, Aux. 1; Mrs. Ethel Carver, Aux. 2; Mrs. Ethel Beyer, Aux. 4; Mrs. Julia Risler, Aux. 10; Miss Nellie Quander, Aux. 31; Mrs. Evva Walker, Aux. 6.

For the Rehabilitation Fund chairmen, she has appointed the following: Mrs. Bertha Rannels, Aux. 1; Mrs. Anna M. Green, Aux. 2; Mrs. Emma Hayward, Aux. 4; Mrs. Florence Paul, Aux. 6; Mrs. Eva Semler, Aux. 10; Mrs. Irene Freeman, Aux. 31.

#### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

The 48th annual Encamp. of the Mich. Dept. Aux. to the S. U. V. was held June 27, 28, 29, 1946, with our Nat. Pres. Gladys Sallman with us through our entire Encamp. Grace Sullivan, Dept. Chief-of-Staff, opened Encamp. and presented each Dept. officer with a corsage. Aux. 7 exemplified the ritual and initiated a class of candidates in the auditorium of the Y.W.C.A. A social hour followed and gifts were presented to our Dept. Pres. Marie Luedders. Installation of officers was held with Nat. Pres. Sallman and Past Dept. Presidents acting as installing officers. Dept. officers are as follows: Dept. Pres. Violet Hinz, South Haven; V. P., Grace Sullivan, Belleville; Council, Marie Luedders, Marshall; Lois Blanch-

ard, Kalamazoo, and Margaret Huff, Lansing; P. I., Fae Hammond, Horton; Chap., Elsie Sprague, Detroit; Inspector, Myrtle Hicks, Lansing; I. & I. Officer, Florence Brown, Grand Rapids; Press Cor., Ruth Hammond, Horton; Sec., Isla Dow, Pullman; Treas, Lora Villeneuve, Flint.

The Michigan Dept. Aux. of the S. U. V. of C. W. presented to Mrs. B. S. Eppes a check for \$110.00 for Plastic Surgery work at the Percy Jones Hospital. Those participating in the presentation of the check were: Florence Brown, Past Pat. Inst.; Marie Leudders, P. D. P.; Violet Hinz, Dept. Pres.; Grace Sullivan, Dept. Vice Pres.; and Lula Lounsbury. This money was part of the funds raised for Patriotic work last year. Many thanks to Mrs. McLee of the Red Cross headquarters who was so very kind to us while we were there.

**Marshall**—Members of the S. of U. V. Aux. entertained a ward of patients from the Percy Jones General Hospital for dinner at the First Baptist Church. The party was originally scheduled to have been held in the garden at the home of Mrs. Charles Clute, but due to the cold and rainy weather it was held at the church. A full-course dinner was served at long tables effectively arranged with flowers from the Clute Gardens. Later in the evening the group was taken in an army bus to the First Methodist Church gymnasium for a period of recreation. Many thanks should be given to the girls of Aux. 4 for their splendid work. A beautiful American Flag was presented to the First Baptist Church by W. R. Sanders, Sec. of the S. of U. V., in behalf of the S. of U. V. Mrs. Marie Luedders, P. D. P. of the Aux., presented the Christian flag in behalf of Aux. 4. The Rev. Peter Bissett acknowledged the presentation for the church. Much credit is given to both the Camp and their Aux. for keeping our flags before us.

**Jackson**—Aux. 7 celebrated its fifth birthday at the Homade banquet hall Oct. 12. The hall was decorated for autumn and red, white and blue fans were in front of each plate. After the banquet a short program was with Mazie Smith acting as toastmistress. Her theme throughout the program was a session of school, members of Sons and Aux. participating.

Aux. 7 joined with the Sons and Daughters to honor their Dept. Officers: Thayne LaBanta, Dept. Com., S. U. V., and Brothers Fred Hammond, Cloy Smith, Charles Hammond, Arthur Loungs and Albert Hammond; our Dept. officers from the Aux., Fae and Ruth Hammond; from the Daughters, Leveva Hammond. A pot luck supper was held in the G. A. R. Hall. After supper a program followed with Bro. Bert Hammond acting as toastmaster. The address of welcome was given by Edward Travis, Com. of Camp 7. Sister Florence Wright, of Marshall, responded. Dept. Vice Pres. Grace Sullivan made remarks and introduced the Dept. officers of the Aux. Rev. Bradley, of Jackson, gave an address on the "Atomic Age." Alberdina Baker, Dept. Vice Pres. of the Daughters, made remarks and introduced her Dept. officers. Lea Flansburg represented the W. R. C. Thayne LaBanta, Dept. Com. of the S. U. V., remarked and introduced his Dept. officers. Community singing was lead by P. C.-in-C. Brother Mackey. — Mrs. Ruth Hammond, Dept. Press Cor., Horton, Mich.

#### NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

**Buffalo**—Aux. 8. A reception was tendered Nat. and Dept. officers of organizations affiliated with the G. A. R. in Hotel Statler Sept. 30 by the G. A. R. Memorial Assn. of Erie County. Attending as guest of honor was Comrade Robert M. Rownd, of Ripley, 101 year old Nat. Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Other honored guests were Neil D. Cranmer, of Elmira, Com.-in-Chief, S. U. V.; Dept. Com. Fred E. Howe, Niagara Falls; Dept. Pres.

Wilhelmina Tagart; Dept. Insp. Ida Mower; Chief Aide to Sons Marie Boots, Pers. Aide Cora Lombard; Miss Cora E. Gillis, Nat. Pres. D. of U. V.; Miss Helen Hoag, Dept. Pres. D. of U. V.; Miss Olive Smith, Dept. Pres. L. of G. A. R.; and Miss Burton Gibbons, Vice Pres. Federated Patriotic Societies. Comptroller George W. Wanamaker of Camp 223, welcomed the guests on behalf of the city. Past Dept. Com. Williard B. Stephan was General Chairman of the affair.

**Rochester**—Aux. 23 had as their guest Dept. Pres. Wilhelmina Tagart on Sept. 11. The Aux. Pres. Eleanor Bielby presided over the meeting with all officers present. At the close of the meeting Sis. Jena Eagle, accompanied by her father, Bro. Potter, presented to the Aux. four beautiful silk flags in honor of her mother, Sis. Jessie Potter, who was a faithful member of Aux. 23 for many years.

The members of Auxs. 1, 18 and 23 tendered a reception and dinner dance Sept. 28 in the ball room of Hotel Seneca in honor of Dept. Pres. Wilhelmina Tagart and Staff and Dept. Com. of the S. U. V. Fred E. Howe and Staff. Among the guests were Vice Mayor Frank Van Lare; Dept. Com. of the G. A. R. Comrade James A. Hard; Miss Josephine Parkhurst, Dept. Pres. of the W. R. C.; Miss Olive M. Smith, Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Miss Helen Hoag, Dept. Pres. of the D. U. V., and many other Dept. officers of the Allied groups. Sister Alice M. Waste, of Aux. 18 was general chairman. Sister Anna Hoyt, Pres. of Aux. 18, was toastmistress. All Dept. Aux. officers were presented a corsage and Dept. officers of the Sons each received white boutonnières. There were 154 guests present to enjoy the delightful affair.

**Binghamton**—Aux. 17 and Camp 93 entertained the Southern Tier Assn. Oct 5 at their meeting rooms. Following the chicken dinner a program was given which consisted of a trumpet solo by Miss Doris Hitt, accompanied on the piano by Miss Marion Faulkner, Dept. Com. Fred E. Howe and Sis. Howe were honored guests of the Assn. and Bro. Howe gave a very interesting address. All officers were re-elected. Bro. Ethan Palmer, of Elmira, is the Pres.

**Schenectady**—Aux. 45. Over 100 guests attended the dinner and reception held recently in A. O. H. Hall in honor of Dept. Pres. Wilhelmina Tagart and Dept. Com. Fred E. Howe and their staffs of officers, and Com.-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer of the S. U. V. Many Dept. officers and representatives from other allied organizations were in attendance. Guests were entertained by pupils from Gertrude Blank School of Dancing under the direction of Stanley Williams. Mrs. Orphia Bradt, of Albany, led community singing. Gifts were presented guests of honor. Mrs. Nellie Halligan was general chairman assisted by Mrs. Edith Ostrander and several sisters of Aux. 45. Guests were present from Niagara Falls, Syracuse, Amsterdam, Rochester, Batavia, Albany, Newburg, Peekskill, Troy and Cohoes. Aux. 45 will entertain their inspector, Sis. Edna Miller of Aux. 48, on Nov. 14.

**Troy**—Aux. 48 held an anniversary party in honor of Counselor Paul Miller. A badge was presented him for his fifty years of faithful service. Pres. Edna Miller was also an honored guest at a social celebrating her 38th anniversary.

**Elmira**—Junior Aux. 6 presented an American Flag to the Pennsylvania Ave. School Parent-Teachers Assn. Miss Shirley Sievers, Asst. Guide, gave the principles of the Order; Miss Marjorie Templar, Past Pres., made the presentation, assisted by Miss Beulah Satterlee, Treas., and Miss Bevely Templar, Chap. The Flag was dedicated to the memory of the Boys and Girls who served in the armed forces from the Pennsylvania Ave. School.—

Maude Hill, Dept. Press Cor., 72 Davis St., Binghamton, N. Y.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

**Philadelphia**—Aux. 14, of Roxborough, held a reception in honor of Dept. Chap. Sue Caffrey, who was elected to the office at the Dept. convention held at Johnstown, last June. It was a great surprise to our Sue, whom we all love, as we kept it very quiet. She was presented with gifts and a banquet was held in her honor. We also had with us on this occasion, our Dept. Pres., Miss Elizabeth Ritter; Dept. Treas. P. N. P. Katie Carr; P. N. P. Clara Gallagher, all of whom belong to Aux. 1, of Phila.; Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Aux. 2; Mrs. Eva Fisher, Aux. 4; Dept. Personal Aide Viola Bremme and Mrs. Florence Rogers, of Aux. 200. These Auxs. are all in Phila. We had a most pleasant evening and we all wish for our Sue the best of health throughout the year. Aux. 14 celebrated its 53rd birthday anniversary by giving a banquet. Among our guests were P. N. P. Clara Gallagher and Dept. Treas. Katie Carr, both of whom are daughters of the late P. N. P. Libbie B. Meis. At the time our Aux. was instituted, Sister Mels was our Dept. Pres. and Dept. Treas. Carr helped her mother with the organizing of our Aux. After the banquet was over a social hour was enjoyed and gifts were presented.

#### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

Dept. Pres. Gertrude Beachler has issued her Dept. Order No. 2. She has appointed P. D. P. Carrie Stewart as Dept. Junior Advisor.

Several from Ill. Dept. attended the Regional meeting of the Sons and Aux. which was held in Madison, Wis., Oct. 13. This regional Assn. takes in the Depts. of Minn., Wis., Iowa, Mo., Ill., Ind. and Mich. The meeting was very successful. This was the first meeting since 1942, meetings having been discontinued during the war.

**Bloomington**—Aux. 22 met Oct. 14 at the home of P. N. P. Edna V. Stewart. The Aux. was inspected by P. D. P. Mary Enlow, of Decatur. Election of officers was held.

**Dwight**—Aux. 2 resumed meetings in Sept. after a vacation of two months, meeting at the home of Sis. Letty Dustin Connor. In Oct. we met at the home of P. D. P. Olive Haynes and this was in the nature of a Hallowe'en party, each member wearing something indicative of the season. The Haynes home was attractive with Hallowe'en decorations. A social evening followed the business meeting, Sis. Elizabeth Haynes conducting Quiz questions. A nice lunch was served by Sis. Haynes and her two daughters, Sis. Elizabeth and Sis. Kathryn Parks.

#### HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Marium B. Parrot, Dept. Pres. of Cal. & Pac. Dept., has a new address; it is 800 So. 8th St., Fresno 2, Calif.

P. C.-in-C. John E. Sautter and his wife, P. N. P. Gertrude Sautter, of Pa., have gone to Florida for the winter, where they have purchased a home in St. Petersburg. The Sautters have spent their winters in this sunny clime for the past several years and find it a delightful change from the rigid winters of the north.

Mrs. Florence Silvers, of Minnesota, has been appointed a Nat. Special Aide to Nat. Pres. Edna S. Lambert.

The sympathy of our entire Order goes out to P. N. P. and Past Nat. Treas. Lillian S. Ball, of Ind., in the death of her husband, P. D. C. William Ball. "Bill," as he was known to his close friends, was a lovable fellow and was greatly missed at the Nat. Encamp. held in his home city, Indianapolis, two months ago. He was an indefatigable worker for the Sons of Union Veterans while in good health, and did invaluable work in connection with the Grand Army Highway.