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You Should Know!!

Yes, because so many of our members are interested in the continuation of good relations with our sister organizations of the Grand Army Family, you should know:

(1) That the five organizations met together at the same time in Cincinnati at our invitation, authorized by resolution at the Duluth Encampment;

(2) That according to that resolution I refrained from committing the Sons and Auxiliary to membership on the rotating Committee of the other three organizations, realizing it might well be that in the future there would possible be times when we could not, for reasons important to our Order, meet with them because of inadequate accommodations where we felt it imperative for us to hold our National Encampment;

(3) But that the program for joint ceremonies in Cincinnati was decided by mutual agreement at a meeting with all four of the National Presidents;

(4) That our Committee on next year's Encampment felt it imperative for the Sons and Auxiliary to meet in Pennsylvania next year, because it would be the 75th anniversary of our first annual National Encampment in Pittsburgh;

(5) That, not wishing to reach a final decision without agreement or at least consultation with the other three organizations, our Encampment refused

to act on the Committee's recommendations until the last day shortly before adjournment;

(6) That our Committee made several attempts to arrange with the National Presidents of the three Ladies' organizations for a joint meeting to consider plans for next year; but it failed to secure such a joint meeting;

(7) Finally, that the Encampment approved our Committee's recommendation the last morning, when a decision had to be reached, approving Harrisburg as our preferred meeting place, but, because of the lack of facilities there for all five organizations at one time, named Pittsburgh as an alternative and arranged for the representative of Pittsburgh to present its facilities and invitation to the other organizations, leaving a month's interval for the Ladies' organizations to indicate their desire to meet with us again.

Thus the Sons and Auxiliary made an earnest effort to continue the meeting of all five organizations at the same time in the same place. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic decided to meet with us, whether at Harrisburg or Pittsburgh. The decision of the other two organizations to meet apart from us is **their decision**. We did our best to secure joint consideration and another meeting of the whole G.A.R. family next year.

U. S. Grant, 3rd,
Past Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW.

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IT'S HARRISBURG IN '56

The 1956 National Encampment will be held in the City of Harrisburg, Pa., the week of September 9. We are very pleased that in addition to our own loyal Auxiliary, the Ladies of the G. A. R. will also hold their National Encampment at the same time and place. Details regarding hotel arrangements will be announced in the next issue of The Banner.

A feature of this, our 75th Anniversary Encampment, will be a pilgrimage to the Gettysburg Battlefield. Our committee with P. C. in C. John Runkle as Chairman will cooperate with committees and other features of the 1956 Encampment.

Gettysburg is 36 miles from Harrisburg. This famous Civil War Battlefield marking the high point of the Civil War has a thousand monuments and markers to highlight this area of great historic interest.

"SONS OF BOYS IN BLUE"

Tune: "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp"

We are the Sons of Boys in Blue
And as heirs of these great men,
We're preserving this great heritage so true,
We will dedicate ourselves
To keep this Union alive,
As they did in '61 to '65!

Chorus

1. They have been our inspiration
Those who bravely fought and won,
We will serve our nation well
As their work we carry on
As Sons of Sons of the great G. A. R.
2. We are Sons of Union Veterans,
We'll continue to fight on,
To maintain the torch they won
As it was meant to be
Flying the gold flag of the Commandery.

Chorus—Auxiliary

We, the Auxiliary to the Sons
Aid in all you aim to do,
We will give a helping hand
Striving to preserve our land
And be proud to feel that we are helping you.
Elinore L. Konrad,
Past National President.

The first command to fire at an enemy with breech loading rifles was Berdan's Sharpshooters. It was this corps that first demonstrated the importance of this arm in actual service.

CIVIL WAR CALENDAR

November:

16, 1864. Gen. William T. Sherman and his Federal Army of more than 60,000 started the march from Atlanta to the sea.

23-25, 1863. Generals Grant, Sherman and Hooker, and Thomas and the Union Army defeated General Bragg and the Confederate Army in the battle of Chattanooga. The Union Army suffered the heavier casualties.

24, 1863. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston is appointed commander of the Confederate Army of the west.

December:

13, 1862. Gen. Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia inflicted a severe defeat on General Burnside's Army of the Potomac at Fredericksburg, Va. The Federal casualties totaled 12,000.

20, 1860. South Carolina seceded from the Union of the United States of America.

30, 1860. South Carolina seizes the United States arsenal at Charleston.

Illinois Brothers Visit Grave
of G.A.R. Founder

During the recent Encampment of the Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Springfield, a pilgrimage was made to the grave of B. F. Stephenson, founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, in a cemetery in nearby Petersburg, Ill. Arrangements for the visit and the program held there were made by P.D.C. J. Colby Beekman, who lives in Petersburg. The program was short but very interesting.

The 1st Maine Heavy Artillery Regiment lost more men killed and died of wounds than any other regiment, 18.8%, the 2nd Wisconsin comes next with 17.55, and the 140th Pennsylvania next with 16.4%.



Past National President Elinore Konrad and Past Commander-in-Chief Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant shown placing floral tributes on the grave of the late Senator Robert A. Taft at Cincinnati.

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GENERAL ORDER No. 1

Headquarters
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

123 Heights Road
Ridgewood, New Jersey
11 November 1955



1. I desire to express my thanks to the members of the Order for their unanimous election of me as Commander-in-Chief, and during the coming year shall give the interests of the Order first place in my life work.

2. In addition to the National Officers named in the last issue of The Banner the following appointments are announced:

National Patriotic Instructor Oliver S. Larkby
1120 Eastern Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

National Historian Allen F. Spink
175 Ridgewood Road, West Hartford 7, Conn.

National Aide Ernest G. Wells
191 Hamilton St., Cambridge, Mass.

Chairman, G.A.R. Highway Committee
Roy J. Bennett
924 Loomis Ave., Des Moines 15, Iowa

The address of the National Chaplain, Rev. George Hibbert Driver, S.T.M., is 31 Waldron Street, Marblehead, Mass.

Each Chairman of a National Committee is authorized to appoint his own committee members and to correspond directly with Department Commanders and with Department officers whose duties fall within the scope of his committee's work.

3. In accordance with the vote of the Encampment, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howe is placed in charge of the work of locating, inventorying, caring for, and where necessary perfecting our title to the G. A. R. property conveyed to us by Comrade Woolson's deed of 13 February 1954 or which has come to us in any other manner. He is authorized to appoint such assistants as he may deem necessary.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Corbin is appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee and placed in charge of membership work throughout the Order. He is authorized to appoint one or more members of his Committee in each Department. Where a Membership Committee has been appointed in any Department, its Chairman will be a member of the National Committee.

4. At the coming session of Congress many measures will be introduced on which the action may seriously affect the principles of free government for which our ancestors fought. Our Order is non-political, and on many important measures before Congress we as an organization take no stand, believing their nature is such that each member of

our Order should act in accordance with his own convictions as a loyal citizen. There are, however, certain matters which command the support of thinking men regardless of party and which we can support as an organization, because they so vitally affect "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." These are set forth in the platform adopted at the Cincinnati Encampment, and when any of these come up our members should be prompt in notifying their own members of Congress of their stand. In such matters we should "rally round the flag . . . shouting the battle-cry of freedom" as did our ancestors in 1851-65.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

"The time draws near the birth of Christ;
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist."
—Tennyson.

The Commander-in-Chief wishes to all members of the Order and their families the peace and joy of the Christmastide in fullest measure and a New Year full of blessings.

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

"STAMPS FOR THE WOUNDED"

Consider the pitiful plight of so many of our hospitalized veterans! Here are once vigorous and active men who, because of their great sacrifices for us and for all they hold most precious, now spend endless, drearily monotonous, and often pain-racked hours, days, months, and even years, in institutions, while life and love pass them by on the outside.

It is not only a patriotic duty, but a most satisfying personal one, to in some way show our concern for them in trying to alleviate their suffering and/or their boredom. It is not within the powers of all of us to contribute as much in the way of cash, or material goods, as we would wish.

A great many of these veterans have discovered and are discovering, the blessings of losing their unhappiness in the collecting and cataloging of postage stamps of this country and the world. From their lonesome beds, they travel imaginatively all over the earth, visiting strange, out-of-the-way places, and becoming acquainted with unusual people and extraordinary events—all by the means of the stories that these little pieces of paper carry on them.

Who of us is there that does not once in awhile receive an envelope with a cancelled stamp upon it?

It is suggested that we send these stamps to our nearest Veterans Hospital, marked "For Hospitalized Veteran Stamp Collectors." Or, if you prefer, send them to me and I will see to it that they are re-directed to a hospital or suitable agency for the proper distribution.

ERNEST G. WELLS,
Patriotic Instructor,
271 Lamartine Street,
Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

OUR MOTTO

Our Flag, Our Grand Army of the Republic,
Our Sons

"When Freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night,
And set the stars of glory there."

—The American Flag.

Our Grand Army of the Republic

A voluntary association organized in 1866, of men who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War in the United States. The association was organized to maintain and strengthen fraternal feelings, to perpetuate the memory and history of dead comrades and to assist those in need, or the widows and dependents of deceased members.

Our Sons

Who so nobly have carried on the work which their Fathers had begun. We, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have pledged ourselves to uphold and support "Our Sons" in the principles and objects for which they are organized.

Congratulations to my Commander-in-Chief, Colonel Frederick G. Bauer. We, as your Auxiliary, pledge our loyalty and cooperation to you and to the National Organization.

Our National Organization wishes to thank Junior Past National President, Ellinore Konrad, for her faithful and untiring work and her very successful year as President.

Our Encampment was not by any means the largest we have had, but it was one of the most impressive and will be remembered as such.

With determination let us make this an outstanding year by increasing our membership and, in so doing, strengthening our Organization.

The Patriotic Instructor and Chief-of-Staff are two very important offices. Big things will be expected of them this year, and I ask every member to give them their full support and encouragement.

The Crest and crowning of all good, Life's final star, is Brotherhood.

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings on Thanksgiving Day, and I extend to you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

LENORE D. GLASS,
National President.



MRS. LENORE GLASS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Parents: Col. T. J. Stone (formerly of Ohio)
Carrie Downer Stone (formerly of New York)
Date of Birth: November 26, 1891 (Thanksgiving Day)

My present address is the house in which I was born, and in which I have resided all of my life with the exception of two years which I spent in Sacramento, California.

Was married to John N. Glass in 1909. We had one child, Mrs. Dorothy Glass McCormick of San Jose. Mr. Glass was Department Commander in 1937-38. He passed away in August, 1951.

In 1923 I was a Charter Member of Gen. Phil Sheridan and served as its President for two years. (The Auxiliary was instituted by Mamie Deems, P.N.P.)

Have held nearly all of the offices in the Department and Served as Department President in 1935-36.

In 1942-43 was National Patriotic Instructor for N. P. Mary Stapleton.

In 1951-52 was National Chief of Staff for N. P. Phyllis Dean.

Have attended nineteen National Encampments.

Was elected National President in my father's home state, Ohio.

The first officer to make his escape from Libby Prison was Captain Skelton, of the 17th Iowa Regiment. He was twice captured and twice escaped.



Department News



VERMONT—The fall meeting of Green Mountains State Camp No. 1 was held Saturday afternoon, October 22, at the Community Building in Springfield with Commander Roy Pierson presiding. At this meeting Brother Archie Aldrich of Brattleboro was elected commander for the ensuing year. This was a very well attended meeting. The next meeting will be in Brandon in February, 1956. The same evening a reception was given our Department Commander, Roy Pierson by the Springfield Camp and Auxiliary. A program was presented by Mrs. Emma Marino and her group of Juvenile Grangers.

The Midyear Conference of the Vermont Department was held in Chelsea on the afternoon of October 20. Ways and Means of increasing our membership was discussed. A plan to further this project was presented by the Planning Committee. It will be presented for adoption at our next Convention in Brattleboro next spring. Copies of this plan will be sent to all Camps in the Department. The care and maintenance of our old cemeteries was also discussed at some length. The Winooski Valley District met in the same hall that evening with an extra good turn-out.

On October 25 George Taylor was elected Commander of the Bellows Falls Camp for the ensuing year. Commander Taylor will be installed with his staff at their annual Christmas Party and Banquet, December 17.

Among our Brothers who have passed on to their Great Reward recently are Clark Page, Camp Patriotic Instructor of Springfield, and Brother of William Lynch of Rutland. Brother Lynch was 97 years of age. We shall miss them.

NEW JERSEY—Over one hundred attended a fine testimonial dinner for Dept. Commander Geo. Satterthwaite and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Louisa Daubert at the Washington Crossing Inn on October 22.

Albert W. Lambert, son of Edna and Albert is being discharged from the U. S. Army early in December after spending two years in Germany.

The mid-winter meeting of the N. J. Dept. will be held in War Memorial Building, Trenton, on Sunday, November 20. At the same time a Dedication Day program will be held with the Rev. Joseph MacCarroll as the principal speaker. The Rev. Mr. MacCarroll, who served as Department Chaplain last year, has just recently been elected as National Chaplain of the American Legion. Commander-in-Chief Bauer has accepted an invitation to attend.

Garfield Camp 4 is planning an outstanding 50th Lincoln Birthday Banquet in February with every effort being made to make this one of their finest.

NEW YORK—The annual meeting and picnic of the Southern Tier Association of SOUV and Auxiliaries was held in the historic Grand Army Hall at Halsey Valley July 1. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Carrie Lent, Ithaca; Vice President, Ir-

win Humphrey, Auburn; Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle More, Owego; Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Bogardus, Ovid; Press Correspondent, Leslie More, Owego; Chaplain, Mrs. Cecil Smith, Halsey Valley. Special guests included Dept. President of the Aux., Mrs. Lillian Messer, Albany; Dept. President of the D. O. U. V., Mrs. Della Burchard of Elmira. Truman Vincent presided over the business session. Entertainment was furnished by the Halsey Valley Kitchen Band and a colored motion picture film, America, the Beautiful. The 1956 meeting will be held at Hoffman Park, Elmira, the third Sunday in July.

Chief Deputy Bert Sack is urging all camps to write the Park Commissioner of New York protesting the movement to demolish the Civil War monument on Riverside Drive, New York. He states the danger is great.

P. C. in C. Neil D. Cranmer of Elmira has written the leading article on Chemung County in the Civil War for the new magazine published by the Chemung County Historical Society. Judge of the Children's Court, Daniel J. Donahue, has been elected a member of Diven Camp 77, Elmira. The camp mourns the death of one of its oldest members both in years and membership—George Babcock.

Divin Camp 77, Elmira, mourns the loss of one of its older members, Mortimer Nance. His father was once Commander of Fitch Post, G. A. R.

DuPont-Eiseman Camp No. 2 regrets to report the loss of two of its members, P. C. Theodore Von Amelunxen and Brother Harrison C. Glore who passed away recently. We have gained a new member, Brother Ed. S. Weigand. We celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the consolidation of the S. F. DuPont Camp 168 and the John Eiseman Camp 79, into Camp No. 2, and the 40th Anniversary of the DuPont-Eiseman Auxiliary No. 60 on June 17. Our elections resulted in the re-election of nearly all the present staff. Visitors always welcome.

The mid-Winter meeting of the New York Department will be held at Utica on Jan. 15. Grimaldi's Restaurant is the place and 2:00 p. m. is the time.

Graduation Exercises were held at the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point New York on August 5, 1955. At this time Dept. Com. William F. Bruckel presented a saber to an honor pupil. This was given in the name of the Sons and Auxiliary of the New York Department.

At the last meeting of Gen. U. S. Grant Camp the membership went on record as being opposed to any change in the McCarran Immigration Act.

MASSACHUSETTS—Bay State Camp 61 held their annual Memorial Service at Long Island, Boston Harbor on Sunday, August 14. This service is held each year at the graves of 57 Civil War veterans who died of smallpox and other contagious diseases during and after the Civil War on another nearby island. Lenahan O'Connell, commander of the camp, led the services.

Commnader Frank Johnson of Camp 56 and Mrs. Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 16. Best wishes, Frank, from all the gang.

George Kimball, member of the council of administration and many other titles, and Mrs. Kimball observed their 45th wedding anniversary at

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Don't Put It Off—You May Forget—Do It Now

Department News (Continued)

Chelsea Community YMCA on Thursday, Sept. 1. Besides his many duties with the Sons of Union Veterans, George is also a member, honorary or regular of about every patriotic organization in existence. He also has many hours of volunteer hospital work at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

All too often when singing the praises of one individual we forget that in the background there is someone else equally deserving. We are thinking of Mrs. Kimball who has looked after the welfare of George, fed him the proper foods, kept a comfortable home and nursed him in sickness and in addition to all this has worked over 500 hours of volunteer work at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

Many other members of Camp 81 besides Mr. and Mrs. Kimball have performed long services as volunteers at the home including John and Marguerite Mitcheson who have put in 300 and 500 hours respectively.

The 20th anniversary of the New England Regional was held at Hartford, Conn., Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9 at the Hotel Garde. Commander-in-Chief Frederick Bauer was in attendance throughout the convention and gave us some very interesting facts about our government. For those who were unable to attend the national encampment at Cincinnati, he explained many of the important matters that were brought up there. We enjoyed a fine banquet, entertainment and weather. Secretary Louis Winchell gave a fine account of the 20-year history of the Association.

Commander-in-Chief Bauer made his first official visit of his term in his home state at the joint meeting of the Northern Metropolitan Association and Camp 81 of Chelsea, in September. At this meeting George Kimball was presented with a fifty-year pin by Colonel Bauer.

The North Metropolitan District Association held their annual meeting with Camp 6 of Beverly on October 21. The Auxiliary provided a delicious clam chowder before the meeting. Charles Simington of Camp 81 was elected President for the coming year.

The annual Friendly Relations banquet was held at Malden on Saturday evening, October 29. This was the largest gathering of the allied organizations of Massachusetts ever to get together for this affair. Two hundred seventy-five sat down to the supper. A fine entertainment followed the feast consisting of a young ventriloquist, a 30-minute sound reel of Rockingham Racetrack and community singing and dancing led by Brother Harold Bowen of Camp 6 and his group.

Sunday, November 13, was a big night in Chelsea for the Kimballs. The Veterans of Foreign Wars gave a testimonial dinner in honor of George and Mrs. Kimball of Camp 81 and Auxiliary, in recognition of completing 50 years in the work of the veterans of Massachusetts.

The Pioneer Valley Association of Western Massachusetts will be the guests of the Gen. George B. McClellan Camp 60 of Holyoke, Mass., and also the Worcester County, Plymouth County and North Metropolitan District on Saturday, November 26 in the War Memorial Building, Holyoke, for a Dedication Day Dinner. It is expected a large delegation

from all over the state, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New York will attend. The Hon. George A. Wells of Worcester, member of the Governors Council, will be the guest speaker. A fine entertainment program is being drawn up. It is also announced the Commander-in-Chief Frederick G. Bauer will be present to speak and Mrs. Lucille Rand, National President of the W. R. C. of Worcester, Mass., and other officers will attend.

The New England Regional Association held its Fall meeting in the Hotel Garde, Hartford, Conn., and also celebrated the 20th birthday of the Association. During the business session Commander-in-Chief Frederick G. Bauer spoke of the aims established at Cincinnati and hoped most of the recommendations would be carried out. He explained the increased dues for members, per capita tax for the departments to make all camps more interesting for meetings. A banquet was served in the hotel. The Regional Commander and President, Department Commander and President, Department President of the Daughters gave greetings. Commander-in-Chief Bauer spoke on the Bricker Amendment, on the American Coalition, urging every camp to join, and the policy of the UN that is to be set up urging everyone to contact their Congressmen and Senators to vote against the bill. Mark Ortarian, 12 years old gave the Gettysburg Address. Entertainment consisted of tap and acrobatic dancing. At the close of his speech Colonel Bauer presented Allen Spink a birthday gift of installing him into a newly appointed office as National Historian. The meeting closed Sunday noon with a joint discussion with the Auxiliary. The Spring meeting will be held at Providence, R. I., with the date to be announced.

MAINE—T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46 attended Reception of the Department President Evelyn B. Dustin at Oakland, Maine, Saturday, September 25, 1955, also T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46 attended Reception of Department Commander Lester Cranmer, Saturday, September 24, 1955, at Sanford, Maine.

COLORADO—Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Camp No. 1, Department of Colorado and Wyoming and the Auxiliary staged our annual picnic in Elitches Gardens July 25, 1955. Basket supper and bingo with prizes were the features of the outing. Thirty-five members and friends attended.

A new member was initiated as a Son of a Union Veteran on August 9 and the Auxiliary initiated three members.

On the eve of August 18 the Sons and Auxiliary had the pleasure of having our Annual Watermelon Cutting at the home our Camp Commander, Chester A. MacDonald, 1040 Julian Street. Twenty persons attended the party.

COLORADO STATE CAMP No. ONE, DEPT. OF COLORADO AND WYOMING—Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary No. 1 had the extreme pleasure of initiating into their Auxiliary Grandma Mrs. Louise Niner, who is over one hundred year of age. The initiation took place at the home of daughter, Mrs. Jennetta Drummond and her granddaughter Miss Anne Drummond, 3463 So. Bannock Street, Englewood, Colorado.

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Department News (Continued)

The members present: Clarence W. Reed, Dept. Commander; his wife, Mae Reed, our Auxiliary President, and daughter DeLors Reed, Assistant Guide. Camp Commander Chester A. McDonald, John B. Fuller, secretary-treasurer; Clarence W. Reed, first counselor. To the Auxiliary Vice President Evelyn Thomas; Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth Scanlon; Gide, Alta A. MacKenzie; Ptr. Inst., Clarissa Pickrell; Press Correspondent, Anna Tarlton; Counselor, John B. Fuller; Chaplain, Mary McBeth; Color Guard No. 2, Harriet Vassau. Helen Parr, charter member, and past president, years ago. Mrs. Drummond and Daughter joined Auxiliary No. 1 July 12, 1955.

MICHIGAN—Michigan was honored for the first time by the Central Region Conference being held at Detroit Oct. 15 and 16. One hundred members of the Sons and Auxiliary attended the Banquet-Program and official sessions which was sponsored by the Michigan Departments of the Sons and Auxiliary. Milo C. Newer, Sr., Dept. Commander, and Evelyn O'Bryan, Dept. President. Commander-in-Chief Bauer presided at the opening session. Among the important matters discussed was statement of principle and platform of the Sons, which had been adopted by the National at Cincinnati, and was endorsed by the Conference. Charles F. Dexter was the Master of Ceremonies at the Banquet-Program. Among the guests besides our own officials named above, were: Representatives from the American Turners; United Spanish War Veterans; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Sons of the American Revolution; Society of the War of 1812; and Mrs. Carrie E. Wells, last surviving widow in Detroit of a Union Veteran. All were introduced and spoke.

Brother Louis A. Blair, Ohio, was elected Commander.



Richard A. Locke, National Counselor; Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Commander-in-Chief; Charles F. Dexter, Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief, who acted as Master-of-Ceremonies; and Margaret Horn, National Vice President of the Auxiliary, at the Speakers table at the Central Region Conference, held at the Detroit-Leland Hotel in Detroit, Michigan.

Milo Newer, Jr., Michigan, was elected Secretary.

Gladys Sallman, Illinois, re-elected Treasurer.

The Conference voted to hold the 1956 meeting at Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio Department is to sponsor same.

CALIFORNIA—District No. 2 held their quarterly meeting in Ontario with A. Podrasnik Camp and Auxiliary host and hostess. Ninety-four attended the dinner, many arrived after to enjoy the meeting. The principal speaker was our Dept. Commander, Brother Rainwater from Fresno, who had flown in for the meeting. We enjoyed him and his message very much. H. W. Lawton Camp in Long Beach had a most interesting program, inviting outsiders to attend. They had the pictures of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, shown through the courtesy of the U. S. Highway No. 6 Association. A good attendance and much interest was created; all enjoyed the pictures.

The Past Camp Commanders held their regular meeting at the Patio Bar-B-Que of the Commander of the A. Podrasnik Camp of Ontario, where all enjoyed hamburgers, corn on the cob and apple pie. A good turnout and ways of raising money for the GAR monument fund was discussed.

WISCONSIN—Henry Goldsmith, born September 29, 1868, joined General Schaefer Camp of St. Louis in September, 1884; joined C. K. Pier Camp, 1892; joined C. K. Pier Badger Camp at consolidation. Charter does not give the date. Was Captain of each camp and Commander 1929 of Wisconsin Department. Died April 24, 1955.

AUXILIARY NOTES

A MESSAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENTS

Will you please send all your new items, which you want printed in The Banner, to reach me on or before the 15th of the following months: December, February, April and June. It is necessary for me to have the material on those dates in order to have it in the hands of the printer on time. This month I have only heard from two Departments.

ETHEL C. HEILEMANN,
National Press Correspondent.

ILLINOIS—Inspections have started in the Illinois Department. Auxiliary No. 30 had the Inspector this month, and entertained her with a dinner at the Cross Roads Restaurant.

On Tuesday, October 18, the "Sunshine Club," which is Auxiliary No. 30 social meeting was held in Maywood Illinois, where a good dinner and a fine time was enjoyed. This was the "Revelation Meeting," when the names of all the Secret Pals were made known.

The Eva B. Blackman Junior Auxiliary No. 3, have resumed their meetings, after the summer vacation, and next month will have their election of new officers.

The Department Officers are now busy, making plans and arrangements for the Mid-Winter Conference (Continued on Next Page)

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campment, which will be held at the Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Illinois, on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4.

Our Department President, Sister Capitola Rehrmann, is very busy making her official visits, and also making plans and arrangements for the Department Encampment in June, which is to be held in Peoria, Ill., which will be held, as usual, with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Aurora Auxiliary No. 7 held their annual picnic at the home of Sister Beatrice Dales. A fine time was had by all those who attended, and this yearly picnic is looked forward to each year.

Illinois sent a very fine delegation of both Sons and Auxiliary members to the Central Regional Meeting, which was held this year at the Detroit-Leland Hotel in Detroit, Mich., on October 15 and 16. Our Commander in Chief, Frederick G. Bauer, and our National Vice President, Margaret Horn, were the honored guests. The meeting was well attended and proved to be a most interesting and constructive meeting. The new president of the Central Regional is Louis G. Blair of Ohio. The next meeting is to be held in Columbus, Ohio, sometime next October, 1956.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—The New Hampshire Department is very active in their patriotic work, and in June they presented a life membership in the Auxiliary to Mrs. Lila DeMond, who has been a member for 33 years.

A donation of household articles was made by the Auxiliary for the New Hampshire Cottage at The Weirs. The Regional supper was served at The Weirs on July 16, with the meeting at Robin Hood Park.

Commander Clarence Edmunds of Henniker, and Department President Addie J. French of Bennington, were honored at a testimonial banquet in Henniker on July 23, 1955.

VERMONT—The Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary was held at the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier, Vt., on June 23-25, 1955. Mrs. Hazel Dwyer of Brattleboro, Vt., was elected President. A reception was given in her honor in Brattleboro on September 10, 1955.

The annual state picnic was held at Allis State Park at Brookfield, July 24. The picnic of District No. 5 was held at Vilas Pool, in New Hampshire, and the Winooski Valley District held their picnic August 21, in Peacham, Vt., at the home of P. D. C. and Mrs. Lewis E. Abbott. The fall meeting of this District is to be a supper meeting in Chelsea, October 22.

The Department Inspector, P. P. P. Glenna Bumps, of Morrisville, and Assistant Inspector P. D. P. Gladys Buckman of Windsor, are inspecting the Auxiliary.

NEW YORK—Ovid Auxiliary No. 72 held their inspection on Oct. 11 at the American Legion Home. Anne Davis of Ithaca was the Inspecting Officer. Dept. Pres. Lillian Messer, Dept. Secy. Ethel Brockway and Dept. Deputy Elsie Woodington were honored guests.

On Nov. 10, Grant Aux. No. 24 held their inspection at New York City. P. D. P. Marion Warner

was in the Inspecting Officer. Services in honor of veterans night were also held.

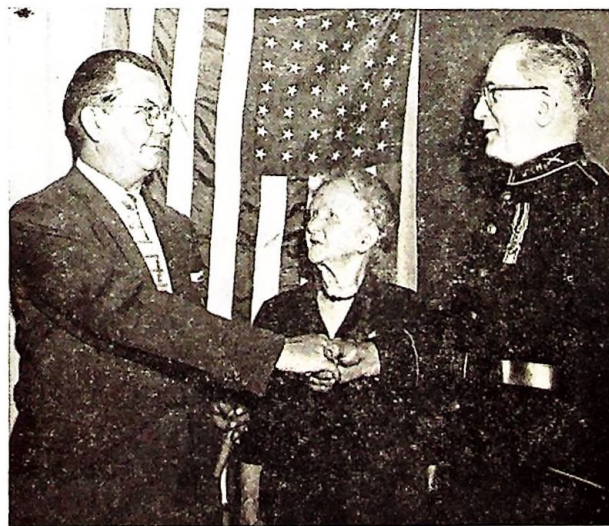
CONNECTICUT—A Tribute to Sister Lillian Pierce: She was a charter member of Auxiliary No. 1, being the first secretary, and second president and division president 1919-1920. She also was national Patriotic Instructor and national Vice President and held the position of Department Secretary for several years. The organization lost a valued worker as Lillian was a very diligent worker. Her cheery smile and helpful interest in all the workings of both her own Auxiliary and the Department. We will all miss our Lillian. She passed away Feb. 22, 1955.

We shall meet but we shall miss her
There will be one vacant chair.

PENNSYLVANIA—An all-day meeting of the Lehigh Valley Associated Auxiliaries to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on Saturday in the American Legion Home, in Hellertown, to form into an organization to meet once a year. The meeting was called to order by Past Department President Virginia Ackerman, Auxiliary 140 of Bethlehem. State officers present were Department President Olivia Mowery of Johnstown; Department Chief of Staff Irene Murphy of West Lawn; Past Department President Anna Stoudt of Reading; Department Inspector Irene Hartzell of Nazareth; and Department Press Correspondent Elsie Bergstresser of Hellertown.

A Memorial Service was held with Mrs. Paul Koplin as soloist. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Bertha Ricker. Gifts were presented to Department President Mowery. Dinner was served by the American Legion. Next meeting will be held at Bethlehem on October 29, 1956.

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The new Michigan Commander receiving congratulations from the last surviving Detroit widow of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, Mrs. Carrie E. Wells, and Charles F. Dexter, National Personal Aide and Commanding Officer Sons of Veterans Reserve, Michigan Department.