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64th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

The Seventy-ninth Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., the sixty-fourth meeting of the Sons, and the fifty-ninth meeting of the Auxiliary convened in Columbus the week of October 1-6. There were fourteen Comrades of the G. A. R. from eleven different states, the youngest 94 and the oldest, 102 years of age, there being four of that advanced age.

Services in all churches on Sunday morning opened the exercises of the week. That afternoon at 2:30 o'clock occurred the Memorial Service for all deceased veterans, in Memorial Hall. Hon. Paul M. Herbert, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, presided. Interspersed with music by the United States Marine Band, under the leadership of Capt. Wm. F. Santelman, there was the placing of floral tributes by the heads of all affiliated organizations in the Grand Army Family, a memorial address by the presiding officer, who filled in for the regular speaker on the program, and the tributes to deceased veterans by the Chaplains of the various organizations. It was a beautiful and impressive service.

That evening there was a concert given by the U. S. Marine Band, which was attended by an audience which taxed the capacity of Memorial Hall. The program included popular and classical numbers, bringing into use all of the more than one hundred different instruments, and proving highly entertaining and enjoyable to everyone present.

Also on Sunday evening occurred the joint opening exercises of the Sons and Auxiliary, in charge of the Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Hazel Moushey. The National Officers of both organizations were escorted in, the officers of the Auxiliary assuming their stations. Commander-in-Chief Mcekey and Nat'l President Niles were introduced and spoke. National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Mrs. Eunice Rush, and Nat'l President of the Daughters of Union Veterans,

Columbus, Ohio, Host to G. A. R. Veterans and Affiliates After Release of Convention Ban by O. D. T.

OFFICERS FOR 1945-1946

- COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF—Jl. Harding Hale, 6 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.
SE. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF — Charles B. Martin, 122 South 32nd Street, Parsons, Kansas.
JR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF — R. J. Williams, 339 13th Avenue, Columbus 1, Ohio.
SECRETARY-TREASURER—Horace H. Hammer, Colonial Trust Building, Reading, Pa. [Re-elected].
COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF — E. J. Parker, R. D. No. 1, Santa Ana, Calif.
COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF—Fred H. Combs, Sr., 105 Slack Ave., Trenton, New Jersey.
COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF—George A. Laduke, 116 Church St., Burlington, Vermont.

These are the officers unanimously elected to serve during the coming year. Every one of them has a record of devoted service to our cause for many years. They will continue this service, and with the help of every brother make this year's efforts count increasingly toward our goal. We all recognize that we have a precious heritage, given us by our fathers, who fought an dsacrificed to preserve for us a united nation. This heritage has been made even more precious by those who have recently fought that we might continue to live our American lives with all the freedoms bestowed to us. If we are to continue to enjoy America, and all that the beloved name implies, we must guard our American rights zealously, protect them in every way from foes within our borders, as well as those outside our boundaries. We have a solemn duty to perform—our fathers are asking us to recognize and fulfill it—and the generations who will follow us are entitled to a far gerater and better America, because we will be responsible for their being born here.

Mrs. Beatrice Manning, were present and spoke, and received gifts. It was a beautiful ceremony and showed untiring effort in preparation by Mrs. Moushey. Nearly all organizations had various meetings, presentations, dinners and gatherings of different groups, planned for Sunday afternoon, which were carried out as scheduled.

Monday, October 1

During the forenoon, and throughout the day there occurred registration of Delegates and voting members, Council meetings, the auditing of books, and getting ready for the business sessions to follow. At the semi-official meeting at Memorial Hall in the evening \$5500 was given the G. A. R. by the affiliated or-

ganizations, with which to carry on their work the coming year.

The Sons and Auxiliary each opened their sessions for business Monday in different rooms of the Fort Hayes Hotel, their headquarters. The Auxiliary opened at 9:00 a. m., and the Sons at 1:45 p. m. The opening of the Sons was in regular form, and the first roll call showed 79 having registered.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed Convention officials and committees as follows:

Guide, P. D. C. John H. Runkle, Pa.; Color Bearer, P. D. C. Charles H. Wright, Mich.; Musician, P. D. C. Frank M. Hancock, Pa.; Guard, Dept. Com. Paul Grate, Ohio.

Committees

Credentials—H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.; Chairman: R. J. Williams, P. D. C., Ohio; Julius Isaacs, Dept. Sec.-Treas., N. Y.; C. B. Martin, Dept. Sec.-Treas., Kan.; Ernest E. Barnum, Dept. Com., Conn.

Constitution & Regulations — Albert C. Lambert, P. C.-in-C., N. J., Chairman; Arthur W. Noll, Dept. Com., Pa.; Thomas Horn, Dept. Com., Ind.; Charles R. Brush, Dept. Com., Ill.; James W. Lyons, Dept. Sec., Md.

Ritual & Ceremonies—Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., P. C.-in-C., Mass., Chairman; Chester L. Chester, Dept. Com., Minn.; Floyd E. Jewell, Dept. Com., Mich.; Ernest R. Eddy, Dept. Com., Vt.; Chas. S. Webster, P. D. C., Maine.

Resolutions—Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, P. C.-in-C., Calif. & Pac., Chairman; Edward G. Kaestner, Dept. Com., Wis.; Lawrence D. Riley, Dept. Com., Mass.; Francis P. Addy, Dept. Com., N. Y.; Michael C. Heintz, P. D. C., Ohio.

Reports of Officers—Walter C. Mabie, P. C.-in-C., Pa., Chairman; Louis E. Winchell, P. D. C., Mass.; Thomas A. Chadwick, Dept. Com., Vt.; Andrew F. Burns, Del., Pa. Press—Allan S. Holbrook, P. C.-in-C., Ill., Chairman; H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas.; Chas. C. York, Dept. Com., Me. [Turn to Page Three]



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5

Series 1945

Headquarters
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

6 Beacon Street,
 BOSTON 8, MASS.

October 11, 1945.

At the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Columbus, Ohio, the officers as listed on page one, this issue, were elected and installed October 4, 1945. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

The importance of the resolution passed by the 1945 G. A. R. National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, asking that the United States Route 6, stretching from coast to coast be named the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, cannot be over-emphasized. Remember, this is a Sons of Union Veterans project already extending over the major part of the distance. Now, with the solid support of our fathers, let us redouble our efforts to secure this year the desired action of the six states yet uncommitted. Isn't the completion of this grand memorial a task of first importance? I call upon you, one and all, to lend a hand.

LEGISLATION

The Encampment fixed per capita tax at ten [10] cents per member per quarter [payable quarterly] with Reports from Departments.

It also amended Section 6, Page 10, C. R. & R., Article 2, Chapter 1, of Regulations by inserting after the word "Secretary" in last line, the words "Per Capita Tax and Membership Fees shall be paid on such members."

Section 3, Page 29, C. R. & R., Article 6, Chapter 2, Departments, inserting after the word "Camps" in last line, the words "and upon each new Member-at-Large." [Per capita tax and Membership fees shall be paid on Members-at-Large by Camps to Departments and by Departments to the Commandery-in-Chief].

Amendment to Section 3, Page 35, C. R. & R. Article 5, Chapter 3, by striking out in the line next to the last line, the words, "\$1,300" and inserting the words "\$2,000." [Repealing action in the Sixty-second Encampment, 1943].

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

In accordance with Article 8, Page 6, C. R. & R., all requirements having been complied with, the Constitution was amended as follows:

Article VI, Section 3, Page 5, to read:

"A Department may be formed by authority of the Commander-in-Chief to consist of five [5] or more Camps with a minimum aggregate membership of one hundred and fifty [150] members."

Article IV, Page 3, to read:

"The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-political, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited."

GEN. U. S. GRANT TROPHY

This reward of meritorious activity in Americanization was most deserved, in the opinion of the Committee on Americanization, by the Department of New Jersey, and it has been so awarded. The successful efforts of that Department in having the study of American history restored as a required subject in the State's public schools, call for our unstinted commendation. This recognition of notable patriotic service is well worth a lively competition among our Departments. May more Departments strive for the honor next year.

VETERANS NIGHT

As this observance will be held this year, any Camp that will be honored by the presence of a Comrade will be fortunate indeed. But the commemoration of our Boys in Blue is greatly important. A type of program can easily be arranged that not only the Camp and its allies, but also the community, may be reminded that we are today giving special remembrance to the youth of our land who, in the 1860's freely offered whatever the conflict might exact of them that our national unity might endure. Abraham Lincoln, on the field of Gettysburg, laid emphasis on the loyalty of the men who there died, whose heroic sacrifices should always be held in grateful remembrance. Our commemoration 82 years later should embrace all the fallen Comrades of the Great Civil War. I cannot urge too strongly that this November 19th observance be held without fail.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Chairmen of the following Committees are hereby appointed:
 Grand Army of the Republic Highway—Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, care of Headquarters, Dept. of Pennsylvania, 667 North 12th Street Philadelphia 23, Penna.
 Legislative—Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, 18 East 4th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Marking Graves—Charles R. Hale, 30 Oak St., Hartford, Conn.
 Other Encampment legislation and matters will be included in the next General Orders.

NO BADGES SUPPLIED

Stock of Badges having become exhausted, no Requisitions for Badges of any kind can be filled until further advice. W. P. B. ruling interferes with procuring same for the present.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother C. W. Jackman, Past Department Commander of [Ala. & Tenn.] New Jersey, died August 18, 1945, at his home in Freehold, N. J., after a lingering illness. He was one of the earliest members of the Order, having joined over 50 years ago in the Department of Massachusetts. For years he was the most active member in the Department of Alabama & Tennessee and one of its organizers. He regularly attended Commandery-in-Chief Encampments and many Department Encampments. He served as Department Commander, several times as Department Secretary-Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor in Alabama & Tennessee, and other offices.

In his memory Department and Camp Charters and Colors will be draped for a period of thirty days.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT, JUNE, 1945

Department:	Date Received	March, 1945 Camps Members	June, 1945 Camps Members
At-Large [Ala. & Tenn.]		1	5
California & Pacific	July 31	18	517
Colorado & Wyoming	July 30	4	85
Connecticut	Aug. 8	28	939
Illinois	Aug. 13	22	454
Indiana	Aug. 1	16	393
Iowa	July 30	14	238
Kansas	July 11	15	228
Maine	July 30	29	712
Maryland	July 31	12	373
Massachusetts	Aug. 25	109	2,812
Michigan	Aug. 2	14	430
Minnesota	Aug. 20	8	151
Missouri	July 30	7	171
Nebraska	Aug. 10	5	130
New Hampshire	Aug. 8	19	429
New Jersey	July 27	20	650
New York	July 30	68	1,557
Ohio	Aug. 2	57	1,350
Oregon	July 28	6	166
Pennsylvania	Aug. 14	91	3,127
Rhode Island	Aug. 16	15	272
Vermont	Aug. 2	21	458
Washington	Aug. 29	4	66
Wisconsin	Aug. 4	12	333
Total		615	16,041

RECAPITULATION

No. in Good Standing last [March, 1945] Report	Camps Members
GAIN:	
By Organization	1
Initiation	105
Transfer	45
Reinstatement	37
LOSS:	
By Death	138
Honorable Discharge	4
Transfer	1
Suspended	1
Dropped	109
In Good Standing June 30, 1945	613
Balances in Department Treasuries	\$ 6,890.81
Balances in Camp Treasuries	52,606.08
Expended for Relief	8,630.14
No. Members or their families relieved	216
No. Veterans or their families relieved	8

CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED

New York—Dropped, Lt. Albert York Camp No. 4, Lackawanna, with 5 members.
 Attest: H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.
 H. HARDING HALE, Commander-in-Chief

64th ENCAMPMENT

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Greetings Committees

Greetings to Grand Army of the Republic—All Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Woman's Relief Corps—Wm. L. Anderson, P. C.-in-C., Mass.; D. T. Howe, Dept. Com., Iowa; Charles M. Skinner, Dept. Com., R. I.; Rhode Island Delegation.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, P. -in-C., Cal.; Charles B. Martin, Dept. Sec., Kan.; T. E. Perry, P. D. C., Kan.; C. E. Katterman, Jr., P. D. C., Kan.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans—P. D. C. Michael Heintz, Nat'l Counselor of the Auxiliary; the Michigan and Ohio Delegation.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Walter C. Mabie, P. C.-in-C., Pa.; Ernest E. Barnum, Dept. Com., Conn.; Thomas Horn, Dept. Com., Ind.; Connecticut Delegation.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey read his report. It showed a year of activity under very trying conditions and handicaps, by an earnest and worthy brother. It told of efforts on his part and the part of many in various Departments, to "hold the line" and to carry on the work of the Order, even though many difficulties were encountered. The report was received with a round of applause and was referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Members and all those attending the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend Greetings, Salutations and Good Wishes.

Peace has come sooner than most of us dared hope it could come. We are all grateful that the war is behind us, that ours is the victory and that we can now turn our hearts and minds to the constructive ways of peace once more.

Today at this our Victory Session I am humbly proud of the members of the Sons of Union Veterans, who have served in the armed forces of our country. Several of them made the supreme sacrifice that we who remain, and those who follow us, may live our lives as free men in a free world. We shall honor them always and shall take inspiration from them for the tasks that lie ahead.

No words of mine can be adequate to thank the men and women of the organizations we represent, who carried on at home and did their job magnificently. Their spirit and their devotion to the difficult duties which war imposed on them measured up to and beyond the best of service tradition.

As we enter upon the long awaited era of peace, there are many new tasks and new responsibilities, and many new opportunities, for all of us, and for our organization. I have every confidence that the future can hold no challenge which Sons of Union Veterans cannot meet and master.

Our year together will soon be over and the Book of Time will turn its final leaf on this fraternal year at this Victory Session. I sincerely trust that even when the officers of this year retire, their interest in the Order will continue and that our work will flourish and prosper in the future as it has in the past.

May I take this opportunity to personally thank each of you for your loyal co-operation and the support given to the projects placed before you this year.

Thirteen months ago, in the beautiful city of Des Moines, Iowa, you elected me unanimously to the highest office within your power to give, and I, in return, pledged a year of service. That promise has been fulfilled to the best of my ability. I have tried to maintain the honor and dignity of the office.

After thirteen months of faithful endeavor to fulfill to the letter the promise I made, I stand before you today to give an account of my stewardship of the sacred trust you committed to me. In reviewing the work of the year it will be impossible to give a perfect account of all things accomplished. How happy and proud I was to bring this high honor to Michigan. So, if perchance I have failed to live up to your expectations, I am sure that the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty will prevail and you will overlook my shortcomings.

The work of the Order has been a blessing to me and I have given my time, thought, strength and labor, and the best that was in me to "Go Forward" in the Order, dear to your hearts and mine.

The Allied Bodies

Grand Army of the Republic: The only men entitled to wear the Little Bronze Button. They are the only organization of its kind in the whole wide world. Men may join other orders by the payment of a fee, but in this an honorable discharge card must be shown, proving that they gave service to their Country.

How our hearts thrill at the mention of their name, and how grateful we are to them for the privilege of being their Sons organization. No word of mine can express the gratitude of our Sons. I have visited many cities where tablets, trees and boulders have been placed and dedicated in honor of these noble men, who served that we might live in a free and undivided nation.

Many of our dear comrades have answered the call during the year. To the Grand Army of the Republic we extend our sincere sympathy over the loss of these noble men.

My love and appreciation is extended to Katharine Flood, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the many courtesies shown me this year. Katharine, as we all know her, has served the Grand Army of the Republic as National Secretary, with many other duties assigned, and has performed them well. I will miss her very much in the future.

The Woman's Relief Corps, our "Mother" organization, has extended every courtesy to me throughout the United States. Their National President, Mrs. Laura I. Smith, is a woman who commands the respect of all, for her loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic. You Brothers from Rhode Island should be proud of her.

To the Ladies of the Grand Army and to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: It has been a great pleasure to meet and know the National Presidents, Sister Mrs. Eunice Rush of Kansas, and Sister Mrs. Beatrice D. Manning of Connecticut. I am deeply indebted for many invitations that have come to me through them. To know these two sisters is to love them; my only regret was that we were not able to see more of each other.

Our Auxiliary. What more can I say than I don't see how Camps get along without an Auxiliary. In so many ways they can assist us. I have so often said, "Show me a good Camp and I will show you a good Auxiliary. Our National President, Mrs. Edith B. Nile, and her staff have been ever on the job to assist and encourage me. True they won the Membership Contest. They are worthy of our support and effort.

May all the splendid achievements they have had in the past be continued and may their future be crowned with even greater success. We have worked together in harmony and with mutual appreciation this past year.

Brothers, I am impelled to pay special tribute to that dependable and devoted "war-horse" of our Order whom we know as National Secretary and Treasurer, H. H. Ham-

mer. None except those who have carried responsibilities of executive leadership are in a position to appreciate fully how large a portion of the load he has to bear and is carrying year after year, in spite of handicaps which would make most of us feel, were we in his place, that we were doing our part by staying in the office, keeping books and writing letters. Not so with Horace. He has responded cheerfully to every request made of him to go here and there to perform special duties for your Commander-in-Chief.

The year's work has served to give me an even deeper appreciation of the many fine qualities of our National Secretary. It is only fair to make mention here of the readiness with which the National Secretary has responded to the calls for special reports, and information he has turned over to me this year. Horace, I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your thoughtfulness and advice.

The Banner. To Brother Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief and Editor of The Banner, I am more than grateful for the co-operation and help you have been to our Order this year.

The messages that have been prepared and arranged, I hope have attracted your attention and been enjoyed by all. We get too little publicity. We are indeed very grateful to the managers for the fine publication which we have. Again, I thank them.

Visitations. It was my privilege during the year to attend a large number of fine meetings which took me to nearly every state in our jurisdiction. In accordance with the custom of recent years I forbear going into details, though many of the meetings were so outstanding as to deserve special mention. I wish to express my appreciation to all who had a part in arranging for them.

Conclusion

I started this report with a tribute to every one who had any part in this past year, I close with my thanks to every member of the Sons of Union Veterans who helped teach me the value of the Order by helping the best friend any boy ever had, my Mother.

And so I dedicate all my efforts this year in these words:

"Not only for ourselves, but for those who have gone before, and to those who will come after us."—U. W. Mackey, Com-in-Chief.

The printed Officers' Reports pamphlets were then distributed.

Extracts from this report and from the reports of other Officers and Committees, as printed for use in the Encampment, are herewith presented.

REPORT OF SR. VICE COM-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Commander:
 The past year I have endeavored to enlarge my stock of ideas that might be useful in the present state of our Order that I might apply some of those ideas to my own service as well as to pass them along to my fellow members. "Actions speak louder than words." One doesn't have to go around in fraternal orders very much to see the force of that old saying.

Patriotic effort today, it struck me, needs somewhat different direction from that of the days when our veteran fathers were strong in numbers and influence. We hear members complaining that our patriotic appeal has lost its effectiveness. But my conviction is that we can make our appeal effective now, if we will to make it so, that is, if we will face realities. Changed conditions call for changed methods. There are leaders and there are Camps that I know, that in 1945 are giving a good account of themselves. Why? Because they are observing and have met present conditions.

Not only in The Banner but also in my correspondence and visitations have I tried to point out the importance of carefully select-

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ing and vigorously pursuing modern methods for instilling wholesome activity in groups of our Order. As for personal effort in that line I have sought opportunities to demonstrate the practical worth of some of the ideas I have advocated, among them securing new members and providing meetings with interesting content. As my efforts have reaped real success in both I felt confident in recommending certain planned action.

To adequately commemorate the heroic achievements of our Union soldiers and sailors is a problem of increasing importance, as I see it. Although I had, previously to assuming this office, given much thought to this subject, particularly to secure a better understanding among people of today of the great cause and the kind of men who fought and died for it, through the medium of radio, I have been consistently active during the year in the production of air programs calculated to achieve just that objective. Press notices of these broadcasts have played their part in acquainting the public with our patriotic labors. Altogether numerous evidences have come to hand that these vocal reminders of the historic figures and events produced in the Civil War have been worth while.

Another continued service has been the carrying on of correspondence with editors of newspapers and magazines, also radio program producers, to furnish them with the convincing reasons why the term, "War between the States" is not properly descriptive of the Civil War. Distinctly favorable replies have been received by those associated with me as well as my self, from Liberty Magazine, Christian Science Monitor, "Doctor I. Q.," Dave Elman, "The Answer Man," Ben Grauer, Lyman Bryson, Director Dept. of Education, Columbia Broadcasting System, to mention just a few of them. We were mindful that our fathers until very recent years jealously guarded the proper designation for the war in which they served. So it was gratifying to learn that the agencies serving the public, a dozen or more of them, by word or deed have since used the rightful designation.

Situations of slowed-down Camps have also had my serious attention and restorative measures have in several instances, been started. My conviction is strong, after looking into some cases of inaction, that no Department, no District Commander, can afford to leave such Camps to drift toward the inevitable non-existence.

Our Commander-in-Chief being unable to make a visit to New England, due to war difficulties, I visited in a representative capacity, four of the five Department "Conferences" held last Spring, and at all of them urged that real effort be made to definitely move forward. Similar appeals were made at the sessions of the New England Regional Association.

Looking back over these contacts of the year I am greatly impressed with the spirit of sturdy devotion of the average member. There is, I believe, more potential strength right now in our Order than some of our Commanders and leaders seem to realize. The

right leadership can bring this latent strength into reconstruction efforts that would go far towards restoring the kind of Camp that you and I would feel was worth the while of anybody who could qualify for membership. But such a condition calls for study and persistent shepherding. The objective is being attained in many communities where we have Camps, not by a drifting Camp but by other organizations led by men of vision and willingness to labor ceaselessly until the goal is reached. General Grant is said to have told his soldiers "When you are in doubt, move to the front." May that be our watchword now that battles are over and normal conditions are returning.—H. Harding Hale, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JR. VICE COM-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Commander:

Nearly one year ago I received the highest honor ever given to me by the organization in which I am most interested; even though I have occupied one of the minor offices, I have been very appreciative of the honor, and in spite of my efforts to increase the strength of our Order, I feel disappointed in my accomplishment.

I feel that the State of Iowa has been very appreciative of the office of a National Officer. I have had the pleasure of representing the Commander-in-Chief at many meetings in the State during the past year, not only in our own organization but in several meetings of other orders, who have entertained me as their guest, and as a National Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I have done my best to uphold the dignity of the office of the Commander-in-Chief in his absence.

Considering the handicap of the general conditions of the past year, I do feel proud of my personal accomplishment in my own Camp. Through my own efforts I have received the reward of twelve new members; that number added to a membership of nineteen means an increase in spite of the loss from unavoidable circumstances. I do not feel that the credit is due me, but rather it is due to the fact that the State of Iowa was honored with a National Office.

In closing this report let me say that it is with much regret that I have not accomplished more toward the progress of our organization, but I am only one individual, and I am very proud to have had the honor of occupying the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. If I have assisted in any small degree to the progress of our Order, I feel that I have been amply repaid for all my efforts.—R. I. Snodgrass, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT NAT. SECRETARY-TREASURER

My Dear Commander:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the term:

Conditions were naturally affected and influenced by the great World War, now happily ended in victory and success for our valiant armed forces.

Apparent indifference or inability to recruit eligibles, the alibi was War interfered, members obliged to be at their occupations, unable to be active or participate in Camp affairs; all of which caused lack of activities that otherwise would have been productive. Camps in many instances failed to hold meetings and other features places the responsibility for the results of the term on those to whom we must look for active interest and achievement in the upbuilding of the Order, Camps and Members.

As expected we again report a loss of 12 Camps and 595 members and, one Department.

Receipts were approximately \$500 less and disbursements \$1,000 less than last term. Economy was carefully adhered to.

Financial

Sept. 14, 1944.	General Fund	Perma-nent Fund	Organi-zation Fund
To Balance	\$1182.72	\$3505.02	\$688.09
Receipts	7645.90	17.54	
	\$8828.62	\$3522.56	\$688.09
By Disbursements	6450.72		

Sept. 30, 1945.	General Fund	War Fund	U. S. Gov't Fund
By Balance	\$2377.90	\$3522.56	\$688.09
Sept. 30, 1945, To Balance	\$145.46		\$3000.00
Receipts		75.00	
Sept. 30, 1945, By Balance	\$220.46		\$3000.00

Recommendation: That the Permanent Fund and War Fund be closed and the respective amounts be invested in U. S. Bonds of the next Loan of the Government, subsequent interest payments on Bonds be applied also to the purchase of such Bonds as interest accumulates.

Recommendation: That Section 6 [Page 10, C. & R.], Article 2, Chapter 1, Regulations, be amended by inserting, adding the words: "Per Capita Tax and Membership Fee shall be paid on Members-at-Large."

That Section 3, [Page 29, C. & R.] Article 6, Chapter 2, Departments, be amended by inserting, adding the words in last line, "and upon each new Member-at-Large."

Supplies—Stock Account

War conditions are responsible for the decreased business and revenue from disposal of supplies. Prices are unstable, delivery very uncertain and delayed. Some of our Badges are not obtainable due to ruling of certain Federal Government authorities, the material having been required and necessary for war purposes for example:

Past Camp Commanders' Badges are not permitted to be made of the material, color as provided. A different substance was allowed, but at a prohibitive price, over \$1.00 each. Such Badge would not be in accordance with our regulations as prescribed.

Orders for Badges placed last November have not yet been delivered and doubtful as to when. Past Dept. Commanders Badges are due since that date and awaiting delivery.

Membership Badges are uncertain as to furnishing and delivery.

We have been able to supply all these Badges except Past Camp Commanders', during the term.

Receipts from supplies were approximately \$400 less than last term.

Cost of Supplies on hand, August 30 1944	\$2,375.02
Cost of Supplies Purchased	68.00
Cost of Supplies to account for	\$2,443.02
Cost of Supplies on hand September 30, 1945	\$1,931.07
Amount Received for Supplies	\$ 890.54
Cost of Supplies Sold	\$539.45
Cost of Shipping Supplies	25.90
Cost of Supplies to Depts. free	.94
	596.29

Profit\$ 294.25

Fifty Years Membership Badges Issued
Connecticut, 5; Massachusetts, 13; Minnesota, 1; Missouri, 1; New Hampshire, 3; New Jersey, 4; New York, 2; Pennsylvania, 9; Vermont, 2. Total, 38.

War Medals Issued
Connecticut, 2; Maine, 3; Massachusetts, 5; New York, 10; Ohio, 4; Pennsylvania, 20; Vermont, 2. Total, 46.

Returns on Proposed Amendments to Constitution

Submitted by Dept. of Maryland: In section 3, Page 5, Art. VI: Strike out ten Camps and 250 members and substitute "Five Camps and 150 members." Total votes reported in favor, 503; not in favor, 64.

Submitted by Dept. of Minnesota: In Article IV [Page 3] strike out the word political wherever it occurs and substitute the word "partisan." Total votes reported in favor, 378; not in favor, 172.

No Encampments

Departments not holding their usual Annual Encampment owing to War restrictions but transacted necessary business by assembling their Department Officers, Councils, etc., were: Colorado & Wyoming, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Washington. Officers chosen at Encampments in 1944 continue, hold over for term of 1945-46.

The Banner—Official Organ

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Editor of The Banner, has manifested more than usual interest in our affairs, helpful, thorough. The Banner's policy—constructive, informative, beneficial assistance in the conduct of affairs. He has always been active in the ranks and higher places and an influence for accomplishment through the medium of the Official Organ, to be of service. Dept. Secretaries are reminded that it is their duty to have mailing lists under control, carefully supervised that all members entitled thereto receive the paper, those not in good standing not to receive it, should be stricken off the lists and such who dropped from the Order deprived of the benefit thereof and removed from such benefits.

Grand Army of the Republic

All hail the remnant of the Boys in Blue and all honor to those preservers of the Union and the shadow of a mighty host we had the honor for many years of mingling with and treasuring their presence. Few are still with us. Rapidly the column is thinning and as time goes on for them—they will soon be a memory. Let us all pay our tribute to the living in paying them the honor due.

Miss Katherine R. A. Flood, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, has favored us greatly as always, in advising and informing as to matters relating to the mutual interests. Tribute is paid her for her service to us and that honored Order for many years and to her favors and interest in our behalf.

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary

The National Auxiliary under the leadership of National President, Mrs. Edith B. Nile, has been a constructive, substantial subsidiary, rendering valuable assistance to many Camps and Departments. No request for her co-operation, service of some nature, was neglected but always cheerfully granted. We are obligated to the National President for her interest in and many favors to our organization.

Allied Orders

The co-operation of the Officers and various units of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, helpful in the mutual interests and in harmony in all affairs, is pleasing and of value and appreciation thereof is expressed to the respective National Presidents and Officers.

Reminiscent—Forty Years

Indulging in personal reference [your pardon]—with the close of this term my service as National Secretary covers forty [40] consecutive years [and two [2] prior thereto] and as National Treasurer twenty-six [26] successive years. Forty years ago the numerical strength was 789 Camps and 29,879 members.

The Commanders-in-Chief, whom it was an honor and privilege to serve, were splendid Officers. Association with them established

as sincere and enduring ties as friendship can prevail. Thousands of members of Camps, Departments, and in the Allied Orders are personal friends, an asset in life to be favored with as has been my fortune, throughout our distinctive Order. It is cherished beyond description and my everlasting obligation.

Conclusion

Due to the World War condition you have had unusual trying complications and conditions to confront you. Results did not materialize as planned and anticipated in activities hoped to increase the number of Camps and members. Under the circumstances preserving, maintaining the status we now have will be the satisfaction to you that your service, personal sacrifice to lead the Order in the unsettled and chaotic conditions throughout the Country will meet the approval of the members of the Order.

For the cordial consideration, courtesies you have constantly shown me I express my deep appreciation and to the National Officers, Dept. Commanders and Secretaries-Treasurers for their co-operation and assistance it is a pleasure to acknowledge.—H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

My Dear Commander:

The heart of your National Patriotic Instructor is just about bursting with pride over the way our brothers have responded in contributions to our National G. A. R. Fund, far exceeding the amount given last year. Our Department Patriotic Instructors, for the most part, have worked very hard to secure their result and to them largely goes the credit. A finer, more loyal group than these men does not exist anywhere.

It will seem good not to have to go to Columbus and solicit brothers in the lobby of the hotel to bring this fund up to the \$500 mark as I had to do last year at Des Moines. Many Departments have given twice or three times the amount of last year and we have gone gloriously over the top. Part of this is due to using a quota basis in each Department. I did not anticipate the Department of Pennsylvania would take the honor away from my own Department of New York, the honor which they held last year of the largest amount, but they did. All hail, Pennsylvania, my native state!

The grand total as of this date is \$656.41. Departments showing spectacular gains were Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Vermont, Indiana and Colorado. A few times I have been asked, "Will the G. A. R. spend this money wisely?" I do not think we ought to inquire too closely into the details of the way they shall spend this money. After all, I feel it is our love gift to them and let them use it as they please. It will all be accounted for in their report of expenses. At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Des Moines, in 1938, the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, the financial condition of the Grand Army of the Republic at the present time makes it necessary that the Encampment resort to methods to secure sufficient funds to operate in the future, therefore, be it resolved, that the incoming administration, by its Commander-in-Chief, appoint a committee of three members for the purpose of conferring with our recognized organizations with reference to such donations as we have already received from these; and further to confer with those who have not contributed in any manner or form and endeavor to get some arrangements which will assure the Grand Army of the Republic a definite income from that source."

The above resolution speaks for itself and is the basis of our G. A. R. Fund.

Although the energy of your National Pa-

triotic Instructor has been largely centered on securing this G. A. R. Fund, he has not neglected the other duties of his office. In every issue of The Banner he has endeavored to place material of value to Camp Patriotic Instructors for patriotic meetings and observances. In October I stressed Veterans Night; in December, a Christmas project of sending cards to the survivors of the Grand Army and urging support of the bill in Congress to make November 19 Dedication Day; in February, of course, the theme was Lincoln's Birthday; in April Grant's Birthday and Memorial Day received attention. In June was presented an article from Dept. Com. Fred E. Colwell describing the Transfer of Flags Ceremony in the schools of Rochester, and the address of Comrade William C. Morey, delivered there on Feb. 22, 1889. In August Brother Howard W. Post of Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp of Buffalo, N. Y., wrote the history of the "Star Spangled Banner."

I am profoundly grateful to Editor Holbrook for the wonderful co-operation given in The Banner, especially in publicizing our National G. A. R. Fund. To Commander-in-Chief Mackey and Nat. Secretary Hammer hearty thanks for courtesies and support.

On April 29, through the courtesy of the Commander-in-Chief I represented him at the birthday anniversary of General U. S. Grant at Grant's Tomb on Riverside Drive, New York City. This was a red letter occasion attended by several thousands of people. Dept. Sec. Julius Isaacs and Past Nat. Pres. Miss Mayme Dwyer have for years given of their best in arranging this marked event. Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson of Massachusetts was among the speakers.

I had occasion to write his Excellency, Ellis Arnall, the Governor of Georgia, concerning his error in a magazine article referring to "The War Between the States." His courteous reply was published in The Banner.

Report of National G. A. R. Fund

Colorado & Wyoming	\$ 17.00
Illinois	61.00
Indiana	43.00
Kansas	8.00
Maine	33.75
Maryland	5.00
Massachusetts	16.00
Michigan	28.00
Minnesota	25.00
New Jersey	33.50
New York	78.00
Vermont	32.00
Wisconsin	50.00
Connecticut	59.75
S. O. V. Club, Delaware County, Pa. [Pa., N. J. and Md.]	19.00
Ohio	35.41
Pennsylvania	112.00
Total	\$656.41

In conclusion I wish to commend Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief H. Harding Hale for his fine work over the radio in Massachusetts, and Dept. Pat. Inst. Samuel W. Livingston for the same type over the radio station at Bloomington, Ill.; also Dept. Historian Michael Helntz of Ohio for combating the error "War Between the States."—Neil D. Cranmer, National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

My Dear Commander:

Officers and Members of the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I herewith submit my report as National Chaplain for the current year. I consider it a great honor to have been one of your Official Family the last year.

I was installed Oct. 30 by Dept. Com. Smith in St. Paul when you made your visit to the Minnesota Department. Due to travel conditions and war activities my work has been largely local.

In January I installed the Officers of St. Paul Camp No. 1. In February I took part in a Lincoln's Day Program put on by Minneapolis Camp No. 8.

I was honored by being selected Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee for Lakewood Cemetery, which is our largest cemetery, and in which Two Thousand Civil War Veterans are buried, and more than that number of Veterans of the latter Wars. We had a fine program, about twenty different Organizations taking part and placing wreaths on the Soldiers Monument.

I conducted Memorial Services at our Department Encampment in June. I also extended Greetings from the Commandery-in-Chief to the G. A. R. Camp Fire and to the other Allied Orders.

I conducted the Sons of Veterans Burial Service for Brother Warner of Minneapolis Camp No. 8, who had said that ours was the only service he wanted.

One Past Commander-in-Chief and eight Past Department Commanders have been called by the Great Commander above. They were all active workers in the Order and will be missed but not forgotten.

In Memoriam

Deceased members of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1944-1945:

Past Commander-in-Chief

- William Allan Dyer - New York
Past Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief
Howard Michael - Maryland
Frank O. Wilkinson - Ohio

Past Department Commanders

- Joseph M. Hodet - Vermont
Frederic A. Godcharles - Pennsylvania
Charles H. Schwartz - New York
Dr. J. V. Dexter - Minnesota
Robert A. Cony - Maine
Frank E. Small - Maine
William A. Lumsden - Wisconsin
Thomas E. Long - Ohio
C. C. Jackman - New Jersey
J. Leslie Cross - Maine

Brothers in U. S. Service

- Floyd N. Brown - Camp Commander
Camp No. 14, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Joseph Hellinger - Bayonne, New Jersey
McClellan Camp No. 46.
Lieut. Clark Gater, Jr. - Mansfield, Ohio
McLaughlin Camp No. 12.
John Wilcox - Rhode Island
Gen. Ellsha Dyer Camp No. 7.
Walter Leon Taylor - Saxtons River, Vt.
Camp No. 91.

Pennsylvania Department:

- George W. Dath - Camp 1, Philadelphia
Clarence McQuirk - Camp 51, Darby
Alfred Wade - Camp 51, Darby
John Quillman - Camp 244, Norristown
Lee K. Adams - Camp 50, Carlisle
Sherman Long - Camp 51, Darby

To all deceased Members of the Sons of Union Veterans

To all deceased Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic

"Loving and kind in all their ways, Upright and just to the end of their days, Sincere and true in their hearts and mind, Beautiful memories they have left behind."

I wish to express my appreciation of having been permitted to serve as one of your staff and trust that I have been of some service to our beloved Order.—George E. Bailey, National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

My Dear Commander:

To meet the defined duties of my office did not require much labor. It is evident that our membership, especially our officers, have a knowledge of, and understanding of, our Constitution and Regulations since no question requiring a review decision was submitted to me. This can, I feel, be attributed large-

ly to the fact that no changes in the more important provisions of our C. & R., such as might readily be open to interpretation have been made in years, and is, in my judgment, a clear proof of the inadvisability of such changes.

It can be said, therefore, that my duties during the year have been largely advisory to you, and to others who have communicated with me, and if, as such helpful, I am content.

The year has been an unusual one, in many respects the most unusual in our history. Our beloved country, saved from division in the eventful days of the sixties by our forbears, was engaged in its greatest struggle, requiring sacrifices from all. Restrictions preventing our usual activities and mode of living were, until recently imposed, and willingly met. Happily victory as was confidently expected was ours, and we may soon be engaged in our wanted and normal procedure. To you, as Commander-in-Chief, these restrictions prevented much activity enjoyed by all your predecessors, and made your task much more difficult. However you met the problem cheerfully, with no thought of self, and the deep gratitude of our membership is yours.

It was my privilege again to spend half of the year in the city of St. Petersburg, Florida. It was with deep regret that efforts made, and assistance offered, failed in holding the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, which, for many years, with the gradual and regrettable loss by death of some of the more interested members, has been declining, making necessary the disbanding of the Department. While the direct loss in Camps and members was slight it will be regretted that our Order thereby lost, to an extent, its identity in a section of our country where it would be most telling. However the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic will be perpetuated for Memorial Day is properly observed under the guidance of an organization, composed largely of veterans of the later wars, bearing the honored name—Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day Association, Inc. Thus, perhaps properly, will the teachings of the Grand Army of the Republic, for many years actively supported by our Order, and our allied Orders, be continued.

After giving the question considerable thought and study I feel constrained, in my official capacity, to refer to the action of the Sixty-second Annual Encampment, Milwaukee, 1943, as shown on pages 22 and 67 of the proceedings. Our National Secretary-Treasurer in his report recommended that Section 3, Article V, Chapter 3, Constitution & Regulations, page 35, as it referred to the compensation of the National Secretary, be suspended. He gave as his reason the then financial condition of our Order. His recommendation was regretfully approved. The validity of such action was open to question, but none was raised since it was taken at the request, and upon the insistence of the one person affected. However since this year marks the end of the present elective term I feel the matter again be reviewed. It will be noted that the action of the Encampment was for the suspension of the provision of the regulation affected—the recommendation using the word "suspended," and was acted upon as such. For the reason above expressed, and since we will enter upon a new term of office, I, Recommend that Section 3, Article V, Chapter 3, Constitution & Regulations, page 35, be restored to its former reading and status, thereby annulling the suspension effected by the action of the Sixty-second Annual Encampment.

I further feel it but proper and just, in view of the above recommendation, to refer to the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer, as presented to the Sixty-third Annual Encampment, Des Moines, 1944, page 16 of

the proceedings. In referring to the "Frozen, impounded funds—1933" of our Order, he stated, I quote his words, "all accounts were closed out during this term with the payment of forty [40] per cent total sum to holders of certificates of deposit," end quote. This referred to the bank, the approved depository of our funds, these certificates were of our Order, our funds, and rightfully a loss to our Order. This paragraph of his report closes with this sentence, shown in parenthesis "(The Commandery-in-Chief having received the entire amount on deposit sustained no loss.)" This translated into the real facts meant that our National Secretary-Treasurer personally suffered a loss of \$2645.30, the total funds of our Order reported in 1933 being \$4408.84, a loss for which he owed no responsibility. It but demonstrates his unselfish devotion over a long period to our Order.

I may be permitted, in conclusion, to express my indebtedness to you in being permitted to again serve our Order, so close to my heart over a long period of years, through your appointment. My thanks to you for the confidence so shown. That it was a pleasure is cheerfully said. You are to be commended for the efforts so successfully put forth by you in meeting the unusually difficult duties imposed upon you.—John E. Sautter, National Counselor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

My Dear Commander:

I have the honor to report to you and through you to the Commandery-in-Chief, the following for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, for the Commandery-in-Chief year, 1944-1945.

Soon after reaching home and after thinking the matter over, it seemed advisable to have a rather large Committee. I contacted all members of the Committee advising early organization of the campaign in the States involved. Due to the fact that this was a Legislative year with State Legislatures, and due to the fact that States had turned down our Highway dedication and marking programs of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, U. S. 6, I knew that much work would be necessary. Soon reports were coming, indicating that members were busy, that all allied organizations were becoming interested, and doing much effective planning. We hoped for success. Since there were two far western States through which U. S. 6 crossed in which we were not represented by our organization, and knowing there would be considerable correspondence, I asked Past Dept. Com. John G. Spielman of Long Beach, a near neighbor, to assist me as Secretary of the Committee. Much credit is due him for consistent labor, printing letters and material as to the Highway project, making blue prints and other detailed work.

So the stage was set for performance. Who would send in the first encouraging report?

We will start in the West just over the border of eastern California State line at which point there is a Grand Army of the Republic Highway marker.

Nevada: I had felt from correspondence of a year before and knowing by that means that the Governor was favorable and that the highway Commission of that State was also favorable, that there was a possibility in the reply to my first letter to the Department of Highways. I received a letter from the State Highway Engineer stating his interest and advising that I contact the Governor, sending to him a copy of the California Act passed in 1943 and other material. The Governor replied at once assuring me he was interested and made very complimentary remarks as to our organization for good Government and that Civil War Veterans should be thus recognized for its long service. He passed the matter on to the Highway Engineer for ac-

tion with recommendations, etc. The Bill was introduced. It was referred to the sifting Committee or Roads Committee of the Assembly. They refused to consider the designation of U. S. 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. So, that was that! That was the first try out. California went to bat on a similar one three times, before it finally passed. So try again on Nevada.

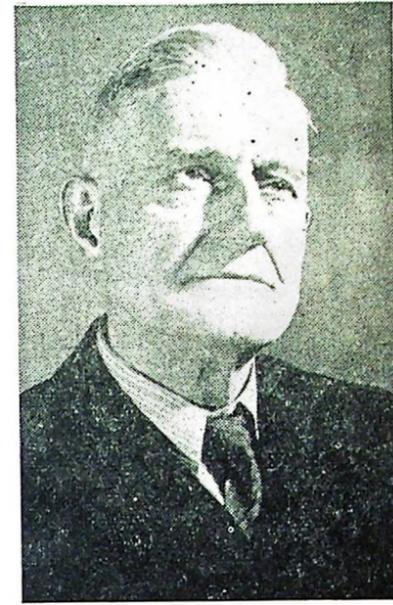
Utah: We are now moving eastward. We had an interested helper, Mrs. E. E. Erickson, State Senator and a member of the Woman's Relief Corps. She introduced a Joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives for establishing a Memorial Highway to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was referred to the Sifting Committee and there it remained. So we lost out there. However, it was given a great deal of publicity. There was one Grand Army man in that State then living in Salt Lake City. The communications I had from State Road Commission of Utah was to the effect, that they had taken down many names or designations of highways, as the Lincoln Highway, Midland, Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway, etc. He thought it impossible to put through such Legislation now. But time will tell!

Colorado: As all Highway markers are down in Utah except those of numbers, we hurry along to Colorado and as we enter the State, there are no markers. The Committee is doing its best to get Legislation passed in order to have Markers placed. As I understand at this date, the Legislation was passed, but the Highway Chairman did not want to erect the Markers. Mr. Coffee reports that he hopes to get a more favorable statement to me later in the year.

Nebraska: The members of the National Highway Committee from Nebraska got down to work as soon as Congressmen were assured of election and contacted Sen. William A. Crossland and Sen. Earl J. Lee and had them prepare for introduction, a resolution naming U. S. Highway through Nebraska as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. They drew up a resolution and enlisted the help of other Senators from the districts crossed by No. 6. The resolution was passed unanimously by the Nebraska Legislature. All the heads of the Orders affiliated with the Grand Army were contacted and asked to have all their members write their local Congressman, asking him to support the Resolution. They responded with many letters from all over the State.

They met some difficulty as to marking the Highway. The State Highway Commission could not see the need of expense of new Marker now, so that clause which appropriated money for the markers was omitted. That can come up at some other Session. I want to thank the Department of Nebraska on their success and much praise is due Elmer E. Cram, Dept. Com., and Albert W. Foust, Past Dept. Com., for their untiring efforts in the accomplishment of this State taking favorable action, as of this date. They certainly got the matter to the people and had many fine endorsements for the project. Thank you, Nebraska.

Iowa: At the beginning of the Highway Legislation, the Dept. Com., W. F. Alstrand, asked Capt. W. A. Hathaway, of Des Moines, to take the Chairmanship of the Department Committee. He organized the workers and proceeded to build up the campaign work and much along that line was accomplished. Many people became vitally interested, including members of the allied organizations of the Grand Army Family. A Resolution was introduced in the Senate by Senator Berg. The Bill was put into the hands of the Sifting Committee. Brother Hathaway and many prominent people kept contacting the Committee to bring the Bill on the floor. On April 16, 1945, I received word from the Chairman



H. HARDING HALE

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

H. Harding Hale is a native of Reading, Mass. is a Boston lawyer and has been a member of our Order since 1906 when he joined the Hudson Camp. In World War I he served in civilian war service for nearly a year at Washington, D. C. He was recently president of a large Boston Outing Club. He is an Appalachian besides being connected with Masonic organizations. For six years he was a county commissioner. During part of World War II he filled many speaking engagements for the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety and has given numerous addresses in a variety of public service causes.

His father enlisted in 1862 in the 45th Mass. Vol. Inf. Regiment and served until expiration of term of service in North Carolina.

Since his service as National Counselor on the staff of Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens he has served at numerous Encampments as chairman of important committees.

that the Legislature had adjourned without taking any action on the Bill, since it had remained in the hands of the Sifting Committee. We were glad to learn however, that Miss Amy Noll, Secretary of the Grand Army, was a great help and we appreciate it, as also the interest taken by Com. Alstrand and Brother Wasson and the Executive Council of the State, which was in favor of it. Once again, Iowa Department was disappointed as we all are in that the Resolution failed to get through. We trust that Iowa will not give up but start to plan early for the next campaign.

Illinois: We cross the Mississippi River into Illinois. It has always been a disappointment to learn that while the Legislative body of that important State had dedicated U. S. 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway, it had not been marked as such, and so the Committee of that Department worked on the project. Com. Alexander Levy had Brother Harvey H. Flock, Past Dept. Com., make some investigations as to the matter in Legislative Halls as to the status of Highway markers. They had been told that Illinois cannot or does not permit naming of highways, but are marked by numbers, without act of Congress [?]. I quote a paragraph from a ruling secured by Brother Flock from the Highway Engineer of Illinois:

"I regret, therefore, that under the existing Illinois statutes, I see no way in which the Department of Public Works and Buildings could authorize the erection of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway marker described in the correspondence which you submitted to us."

At this time, I am not sure as to the former Legislation in Illinois regarding this matter, however we will have it investigated. It looks as though the Highway matter is a hard one in this Department. I want to thank Past Dept. Com. Harvey Flock for the work he has done in his investigations.

Indiana: Commander Horn appointed a Highway Committee, according to his letter, and they reported that Legislation had been passed a few years ago, but they could not get the Highway Commission to agree to anything. They turned thumbs down on all proposals.

Aug. 3, 1945. -Further report from Dept. Com. Horn: "In a few words I will give a brief summary of what has been done. I find that the Legislature acted favorably on this proposition, several years ago, the hitch seems to be with the State Highway Commission or Department. So far have been unable to swing them over, but now there is better hopes of getting the markers up."

Seems they have a new Governor, and with A. C. Thornburg, they will have a conference with the Governor, and hope to get favorable action soon.

Ohio: We cross Ohio, my native State, over U. S. 6 and it is marked Grand Army of the Republic Highway. I am proud of beautiful Ohio and of my adopted State California [here I come] which is marked from the Pacific Ocean to the Nevada State Line.

Pennsylvania: I was certainly disappointed to learn that the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was not marked after all of these years. Inquiries came to me asking why U. S. 6 was not marked. I contacted the Dept. Sec., Frank M. Heacock, and received a reply. He had made some investigation and from personal knowledge gave me some information on the matter. Copies of letters from a Legislator and copy of the Resolution which was adopted in 1937, mentioned by the Senate Sept. 12, 1937, Legislation Journal, page 2326, were sent to me.

Naturally, it would seem that the Legislation was not executed for some reason unknown to myself. However on Feb. 28, 1945, I received a letter from J. Clark Mansfield, that there was an excellent chance this year to have U. S. Highway No. 6 designated as Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Others were very much interested in this matter. I was glad to hear that, for Pennsylvania is and should be an important link to take care of in this coast to coast Highway.

Recently, have been informed that the State never has passed any Legislation on this matter. If so, why not? Pennsylvania is a great patriotic State, always was and still is. History tells that story. At this date, I am confused as to the status of the Highway matters in his Department. I have been informed recently that lately the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has passed a law authorizing the Secretary of Highways to change and rename such Highways as may be appropriate. Still I am puzzled as of this date, Aug. 2, 1945, and as of July 12, 1945. The Chairman of the Highway project informs me he hopes for favorable action soon. From here on, we are in the waiting stage and if word comes in I will report to you as soon as possible. I would thank the Brothers for their interest and work done.

On Sept. 5 I received word from Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, Chairman of the Highway matters in Pennsylvania, that on the 28th of July, 1945, the Secretary of Highways of Pennsylvania, John U. Scroyer, had official

designated U. S. 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Come on, Brother Past Commanders-in-Chief, with your number and influence, this thing might be accomplished.

Thanking you, Sir, to have been on your working Committee and I am only sorry that we cannot show more progress in this most important project of the Commandery-in-Chief. However, we made a gain by splendid work, resulting dedication in Nebraska. — Ralph R. Barrett, M. D.

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In drawing some conclusions as to the future of the Project as the matter stands now, based upon the reports received and comments made by members of the Highway Committee, we fully realize that a real effort confronts us and may be hard to accomplish our desires in having this Highway designated as Grand Army of the Republic Highway, Coast to Coast over U. S. 6.

Therefore, I offer the following suggestions or resolutions:

1. That the Chairman should be some one located conveniently near the important State in which much work is to be done, as Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa or Colorado. He should have time to devote to it as it looks now, somewhat of a politician and with a wide acquaintance.

2. All the organizations in the Grand Army family should be invited to take part in the Project.

3. That a fund be set aside for expenses connected with the project, and that each Department may be authorized to raise a fund for local or Department expenses of the project.

4. Printed matter should be provided giving the history, the importance of it and such other information as may seem necessary by the Highway Committee. Blue prints of the markers would be valuable. [I have been asked to send a real life size marker for use at the time of Legislation pending, etc. If I were making a talk, I might enlarge some on this subject].

5. That if some States can do nothing about it because of Legislation that prevent markers, that if to by-pass some, if it is possible, might be considered if thought advisable.

6. I would advise that the National Secretary endeavor to find out direct from the records of Legislation in the States not marked just what is the status of Highway matters as to dedicating and marking as memorials. —Ralph R. Barrett, M. D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION

My Dear Commander: In submitting the report of the National Americanization Committee for the fiscal year, it is done so at this time by virtue of a necessary procedure. Consequently, it will not be of great length.

Because of the distance between the various members of the Committee, no meetings were held, but correspondence was exchanged.

Letters of request were sent to each Department Commander and each Department Secretary urging that reports of their respective Department Americanization Committees be submitted. The response was very disheartening. To date, but one Department has reported.

Therefore, no action can be taken at this time relative to the disposition of the Grant Trophy. This matter will be taken up at a later date, at which time the Committee may have had an opportunity to meet, and prepare a supplemental report to be submitted thereafter.

Expressing our appreciation for your thoughtfulness in our appointment; we regret our inability to make a more extensive report.



MRS. GLADYS B. SALLMAN
National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Sister Gladys B. Sallman, of Chicago, Ill., was elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 59th National Encampment, held in Columbus, Ohio, this month. Sister Sallman will make a splendid, efficient National President for she loves our order and her interest in the Grand Army of the Republic dates back to childhood days when she used to attend G. A. R. picnics with her great uncle, when visiting in Buffalo, N. Y.

She became a member of Aux. 30, Chicago, many years ago and has been very active ever since. She had held the office of President of Aux. 30 and of District 1 with which her Aux. is affiliated. In 1938 she was elected Department President of Illinois. In all these offices Sister Sallman gave a good account of herself. When Sister Margaret D. Schroeder was elected National President, she appointed Sister Gladys her Nat'l Chief-of-Staff. Sister Gladys' record in this office was outstanding, as she succeeded in raising for her fund the largest amount of money raised up to that time by any Nat'l Chief-of-Staff. Illinois Department appreciates very much the honor that has come to it through her election to the highest office of National President.

Nat. Pres. Sallman asks the co-operation of each and every Sister in the order, for without their help and backing it will be impossible to make our order progress and expand.

Trusting your administration has been successful and harmonious, we are, fraternally yours—National Americanization Committee, Frank M. Heacock, P. D. C., [Pa.], Chairman; E. Baxter Travis, P. D. C. [Ill.]; Charles B. Martin, P. D. C. [Kan.]; Dewey B. Mead, P. D. C. [Minn.]; R. J. Williams, P. D. C. [O.].

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

My Dear Commander: As Chairman of the Grave Marking Committee, I submit to you and members of the Sixty-fourth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, my report for the term 1944-1945.

It is not a very encouraging report. Our Order seems to be in a rut. Perhaps due to War work or our members are getting older, they don't feel able to carry on and are willing that members of other Orders do the

decorations of Civil War Veterans. I fear if our Grave Marking Committees don't complete the work they have been doing many of the Civil War Veterans' graves will be lost, also the graves of the few remaining living Civil War Veterans. This work is ours as Sons of Civil War Veterans, but if we neglect our work others will take it up. The following is a Bulletin issued by the World War Veterans:

"Graves Registration. To all Post and District Officers and Members and specially to all Grave Registration Officers.

Review Bulletin No. 12, dated October 1st. Subject: Lost Veterans' Graves.

"It Can't Happen Here." That's what you say. But don't be too self satisfied.

A striking example of LOST VETERANS GRAVES can be found in the Barkhamstead Hollow Cemetery. There are known to be buried in this cemetery 11 Civil War Veterans. The story runs that the Grand Army Post of Winsted, faithful to their comrades, traveled far to this cemetery. They placed flag holders on the graves and on Memorial Day they placed flags and flowers. Six of their graves have a stone marker. These six were and always will be readily located. But five of these graves had no stone. But these comrades who came from Winsted each Memorial Day knew where the five comrades lay who had no stone. But there came a day when these faithful comrades went West, and with them went the knowledge which they had acquired about the five unmarked graves of their comrades. The flag holders became shifted around. Cemetery records, like many cemeteries of its type, do not show the location of these five graves. All that is left are five scattered flag holders. And so, now, there lies in the little cemetery in Barkhamstead, five Civil War Veterans, known but to God. EVERY UNMARKED VETERANS GRAVE IN YOUR TERRITORY IS POTENTIALLY DOOMED TO THE SAME FATE.

Fellows:—There is work to do in your territory.

GET THEM MARKED WITH A STONE.
Chas. Yerrington, Chairman,
Graves Registration Committee."

Also the records are most useful in proving eligibility for our Patriotic Orders as the following Letter and Answer will show:

"Mr. Charles R. Hale,
30 Oak St., Hartford, Conn.
My Dear Mr. Hale:

A lady called me up this afternoon. She wants to join the Daughters of the G. A. R. She needs the record of a James Bowen who lived and died in Willimantic some 20 or 30 years ago. She thinks he enlisted in Massachusetts so the Conn. Book is no help. As he is buried in Willimantic I wonder if your cemetery records would give us a clue to his record.
Sincerely yours,
Sidney R. Bard."

Answer:
"Mr. Sidney R. Bard,
c/o Brooklyn Savings Bank,
Danielson, Connecticut.
Dear Mr. Bard:

In answer to yours of June 29th regarding James Bowen.

On the roster of Long Post, G. A. R., No. 30, Willimantic, is the name of James M. Bowen, service, 8th Conn. Inf. They reported his death as of May 10, 1909. On page 334, Connecticut Men in the War of the Rebellion, Co. A, 8th Conn., Private James B. Bowen, residence, Enfield, enlisted Sept. 9, 1861, discharged Feb. 6, 1863, for disability.

In Grove St. Cemetery, Putnam, is a headstone inscription as follows: Bowen, James M., Co. B, 8th Conn. Inf., died May, 1909, age 82, the grave has a G. A. R. Marker. Reference: Hale Connecticut; Headstone Inscriptions, Putnam, page 10.

This must be the Bowen your friend is looking for.

With regards, I am, Sincerely yours,
Charles R. Hale."

May I add that the Soldier is buried in a Cemetery within five miles of Danielson.

While during the War this work has become dormant except in the Departments of California & Pacific, and Connecticut, and because of the small cost, I believe there should be a continuance of the work, at least till the war is over, so that our members may be able to complete the marking of Civil War Veterans Graves.

Therefore I recommend that a Graves Marking Committee be continued.

The cost for the year has been for typing and postage, \$25.00.—Charles R. Hale, Chairman, Graves Marking Committee.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

My Dear Commander:—For a number of years, the Civil War Veterans have been asking Congress to enact a more liberal pension law for widows of Civil War veterans. This desire has now been realized. An Act of Congress, effective Dec. 8, 1944, grants a pension of forty dollars [\$40.00] per month to a widow of a Civil War Veteran who was married to the veteran ten or more years prior to his death and lived with him continuously from the date of marriage to the date of the death, except where there was a separation which was due to misconduct of or procured by the veteran without fault of the widow. It is further provided that no pension is payable under the amended act to a widow under sixty years of age. Under the old law a widow was not entitled to a pension unless she had married the veteran prior to June 27, 1905. The present law, making the pension depend on ten years of married life, instead of marriage prior to a fixed date, is more reasonable.

Your Committee has been active in its support of a resolution introduced by Hon. Louis Ludlow, a member of Congress from the 12th District of Indiana. This resolution was introduced in the last Congress, and was known as House Joint Resolution No. 194. It designates Nov. 19th, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as Dedication Day, and requires the President to issue a proclamation to that effect 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.

The resolution failed to pass in the last Congress, Congressman Ludlow re-introduced it on the first day of the present session, and it now bears the title of House Joint Resolution No. 35.

Your Committee asked all the allied organizations to support this resolution by writing to Congressmen asking their favorable vote when the resolution is up for passage. We have had splendid co-operation.

Congress is now in recess. It will reconvene in October, unless called to meet earlier. Congressman Ludlow advises our committee that he will press for passage of the resolution at next session. A copy of the same is hereto attached.

We recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief approve the resolution and that the Secretary send a letter to each member of the Committee on Judiciary of the House, urging favorable action, and that a similar letter be sent to Hon. Louis Ludlow.

There was never a period in the history of the United States when there was as much legislation, both national and state, as during the past year, most of which pertained to carrying on the war in which the nation is now engaged. It was obviously impossible for our committee to keep a check on all legislation, not to mention the countless orders and directives from administrative bodies.—Fred E.

Colwell, Leonard S. Hopfield, Michael G. Hoitz, Chairman.

79TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION
H. J. RES. 35
In the House of Representatives
January 3, 1945

Mr. Ludlow introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION
Designating November 19, 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, 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 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.

Secretary Hammer presented the reports of other Officers and Committees for acceptance and reference without reading. The Encampment so voted.

Communications and Resolutions for Encampment action were called for and were referred to various Committees for report thereon.

The National Secretary next read a few Communications from members unable to be present.

Chairman of the Council, P. D. C. Allen F. Spink read a preliminary Council report relative to the audit of books, showing proper balances in all funds as shown by the Cashier of the Reading Bank.

The attention of the Encampment was called to the vote by Departments on amendments to the Constitution, from the last Encampment in 1944. The report showed that two-thirds of the membership in Departments voted favorably thereon, and that same will appear in General Orders and be respected as law hereafter. This refers to number of Camps [5] and members [150] to constitute a Department; also to strike out the word "political" wherever it occurs, and substitute the word "partisan."

Past Commanders-in-Chief Barrett and Anderson talked for the G. A. R. Highway Committee and the difficulties that had been encountered by that Committee in trying to get that Highway completed and properly marked from coast to coast. Their remarks were also supplemented by P. C. in-C. Sautter and Delegate Isaacs from New York. Bro. J. Clark Mansfield, head of Highway Department in Pennsylvania, talked further on the Highway through that state, and stated that he had been to the G. A. R. Encampment in the Convention City and asked that body to pass a resolution endorsing the G. A. R. Highway as a memorial to all Comrades. This action was taken and the resolution was given to all Press Associations and by them sent broadcast for publicity purposes.

A recess was next taken until 9:00 a. m. Tuesday.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The annual Memorial Services for departed members of the Sons and Auxiliary was held at 4:00 p. m., Monday, in the Gold Room of the Fort Hayes Hotel. These exercises were in charge of the Chaptains of each organization.

Past Dept. Com. Francis P. Addy, N. Y., spoke in behalf of Past Com.-in-Chief William Allan Dyer, as follows:

Tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer

National Chaplain, Sisters and Brothers: Owing to my close friendship with William Allan Dyer, I have been asked to make a few remarks for him.

It was my good fortune to get acquainted with William Allan Dyer while I was Department Commander. He had joined the Sons of Veterans sometime previous to that. I became better acquainted with him as we met on various occasions until 1937, or '36-'37. While he was Commander-in-Chief, he appointed me his personal aide. It was my privilege at that time to travel with him. I had to be free, more or less, and I made a great many visitations with him throughout the United States.

I could give his history from the cradle to the grave, that he had given to me on those various trips. I will not go back so far, but I would like to tell you how he became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. He went to the funeral of some dear relative while we were in Massachusetts. There, at that funeral, he found a flag on the grave of his father. He inquired who placed this flag on the grave. He was told it was placed there by the Sons of Union Veterans. Immediately on his return home to Syracuse, he inquired about the Sons of Union Veterans; and he put in an application for membership. That began his career as a Son of a Union Veteran.

I will not go back and tell of his leading my reception, while I was Department Commander, and from that time to 1936 or 1937.

The greatest thing about William Allan Dyer was his love for his fellowmen. He was a great believer in democracy. He thought all men were like one. He was brought up and lived that way; and it made no difference to him whom he came in contact with, for, if he was a person interested in life and pursuits and things he was interested in, he considered him a friend.

I just want to—I jotted down a few of the things he believed in in regard to democracy:

It gives man the right to shape his own destiny.

It permits him to cry out against injustice.

It typifies the family and greatest unit of civilization.

It seeks to protect man against wrongs to his body or soul.

It places the greatest value upon improving human welfare.

It helps men to work with one another toward the better things.

It believes that men are brothers and not subjects or slaves.

With those few words, I am going to ask the blessing of the Supreme Being of the Universe to rest upon his soul.

Mrs. Ramel spoke in behalf of Past Nat. Pres. Mrs. Elizabeth H. R. Davis.

For the deceased Comrades of the G. A. R. Past Dept. Com Hale, Mass., spoke; for all deceased members of the Sons Past Com.-in-Chief Anderson, Mass., spoke; and for the deceased members of the Auxiliary Past Nat. Pres. Eva Blackman, Ill., spoke; for all Sons who made the Supreme Sacrifice, Past Com.-in-Chief Barrett, Calif., spoke.

Floral tributes were paid all, and with a

Benediction and Taps the beautiful service ended.

TUESDAY A. M. SESSION

After opening in regular form a report of a special committee appointed by action of the Des Moines Encampment to report on a special badge for the Commander-in-Chief, to be worn by him during his official year, was read. The report offered that the special badge be "the pendant be the regulation pendant of the order, gold instead of bronze, suspended by the ribbon of the Commandery-in-Chief, at top of which shall be attached a gold bar, inscribed, Commander-in-Chief. This badge to remain the property of the Commandery-in-Chief." Carried.

The report of the Highway Committee was adopted and the "suggestions" at the end were taken up seriatim. Numbers 1 and 2 were carried as printed, also No. 3 with deletion of word "may." No. 4 was carried as printed. On No. 5 non-concurrence was moved, and that action was sustained. On No. 6 it was moved to adopt as printed, except that "National Secretary" be changed to "Chairman Highway Committee." This change was accepted by Encampment and report was adopted as a whole.

Nat'l Secretary read a supplemental report of Credential Committee showing 107 properly accredited. He also read communications from P. C.-in-C. Huston, and from Arlington Hall, the Boys' Home in Des Moines, to which our organization contributes. Over \$1000 was received from our Orders, and 14 boys from that Home were returning from U. S. Service. A recess was declared until 2:00 p. m. that afternoon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Communications were read from P. C.-in-C. Kirchgassner and Andy Richardson, Dept. Com. of New Jersey.

A committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R., consisting of Past Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrman, Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mollie Newbauer of Mo., Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mabel Taylor, R. I., came in and extended greetings. Past Com.-in-Chief Lambert responded.

Past Com.-in-Chief Mabie reported for Committee on Officers' Reports, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

[The usual words of commendation to the Officers for their activities and splendid reports submitted are omitted here.—Ed.]

Recommendations of National Secretary-Treasurer:

Recommendation about Permanent Fund and War Fund, on page 9 of Officers' Reports, committee reported non-concurrence in the recommendation. Before a second to the motion was forthcoming, Brother Sautter moved non-concurrence with the Committee and the adoption of the recommendation of the National Secretary-Treasurer. [Adopted].

The remaining two recommendations in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer were turned over to the Committee on C. R. & R. for their consideration.

Recommendation in the report of the National Counselor, page 27, that Section 3, Article V, Chapter 3, Constitution & Regulations, on page 35, as it referred to the compensation of the National Secretary be suspended; the Committee concurred in this recommendation. [Adopted].

A committee from the Auxillary consisting of P. N. P. Mrs. Clara Gallagher, Nat. Pres. Mrs. Edith Nile, Mrs. Mackey, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, and a number of Past and Present Officers from Michigan, was escorted in. Several of the delegation talked. P. D. C. Michael Heintz responded.

Nat'l Pat. Inst. Cranmer made supplemental report on collections for G. A. R. Fund. This and a later report showed that Depart-

ments participated 100 per cent, and that a total of \$810.41 had been contributed for this fund during the year.

At this time Past Com.-in-Chief Sautter moved that "a fund known as the G. A. R. Fund be established, there be placed in that fund the amount reported by the Nat'l Patriotic Instructor as having been received at this Encampment in excess of the \$500 contributed to the fund of the G. A. R. to carry on the work of that organization; the incoming Nat'l Patriotic Instructor be authorized and instructed to receive from Departments, Camps and individuals contributions to the G. A. R. Fund thus created, and that from the G. A. R. Fund yearly shall be made a contribution as may be decided at each Nat'l Encampment for the G. A. R.; and that additionally such appropriations as may be authorized for any worthy project involving the G. A. R. from this fund." [Carried].

P. D. C. Heacock, Pa., as Chairman of Americanization Committee, made a supplementary report to the printed one, in which there were three recommendations, which went to the Committee on Officers' Reports for recommended action, the report on which Wednesday morning was as follows:

Recommendation No. 1—That certificates of merit be established and presented annually by each Camp to the person who has proved himself outstanding in community life by virtue of rules and regulations to be established. The Committee concurred in the recommendation. However, on motion of Brother Hammer, and after considerable discussion, the action was non-concurrence with the recommendation.

No. 2—Recommendation that a special committee of five be appointed for the purpose of studying the possibility of preparing an authentic history of the Civil War for distribution at some future date, the Committee did not concur. [Adopted].

No. 3—Recommendation referring to a permanent war memorial to our brothers in this war, the committee did not concur. [Committee action adopted].

The Americanization Committee, through its Chairman, awarded the Grant Trophy to the Dept. of New Jersey for outstanding work within the scope of the Committee.

A recess was then taken until 1:00 p. m. Wednesday.

THE PARADE

The stirring words of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" were on the lips of every spectator as the famous U. S. Marine Band led the parade up High Street Wednesday morning. They were followed by 14 proud old men, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, all in cars.

The parade, one of the shortest and smallest in years, consisted only of the Band, the Veterans, the Sons of Union Veterans [85 in number], the Fort Hayes Band, a marching unit from the Navy installation at Port Columbus, the Franklin Post Band, the Nomad Patrol and three Army ducks.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Past Com.-in-Chief Lambert reported for the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS

On the recommendation contained in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer, on page 9 of the Officers' Reports, relative to membership fees being paid on members at large; and also relative to new member fee being paid on members at large—this Committee unanimously approves of the recommendation. [Adopted].

Relative to the resolution submitted by Brother Burns of Pennsylvania, to include members of the Maritime service in the award

of bronze medals, we feel that the intention of Section 3, Article II, on page 44 of the C. R. & R. was to include only members of the armed forces of the United States. We realize that the actual wording of this paragraph is ambiguous inasmuch as it states—"brothers who have served the United States of America faithfully and honorably in war," this could conceivably include many brothers who have been in semi-military and also in civilian governmental work. Your Committee unanimously recommends non-concurrence with this resolution and wishes to submit a proposed change to clarify Section 3, Article II, page 44 of the C. R. & R. to read, "Brothers who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America faithfully and honorably in war." [Adopted].

For the reasons given in the preceding case, your Committee unanimously non-concurs in the resolution to include Coast Guard temporary Reserve members to receive the Bronze War Medal; said resolution having been presented by Carter A. Perkins of Massachusetts. [Adopted].

These are all of the resolutions that have been presented to your Committee; but your Committee desires to present the following resolution for consideration: "That the next meeting of this Commandery-in-Chief be held at the same time and place as that of the national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. In the event, however, that the national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic does not hold an Encampment next year, the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the three members of Council-in-Chief shall be authorized and instructed to arrange the time and place of the next meeting of this Commandery-in-Chief." [Adopted].

Past Com.-in-Chief Sautter moved, under New Business, "an appropriation of \$100 be authorized from the G. A. R. Fund be made to the G. A. R. Highway Committee to help to carry through the project from Coast to Coast; the Commander-in-Chief to approve the expenditure." [Carried].

For the Committee on Resolutions Past Com.-in-Chief Barrett reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions submitted to your committee have been few in number but all are worthy of careful consideration.

1. A resolution submitted by the Department of Oregon complains that headstones on veterans' graves have been overturned, markers removed and flags stolen from cemeteries. The resolution recommends legislation by Congress to punish this shameful practice.

Your committee realizes that the desecration of a soldier's grave is the lowest type of vandalism. Severe punishment should be inflicted upon the guilty. But, in our opinion, the enforcement of laws against such desecration is the duty of local authorities. If the State, County and Municipal authorities will perform their duties in this matter, it will be preferable to Federal action.

We recommend non-concurrence in this resolution. [Adopted].

2. The Committee on Americanization offers a resolution advocating that, for a period of 10 years, no foreign citizen should be admitted to the United States, if his necessities require his making a living here. That implies that he would become a competitor of American labor. The quota for the admission, at present, of aliens is very low and under it there can be no great influx.

It is true that many aliens have been admitted under temporary permits. Thousands of Mexicans have been admitted to work on our railroads. The splendid record of the railroads during the war might not have been achieved but for this imported labor. We

think it is more important that these temporary immigrants be returned to their native lands when their work is done and when American labor is able to take the jobs now held by aliens. When that situation occurs it will be the time for appropriate legislation on this subject.

We recommend non-concurrence in this resolution for the present. [Adopted].

The same committee recommends that citizenship should be refused to any and all persons whose nations were at war "in any sense of the word" with the United States during the entire World War II. This matter no doubt will be covered in the Treaties of Peace with all those countries. It involves many questions and complications. No doubt other nations will have something to say as well as our own on the question of immigration. We therefore recommend non-concurrence in this resolution. [Adopted].

3. A communication from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recommends the observance of Constitution Day which is Sept. 17. The United States Constitution is the basis of all the fundamental rights which we, as American citizens, enjoy.

We recommend that the National Patriotic Instructor prepare a program for the proper observance of Constitution Day and that we transmit it to the Department Patriotic Instructors for their guidance and for the use of the Camps in the several Departments. [Adopted].

4. The New England Regional Association of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War sends a resolution asking for the restoration of the custom of extending the right hand, palm upwards when giving the salute to the flag. This is the method provided for in our regulations and is so used at our meetings. Since the Pledge of Allegiance is a part of the flag code, enacted by Congress, we recommend that the secretary of this Encampment send a letter to the speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the United States Senate, requesting Congress to amend the law so that the Pledge of Allegiance be given by accompanying the words "with the right hand extended with the palm up." [Adopted].

5. The Department of Michigan submits a resolution in opposition to the enactment of compulsory military training during peacetime and demanding that such action be deferred until after the suspension of hostilities and the return of our troops to their homes.

This question is highly controversial, a bill providing for compulsory military training is now pending in both houses of Congress. It is being written about in journals, magazines and newspapers. It is being debated on the radio and discussed in forums. Much is being said and published on both sides of the question. Such discussion is informative and beneficial, but something like eight million boys are beyond the seas and have no opportunity at present of expressing themselves on this question.

We recommend therefore that final action on this resolution be postponed until such troops as are not to be used for the occupation of enemy countries are returned to their homes and until the Volunteer system now in use by the Army is given a fair trial. [Adopted].

6. A resolution submitted by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale protests the banning of the theatrical performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by the officials of one or more New England cities. Many of our older members recall that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was the first play they ever saw. Next to Little Nell little Eva was the most loved child in English literature. We think it can be said that in the last generation more

MESSAGE FROM P. C.-IN-C. MACKAY

I have passed the Gavel of Authority into the hands of another at Columbus and to him I pledge my loyal support. I am asking you to give him the same hearty assistance and co-operation you have given me. May his pathway be guided by the same love and kindness that so sweetly brightened mine. In closing I wish that our Beloved Order may grow and prosper under the leadership of my successor, and that he may accomplish great things.

"The work I have done is with you. Maybe some things were wrong Like the note that mars the music In the sweet flow of the song. But, Brothers, when you think of me I only wish you would Say, as the Master said of one— He has done the best he could."

U. W. MACKAY,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

MRS. HOLBROOK INJURED

The night, Friday, Oct. 5, following their return to Dwight, Ill., from the Columbus Encampment, Mrs. A. S. Holbrook, wife of Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, fell part way down the stairs in the home, receiving a broken right arm, near the shoulder, and a skull fracture. She is now in St. Mary's Hospital, Streator, resting as comfortably as could be expected. Nothing has as yet developed to complicate the injuries and it is anticipated the injuries will not prove any more serious than as indicated above.

Americans saw Uncle Tom's Cabin than any other theatrical performance. More copies of the book had been sold than any other publication up to that time. When Harriet Beecher Stowe toured England and France more people greeted her than had ever greeted an American. Her book has been printed in more languages than any other book save the Bible.

We recommend concurrence in this resolution. [Adopted].

7. The arrangements for this Encampment were made in three weeks. The results have been amazing. We desire to express our sincere thanks to Hon. Paul Herbert and his convention committee, to Hon. Frank J. Lausche, Governor of Ohio, the other state, city and county officials, the Convention Bureau and its efficient manager Mr. Joseph Cross, the Ft. Hayes Hotel, the matchless United States Marine Band, the newspapers of Columbus and all others who have done so much to make our stay in Columbus pleasant and profitable.

No recommendation for concurrence necessary.

8. A resolution from Dept. of Pennsylvania changing issues of The Banner, our official organ, from even to odd months during the year, because as now issued there is not sufficient time to properly publicize many of our important events. We recommend concurrence in this resolution. [Adopted].

A committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans consisting of Dept. Pres. Mrs. Lavena Hammond, Mich.; Mrs. Zella Lindgren, Minn.; Dept. Pres. Laura England, Ore.; and Dept. Pres. Mabel Wiedemann, Wis., came in and extended greetings from that organization. Past Dept. Com. Winchell, of Mass., responded.

A Greetings Committee from the W. R. C., consisting of P. N. P. Mrs. Lizetta Cody, Mich., and Mrs. Adelaide Woelfel, Dept. Field Officer, Wis., came in and extended greetings for that organization. P. C.-in-C. Sautter responded.

The Credential Committee reported 123 on roll.

A recess to 9:00 a. m. Thursday morning was next taken.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Chairman Spink of the Nat'l Council reported for that body, with its recommendations and budget, as follows:

PROPOSED BUDGET—1945-1946 TERM

Receipts	
Balance on hand Sept. 20, 1945.....	\$ 2,350.10
Membership Fees—500 Members at 50 cents	250.00
Per Capita Tax—16,000 Members at 40 cents	6,400.00
Charter Fees—5 New Camps at \$5.00	25.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Premium on Bonds.....	40.00
Estimated Receipts — Patriotic Instructor's G. A. R. Fund.....	500.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Total Receipts	\$10,585.10

Disbursements	
General Expenses:	
Supplies	\$ 800.00
The Banner	2,300.00
Encampment	1,000.00
Printing	60.00
Shipping Supplies	40.00
Salaries	2,000.00
Premium on Bonds	70.00
Federal Tax	55.00
State Unemployment Compensation Fund	75.00
Com. on Marking Graves.....	25.00
Misc., incl. P. C.-in-C. Badge	200.00
G. A. R. Donation	500.00
Scholarship [Lincoln Univ.]	100.00
Arlington Hall	50.00
Total Expenditures	\$7,275.00

Office Expenses:	
Postage, etc.	\$100.00
Nat'l Off. Stationery..	100.00
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
Com.-in-Chief's Expenses.....	1,000.00

Total Expenditures	8,925.00
Balance	\$ 1,660.10
Organization Fund	669.59
Grand Army of the Republic Fund [Estimated]	325.00
U. S. Government Bonds.....	3,000.00
Estimated amount to be invested in U. S. Gov. bonds by action of this Encampment	3,743.02
Total	\$9,397.71

We recommend the following:
[A] That the per capita tax be continued at 40 cents per annum.

[B] That The Banner be renewed at fourteen cents per member per year—six issues. [This increase is due to increased cost of materials and a possible increase of second class postage rates].

[C] That \$100.00 scholarship to Lincoln University and \$50.00 to Arlington Hall be renewed.

We take this opportunity to compliment our National Secretary-Treasurer for the efficient manner in which his books are kept and to thank him for his co-operation. [Adopted].

Secretary Hammer gave the final report of Credential Committee, showing 124 accredited votes. These were made up as follows:

- 9 Past Commanders-in-Chief.
- 14 Department Commanders.
- 46 Past Department Commanders.
- 61 Delegates.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

Under nomination of officers by Roll Call the following were nominated and elected:

Commander-in-Chief, H. Harding Hale, Mass. Sr. Vice, Charles B. Martin, Kansas. Jr. Vice, R. J. Williams, Ohio. Council-in-Chief, E. J. Parker, Calif. Council-in-Chief, Fred H. Combs, Sr., N. J. Council-in-Chief, Geo. A. Laduke, Vt. Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. Hammer, Pa.

When Past Com-in-Chief Sautter nominated Bro. Hammer for the ninth time for a five-year term, Bro. Isaacs moved the nomination be seconded by every member in the room. This was carried out by everyone rising and cheering.

Secretary Hammer in response stated that he was overwhelmed by the confidence expressed. He stated that the long time service had enabled him to form personal friendships which meant everything to him; that whatever had come to him in life had come through the Order, and he was deeply grateful. He reminisced somewhat in a very interesting manner, and the love-feast ensuing was climaxed when Past Com-in-Chief Mabie asked P. D. C. Wentzel, Pa., to recite a poem which he had heard Bro. Wentzel give recently. The poem was written by a G. A. R. Comrade, whose name now escapes us, but the sentiment was very appropos to the present occasion.

OLD CLAY HOUSE

When I'm through with this old clay house of mine And no more guide light through the windows shine Just box it up tight and lay it away With the other clay houses of yesterday.

But with it, my friends, do try if you can To bury the wrongs, since first I began To live in this house. Bury deep and forget, For I want to be square, and out of your debt.

When I go to meet the Architect Supreme Face to face, I want to be clean. I know it's too late to mend A bad builded house when we come to the end, But to you who are building, just look over mine And make your alterations while there is time. Just study this house, no tears need be shed. It's like any clay house when its tenants have fled.

I have lived in this house many days all alone Just waiting; And oh, how I long to go home. Now don't misunderstand me, this old world divine,

With love, birds, and flowers and glorious sunshine.

It's a wonderful place and a wonderful plan, And a wonderful, wonderful, gift to man, But somehow we feel when this cycle's complete.

There are dead ones across we are anxious to meet.

So we open the book, we check up the past, There'll be no more forced balances, this is the last.

Every item is checked, every page must be clean

For that's the passport we carry to the Builder Supreme.

So when I'm through with this old house of clay

Just box it up tight and lay it away.

For the Builder has promised when this house is spent

To have one all finished with timbers I sent While I lived in this one. Of course it will be Exactly as we builded here. You see It's the kind of material we each send across, So if we build poorly, of course, it's our loss.

You ask what material is best to select, 'Twas told you long since by the Great Architect, "A new commandment I give unto you."

So the finest material to send up above Is the clear, straight-grained timber of brotherly love.

Commander-in-Chief-eleqt Hale in his remarks accepting election recited the following poem:

And those who are twiddling their thumbs while they wait

For times to get better—will lose—sure as Fate!

For while they are waiting for bright sunny skies—

The fellow of action runs off with the prize. So be like the sprinter who's ready to run— All ready to leap, with the crack of the gun! Look over your prospects, for ways and for means

To increase your membership—with men, good, serene.

And then when the clouds begin breaking apart,

Be not merely planning—be ready to start!

Have faith in the future—and what YOU can do—

Have faith in your order, and stick to it, too! Have faith in the country—your country and mine.

In all of her crises, be in the front line!

And, too, as you struggle for glory, or self— Hold tightly, forever, to faith in yourself!

So, face not the future, with worry and dread—

Get busy, get ready—good days are ahead!

Past Com-in-Chief Lambert moved all Committees be discharged, that the minutes as taken by the official stenographer, Mrs. Dolly Berhalter, be the official minutes of the Encampment, and that the usual number of Proceedings be printed and promulgated to Delegates and Departments. Carried.

Commander-elect Hale asked Past Com-in-Chief Sautter to act as Installing Officer, and Past Com-in-Chief Anderson to act as Installing Guide. Appointment of balance of officers was deferred until later by Commander-elect Hale.

The officers as listed previously were then installed in Ritualistic form, the newly installed officers thanked all brothers for confidence expressed in their nomination and promised a year of sincere effort in behalf of our Order.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's badge was presented to Brother Mackey by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, who spoke feelingly in so doing, and welcomed him into the select few entitled to wear such a badge, cautioning him that his term of service for the order, while having an auspicious start was but the beginning of a long term of service to follow.

Brother Mackey thanked Commander-in-Chief Sautter for his kindly expressions, and promised to heed well the advice given. He thanked the officers and members for the support given him during the past year and promised to use the experience gained during the year in behalf of the new officers elected, and to devote himself to the Order's interests in the years to come.

Dept. Commander Valley, Michigan, G. A. R., together with his Secretary, Mrs. Marshall, wife of a Michigan brother Son of a Union Veteran, were announced, introduced, and welcomed to the Encampment. Sister Marshall spoke very interestingly for the Dept. Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey responded.

Following this the Encampment adjourned and closed in regular form to meet next year at the place and time selected, either by the Council of Administration of the G. A. R., or under special arrangements made by the Encampment just closed.

MASSACHUSETTS

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

Grout is Great

Latest appointee to staff made by Dept. Com. Riley is Wilbur L. Loomer, currently Secretary of Willie Grout Camp 25, Worcester. Address is 19 Fyebeck Ave., Shrewsbury. Of Brother Loomer, Lester K. Sweeney, new found publicist of Worcester and environs, writes, "Round and round the roundhouse it is Loomer. This capable engine dispatcher and active Son of a Union Veteran takes time out and convinces a son of Confederacy why the term 'War between the States' is a misnomer."

Floor work for crack degree team of this Camp should now be greatly enhanced, since Corp. Irving Howlette has taken on duties as drill master. Has record of having captured five Nazis, single handed. William T. Darling, P. S. V. D. C., still degree master and "better than ever" [like a Chevrolet] after a needed vacation, just enjoyed. Brother Louis Armitage has just passed fifty-nine years, as member of order. Camp regrets to report death of Bro. William Warren.

Thousands cheered as the float depicting Lincoln freeing the slaves proceeded along the line of march in Worcester's V-J Day parade, Sept. 16. Willie Grout Camp can feel well repaid for the supreme effort made in producing this fine historical spectacle to a very responsive public. Character make-ups were by Mrs. Ruth Welch, with William Peterson as float "technician." Lester K. Sweeney impersonated Lincoln, the "slave" was Thomas Vanderbilt, and William L. Conger, a Civil War veteran. The color bearers were Dexter E. Willard, Waldo Welch, Mrs. Gladys Loomer and Mrs. Isabella Sunderland.

Next on the calendar for the Grouts is a minstrel show. Paul Hoey, P. S. V. D. C., has agreed to underwrite expenses, so with talent available success is already assured. And plans are in formative stage for the famous Civil War drama—"The Drummer Boy." In past Camp has been very successful in presenting this masterpiece. Would that as many of public might witness it as viewed the V-J Day float.

Break for Brockton

Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, 17, Brockton, has asked the Department to hold Mid-year Encampment in their city on Oct. 20, and Dept. Com. Riley has officially announced his acceptance of request, sessions opening at 2:30 p. m. This is a break for Brockton, so let's all make a break for Brockton on Saturday, Oct. 20, being present punctually. Get riled and rally with Riley. Get riled up, so as not to let Riley down. Remember, too, that Past Dept. Com. "Bill" Haskell hangs his hat down in the Shoe City.

Heartstrings of Hartsuff

Thomas B. Maloney, now publicist for Gen. Hartsuff Camp 50, Rockland, informs us that the members and Auxiliary have held a very successful carnival, a supplement to one of a year ago. Proceeds will be added to fund for repair and upkeep of G. A. R. Hall, one of finest still remaining in state. Earle Harrington, custodian of building, was general chairman. Congratulations for ambition of "Hartsuffers" in soliciting general public to maintain a shrine of public pride.

Embryo Centonarians Exuberant

The world is moving again. Seventy-three "ats" [old timers to you readers] gathered at Somerville, Sept. 29, and again renewed their youth, with President "Addie" Quinn, the fountain head. Two more was this than the

number in 1944 and approximately a dozen more who were en route to Columbus would otherwise have been seated with the seventy-three. Thirteen at head table but no one was skeptical about that, or probably gave it a thought, with thrill upon thrill abounding.

George E. Weaver of Camp 30, Dorchester, was and expectantly the oldest in service present [61 years] and 85 years of age. Thomas Follansbee took a bow at 87. Seven others were 55-60 year servants of our order. Charles H. E. Moran, Dept. Com. in 1926, came the longest distance and received an appropriate reward.

William O. Fuller, P. D. C., 1933, becomes President of the Association and no one more richly deserves the honor. Fuller humor but devotion for our order. "Bill" is alive in earnest, financially, physically and always. The same old "Bill"—this year buying the apples—Lloyd Hardy of Leonminster contributed, and then re-selling—all proceeds going to association. Our New Bedford luminary, who's a "whale" of a fellow then bought a box of Hardy peaches, which "Charles" Bradlee had won, and gave a peach to every 50-year man. "Charlie" donated the money received.

Past Com-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, instigator, organizer and prime promoter of this astute body of men, refuses to obey orders in "letting up" program, saying this group was too near his heart. He was promptly re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer. There's no fear for our order, with these "he men" still visionary each year. More about this affair in later issues.

OHIO

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

Dept. Com. Grate Says:

HAVE YOU GOT THAT NEW MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY?

I would like for each Camp in the Ohio Dept. to have a class of candidates in honor of the Dept. Commander of the Grand Army, J. H. Grate, and initiate them between Oct. 1st and April 1, 1946.

Have you sent in to R. J. Williams, 339 13th St., Columbus, your contribution for the Veterans' Hospital? All donations, either personal or from Camps as a whole, will be appreciated. Don't forget that these Boys gave their best, let's do our bit to help them on their way to recovery. This money will be used to buy some much needed equipment and will be presented to some Veterans' Hospital in the State of Ohio. This enterprise is to be jointly with the Auxiliary and will be presented at the State Encampment next June.

To all Camp Correspondents, do not forget to send your NEWS to Dept. Correspondent, Brother Gibbony.

Camp 91, Alliance

The Camp sponsored a Grand Army Picnic, held Wed., July 25, at Silver Park, Alliance, with 85 persons in attendance. Dept. Com. of the G. A. R., John Grate, also Hiram and John Conrad were present. The Sons and Auxiliary Drum Corps played.

On Sunday, July 29, open house was held at the home of Dept. Commander of the G. A. R., Comrade John Grate, honoring his 100th birthday. Over 200 persons attended and were served ice cream and cake. At the request of Dept. Com. Grate, the Sons and Aux. Drum Corps attended and played a number of selections dear to the hearts of the G. A. R. men. Comrades John and Hiram Conrad were present.

Wed. eve., Aug. 1, at 8 p. m. a reception was held in the large Ball Room of the Moose Temple in honor of Dept. Com. of the G. A. R. Grate's 100th birthday, this being the exact

date. More than 500 persons attended from all over the Ohio Dept. The Alliance City Band furnished the music for the occasion. The City Officials presented Com. Grate a four-tier birthday cake, with 100 lighted candles on it. The cake was later cut and most of those present had at least a small piece.

Chief Justice Carl V. Weygandt of the Ohio Supreme Court was the speaker of the evening, being introduced by Mayor Sam Kirkland. Our own brother, William L. Hart, a Judge of the Ohio Supreme Court, and Judge Advocate of the Daughters and Sons of Union Veterans, and a member of McClellan Camp, accompanied Judge Weygandt.

Mrs. Edith Nile, Nat. Pres. of the Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans and a member of the Alliance Aux., was Chairman for the evening. During the exercises Mrs. Nile presented a check for \$3000 to the National Red Cross, asking Sister Edna Bieri, Pat. Inst. of the Alliance Aux., to make the presentation, the gift being accepted by Mrs. Mildred Eales for the National Red Cross. The money was a National project of the Auxiliary for the Red Cross blood donor service.

NEW YORK

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Camp 146, Ovid

Comrade Edmund F. Ames, of Burdette, last surviving Civil War veteran in Schuyler County, has answered his last roll call. He died May 6, after a month's illness with pneumonia. He was 95. He came to Burdette in 1853 and enlisted in Co. C, 161st N. Y. Inf. in 1861, at 14. Burial was at Atlanta, Ga., where a daughter lives.

Camp 61, Mount Vernon

Members of Nordquist Camp mourn the death of Mrs. Fannie Armstrong Pimley, widow of the late David H. Pimley, at one time Chaplain of the New York Dept., and for 33 years Chaplain of Nordquist Camp. She died on Aug. 8 and was 89. She is survived by her son, G. Kimble Pimley, of Erie, Pa., formerly Secretary and Press Correspondent of the New York Dept., and her daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Pimley Taylor, of Mount Vernon.

Northern New York Club

The Northern New York Club held its 25th annual outing Sunday, Aug. 26, in Central Park, Schenectady. Members of Camps and Auxiliaries were present from New York City, Cohoes, Glens Falls, Albany, Troy and Merchantsville, N. J.

Present and past officers, guests, were Dept. Sec.-Treas. Julius Isaacs, New York City; Mrs. Rose Isaacs, Aux. Dept. Pres., and Mrs. Sophie Isaacs, Aux. Dept. Sec.; Past Dept. Pres. Miss Edith Paulding and Mrs. Marion Werner, of New York; Mrs. Sally Morgan Somers, New York, Dept. Personal Aide; George Somers of New York, retired, chief electrician's mate, USN; Miss Martha Palmer of Glens Falls, Dept. Special Aid of the Aux.; William McAffrey of Cohoes, Club President; Mrs. Bessie Countois of Cohoes, Sec. of the New York Club; Mrs. William McAffrey of Cohoes, Pat. Inst. and Dept. Aid to the Chief-of-Staff; Mrs. Anna Schwartz, wife of the late Charles Schwartz, who was Past Dept. Com.; Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mabel Miller, Schenectady; Mrs. Minnie Steiner, Past Dept. Pres., and Mrs. Edward Van Voast.

Camp 60, Rochester

O'Rorke Camp started its fall activities with a bang on Sept. 12, when it featured its bi-monthly regular meeting as a "roll call" and came through with slightly better than

50 per cent of its roster membership answering present. Every officer was at his station when Com. Leary opened the meeting in regular form, after which P. D. C. Fred Colwell obligated one new candidate and announced others to following at next meeting.

Aux. 23 joined in after their meeting for a social hour and refreshments, and Bro. "Bill" Bay and his good wife, Sister Flora, were presented with a purse and life memberships in the Camp and its Auxiliary, the occasion being their golden wedding anniversary. Bro. Bay was Camp Treasurer for twenty-two years, and Sister Flora is a Past President and long-honored member of Aux. 23.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

John G. Spielman, Dept. Press Secretary, 207 Roswell Ave., Long Beach 3, Calif.

Camp 1, San Francisco

A successful picnic, which promises to become an annual event, was held by this Camp on Sept. 9 in Golden Gate Park. Past Dept. Com. George A. Rupel, in charge of program, presented Past Dept. Pres. Ella Mae Cloud, Lenore D. Glass, Hannah Dabel, Gertrude Salisbury and others representing this District.

A program of speaking and music followed the picnic dinner, a feature of which was the presentation of a large Spanish War flag, made by the Baptist ladies of Oakland, to Brother Rupel for his Boy Scout Troop. The presentation was by C. A. McCurdy of Camp 21, Oakland. The enthusiasm of the 42 participants promises to augment the attendance in succeeding years.

Camp 21, Oakland

Baker Camp held their Annual Picnic for the Grand Army and their Allied Orders at Mosswood Park, Sunday, Aug. 12. It was well attended by members from cities in the northern part of the state, who were honored by the presence of a Past Com-in-Chief J. S. Dumser of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This is the nineteenth consecutive year of this event, which was instituted by the Camp under the leadership of Dept. Com. R. B. Dumser, assisted by Camp Com. J. A. Hughes, and Color Guard Fred Gehring.

Camp 8, Inglewood

A reception was given Aux. Dept. Pres. Mrs. Bessie Woerner and Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Frank Woerner by Aux. 8 at the Odd Fellows Hall, Friday, Aug. 31. A large number of Nat. and Dept. Officers were included in the hundred guests who were present.

Camp 7, Pasadena

A joint meeting of District No. 2 was entertained at the Pearl St. Club House by this Camp and Auxiliary, June 26. Among those attending were Dept. Com. R. B. Dumser and Dept. Pres. Bessie Woerner. Seven cities from the state contributed 162 guests. Col. George E. Lance, Camp Com., and Gertrude Butler, Pres. of the Aux., were official hosts. A program of music and refreshments were served.

INDIANA

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

At the Encampment at Columbus, O., the following Camps from Indiana were represented: Lafayette 2; Valparaiso 1; Muncie 2; Frankfort 1; Richmond 1; Kokomo 1; Terre Haute 1.

At the Indiana banquet thirty-two were present. A fine Encampment enjoyed by all.

PENNSYLVANIA

Wilmer L. Houseman, Dept. Press Cor., 1429 19 Avenue, Altoona, Pa.
Camp 16, Reading
 C. LeRoy Stoudt, who was recently elected Chief-of-Staff and Pa. Brigade Com. of the Reserve, was honored at a testimonial dinner recently by members of Co. F, 2nd Infantry. A high light of the affair was the presentation of Colonel's insignia to the guest of honor, who was advanced to a Colonel's rank coincident with his appointment to the state commander's post. The presentation was made by Sgt. Charles Warr, chairman of the dinner committee.
 Entertainment and social activities followed the banquet.

Camp 236, Philadelphia
 Membership drive on for 1945. Three for January to June. One for September quarter. Well done, but how about being Santa; double it for December.
 The boys of Co. L are recruiting, many are eligible. Let's go!
 To our Overseas Boys welcome home, a big job well done. All who can are invited to our meetings.
 Camp and Auxiliary wish to thank members of Co. L for their fine job of renovation to ante-rooms.

Bro. Lutz is serving in Merchant Marine and would like to hear from members of the order. Address, G. W. Lutz, c/o S/S Heron's Bridge, c/o Marine Transport N. Y. C., N. Y.
 Bro. John Johnson, P.C.C., had a bad fall Aug. 7 and is slowly recovering, best of luck for a speedy recovery from all.

Golden Wedding Anniversary
 On Sept. 19 Sister Grace Henninger, Dept. Insp. Ladies of the G. A. R., held an open house reception in honor of her mother and father, Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Good of Williamsport, Pa., who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary that day.

Sister Anna Good, who is a Past Dept. President of the Ladies of G. A. R., received many useful and beautiful gifts appropriate to occasion, also a larger number of beautiful cards.

ILLINOIS

Phil Byron, Publicity Director, Kankakee.
Camp 1, Chicago
 Gen. George A. Custer Camp had the sad duty of attending funeral services for Bro. Edward C. Skinner, 75 years old, at Chapel, 6238 Cottage Grove Ave., on Sept. 16, which was attended by the members of the Camp, including Ill. Dept. Com. Chas. R. Brush, who journeyed from Aurora to be present at the services. Bro. Skinner was a member for many years and very active in attending Encampments and special affairs held. His genial smile and affable manner will be missed by all the members who knew him.
 Our Camp is progressing nicely, has a good and active membership, and Aux. 30 is very co-operative and made a big success of our basket picnic, held at Caldwell Woods, on Aug. 19. We are well in the black in our ledger accounts.

Camp 25, Peoria
 The regular Social meeting of Thrush Camp and its Auxiliary was held Thursday evening, Sept. 27, at the Grand Army Hall. A fine supper was served at 6:30 sharp.
 William V. Pilditch, from Household Finance, was the supper speaker, his topic being "It's Our Job Now." His talk was about the returned veteran and the reconversion problem, a topic of vital interest to all.

MINNESOTA

Charles F. Martin, Dept. Press Correspondent, 126 South 12th St., Minneapolis 2, Minn.
 Dept. Com. Chester L. Charter and P. D. C. George E. Bailey, Nat'l and Dept. Chaplain, represented the Minnesota Department at the Nat'l Encampment at Columbus, Ohio. They have been in attendance at previous Encampments and know their way around, so the Department was in good hands.
 Since our Dept. Encampment in June, Dept. Com. Charter has visited Camp No. 2 at Brooks, S. D., and Camp No. 2 at Detroit Lakes, Minn., with Mrs. Charter, Past Dept. Pres., W. R. C. and Mrs. Ida Dobin, Dept. Pres. of our Aux. Brother Charter is planning for other trips in the future including Duluth.

Camp 8, Minneapolis
 Minneapolis Camp is laying plans for an old-time Veterans' Night program for November, beginning with an army bean feed. A prominent speaker is to be contacted for the occasion. Our Auxiliary is joining with the Camp in this observance. St. Paul Camp No. 1 and Auxiliary are being invited.

WISCONSIN

E. A. Hickey, Dept. Press Cor., Sheboygan.
Camp 37, Sheboygan
 On Sept. 7, Carl Witte Camp lost one of its best loved and most respected members by the death of Dr. Gilbert H. Stannard, who was born and practiced his profession in Sheboygan County for the greater part of his life. Dr. Stannard passed away peacefully at St. Nicholas Hospital. Thirty-two members of Camp 37 and 24 members of Auxiliary 19 attended the services of our deceased Brother.

On Aug. 20 and Sept. 24, Camp 37 held their monthly meetings at the cottage of one of the members of the Camp. This venture was enthusiastically received. After the regular meetings, refreshments were served with all the fixings. All brothers attending pronounced this the real thing and hope for a continuation of the new venture.

On Sept. 1 Com. Raatz sent committees to the cemeteries in the city to remove the weathered flags from the graves of all Civil War Veterans and members of our Camp. We believe this will improve the appearance of the cemeteries and safeguard the respect due our Flag.

A campaign was just concluded wherein approximately 1000 United States and Service Flags were sold and delivered in Sheboygan County.—H.S.S.

Onward and Upward
 Henry Harnden Camp 2, Madison, is moving steadily onward and upward. On Aug. 19 we held a most successful out-of-door picnic at the home of Mrs. Bessie Baencroft, a member of our Auxiliary, and active along patriotic lines. The attendance was very good, the eats were excellent, and the short program, literary in the afternoon and more or less of a song-fest in the early evening, kept all alerted so time did not drag. Several from Baraboo were present.

At our last meeting in September there was an interesting discussion of the lineage, the heritage and life of Gen. McArthur, eligible to our Order.—H.S.S.

KANSAS

C. B. Martin, Correspondent, 122 South 32nd Street, Parsons, Kan.
 Dept. Com. Hobbie has been making calls on the Camps of the Kansas Dept. Brother

C. O. Burt, Com. of Burnside Camp No. 45, Sallina, came in with reports and tax up to Jan. 1, 1946. Com. Hobbie called on Shiloh Camp No. 30 at Newton, on Aug. 20 and had a very enjoyable and profitable meeting with the Camp and Auxiliary.

On the 12th of September he met with the members of Wyandotte Camp No. 13, in Kansas City, Kan. There was a goodly number present and a very good meeting was enjoyed. We are looking for a fine list of new members from Wyandotte Camp for this quarter. Sedgwick Camp No. 18, of Ellsworth, sent in three new applications and promised several others.

Walter R. Turner, our Dept. Delegate, has been sick in Bell Memorial Hospital, in Kansas City, Kansas, for some time.

MAINE

Vernon W. Miller, Press Correspondent, 220 Center St., Bath, Maine.

Camp 8, Augusta
 Col. Henry G. Staples Camp and Auxiliary held an Old Timers Reunion meeting on the night of Monday, Oct. 8. It was the 55th Anniversary of Staples Camp. Invitations were extended to all Dept. Officers, Past Dept. Commanders and Past Dept. Aux. Presidents. The presiding officer of the evening was Burleigh Martin. A 50-year membership badge was presented to Past Dept. Com. John C. Howes. An excellent entertainment was presented.

Camp 7, Rockland
 A reception was held in G. A. R. Hall in honor of Mrs. Stella McRae, Dept. Pres. of the Auxiliary, and her staff. Many guests from over the state were present and in the receiving line with Mrs. McRae were members of her staff, and Dept. Com. Charles York, of Norway, and his staff.
 The Rev. Herman R. Winchenbaugh was master of ceremonies.

Camp 46, Bath
 On our first meeting this fall we had one new member come in and four more are to come soon. We are doing good work in our Camp, having from 18 to 25 members at our meetings.

Camp 69, South Paris
 The members of Chamberlain Camp, Daughters, and our Auxiliary gave a reception Saturday night, Sept. 8, to Dept. Com. Charles C. York, a member of the local Camp, at the South Paris Grange Hall. Delegations came from many parts of the state.

CONNECTICUT

A. Raymond Root, Publicity Director, 323 Hillside Ave., Hartford, Conn.

Mansfield Camp No. 53
 Mansfield Camp held an open meeting in Moose Hall recently and had as their guest Dept. Com. Barnum, of Bridgeport, and members of his staff. The feature of the evening was the presentation of a 50-year membership badge to William N. Elliot, formerly of New Bedford, Mass., now living in Rockfall, who had been a member of John A. Hawes Camp No. 35, of New Bedford, for 50 years. Dept. Com. Barnum made the presentation for the John A. Hawes Camp, stressing the patriotism, loyalty and devotion to the order shown by Mr. Elliot, and wished him long life and happiness. Mr. Elliot expressed his thanks, and related a humorous poem which was well received.

An entertainment was given consisting of humorous recitations piano solos and the singing of patriotic songs.

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, National President, 5103 North Clark Street, Chicago 40, Illinois.
 Miss Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent Dwight, Ill.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 59th Nat'l Encamp. of the Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held the week of Sept. 30 in Columbus, Ohio. The Encamp. was held after much contradictory information as to whether it could or could not be held, so that when permission to hold it was received it left but little time to make preparations, but the Ohio Sisters and Brothers were equal to the occasion and a most enjoyable Encamp. was the result. The Hotel Fort Hayes was headquarters for the Sons and their Aux. and sessions for both organizations were held in the hotel, which made it most convenient for all quartered there.

The greater number of the delegates arrived during the day Sunday. Sunday afternoon the G. A. R. Memorial Service was held in Memorial Hall, with the great U. S. Marine Band present to furnish beautiful music for the occasion. The Republican Men's Club of Columbus also furnished music, singing two selections. Hon. Paul M. Herbert, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, presided and gave the address of the afternoon. Com-in-Chief Isaac W. Sharp of the G. A. R. and the heads of the allied patriotic orders, were seated on the stage, as were the Nat'l Chaplains of the organizations. Floral tributes in memory of deceased members of all the allied orders were placed on a V-shaped stand by the nat'l heads of the orders, and later each Nat'l Chaplain of his or her respective order, read a tribute. Our Nat. Pres. Edith B. Nile and Nat. Chap. Lena Barrett officiated for our order at the service.

Sunday evening a Joint Opening of the Aux. and Sons took place in the Gold Room of Hotel Hayes. This was a lovely affair and was planned and arranged by Nat'l Chief-of-Staff Hazel L. Moushey. Members of the Ohio Dept. S. V. Aux. in white floor-length dresses, carrying arches covered with yellow roses, formed an aisle through which Past Nat'l Presidents, Past Coms-in-Chief and the Nat'l officers of both organizations marched, were introduced and seated. Last of all came Nat. Pres. Nile and Com-in-Chief Mackey who were presented to the assemblage with all the honors due their station. The Ohio girls then formed in double file, each carrying a yellow rose, and marched to the President's station and presented our Nat. Pres. with the roses, which formed a lovely bouquet. During the ceremony of presenting the roses Mrs. Harry E. Mader sang "I'll Build the World in the Heart of a Rose" and "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Roscoe Eckelberry. Remarks were made by several and gifts presented.

Monday morning at 11 o'clock the first official session of the Aux. Encampment opened in the Gold Room, Hotel Fort Hayes, where each succeeding session was held. Nat. Chief-of-Staff Moushey presided and Nat. Pres. Nile was escorted into the room and presented, and then assumed her station and presided with her usual graciousness. The usual opening ceremonies of prayer and flag salute and singing of our national anthem took place. Sister Carrie Wilson, Pres. of the Columbus Aux., extended greetings and best wishes for a pleasant convention and presented a bouquet of flowers in the name of her Aux. Sister Wilson has been a member of the order and of Columbus Aux. for over 50 years. She is a Past Nat. Treas. of our order.

The following Past Nat. Presidents were introduced to the convention: Katie Carr, Pa.; Blanche Beverstock, N. H.; Emma S. Finch,

Ind.; Mamie Deems, Calif.; Ida B. Lange, N. Y.; Margaret Anderson, Mass.; Margaret Brady, N. Y.; Ann Lockyer, Ohio; Eva B. Blackman, Ill.; Clara Gallagher, Pa.; Margaret Schroeder, N. J.; Mary Stapleton, N. Y.; Maud B. Warren, Mass. Later Celeste Gontieu, Md., and Edna Bergwitz, Ohio, were introduced to the Encampment, making a total of 15 Past Nationals present. Each was presented a gift from Nat. Pres. Nile, by Nat. Personal Aide Sylvia Sebrell.

The sitting Dept. Presidents were also introduced, also the Dept. Presidents of 1944-45, and each received a gift from Nat. Pres. Nile.

At the Monday afternoon session, Nat. Vice Pres. Agnes Palmer, Pa., ably presided in the absence of Nat. Pres. Nile.

Letters and telegrams of greetings were read from several absent Sisters. Nat. Vice Pres. Agnes Palmer read her report which was a very fine one. Splendid reports were also read by Nat. Treas. Mary Liddick, Pa.; Nat. Chap., Lena Barrett, Calif.; Nat. Press Cor. Jean Thole, Ill.; Nat. Special Aide, Sylvia Sebrell, Ohio; Nat. Special Aide Alice Thompson, N. J.; and later that of National Counselor Michael G. Heintz, Ohio.

P. N. P. Maude Warren, Chairman of Nat. Council, reported that upon thorough examination all books, records and papers of the Nat. Sec. and Nat. Treas. were found to be correct and up-to-date, and in splendid condition and moved a rising vote of thanks be given these two officers for their excellent and faithful work. Seconded by several and carried. These two Sisters had indeed carried on the past year amid many difficulties due to war-time conditions and deserve a great deal of praise for their fine work. Reports of the chairmen of various committee were also heard, showing splendid work done by them.

Nat. Pres. Nile assumed her station and announced the ceremony of presentation of a gift to the Fletcher Hospital, from the S. V. Aux. nat'l body, from funds raised during the year by Nat. Pat. Inst. Ethelyn Tucker, of N. H. Sister Tucker presided at the ceremony and gave a talk and then presented Capt. Howard, of Fletcher Hospital, with a check for \$250 to be used for the purchase of a circular saw for the occupational therapy dept. of the hospital. Capt. Howard accepted the gift with thanks and explained occupational therapy work which is a most useful occupational therapy for patients at the hospital.

Nat. Pat. Inst. Neil Cranmer of the Sons reported that the nat'l body of Sons had donated \$728 in contributions from the various Depts. in the order and the amount had been presented to the Grand Army of the Republic, as a gift.

Adjournment was taken for the Joint Memorial meeting with the Sons. This Joint Memorial was held in the Gold Room and was a beautiful and impressive service, planned and arranged by Nat. Chap. Lena Barrett of the Aux., and Nat. Chap. Geo. E. Bailey, of the Sons, both of whom presided at the meeting. Floral tributes in memory of deceased Brothers and Sisters were deposited in a vase. The Aux. lost a Past Nat. Pres., Elizabeth E. R. Davis, of Md. Dept., besides a number of other Sisters throughout Depts. The Sons lost a Past Com.-in-Chief, Wm. Allan Dyer, of N. Y. Dept., and other Brothers as well. Eulogies were paid to their memory.

Monday evening a very fine exemplification of the ritual was given by the Alliance Aux., Nat. Pres. Nile's own Aux. This was followed by Urion and Edith's party which included fun for all. The "Kitchen Band," composed of members of the Columbus Aux. in costume and playing on instruments of kitchen utensils, gave a novel, unique and most enjoyable performance. Sr. Isabel Wallace was

the reader. Community singing was also enjoyed.

The highlight of the Tuesday morning session was the reading of her annual report by Nat. Pres. Nile. This was a splendid report and was received with applause. Sister Nile had a most difficult and discouraging year with conditions as they were due to the war, but now happily ended. She was given a rising vote of thanks.

Nat. Sec. Hazel Lester was reported ill and was confined to her bed during most of the Encamp. She too had a hard, difficult year and the sympathy of the entire order goes out to her. One nephew was lost due to the war and another nephew, whom she raised as her own son, lost both eyes in the war. She also carried on war work in addition to her duties as National Secretary.

Chairman of the Credential Com., Past Nat. Chief-of-Staff Edna Lambert, N. J., reported 182 credential cards had been deposited by delegates. This later was increased to 189, which was considered a fine representation in the face of a hurried preparation for a Nat. Encamp. Also present at the Encamp. were many non-voting members.

One of the big moments on Tuesday morning was the presentation of a check for \$200 to Nat. Pres. Nile for the purchase of a ring, the usual gift of the nat. body to the Nat. Pres. The presentation was made by P. N. P. Katie Carr, and later a beautiful diamond ring was purchased and presented to Nat. Pres. Nile by P. N. P. Margaret Brady who made a most beautiful speech, eulogizing Pres. Nile and her fine work.

Reports of other various committees were read. One of the most important was the Report of the Chairman of the Blood Plasma Fund, P. N. P. Margaret L. Waters. The sum of \$5,032.54 was collected by Sister Waters, and \$3500 had been sent to the Red Cross, leaving a balance of \$1,533.54. This balance was supplemented by further contributions made at the Encamp. It was voted that the amount be turned over to Nat. Pres. Nile to be used for the benefit of war veterans. Sister Nile said she would confer with the Nat. Chairman of the Fund, Sister Margaret Waters, regarding the best and most important use of the money, in keeping with the purpose for which it was originally intended—to aid boys in the recent World War.

Greetings committees were received and welcomed from the W. R. C., Daughters of U. V., Jewish War Mothers, and Ladies of the G. A. R. Our organization too sent greetings committees to the other allied patriotic orders and were warmly received. Tues. afternoon a Greetings committee of 22 members from the Sons of U. V. visited us; talks were made by several and we enjoyed the visit very much, as is always the case when our Brothers visit us.

Tuesday evening the Sons exemplified their ritual and the Courtesy Hour followed, our Nat. Pres. Edith received many beautiful gifts and she in turn presented her Nat. Officers with lovely remembrances. There was also an exchange of other gifts.

The delightful affair was planned by our efficient Nat. Chief-of-Staff Hazel Moushey, who was a very busy little lady during the entire convention with her multitude of duties in planning for the various social activities.

Wednesday morning there was no session on account of the usual G. A. R. parade, which was very short this year. The parade was headed by the U. S. Marine Band, the Sons marching in a body. The few remaining boys in blue of the once large, stalwart army, rode in automobiles. It was a pitiful reminder that very soon there will be no boys

in blue with us and only in memory will we see them and remember their valiant deeds that saved our nation from disunion.

Wednesday afternoon nomination of officers took place and on Thursday the election by Australian ballot resulted as follows: Nat. Pres., Gladys B. Sallman, Ill.; Vice Pres., Lulu Rickart, Ind.; Council: Edith B. Nile, Ohio; Rose Volker, N. J., and Glenna Bumps, Vt. Pat. Inst. Susie Smith, N. Y.; Chap., Hattie Lawton, R. I.; Press Cor., Jean M. Thole, Ill.

The reports of the Com. on Officers Reports and Com. on Resolutions were given by P. N. P. Clara Gallagher and P. N. P. Margaret Brady, respectively. These will later be promulgated in General Orders issued by the incoming Nat. Pres.

The beautiful hand crocheted table cloth made and donated by Nat. Pat. Inst. Tucker for her fund, was awarded to the Mass. Dept., who held the lucky number. The hand crocheted doily went to Reva Wilson, of Astoria, Oregon.

Wednesday evening the dinner and reception to Nat. Pres. Nile and Com.-in-Chief Mackey was given in the ball room of the Chittenden Hotel. This was a brilliant affair and was planned by Nat. Chief-of-Staff Hazel Moushey. The Nat. Officers were seated at a beautifully decorated table and the Past Nat. Presidents and Past Coms.-in-Chief at tables near by. The U. S. Marine Band furnished music during the dinner and later an orchestra played for dancing. Fruit punch and cookies were served. At each plate at the dinner were folders containing the pictures of Com.-in-Chief Mackey and Nat. Pres. Nile, as well as other souvenirs.

Retiring Com.-in-Chief Union Mackey of the Sons paid a visit to our meeting Thursday afternoon and gave a talk and presented Nat. Pres. Nile with the \$25 war bond, as a result of the membership contest in which the Aux. won and the Sons lost.

Later in the afternoon the newly elected Com.-in-Chief, H. Harding Hale, of Mass., called and in his talk expressed his fealty and loyalty to our Aux. He and our newly elected Pres., Gladys Sallman, will work hand in hand for the progress and best interests of the Sons and Aux.

Two of the most important reports are those of the Nat. Patriotic Instructor and Nat. Chief-of-Staff. Both officers gave fine reports and deserved and received the congratulations of all. Nat. Pat. Inst. Ethelyn Tucker reported as having received \$1,200.62. Expense amounted to \$30.91, leaving \$1,169.71 turned over to the national body.

Nat. Chief-of-Staff Hazel Moushey reported \$2,396.90 received with expenditures of \$268.35, leaving a balance turned over to National of \$2,128.55.

Additional donations to above funds were received at Encampment from clubs and individuals.

The newly elected officers were very beautifully and impressively installed by P. N. P. Eva Blackman, of Ill. Sister Gladys was presented with the Nat. Pres. gold badge that she will wear during her term of office, by Retiring Nat. Pres. Nile, who was presented with a handsome Past Nat. Pres. badge by P. N. P. Maude B. Warren, her predecessor.

Last minute business was transacted and the Encamp. closed in due form, everyone present feeling it had been a most successful and harmonious one and that everyone had had a good time.

The meeting place for next year's Encampment may be Indianapolis, Ind.

NOTES

The Ohio Dept. of the Aux. gave a lovely breakfast Tuesday morning in the Blue Room of the Ft. Hayes Hotel, the guests being the Past Nat. Presidents and the Nat. officers.

The tables were beautifully decorated in patriotic colors and yellow, the latter being the official color of the nat'l body of our order. Lovely flowers added to the decorative features and a delicious menu was served. Buckeyes, symbol of the state of Ohio, were greatly in evidence, and if any one wishes any, please contact P. N. V. P. Agnes Palmer, of Pa., who collected them from all sources at the breakfast and said she was going to use them for "Christmas presents." Dept. Pres. Hazel Brannon, of Ohio, presided at the breakfast and extended a welcome to all. Later a rising vote of thanks was extended the Dept. for their fine hospitality.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT

Myrtle S. Wilson will be remembered by many having attended both Dept. and Nat. Encampments and working actively in Aux. 24 of Terre Haute, Ind., for about 20 years. She served as a floor officer under Lida Maguire, Lillian Ball, Lena Stahl and Minnie O'Harrow and was Dept. Pat. Inst. Sister Wilson has not been in good health for several months; enjoys The Banner, which helps her to not lose complete contact while inactive. She will be in a Convalescent Home soon at 1339 Chestnut Street, Terre Haute, Ind.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT

A most delightful reception was given to Dept. Pres Maud B. Russell by Aux. 11 of Keene on the evening of June 29 in G. A. R. Hall, attended by over 200 members of Allied Orders, other Veterans organizations and friends. Decorations were patriotic and floral, and the Grange Orchestra furnished the music for the Grand March, and entertainment that followed the reception. The opening prayer of the program was made by Rev. Grace Williams, a niece of Mrs. Russell; remarks by Dept. Com. of Sons, Bert L. Craine of Hillsboro; Mrs. Ethelyn Tucker, Nat. Pat. Inst.; P. N. P. Mrs. Maude B. Warren, of Mass.; the Dept. Pres. of the D. U. V. and heads of the local patriotic orders. Many lovely and useful gifts were presented to Mrs. Russell from orders of which she is a member, and friends. All Auxs. in the Dept. were represented, with many from Vermont, and a member of the D. U. V., Mrs. Agnes Berot, of Minneapolis, Minn. Light refreshments were served.

The N. E. Regional Meeting of the Sons and Aux. was held at The Weirs, N. H., Sept. 1-2, with a large attendance, representing all the N. E. states. A supper was served on Saturday night and a chicken pie dinner on Sunday, in charge of the N. H. Dept. Aux. Council. A feature of the Saturday evening program was the presentation of a beautiful silk flag, to the Soldiers Home in Tilton, N. H. The presentation was made by Mrs. Ethelyn Tucker, of Alton, Nat. Pat. Inst. of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, assisted by Mrs. Maud Russell of Keene, Dept. Pres. Wendell Crowell, Commandant of the Home, accepted the flag.

Penacook Aux. No. 18 decided they would give a pint of blood or its cost equivalent, for each member of their Aux., and have exceeded their goal, and sent \$50 to the chairman of the Blood Plasma Fund. An interesting program is arranged for each meeting by the Pat. Inst. of this Aux. Birthdays of members are celebrated, with lunch after the meetings. The Dept. Vice Pres. is a member of this Aux.

Keene, Aux. 11, the home Aux. of the Dept. Pres. Mrs. Maud Russell, have held a rummage sale, a food sale, and interesting programs are arranged for all meetings. Aux. 11 is the largest Aux. in the Dept. and has an active membership. The Past President's Club have regular meetings and prove helpful in many ways to the Aux.—Caroline E. Chase, Dept. Press Cor., 297 Main St., Nashua,

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

The Exemplification and Class Initiation of the S. V. Aux. was held at Pittman Hall, Boston, June 30, with a very fine attendance. P. N. P. and Dept. Treas. Margaret L. Waters, the general chairman, opened this meeting and introduced the following Past Presidents of our Dept., who so finely exemplified the ritualistic work: Pres., Ursula Shephardson, Springfield; V. Pres., Rita Angier, Marlboro; Past Pres., Mae L. Bush, Westfield; Chap., Emma S. Warren, Springfield; Guide, Phyllis M. Dean, Westboro; Asst. Guide, Mary Freeman, Whitman; Pat. Inst., Mary Dow, Dorchester; Color Guards, Maude B. Warren, Brockton, and Mary Carr, Melrose; Musician, Alice Rand, Brookline; Sec., Viola Brunet, Rockland; Treas., Beatrice Pike, Bedford; Press Cor., Margaret Palmer, Melrose; Trustees, Cora Hanners, Beverly; Flora Whitney, Westboro, and Margaret Anderson, Roxbury; I. G., Alice Campbell, and O. G., Esther Thompson; Counselor, H. H. Hale.

Guests seated on the platform were Dept. Insp. Frances Cox, Dept. Pres. Myra Blanchard, and members of the Nat. Council, Dept. Pres. of Maine. Remarks were made by the inspecting officer after the work was completed; one new member was received into the Brockton Aux. There were six visitors from New Hampshire, two from Maine and five Sons. At the close of the meeting, the president turned the gavel over to P. N. P. Margaret Waters who asked all Sisters present who were twenty-five years or more members to march to the front of the hall. There assisted by our Dept. Pres. and members of the National body, a silver bar to be worn on the badge was presented; there were over forty in this line. Sister Waters thanked all who had made the effort to be present at this meeting, it being on one of the hottest Saturdays this summer.

Gen. George G. Meade Camp and Auxiliary tendered a reception to our Dept. Pres., Myra Blanchard, at Abington Grand Army Hall Saturday evening, July 28. Both halls were decorated with beautiful cut flowers, flags were enmassed in the upper hall at the front of the stage, a large table was laden with beautiful gifts for our Myra from her many friends. During the evening readings and solos were rendered. "Our Tiny" of the Sons did his best to keep the audience in a fine state of mind with his songs and games. The Mass. State song was sung. Refreshments were served during the evening after which dancing was enjoyed.

The annual outing of the Mass. Past Presidents Assn. was held at the home of Myra Blanchard on July 21 with a good attendance, cars meeting the Boston train.—Blanche Foster, Dept. Press Cor., 5 W. Washington St., Hanson, Mass.

IOWA DEPARTMENT

At the Dept. Encamp. held in June at Waterloo, the following officers were elected and appointed: Dept. Pres., Grace E. Hansen, Iowa Falls; V. P., Ethel Jones, Des Moines; Council: Neva Clark, Waterloo; Glen Morgan, Cedar Falls; Melissa Harrington, Davenport. Chap., Lola Harmon, Iowa City; Pat. Inst., Edith Smith, Cedar Falls; Inspec., Myrtle Ruhnke, Des Moines; Sec., Nellie Cessford, Iowa Falls; Treas., Blanche Renner, Des Moines; I. & I. Of., Zella Russell, Fairfield; Chief-of-Staff, Margaret Hall, Iowa Falls; Press Cor., Ruby Kay, Iowa Falls; Counselor, Rev. Luther Childs, Centerville.—Ruby Kay, Dept. Press Cor., 521 Talbot, Iowa Falls, Ia.

Note: Iowa Dept. sent in more news, also Conn., Pa., and Mich. Depts. which on account of this being Encamp. number, we are not able to print until next issue—December. Nat. Press Cor.