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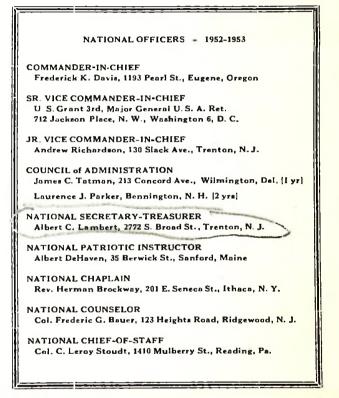
# Atlantic City Encampment Huge Success---Buffalo Next

Beginning Saturday, and continuing through Thursday, August 23-28, the officers, delegates, and members arrived in Atlantic City, N. J. to take part in the 71st National Encampment of the S. U. V. C. W. and the 66th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary. The Jefferson Hotel was the headquarters of both organizations, where all meetings and social affairs were held. Close to 600 members of the two organizations attended the many joint meetings and social affairs.

The public rooms of the hotel were air-conditioned, and were beautifully decorated inside and out. The profusion of bunting, flags, flowers, palms, and banners lent a patriotic and festive air to the setting. On Sunday morning, special services were held in all Atlantic City churches. In the afternoon, there was registration of delegates, council meetings, and routine matters concerning the opening of the conventions. As each delegate registered he received a beautiful convention badge, convention program, and a large variety of souvenirs of Atlantic City, and of New Jersey.

### JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

On Sunday evening at 7:30 the Penna. Brigade Band S. V. R. gave an hour concert, following which a concert was presented by the Trenton Glee Club composed of 28 male voices. This outstanding organization delighted the delegates with their rendition of many stirring patriotic and sacred songs, including "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (continued next page)





Pictured are Commander-in-Chief Bennett; Atlantic City, City Auditor Bob Shrag; and National President Dean during Joint Opening exercises. Mr. Shrag represented Mayor Altman and the City Government, and welcomed both conventions. He presented Sister Dean with a "golden key to the city", and presented Bro. Bennett with a gold badge designating him as "Chief of Detectives" for the convention week. Page Two

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Pictured (from left) Acting N. J. Governor Harold W. Hannold, Commander Bennett, National President Sister Phyllis Dean, and General Grant (Press-Union Photo)

### By Sam Schor--Press-Union Staff Writer:

Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant 3rd called on descendents of men who fought in the nation's armed forces during the Civil War to lead the fight against "socialization of our country". The retired Army officer and grandson of the famed Civil War general and 18th U. S. President also asked the group to help rid the government of Communistic elements.

Grant spoke at a banquet of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary. Some 500 men and women attended.

"We, who are descended from soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, have a mission besides that of honoring their memory", he said. "We must try to do for our country in our day what they did in their day. They settled a crisis in the nation's history and settled it definitely so now it is no longer an issue."

"The overall need," he said, "is for a settled world with a feeling of peace instead of the cold war and constant and continued anxiety. We must also bring back the world to a sound economic basis." Gen. Grant was a West Point classmate of Douglas MacArthur.

Acting New Jersey Gov. Harold W. Hannold greeted the group in behalf of Gov. Driscoll. He noted that this was the first encampment here since 1910 and expressed the hope the group won't wait another forty years to meet here again. Hannold, a Senator from Gloucester County, said New Jersey is proud to welcome a group which is upholding the "immortal services and sacrifices of the men who preserved the Union in the Civil War".

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and the "Gettysburg Address". The band concert was highlighted by martial music and Civil War songs

At 9:30 o'clock Joint Memorial Services were held in the auditorium in memory of those who had passed on from both organizations. This impressive service was in charge of the Chaplains of both organizations, and was arranged and carried out by them, with Nat'l Chaplain Sister Isla Dow presiding. Three Grand Army of the Republic Comrades, two Past Commanders-in-Chief of the S. U. V. C. W., and one Past Nat'l President of the Auxiliary were memorialized by members of both orders, as were the deceased Dep't and Past Dep't Officers of both organizations. The services were a beautiful and gracious gesture to those loved ones who had labored in the past in the interests of both organizations.

### COURTESY BREAKFAST

Monday morning a Courtesy Breakfast for the Nat'l Officers and Past Nat'l Presiding Officers of both organizations as well as the local encampment committee was arranged by the New Jersey Dep't. The table was arranged in a U shape, and contained outstanding floral and patriotic decorations.

#### EXEMPLIFICATION of RITUAL

At 7:30 on Monday evening, the exemplification of the initiation work was performed by a degree team composed of members of Garfield Camp No. 4 Trenton, N. J. This team, dressed in Civil War blue uniforms, does an outstanding performance, and the work was enjoyed by all. At the same time a degree team composed of members of the New Jersey Dep't Auxiliary exemplified their initiatory work in another auditorium.

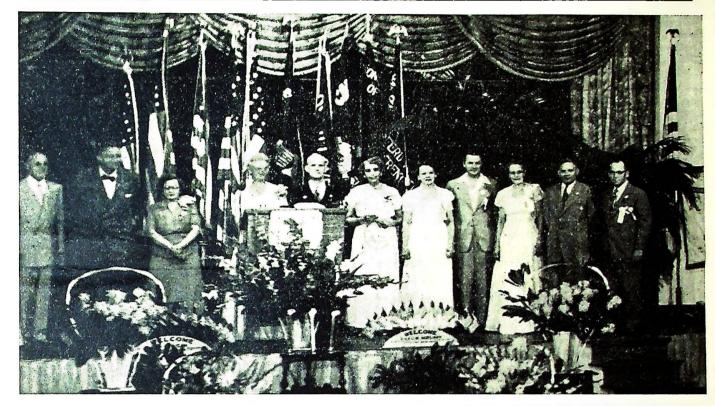
The Past Nat'l Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief held their annual banquet at 5 P. M. the same evening.

Following the initiatory work a band concert was given by the Penna. Brigade Band S. V. R. on the beautiful roof garden of the Hotel, after which the Auxiliary conducted their courtesy hour in the same setting.

#### CAMP-FIRE

At midnight, following the banquet and reception on Tuesday evening, an old fashioned Camp-Fire and songfest was held in the hotel lobby under the capable direction of Mary Gordon Elliot and Carder "Tiny" Perkins. This is fast becoming a favorite feature of the encampment.

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(From the left) C. in C. Bennett, City Auditor Shrag, Mrs. Sue Bennett, Chief of Staff Lenore Glass, Brother James Dean, Nat'l President Phyllis Dean, N. J. Dep't President Henrietta Satterthwaite, N. J. Dep't Commander George Kilmer, Chairlady of Committee Edna S. Lambert, Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt, and Chairman of Committee Albert C. Lambert, pictured at the Joint Opening which took place on Monday morning under direction of the Chiefs-of-Staff of both Orders. The Nat'l Officers of both S. U. V. C. W. and Auxiliary, the Past Commanders-in-Chief, and the Past Nat'l Presidents were escorted in and introduced. Then came Commander-in-Chief Bennett, and Nat'l President Sister Dean, who were introduced and both addressed the meeting. The New Jersey Convention Committee presented huge baskets of flowers to both Commander-in-Chief Bennett and Nat'l President Dean for use at their meetings. This was a public opening, and was largely attended and enjoyed.

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#### PARADE

The Wednesday twilight parade on the boardwalk was witnessed by at least 50,000 visitors to Atlantic City. The parade was reviewed by Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, C. in C. Bennett, and Nat'l Pres. Sister Dean. They lead the parade in open cars to the reviewing position, followed by a police escort, the Lambertville Drum and Bugle Corps, and the N. J. National Guard 157th Field Artillery Battalion and the 122nd Anti-Aircraft Battalion. The second division consisted of the S. V. R. Band, the Brigade Staff, and troops from the 1st, 2nd, and 6th Inf., S. V. R. The third division consisted of the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps, the massed colors of the New Jersey Camps, and Company B and Battery A of Trenton, as well as Boy Scout Troop 3 of Trenton with massed colors. The fourth division was lead by the Atlantic City String Band and the civilian marchers of both organizations. This was a large and enthusiastic group that carried State Banners from every Department.

Following the parade the Atlantic City String Band gave a colorful drill in their brilliant uniforms and string music in the auditorium of the hotel. This was followed by a "Parade of Flags" by Boy Scout Troop 3 of Trenton. These flags included a copy of every American Flag from the original to the present flag in use.

This was followed by a precision drill by Headquarters Troop S. V. R. of Philadelphia. This drill clearly indicated the many hours of practice necessary for perfection, and was enthusiastically received.

Col. C. Leroy Stoudt then presented a very entertaining floor show of professional entertainers, which was followed by dancing.

#### BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session for the S. U. V. C. W. was opened as scheduled at 1:30 P. M. in Auditorium A on Sept. 25th. At the opening of each session prayer was offered by Nat'l Chaplain James A. B. Young. All officers were present but National Council Member A. Leroy Reynolds, and National Personal Aide Young. C. in C. Bennett appointed P. D. C. Fred Combs Sr of N. J. to act on the Nat'l Council, and Harrison LeGrand of Iowa as Personal Aide.

C. in C. Bennett then appointed Andrew Richardson, of N. J. as Guide; Allen Howland, Mass. as the Color Guard; and William C. Rule, Mass. as Guard.

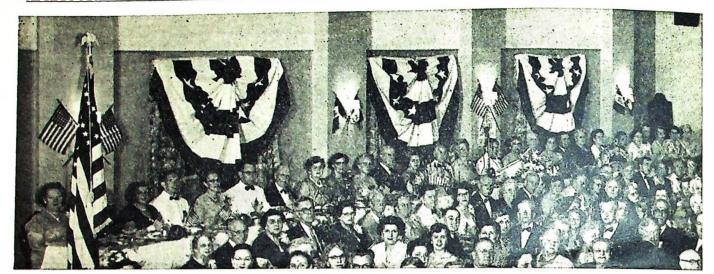
The C. in C. announced his convention appointments as follows:

Credential Committee: A. C. Lambert, N. J.; Ches-(continued on next page) ter Charter, Minn.;

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Pictured is the guest table at the Tuesday evening banquet. The decorations were outstanding, and the entertainment delightful. Greetings were received from Acting Governor Harold W. Hannold; from Gen. Grant; from Commander-in-Chief Bennett; from Nat'l President Sister Dean; from Mrs. Laura I. Smith, representing the Woman's Relief Corps; and from the Nat'l President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Miss Georgia Bone. At this affair Bro. Lambert announced that Acting Governor Hannold had signed an application for membership and would become a member of Camp 5 of Trenton.

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James Steenwerth, N. J.; Allan Spink, Conn.; and Melville Riggs, Calif.

Officers Reports: Allan S. Holbrook, Illinois; Chas. H. E. Moran, Mass.; Charles Webster, Maine; David Drake, Illinois; and Robert H. McMahon, New York.

Resolutions: John H. Runkle, Penna.; Earl Riggs. Calif.; Ludwig Manoly, Maryland; William Fuller, Mass.; Kenneth Hemminger, Penna.; and Charles F. Sherman, New York.

C. & R: Richard Locke, Illinois; Roy C. Cail, Mass; Albert B. DeHaven, Maine; James J. Dean, Mass: and Charles Messer, New York.

Press: Harold Drown, Mass.; Fred Combs Sr., N. J.

Ritual & Ceremonies: Henry Towle, Maine; J. Kirkwood Craig, N. H.; J. Wilbur Coursey, Calif.; George Kilmer, N. J.; and C. Edward Wetzel, Ohio.

1953 Encampment: C. Leroy Stoudt, Pa.; Neil D. Cranmer, N. Y.; and A. C. Lambert, N. J.

Restoration of Rank: Urion W. Mackey, Michigan: Geo. E. Burrows, R I.; and Edwin Barnard, Vt.

Fraternal Relations: All Past Commanders-in Chief

Reports of all officers were read and referred to the proper committees. These reports will be printed in full in the proceedings.

The secretary read the communications received and they were distributed to the various committees for attention.

C. in C. Bennett presented a beautiful silk American Flag to the Commandery-in-Chief and announced that it was the gift of the Iowa Auxiliary members. The flag was accepted by Nat'l Secretary Lambert on behalf of the organization with their appreciation.

C. in C. Bennett then presented gifts to his officers and to members of the New Jersey convention committee.

Among communications received were greetings from

Sr. Vice Commander Woolson of the G. A. R.: Gen. Douglas MacArthur; Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll; Mayor Joseph Altman of Atlantic City; Gen. Dwight Eisenhower; Congressman Kenneth Keating of N.Y.; Senator H. Alexander Smith of N. J.; and many Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Dep't Commanders.

Legislation enacted included: Approval of plan to secure decalcomania transfers of the badge medallion for use on automobile windows etc; continuation of the G. A. R. Fund; a \$200.00 appropriation to the G. A. R. Highway committee; approval of a plan by the G. A. R. highway committee to urge the issuance of a special postage stamp commemorating the completion of the highway, and for proper designation of the highway on maps; elimination of the Council-in-Chief and establishing a Council of Administration consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer, and two other elected members.

The incoming administration was authorized to appoint a committee to plan and recommend revision of C. R. & R.

From the committee on C. & R.; Definition of duties of Sr. Vice C. in C .-- shall be responsible for promoting programs promulgated by the Order or the Commander-in-Chief. Definition of duties of Jr. Vice C. in C .--shall be responsible for promoting membership and organization under direction of the Commander-in-Chief.

After a spirited contest, Buffalo was chosen over San Diego for the 1953 convention city. Watch future issues of The Banner for details.

All standing committee appointments will be announced in the next issue of The Banner.

Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt raised \$456.55 in the Chief of Staff fund this year, and after paying \$251.20 in expenses, turned over \$205.35 to the general fund of the Commandery-in-Chief. (concluded on next page)

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Nat'l Patr. Instr. Emery also submitted a splendid financial report of the G. A. R. Memorial Fund, turning over a net of \$635.30 to be credited to that fund.

Included in the report of the National Council which was approved, was a contribution of \$50.00 again this year to Lincoln University.

An unusual feature this year was the fact that all officers were elected by a unanimous rising vote of the Encampment. At the time of the election there were 151 votes present.

The visit of the Auxiliary Greetings Committee which included Mrs. Sue Bennett, wife of the Commander-in-Chief was impressive and appreciated. The Auxiliary Nat'l President, Sister Dean presented a gift of \$200.00 to the Commandery-in-Chief from her Encampment. Another welcome visitor was Mrs. Frederick Davis, wife of our new Commander-in-Chief, who pledged her assistance to her husband, and to the order.

The Resolutions committee expressed the appreciation of the encampment to the following; Berlin Drum and Bugle Corps; Penna. Brigade Band S. V. R.; New Jersey Encampment Committee: Camp 11 of Atlantic City; City Auditor Bob Shrag; Troop 3 Boy Scouts of Trenton; Camp 4 of Trenton; Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd; Senator Harold W. Hannold; the Hotel Jefferson, and the Atlantic City newspapers.

#### SIDELIGHTS of the ENCAMPMENT

Everyone registering received complimentary tickets for the Steel Pier, the Atlantic City Race Track, as well as sample Salt Water Taffy and a variety of souvenirs--the colors massed on the platform during the encampment were from various N. J. Camps--Thanks to Roy Stoudt for securing the beautiful ash tray souvenirs distributed at the banquet-Newspaper coverage was unusually good in Atlantic City-included several pictures of the parade and banquet-The Auxiliary Club Breakfast was brightly decorated with each club name prominently displayed-The Auxiliary P. D. P. luncheon was well attended-New President is Anna Stoudt of Reading, Pa .-- Nat'l Patr. Instr. Rose Isaacs presented a Sine-O-Trone to the Betty Bacharach Hospital for afflicted children at the Aux. meeting Tuesday afternoon -- While Buffalo and San Diego were the choice of the committee there were twenty-four invitations received for 1953 to choose from-The M. C. at the floor show on Wednesday evening certainly had four beauties from the Sons to work with him-congratulations to these "artists" -- The welcome signs, the bunting, flags, and music received their share of favorable comment-P. D. C. Geo. W. Lovering of Illinois lost his P. D. C. badge at the Encampment--if found please communicate with him at 4154 W. 5th Avenue, Chicago 24, Ill.



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They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety. -Benjamin Franklin

It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.....just think if everyone lit one little candle of patriotism, what a bright world it would be.

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Freedom dies with each individual; it is not reborn with his successors; it must be achieved anew, generation by generation.

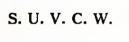
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In Good Standing June 30, 1952 449 9,562 Camps Suspended and Disbanded: Calif. Camp 24, Sacramento-8 members Ohio Camp 110, Uhrichsville-14 members Penna. Camp 121, Milton-15 members National Treasurer's Consolidated Report Ouarter ending June 30, 1952							
	General Fund	G. A. R. Fund	Legislative Committee		Permanent Jon. Rl. Fd.		
Bal. 3-31-1952 Receipts	224.73 1,907.14	2,228.69 142.50	86.92	5,500.00	615.00 10.00		
Disbursements	2,131.87	2,371.19 200.00	86.92	5,500.00	625.00		
Bal. 6-30-1952	946.46	2,171.19	86.92	5,500.00	625.00		

National Secretary's Consolidated Report

Quarter ending June 30, 1952

A.C. Lambert, Natl. Secy-Treas.



**News** Notes

### Kansas

The death on June 30 of Bro Frank Hobble was one of the worst things that could happen to our Dep't. He has been a member for more than 60 years, and was a stand-by of the Dep't.

### Michigan

H. Frank Finch, the only Charter member of Camp 14 was elected for his 29th consecutive year as Treasurer of the Memorial Day Federation in the City of Grand Rapids. The Dep't held their annual picnic with the Aux. at Milham Park in Kalamazoo on Aug. 9 with a good attendance with delegations present from Jackson, Lansing, Marshall, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo A wonderful dinner was served, games were played and prizes were awarded. At our Encampment, Homer Savage of Camp 14 was elected to serve as Dep't Commdr. for the coming year. Officers elected at the Aux. Encampment include Dep't Pres. Lois L. Blanchard of Kalamazoo, and Marguerite Huff ,of Mason, as Dep't Vice President.

#### New Jersev

Was represented at Atlantic City by over 100 members of the Sons and Aux. Everything went fine, including the weather. After the reception on Tuesday evening, the entire Jersey delegation was entertained by Dep't Commdr. Geo. Kilmer and Dep't Pres. Henrietta Satterthwaite, it was quite a party. On Oct. 25th. Camp 10 and Aux. 5 will hold a testimonial dinner in honor of Commdr. Kilmer and Pres. Satterthwaite at Paxson's Yardville Hotel, just outside of Trenton. The

Camp Colors on display at Atlantic City were from Camp 20 New Brunswick, Camp 18 Newark, Camp 12 Bloomfield, Camp 4 Trenton, and Camp 5 Trenton. These were carried in the parade by Co. B and Battery A of Trenton. Nat'l Secv. Lambert sufferred a rib injury lifting a table at Atlantic City, requiring medical treatment. Appreciation is extended to John Junge for his beautiful rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" at the banquet.

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### New York

Ovid Camp 146 mourns the death of one of its oldest members, P. C. Chas. Tillinghast. Felicitations are extended to P. D. C. Leslie W. More and Myrtle Burnham of Elmira who were married recently by P. D. C. Herman L. Brockway of Ithaca. They will reside in Chicago. Diven Camp 77 of Elmira is raising funds to entertain the 1953 Encampment. The Southern Tier Ass'n held its annual meeting and picnic at Emerson Park, Auburn, July 27. Floyd Evenden of Binghamton is the new Pres. The 1953 meeting will be held the 3rd Thursday in July at Stewart Park, Ithaca. Sniper Camp 66 of Syracuse has lost by death three valuable members, the Rev. Francis Joyce, retired Army Chaplain who served as a Major in World War 1, also Secy Edwin Walters and P. C. Edwin Hurst.

### Pennsvlvania

Lt. Griffin Camp 8 of Scranton celebrated the 60th anniversary of Bro. Wm. E. Cahoon as Past Commdr. Theo. F. Cocker Camp 236 has built up a large miliitary group known as the Penna. Volunteers to carry the traditions of the Volunteers during the Civil War. Their building is the only Hall still having the original signs of Gen. Philip Kearny Post 55 and Ashworth Post of the G. A. R. Congratulations to Ed. and Clara Gallagher whose 50th wedding anniversary took place on Sept. 10th.

#### Rhode Island

The Regimental Executive Board of the 1st Reg. Inf. S. V. R., held their meeting in the State Armory, Cranston St., Providence, R. I. on Aug. 6th and Col. Albert B. W. Fowler was re-elected as C. O., and Colonel of the S. V. R. to serve three years. The Regimental Executive Board consists of Lt. Col. Clarence E. Young, and Majors Vincent J. Bonner, Robert G. E. Fowler, William E. Perry, and John H. Young. Several of the brothers attended the Nat'l Encampment in Atlantic City. About 100 members attended the Annaul Outing of the R. I. Dep't at Bro. Geer's home in Lakewood, R. I. on Aug. 9th. The Regimental Staff of the 1st Reg. Inf. S. V. R., under command of Lt. Col. Clarence E. Young and the 1st Btn, 1st Reg. Inf. S. V. R., under command of Major Vincent J. Bonner took part in the parade held July 4th in Bristol, R. I. The Commanding Officer, 1st Reg. Inf. S. V. R. has announced the following promotions and assignments: 2nd Lieut. John H. Curran to 1st Lt., assigned as C. O. Co. "C", T. Sgt. Earl Hinz to 2nd Lt., assigned as Plat. Leader Co. "C", M. Sgt. Robert Cayer to 2nd Lt., assigned as Regt. Adj.

#### **Pioneer Valley Association**

At the spring meeting held in G. A. R. Hall, Holyoke, P. C. in C. Moran presided. Officers elected for the coming year include: Commander John E. Emery, Sr. V. C. Geo. D. Lamarsh; Jr. V. C. Herbert Bogue; Sec'y-Treas. Geo. A. Adams; Chaplain Frank D. Smith; Patr. Instr. Lester W. Eldridge; (continued page seven)

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Color Bearer Alfred M. Bowen: Guide Orren Eldridge: Guard Roy Sheldon; Trustees Wm. F. Stapleton, Harold P. Shepardson, Ralph E. Burnham, and Chas. H. E. Moran. The annual picnic will be held after the Nat'l Encampment on the Mt. Tom Reservation. The association plans to celebrate Dedication Day in Nov. All allied groups will be invited to both affairs. A large delegation attended the New England Regional Ass'n at The Weirs in July.

Commandery-in-Chief Permanent Memorial Fund Report

This fund is established by subscription from mem-bers and friends in memory of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, or a member of the S. U. V. C. W., in an amount of not less than ten dollars. This fund is protected and invested, and the interest only is to be used for welfare and patriotic work of the Commandery-in-Chief. In donating to this fund, you will permanently register the name and military record of a Civil War Veteran, and at the same time build up a permanent fund for the perpetuation of the principles and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Previously reported in the May "BANNER"				
Receipts to Sept. 15, 19	952			
Subscriber	In memory of			
John E. Sautter	Chas. G. Sautter, Co G 83rd Pa. Vol.	\$10		
Henry Towle	Daniel H. Towle, Troop D 5th U S Cav.	10		
Henry Towle	Capt Reuben Sawyer, Co A 3rd Maine	10		
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John Emery	Ernest S. Emery, 1st Comdr Camp 57 Mass 10			
C. Leroy Stoudt	Willoughby Stoudt, Co K 176th Pa. Inf.	10		
Andrew Richardson	August Levi, Co D 68th N Y Vol.	10		
Anne Lockyer	James C. Allison, Ohio	10		
Ralph R. Barrett	A. A. Barrett, 12th Ohio 2nd Batt Lt Art	1. 10		
Lena G. Barrett	Jas. H. Gulick, 122 Ill Vol. Co A	10		
Fred Colwell	Eug. L. Colwell, Co E 86 OVI Co I 177th	10		
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Total received to date \$765.00

Send your donation and record to Nat'l Sec'y A. C. Lambert, 2772 S. Broad St., Trenton 10, N. J.

Auxiliarv National President Mrs. Lila A. Macey

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**News** Notes 725 State St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Another Nat'l Encampment has been completed and I am sure that everyone that attended will say it was as fine as any they ever attended. The Enc. committee well deserves words of appreciation, as nothing was left undone to make it a complete success. Many thanks for your untiring efforts, and may you feel that those long months of labor were not in vain. Following the wonderful concerts on Sunday evening by the Brigade Band, S. V. R., and the Trenton Glee Club, the Joint Memorial Services were conducted by Bro. James A. B. Young and Sister Isla M. Dow, Nat'l Chaplains. . The courtesy breakfast on Monday morning, and the Joint Opening of the Encampments that followed were delightful.

Monday afternoon marked the opening of the business sessions, and Nat'l Pres. Sister Phyllis Dean welcomed all present, and assumed control of the Enc. in a very capable manner. We were unfortunate in having several officers absent because of illness, and the Nat'l Pres. made the following appointments for the Encampment: Acting Vice-Pres. Anne O. Clayton of N. J.; Acting Council Member, Ethelyn Tucker of N. H.; Acting Press Corres. Ruth Daly of N. J.; Acting Parliamentarian, Stella B. Owen of N. J. N. P. Sister Dean introduced 19 P. N. P. s who were present, remembering each with a gift and 18 out of 23 Dep't Presidents who attended were also remembered with gifts.

Our Nat'l Pres. read a very splendid report and was rewarded with a hearty round of applause. Sister Clayton acting N. V. P. read the report of N. V. P. Sister Jessie Estlow, who sent the names of 30 Sisters who were on her honor roll, with 291 new members. P.N.P. Celeste Gentieu, sister of Sister Estlow, presented a check of \$25 to P.D.P. Beatrice Riggs of Calif. for securing the most new members which were 50 members and I new Aux. A second prize of \$15 was presented to Sister Irene Murphy of Penna., for securing 29 new members. Sister Riggs presented the Pa. Dep't with a beautiful flag and staff for securing the most new Auxiliaries -- one Senior and one Junior Auxiliary.

Sister Ursula Shepardson in behalf of P.N.P. Margaret Waters, absent because of illness, presented our Nat'l Pres. with the testimonial from the Nat'l Organization, which was graciously received. By Tuesday morning the Credential Committee reported 210 delegates had registered, and 4 visitors. P.N.P. Gertrude Sautter, chair adv of Revision of Blanks, read her report to change the Application Blanks, Receipts of the Evening, and Quarterly Report Blanks, all of which were approved. There was a note of sadness when acting Press Corres. Ruth Daly read the last report of Sister Jean Thole, retiring after many years of service. She was missed by all who knew and loved her, and we wish for her many years of happiness and good health.

Monday night, the girls of N. J. Dep't exemplified the initiation work, and this was indeed a great sight, and one to be remembered. This was followed by a Band Concert and the Aux. Courtesy Hour directed by Nat'l Chief of Staff Lenore Glass in the Roof Garden of the Jefferson Hotel. Tuesday morning, all the Clubs joined in a large breakfast in the main dining room, ... At the afternoon session nomination and election of officers took place. As their was no opposition, election was by acclamation. Reports were read by the various chairladies. P.N.P. Maude Warren read the report of the Ritual Committee. They have approved many changes to shorten and simplify the Ritual, but this has not been completed, and was held over for a later date.

P.N.P. Celeste Gentieu read her report on the G.A. R. Memorial Fund, with \$16,706.67 on hand, and asked that every member try to make this a banner year, so she can complete her project. P.N.P. Ethelyn Tucker read a report on rehabilitation, showing very outstanding work in the various Dep'ts. P.N.P. Katherine Joyce read the report on Resolutions and has suggested the Bronze Badge in the Trophy Room in the Amphitheatre in Arlington Cemetery be replaced by a Gold Badge. P.N.P. Kate Raynor's badge, which was presented to our organization (continued on page eight)

is to be the one used, this was sustained by the entire encampment. The climax of the day was the banquet, followed by the reception and dance honoring our Nat'l President and Commander-in-Chief.

Wednesday brought the Greetings Committee from the S. U. V. C. W., including all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, and the husband of our Nat'l President. C. in C. Bennett was introduced with his lovely wife, "Sweet Sue", and he was most gracious The Mass. delegation of the S. U. V. C. W. was presented headed by Dep't Commdr. Carder Perkins and they paid their respects to Sister Phyllis. P.N.P. Minnie Groth read a report of the Historical Committee, saying that the G.A.R. Highway was at last completed, and runs from the tip of Cape Cod to Long Beach, Calif. A request will be sent to the Postmaster General for a special stamp in 1953, commemorating the completion of this highway from coast to coast.

In the future the Aux, will have at least one full page in the Banner. The subscription fee is \$1.00 per year for six copies. Why not order your copy today and see what the various Dept's are doing? Mr. Jos. Abrams, representing the Betty Bacharach Home for Afflicted Children was introduced, and Nat'l Patr. Instr. Sister Rose Isaacs presented him with a check for S288 with which to buy a Sine-O-Trone to be used to revive the muscles of Polio victims. Mr. Abrams was most happy to accept this gift in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Sister Isaacs read a very interesting report of her year's work, with a total of \$948.73 realized. Nat'l Chief of Staff Lenore Glass read her financial report with a total of \$2,095.12 turned over to the treasurer. Sister Mary Gordon Elliott was at her best, and her little personal songs of welcome warmed the hearts of all. They were nice little messages in song, and were grand. Wednesday evening we were happy to see our Nat'l Pres. ride down the boardwalk at head of the parade. Some of the Sisters paraded, carrying the Banners of their Dep'ts.

Thursday morning the business session was short, with P.N.P. Mary Stapleton installing the newly elected officers. Nat'l Pres. Sister Lila Macey thanked the Encampment for the great honor they had conferred on her, and hoped she would prove true to their faith. . . The Encampment closed to meet in 1953, in Buffalo, N.Y.

To Commander-in-Chief Bro. Fred Davis of Oregon, we wish you outstanding health and strength, and may God bless you with wisdom to carry on the work of your organization. To Nat'l Pres. Sister Lila Macey, may you be blest with health and strength to carry your message over this vast, wonderful country, and may you and your officers accomplish more than you expect throughout this, your year.

Aux. news for the Nov. issue of The Banner must reach me by October 20th.

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### Appreciation

Words seem so inadequate to express our thanks to the fine Encampment Committee, and to the wonderful Dep't of New Jersey Auxiliaries and Camps, who went all out in their efforts to make our encampment such a great success.

There were many praises of the dignity of the well-planned preliminaries, the prominence of the speakers, and a well organized parade which was an event, even for Atlantic City. Needless to say that the Sons and Auxiliaries will be remembered as an important organization in the minds of the thousands who stoped to watch.

Your committee relieved us of all responsibilities and nothing we may say can fully express our appreciation for your kindness, your consideration of our welfare, and for the many and gracious courtesies extended to us.

Please accept our thanks. We were happy that it was our Encampment. The finest we ever attended.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L., Roy J. Bennett Phyllis M. Dean