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## SEVENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Beginning Saturday, and continuing through Sunday and Monday, August 18-20, the Officers, Delegates and Members arrived at Columbus, Ohio's Capital City, to take part in the 70th National Encampment of the Sons, and the 65th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary. The Deshler-Wallick Hotel was the headquarters of both organizations, and within which all meetings were held. The attendance reached 143 for the Sons, and more than double that number were in attendance at the Auxiliary sessions.

As was the case last year there were no members of the G.A.R. present, nor of the other members of the G.A.R. Family, who are meeting in Chicago in early September.

Registration of Delegates, Council meetings, and the routine matters concerning the opening of Sessions for business occupied Sunday afternoon.

### Joint Memorial Services

At eight o'clock joint memorial services were held in the ball room of the Hotel in memory of those who had passed on from both organizations. The impressive services were in charge of the Chaplains of both organizations, and were arranged and carried out by them. Two Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons and one Past Nat'l. President of the Auxiliary were memorialized by members of their orders respectively, as were the deceased Dept. and Past Dept. officers of both Sons and Auxiliary. The soloist was Jane Baxter Reedy and rendered very beautifully "The 23rd Psalm," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "There is No Night There." The services were a beautiful and gracious gesture to those loved ones who had labored in the past in the interests and up-building of either organization.

### Columbus, Ohio, Host City to Sons and Auxiliary — 1952 Encampment to be Held in Atlantic City, New Jersey

### New Officers for 1951-1952

- COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF** — ROY J. BENNETT, 4 Loomis Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.  
**SR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF** — FREDERICK K. DAVIS — 1193 Pearl St., Eugene, Oregon.  
**JR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF** — LOUIS G. BLAIR, 1214 Herschel Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
**COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF** — A. LEROY REYNOLDS, 703 W. North St., Decatur, Illinois.  
**COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF** — JAMES C. TATMAN, 213 Concord Ave., Wilmington, Delaware.  
**COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF** — HAROLD E. ARNOLD, 759 Washington St., West Warwick, Rhode Island.

### APPOINTEES

- PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR** — JOHN W. EMERY, 227 East St., Easthampton, Massachusetts.  
**CHAPLAIN** — JAMES A. B. YOUNG, 1158 Elm Ave., Glendale, California.  
**COUNSELOR** — NEIL CRANMER, 518 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, New York.  
**CHIEF-OF-STAFF** — C. LEROY STOUTT, 1410 Mulberry St., Reading Pennsylvania.  
**PERSONAL AIDE** — HOMER L. YOUNG, 1129 Bertch, Waterloo, Iowa.

Monday morning a Courtesy Breakfast for the National and Past National Officers of both Sons and Auxiliary, as well as the local Encampment Committee, was arranged by the Ohio Department. It was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance.

### Joint Opening Session

At 10:00 a.m. Monday morning occurred the joint opening session, participated in by both Sons and Auxiliary, under the

charge of Chiefs-of-Staff of both Orders. The Nat'l Officers of both Sons and Auxiliary, the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents were escorted in and introduced. Then came Commander-in-Chief Heald and Nat'l President Shugart, who were introduced, both addressing the meeting. This was a public affair, was largely attended and enjoyed, and left the way clear for the official business to start that afternoon.

### MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The first business session for the Sons opened as per schedule at 1:30 p.m., in the Marine Room. Prayer was offered by acting Nat'l Chaplain Rev. W. A. Hallock, Rochester, N. Y., in the absence of Rev. Richard O. Partington, regularly appointed Chaplain. All officers were present and answered roll call with this exception. The Credential Committee reported 130 regularly accredited Delegates present.

Commander-in-Chief announced his list of appointments as follows:

### Encampment Committees

**Credential Committee:** Ludwig E. Manoly, Dept. Com., Md.; Vernon E. Cheney, Dept. Sec.-Treas., Calif. & Pacific; Robert Lawrence, Dept. Com., N. H.; William O. Fuller, Past Dept. Com., Mass.; R. J. Williams, Dept. Sec.-Treas., Ohio; Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l. Sec.-Treas.

**Officers Reports:** John H. Runkle, Past Com.-in-Chief, Pa.; William Rule, Past Dept. Com., Mass.; Leslie W. Moore, Past Dept. Com., N. Y.; John Starr, Past Dept. Com., Ore.; A. Leroy Reynolds, Past Dept. Commander, Illinois.

**Resolutions:** Wm. Coffin, Past Com.-in-Chief, Ohio; Chas F. Sherman, Past Com.-in-Chief, N. Y.; Albert B. DeHaven, Past Dept. Com., Maine; John W. Emery, Past Dept. Com., Mass.; Urion W. Mackey, Past Com.-in-Chief, Mich.

**Constitution and Regulations:** Walter C. Mable, Past Com.-in-Chief, Pa.; Perie L. Fouch., Past Com.-in-Chief, Michigan; Thomas Horn, Past Dept. Com., Indiana; Chester L. Charter, Past Dept. Com., Minnesota; Frank Reavey, Past Department Commander, Rhode, Island.



Press: Allan Holbrook, Past Com.-in-Chief, Ill.; Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Sec.-Treas.; H. Harding Hale, Past Com.-in-Chief, Mass.; Harold Drown, Past Dept. Com., Mass.; Louis Blair, Past Dept. Com., Ohio.

Ritual and Ceremonies: Neil D. Cranmer, Past Com.-in-Chief, N. Y.; Henry Towle, Past Com.-in-Chief, Maine; Andrew Richardson, Past Dept. Com., N. J.; Theo. Mohr, Past Dept. Com., Mo. 1952 Encampment: Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Sec.-Treas.; C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Com.-in-Chief, Pa.; Cleon E. Heald, Com.-in-Chief, N. H.; Urilon W. Mackey, Past Com.-in-Chief, Mich.; Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Dept. Com., N. J.

Restoration of Rank: Charles H. E. Moran, Past Com.-in-Chief, Mass.; Hugh Snider, Past Dept. Com., Ind.; John Fuller, Past Dept. Com., Colo.

Fraternal Relations: All Past Commanders-in-Chief. Com.-in-Chief Heald introduced his staff of Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees and presented each with a gift (a white plastic plaque on which was outlined the map of New Hampshire, with important cities and points of interest noted.)

The Commander-in-Chief next read his report, a document of exceeding interest, showing a year of activity and devotion to duty exceeded by no previous official. He had traveled the country from coast to coast, often at great personal sacrifice, carrying his optimistic messages to the members in all Departments, exhorting the membership to greater activity in maintaining our Order and fulfilling our promise to our fathers to carry on their work in behalf of our Country. In all these visitations he was thus able to gain first hand information of conditions and give advice and counsel to remedy adverse situations when found. He brought in many recommendations and suggestions which he felt might materially aid the organization as a whole, and in fact did everything a conscientious servant would attempt in the discharge of duty as he saw it. A rising vote of thanks and commendation was given him.

Mrs. Clara E. Smith, Past Nat'l Jr. Vice President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., and Mrs. Edna Brewsawh, President of Auxiliary 17, Columbus, were introduced each extending greetings to the Encampment, and a gift to Com. Heald.

Reports of Officers were continued and excellent reports were read by Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Frederick G. Bauer and Earl F. Riggs. Each had endeavored to serve faithfully and well and had attempted to promote the Order's interest.

Pat. Ins. Davis read a splendid report. He had conducted a column in The Banner regularly, which was received and read by the membership with much interest. He gave a short resume of the activities of the Camps, as reported to him, showing important work being done in various communities.

He reported funds collected in the Departments and sent him for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State and Amount. Includes California (\$64.20), Missouri (28.00), Colorado & Wyoming (6.20), New Hampshire (23.00), Connecticut (22.00), New Jersey (82.00), Illinois (100.00), New York (45.00), Indiana (20.00), Ohio (17.00), Iowa (103.00), Kansas (5.00), Pennsylvania (53.00), Maine (31.40), Rhode Island (26.00), Maryland (11.00), Vermont (24.41), Massachusetts (41.40), Wisconsin (15.00), Michigan (25.00), Minnesota (12.60), and Total (\$755.21).

His report contained the following two resolutions that the Committee on Resolutions, when reporting, recommended non concurrence. The encampment did not accept Committees recommendation and a standing vote was taken, the result being a tie. The Commander-in-Chief then cast the deciding vote, carrying same. (See report Resolutions Committee).

Next came the report of the National Sec.-Treas. Lambert which covered the financial and business activities of the Commandery-in-Chief. His report was what might be expected from so efficient an officer. His business ability is outstanding, his knowledge of the laws and affairs of the order is extensive, and his conduction of the affairs of the office leave little further to be desired. He has conscientiously carried out all duties during his tenure of the office, and the Commandery-in-Chief is indeed fortunate in having the services of so capable an officer.

The Secretary read the communications received and they were distributed to the various Committee heads for any actions recommended in their later reports.

Note—The running account of the Encampment as the business took place will be found in first column of pages following. Extracts from the Commander-in-Chief's and National Secretary's Reports in the second columns).

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

One year ago this month, in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, at the Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment, I assumed the duties and responsibilities of the highest office within your gift. I herewith offer the following report of the activities of the office of Commander-in-Chief during the past year.

I accepted this office fully realizing the personal sacrifice in time and money necessary if one hoped to contribute anything of a constructive and worthwhile nature to the distressing conditions which have faced our order for the past several years. I assumed the office with no illusions as to spectacular results, as I have felt for many years that certain fundamental factors must be corrected if a firm foundation, with sustained growth and activity, is to be accomplished. The aims and efforts of this administration have been directed toward a start in building a long-range program rather than emphasis on immediate results. We have encouraged interest in modern techniques of procedure and have omitted emphasis on increased membership, believing that experience should have proven the folly of expending effort on obtaining and holding new members unless we first have a physical set-up in our Camps which meets the interests of each of our three generations of eligibles.

Membership Honor Roll

The following brothers have been reported as securing five or more new members, have been awarded the Gold Ribbon as Special Aides and their names have been published in The Banner. Congratulations and thank you for your service to our Order:

- Harry Howard, Massachusetts ..... 5
Howard L. Bryant, Vermont ..... 5
Herbert Friot, Vermont ..... 5
Wayne Bryant, Vermont ..... 5
Alfred A. Brigham, Vermont ..... 5
William F. Brigham, Vermont ..... 5
Carl E. Welcome, Massachusetts ..... 5
Thomas Drinkwater, Vermont ..... 5
Carrol Thurston, Vermont ..... 5
John H. Starr, Oregon ..... 5
Linwood V. Miller, Maine ..... 5
William C. Rule, Massachusetts ..... 5
Wayne Wyman, New Hampshire ..... 5
Richard Wyman, New Hampshire ..... 5
Zane Thurston, New Hampshire ..... 5

Special Aides

The Commander-in-Chief believes that the Chairman of Standing Committees and members rendering outstanding service to our Order should be recognized, and this group were appointed Special Aides, issued Gold Ribbons and their names have been published in The Banner.

New Camps

The following new Camps were organized during the past year: Gen. J. K. Siegfried Camp No. 223, Pottsville, Pa., 40 charter members. Granite State Camp No. 5, New Hampshire, 20 charter members. San Diego Camp No. 26, San Diego, California, 15 charter members.

Visitations

The column "Traveling with the Commander-in-Chief" has been in each issue of The Banner. I have visited every Department with the exception of Minnesota (conflict in Encampment dates), Iowa and Nebraska (unable to arrange a called meeting while I was in those areas) and Michigan visit cancelled due to my being called to Columbus, Ohio, for National Encampment arrangements.

Several of the New England Departments, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were visited on two or more occasions.

I spent an entire month in California & Pacific and Washington and Oregon Departments.

A minimum of one full day and evening was spent in each Department visited.

I made three trips to Columbus, Ohio, for conferences incident to this National Encampment.

If only one brother in each Department visited caught the vision of our golden opportunity, I shall feel well repaid.

Finances

Our financial condition should be a matter of grave concern to all. Under the heading "Survey of the Order," I have made some definite recommendations. One of two things must happen. Either we must face facts and act accordingly, or continue the dissipation of our financial resources until such time as we shall automatically cease to function because of lack of necessary funds. I trust that realistic action will be taken on this problem at this Encampment.

Officers

The Commandery-in-Chief and myself have been fortunate in having an outstanding group of elective and appointed officers this year. Several have rendered service beyond the call of duty. Would that space permitted me to call to your attention service rendered by each of these brothers from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief down the

The printed Officer's Reports were next distributed, after which a recess was taken until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday afternoon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION,

The session was opened with prayer by the National Chaplain. A war medal was presented to a Maryland brother by Com.-in-Chief Heald.

Chairman Colwell, for the Legislative Committee, read his report, which was adopted as read.

Chairman Spink, for the Americanization Committee, read his report, which was adopted as read, and the suggestions in same referred to the incoming administration.

For the Ritual Committee Chairman Cranmer reported that a communication from the Oregon Department asking for additional leeway be extended members in putting on Degree work. Committee did not concur because of necessary expense in changing Ritual. After some discussion it was decided that any Camp could do what Dept. of Oregon wanted without any change in text of Ritual, or without any added expense. The addition wanted in the ritualistic ceremonies by the Oregon Dept. is as follows, given for the benefit of Camps who may want to make use of added feature.

Relative to the proposed change in the Ritual submitted by the Department of Oregon—"that more leeway be extended to all Camps of our Order in conferring, the degree to the candidate. One special point should be that of surrounding the Altar, at the time the obligation is given, by a circle, composed of every Officer and member of the Camp not busy with that part of the work, the right hand of each member on the left shoulder of his right hand brother. If desired, the Officers and Members in breaking from this circle, would march twice around the hall, singing some rousing patriotic song, before returning to their seats: this should be led by the colors, just after the obligation is given."

Chairman Drown, in charge of publicity, reported that in addition to such matter as had appeared in The Banner, he had been able to secure much of a beneficial nature in daily papers and national publications as well as considerable covering the Commander-in-Chiefs itinerary, in advance of his appearance in various parts of the country.

P. N. P. Margaret Worrell, Washington, D. C., came into the session and spoke upon the dangers concerning the United Nations' efforts and propaganda in this Country. We should all be against much of the insidious beliefs of the "One Worlders." P. C.-in-C. Coffin responded.

P. C.-in-C. Sautter spoke regarding the resignation of Nat'l Sec.-Treas. Lambert, stating that he had reconsidered and wanted to withdraw paragraph in his report regarding that matter. This was received with applause by the brothers who granted the request.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Com.-in-Chief Coffin, chairman of Committee, reported as follows:

No. 1—From Col. Charles L. Russell Camp No. 26, Derby, Conn., relative to resolution adopted by Wm. H. Gordon Post, American Legion of Ansonia, requesting change of date for Memorial Day from the 30th of May to the last Monday in May; the reason given being that a long week-end would enable ex-service men ample time to travel to their home towns to take part in Memorial Day observances.

Col. Russell Camp voted to go on record publicly as opposed to such change, and further appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief to take the matter up with our National Legislative Committee to protest should this matter ever be presented to Congress for action.

Any such action would not come before Congress as it is not a national holiday by act of Congress. The Committee, therefore, recommends that this be filed without action. (Committee sustained).

No. 2 & 2A—From Cushing Camp No. 30, Maryland Division, relative to the use and display of the flag of the United Nations. Your Committee has redrawn this resolution, and present the following, with the recommendation that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, there has been public discussion relative to the display of the flag of the United Nations, and

WHEREAS, in some cases, various flags have been displayed or proposed to be displayed in positions or in a manner violative of the flag code of the United States; and

WHEREAS, our Fathers fought for the re-establishment of the unity of our Country and the supremacy of the "Star Spangled Banner" as the symbol of our national unity, strength and sovereignty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled in Columbus, Ohio, that we protest any use or display of any color or flag which violates the principles of said Flag Code, or gives to such flag or colors precedence over the Flag of the United States of America; (Continued on Page Five)

line. I would, however, feel negligent in my duty if I did not take this opportunity to express my admiration and appreciation to our National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, for the efficient and faithful performance of his duties, and his courteous, prompt and business-like attention to all matters which I have brought to his attention. May he serve our Order in this office for many more years.

Reports of all officers will be presented by each individual.

National Legislative Committee

Chairman Fred C. Colwell has been alert and active and this committee is a credit to our Order. In co-operation with the National Counselor, Richard F. Locke, further study has been given to the difficult task of securing a Congressional Charter for our Order. Conditions over which I had no control prevented desired progress on this project. Both Brothers Colwell and Locke attended the meeting of the American Coalition meeting in Washington.

G. A. R. Highway Committee

I am happy to report the completion of this great project with the signing of the appropriate legislation by Governor Russell of Nevada. The task now remaining before us is to make sure that U. S. Highway No. 6 is properly improved until one day it becomes the finest trans-continental highway in America. Only then will it serve as a fitting memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. The late Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee, lived to see its completion. It is tragic that P. D. C. John Spielman, Chief Highway Engineer, passed away just a few months before the highway was completed. Both of these late brothers served our Order well on this project. The committee should be continued under a competent chairman.

National Americanization Committee

Under the Chairmanship of Allen Spink much work has been done in preparing the preliminary plans for a program which can be used by our Camps in Americanization projects. Brother Spink attended the American Coalition meeting in Washington.

Graves Marking Committee

Bertrand DeForest has continued his excellent work as Chairman of this important committee. This is an outstanding project and much credit is due this committee.

National Publicity

Harold Drown is eminently qualified for this position. Much of the exceptional publicity obtained from Coast to Coast has been the result of his untiring efforts. During the year he has never failed to have advanced publicity forwarded to cities on the Commander-in-Chief's itinerary.

Junior Order

Roy J. Bennett has continued his interest and efforts in behalf of this project. He was appointed a Special Aide in recognition of his service to our Order. I believe that in many localities this activity would be of great benefit. The problem is one of competent personnel to organize and direct this project. Financial appropriation is required for this activity.

Reserve, Reserve Band and Drum Corps

These units add much color and interest at National Encampments and a plan should be devised whereby the Commandery-in-Chief may furnish financial assistance. I suggest authorizing a Year Book or Program with paid advertisements.

Officers Assuming Duties Simultaneously

I am not concerned as to the month in which elections are held but I am convinced that it would be advantageous for all officers in the Commandery-in-Chief, Departments and Camps to assume office on the same date thereby eliminating two sets of officers during each administration. I suggest October 1st as the annual date for all officers in the Sons of Union Veterans to assume office.

Approved Procedures for Local National Encampment Committees

I suggest that the Commandery-in-Chief promulgate approved methods and practices governing the activity of local National Encampment Committees in formulating programs, special events, raising of funds and otherwise functioning as an official group in behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief National Encampments.

Death Benefit Association

A study should be made to ascertain if the D. B. A. might be developed on a National basis as a selling feature to eligibles. Insurance is a powerful motivation in many fraternal orders and is worthy of our serious consideration in the rebuilding of our Order.

Conflicting Encampment Dates

An effort should be made through the Regional Associations to arrange Department Encampment dates which do not conflict with other Departments, thereby permitting the Commander-in-Chief an opportunity to visit all Departments with a minimum of travel and expense.

Departments Entertaining Commander-in-Chief

The travel allowance of the Commander-in-Chief is inadequate and all entertaining Departments should be expected to provide his hotel



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### COMMEMORATING THE G. A. R.

On the Capitol grounds in Columbus, Ohio, the State that has contributed so much to the man and material power in our nation's tradition, was held the only ceremonies commemorating the Grand Army of the Republic, open to the public, at our 70th National Encampment.

In a most prominent spot stands the Memorial to Civil War heroes and the G. A. R. Towering toward the heavens are the full length, life-like counterparts of Grant, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Garfield, Hayes and Chase; each on a cylinder pedestal, encircling a cylinder base and surmounted by Columbia, over inscription: "These are my jewels" symbolic of Cornelia in the Roman Legend.

As a setting sun cast shadows of these famous native sons of Ohio, and with a nucleus, including many of several hundred delegates grouped about the most impressive tribute to the G. A. R. this author has yet heard was enacted; our dignified Commander-in-Chief, Cleon E. Heald, presiding with humble fervor. Rev. William A. Hallock, the venerable P. D. C. of Rochester, N. Y., poured out in prayer, from a stout heart, his touching eulogy; while tears came to the eyes of bystanders, who doubtless had little or no knowledge of Civil War history.

Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Lela B. Shugart was then presented and her vibrating challenge was concluded with recitation of "America." No silver tongued orator, no sweet throated thrush, no throng of patriots, ever excelled the meaningful utterance of this charming little lady, as she literally threw every ounce of body, mind and soul into her testimony. America never meant more than at just that moment.

Interspersed during the program were stirring Civil War selections by members of the Harrisburg, Pa., Fife and Drum Corps, led by Jr. Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle. Wreath was placed by Chiefs-of-Staff C. Leroy Stouff and Mrs. Pamela S. Elder, and our mortal tribute to "The Boys in Blue" was complete, after benediction by officiating Chaplain Hallock.—Harold M. Drown, Publicist.

### NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL

#### ASSON MEET AT THE WEIRS

The summer meeting of the New England Regional Association of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held July 20 and 21 at the Weirs, N. H., overlooking the beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee. About 150 members of the Camps and Auxiliary met in session to hear the reports of the six Departments of New England, and the plans for the fall when meetings will start after vacations. Com. Thomas A. Chadwick, of Vermont, and President Ursula Sheppardson, of Massachusetts, presided at the meetings.

The Commanders of the Department's reported their work was going along with very little change in memberships and one New Camp was reported. New officers have been installed and with the fall meetings to start up it is hoped that members will be active.

Sec.-Treas., John H. Liesee, 667 N. 12th St., Philadelphia 23, Pa.

Rhode Island—Commander, George A. Parker, 88 Gallop St., Providence, R. I.; Sec. Enoch A. Hoyt, 146 Beacon Ave., Providence, R. I. Treas., Chas. W. Senior, 37 Modena Ave., Providence, R. I.

Vermont—Commander, Archie Aldrich, 54 Chestnut St., Brattleboro, Vt.; Sec.-Treas., Fred F. C. r's, 49 Wall St., Springfield, Vt.

Wisconsin—Commander, Peter Fields, 1227 Michigan Ave., Sheboygan, Wis.; Sec.-Treas., Oscar Doppler, 625 Second Ave., Baraboo, Wis.

and carry on this important work for the Grand Army of the Republic.

The By-Law Committee made a report on the proposed changes which will be taken up at the next meeting. One change is to have the annual meeting in July, for the election of officers, instead of November.

Commander-in-Chief Cleon Heald spoke of the proposed articles to come up at National and enlightened the members on the points of both of these articles. Other P. C.-in-C.'s and P. D. C.'s spoke on these at length so that at National the members would know what action to take when on the floor of the meetings.

At the close of the afternoon session on Saturday all met in the barracks for supper, prepared and served by the members of the N. H. Dept. Auxiliary. This was followed by an entertainment and dancing until closing time. Some members took the boat for a cruise around the lake, as this was the first time some had attended the meeting at the Weirs. Visitors were present from the State of New York.

The next meeting will be held in Providence, R. I., Oct. 27-28. All members are urged to attend these meetings.

### OLD BATTLE SITE IN VINITA, OKLA.

A state historical marker on U. S. 69 southwest of Vinita, several miles directs tourists to the site of the last major skirmish in Indian Territory during the Civil War.

The marker was put up at the instigations of the Vinita chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which is making plans to improve the site of the burial ground where the Confederate dead are interred.

The battleground is located on Big Cabin creek just across the Craig county line in Mayes county.

The skirmish was won by the Confederates, commanded by Stand Watie, the famous Cherokee general. The Federals took their dead north to be interred, but the Confederates buried their dead above the bluff on Big Cabin creek.

With a 150-foot bluff dropping off into the channel of Big Cabin creek at their backs, a union force of 1,000 men escorting a \$2,000,000 federal supply train was attacked Sept. 6, 1864, by Watie and the force of Gen. R. M. Gano.

In the clash, at least 500 mules of the union train stampeded, ran over the cliff's edge and fell on the rocky creek bank.

Tradition says that a cannon lies buried in the creek bed beneath the mud of 87 years.—Craig Co. Democrat, Vinita, Okla.

### COLORADO & WYOMING

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#### P. D. C. Matmiller Passes

July 24 George C. Matmiller died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pearl Wifourm, 15249 Andover St., San Lorenzo, Calif. "Mat," as everybody called him here, was instrumental in the starting of Colorado State Camp No. 1 in 1929. He served as Commander and about all the offices, and in 1941-1942 was Dept. Commander. He was very active in all Camp and Dept. affairs as long as his health permitted.

In 1946 his devoted wife passed on, and then he went to the home of his daughter in San Lorenzo, Cal., to make his home. His daughter and granddaughter accompanied his remains to Denver, where on Aug. 1 he was laid beside his wife. The Sons and Auxiliary officiated at the services.

That we oppose any effort to modify the present official Flag Code to accomplish such a purpose. (Adopted by the Encampment).

No. 3—Relative to a resolution presented by Mrs. Margaret H. Worrell asking the Encampment to go on record against the United Nations Charter.

Your Committee suggests that this be placed on file. (Committee sustained).

### Supplementary Report of Committee on Resolutions

Three additional matters have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

No. 1—From the Department of Nebraska: That Phillip Sheridan Camp No. 2 of Schuyler, Nebraska, be designated as the State Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Nebraska, instead of being joined with some other State Camp.

The action of the Committee is to recommend that it be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary for appropriate action under existing rules and regulations of the order, which we believe cover this completely. (Committee sustained).

No. 2—A resolution presented by the National Patriotic Instructor:

"Believing it to be an urgent need for the good of our Republic, and with the cherished object of keeping America American in accordance with the principles established by the Founding Fathers of the Nation we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, endorse and encourage a new co-operative alignment of voters in the North and South."

(The Encampment did not concur with the recommendation of the Committee, and adopted the above resolution by a vote of 39 for adoption; 38 against).

No. 3—From the report of the National Patriotic Instructor:

"Inasmuch as treaties now are the law of the land, superseding Federal and State laws and even the Constitution itself, and whereas treaties made by the President are now so numerous, and regulations made by the United Nations may be, and have been, classed in court as treaties, we believe these facts constitute such an immediate and present danger to the rights and security of the American people that we propose an amendment to the Constitution expressly forbidding that any treaty may supersede or outrank our Constitution or Federal and State laws."

The Committee on this resolution suggest that no action be taken.

(Committee not sustained); and the matter referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and to our Legislative Committee in Washington to bring it to the attention of Congressmen and Senators).

No. 4—The following Resolution is presented by the Resolutions Committee:

We desire to express the appreciation and thanks of all members of the 70th Annual Encampment to all who have contributed in any way to our comfort and pleasure, or who have participated in extending to us the hospitality of the city of Columbus, and the State of Ohio, during our sojourn at this Encampment; more particularly to Irene Spathe and R. J. Williams co-chairmen, and their respective local Encampment committees, to Councilman Kearns representing the city government of Columbus, and to Senator Marshall, representing the State of Ohio; to the manager of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel and the local convention bureau; and to the public press of Columbus for their co-operation.—Respectfully submitted, Past Commander-in-Chief, Wm. Coffin, Chairman; Chas. F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief; Orion W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief; Albert DeHaven, Maine; John Emery, Massachusetts, Committee on Resolutions.

An Auxiliary delegation from the New Hampshire and California Departments came in with greetings and gifts. They were augmented by the boys and girls from New Hampshire. Past Dept. Pres. Beverstock and Tucker, with Mrs. Heald and the Aux. Dept. Pres. of New Hampshire and California extended greetings to Com-in-Chief Heald. The Nat'l Auxiliary presented a beautiful wrist watch; those from California a colorful hunting scene to go over the Heald home's fireplace, and the boys from New Hampshire a check for properly framing above. The greetings extended the Commander-in-Chief were sincere and hearty, showing appreciation of his service in behalf of both organizations, and the happy friendships formed during his travels. Past Com-in-Chief Locke responded.

All Past Com-in-Chief escorted this delegation back to the Auxiliary meeting hall and were delegated to officially extend the greetings of the Sons to their sisters. All spoke and were honored to have Past Nat'l Pres. Mayme Dwyer respond in her accustomed fine manner.

Past Com-in-Chief Mabie next reported for his Committee as follows:

accommodations while a guest of the Department. Several Departments do not provide other than banquet tickets.

### United Nations Flag

Definite action should be taken by the Commandery-in-Chief on the display of the U. N. Flag.

### Changing Date of Memorial Day

Several states are considering legislation to change the date of Memorial Day to a fixed day in the week whereby the holiday may be observed over a week-end holiday. It is alleged that commercial interests are sponsoring this change in days and dates. The Commandery-in-Chief should take definite action on this proposal.

### The Reserve Program

I believe in and am enthusiastic about this activity as a project which is of interest to many and especially younger eligibles and members. During the year I have encouraged the formation of uniformed Drill Teams as a start toward a Reserve Organization in Departments where the Reserve does not exist. More thought and attention should be given to this feature within our Order.

### The Banner

Only words of commendation can be expressed to Allan Holbrook for his faithful and co-operative efforts in conducting this project. Many complimentary remarks have been received during the year regarding the current issues of this paper. However, the cost of publication is crippling our finances, and some action must be taken or soon lack of finances will automatically end its publication.

### The Grand Army of the Republic

While the active days of our parent organization have ceased, the surviving members are still keenly interested in our Order. During the year I visited Comrades Hard, Story and Magee. Each were mentally alert and were happy and pleased that I paid them a visit. Their secretary, Miss Cora Gillis, has been most co-operative and helpful at all times. May the remaining years be ones of comfort and happiness to the six (6) remaining "Boys in Blue."

### Our Auxiliary

Words fail to express to our National President, Mrs. Lela B. Shugart, and the officers and members of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, my thanks and appreciation for the untiring work which they have given to our Order this past year. I could not have had a more charming, competent and enthusiastic co-worker than their National President. We traveled from Coast to Coast and she was ever an inspiration to me and a helper to whom I shall always be indebted for her kindly understanding and words of encouragement.

### Allied Orders

I regret that we were unable to arrange for simultaneous Encampments. I invited the National Presidents to meet with me last October at Columbus, at which time I extended our invitation and agreed to change our Encampment dates from August to September if they accepted our invitation. Our meeting was pleasant and harmonious but they did not choose to meet in Columbus in 1951. The main obstacle seems to be the so-called "Rotation Plan" which I was not authorized to discuss. I hope that invitations will be extended annually but I do not feel it advisable to appropriate expense money incident to the extending of invitations in person by the Commander-in-Chief. I extend my personal greetings and my wish for a most successful Convention at Chicago to each of the National Presidents and the members of their organizations. I trust that my successor will attend or delegate someone to represent him at their Annual Conventions at Chicago in September.

### Grand Army of the Republic

Our official records list the following surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Albert Woolson, Sr. V. C.-C., Duluth, Minn.  
James A. Hard, Jr. V. C.-in-C., Rochester, N. Y.  
Douglas T. Story, Los Angeles, Calif.  
William A. Magee, Van Nuys, Calif.  
Israel Broadsword, Samuels, Idaho.  
Lancing A. Wilcox, Cadoti, Wis.

Under date of July 5, 1951, each of the above comrades was extended an invitation to attend the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and our Auxiliary. The invitations were signed by James A. Rhodes, Mayor, City of Columbus, Ohio. The Deshler-Wallick Hotel at Columbus included in this invitation living quarters, without charge, for the veteran and his escort.

### Necrology

The following Grand Army of the Republic and Commandery-in-Chief members have been reported to have answered the last Roll Call and passed to the "Great Beyond." May the influence of their lives remain as an inspiration to us in the days that lie ahead in this critical period of our Order.

### Grand Army of the Republic:

Theodore Penland, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.



**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations wishes to submit the following report:

1—From the Central Region relative to establishing an order of Junior Grandsons of the Civil War.

The Committee does not approve believing that in 1949 different Departments were given authority to organize Camps of Grandsons and, at that time, the cost was discussed and the above action taken by that Encampment. We see no reason to go into printing of rituals, etc., now for the Grandsons when costs are a great deal more than they were even in 1949; and we do not approve.

(Deferred until complete report was presented by this Committee; and no action taken). (Later withdrawn by P. D. C. Roy Bennett of Iowa).

2—From the National Secretary-Treasurer to add to Charter—Section 4, Chapter 1, Article 1 which shall then read:

In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander, or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax shall be fraudulent and void and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its members.

Your Committee approves this change to the Constitution and Regulations. (Adopted).

3—From the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief proposing that Section 4, Article 1, Chapter 1 of the Regulations, as most recently amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"For the purpose of enforcing the trust above declared and any other trusts, express or implied on which moneys or other property may be held, visitatorial powers are hereby conferred upon the several Departments. In the case of incorporated Department having a board with the powers of a Board of Directors, such board shall be the Board of Visitors. In the case of other Departments the Department Commander and the members of the Department Council shall be the Board of Visitors."

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence as we felt that the laws as they are in your present regulations cover the matter fully. (Committee sustained).

4—Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer submits the following Amendment to the Regulations: Section 6, Article VI, Chapter V to read:

"The Commander-in-Chief may in extraordinary cases which seem to him to justify such action summarily suspend from all rights in the Order a member Camp or Department, and in the event of such action he shall appoint within ten days thereafter a Trial Commissioner, who shall proceed as set forth in Section 4. A member under such suspension shall cease to exercise the powers of any office he may hold and shall have no vote in a Camp or Department. A Camp or Department under such suspension shall hold no meetings without the written permission of the Commander-in-Chief, who shall specify the matters which may be considered or acted upon at such meeting."

The Committee does not approve of this substitution as we believe it is not necessary to change the regulations to include this amendment; as our present regulations are sufficient. (Adopted).

5—From the Massachusetts Department—that Article III of the Constitution be amended by changing the period at the end of Section 3 to a semicolon and adding the following: "provided, that where a soldier, sailor or marine who served as aforesaid left no lineal male descendants, descendants of a brother or sister of such soldier, sailor or marine, otherwise qualified as herein provided, may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Commandery-in-Chief may impose, be admitted to membership to represent such veteran."

Your Committee does not concur. (Adopted).

6—That Article VII, of Chapter V of the Regulations be amended by numbering the present section of said Article as Section 1, and by adding a new section reading:

"Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief has the right to call a meeting of any Department Encampment or Camp and to preside at any meeting of either; and the Department Commander has the same right over any Camp in his Department."

Your Committee does not approve, because we do not think it necessary; our present laws are sufficient. (Committee sustained).

Hiram Gale, Past Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Robert Barrett, Sr.  
Joseph Clovese.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:**

William H. Russell, Past Commander-in-Chief, S. U. V., Kansas.  
Dr. Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, S. U. V., New York.  
John Spielman, Past Department Commander, S. U. V., Cal. & Pac.  
Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, Past Dept. Commander, S. U. V., Penn.  
Michael J. Heintz, Past Department Commander, S. U. V., Ohio.  
Frederic A. Gentieu, Past Department Commander, S. U. V., N. J.  
William H. Klein, Past Department Commander, S. U. V., New York.

**SURVEY OF THE ORDER**

I feel that the Commander-in-Chief is charged with the duty of reporting his considered opinions and to offer appropriate recommendations without fear or favor and void of personal feelings as to any individual.

The cost of printing a professional report under this heading prohibits my rendering more than a brief outline, with the elimination of much related or explanatory information which should be included as relevant material.

I shall attempt to briefly state facts and conditions and I trust that same will not be construed as embodying defeatism or pessimism.

The physical set-up of our Order represents untold labor and expense and we are fortunate to have this established organization as a basis or foundation for future development. I am amazed at the loyalty, devotion and efforts of many members in several of our Departments. An attitude of defeatism exists in the majority of our Departments and in several this attitude has entirely submerged constructive effort and has obliterated the wonderful opportunity within our grasp. In my opinion, our Order is on the threshold of the greatest opportunity in our history if we can but catch the vision and realize the chance afforded us to become a great force for Americanism in this the most critical hour in our Nation's history.

In the past we have appointed Program and Policy Committees but they have been unrealistic and the result of their labors have been a voluminous theoretical report which dealt chiefly with abstractions and which were not concrete enough to catch the imagination of our Camps. I served on one such committee several years back and was compelled to offer a minority report containing definite, simple plans which could have been easily understood and executed by our Camps. The majority report was adopted but could not be put into operation for obvious reasons.

The time has long since passed when we may continue to live in a make-believe dream world and we should face realities as they exist today, rather than attempting to use techniques and ideologies that existed seventy years ago when our Order was founded. It should be obvious that something is drastically wrong, and that this condition cannot be corrected by a flow of sentimental oratory, or by a committee report which is difficult to promulgate and impossible to execute in the Camps and Departments.

I have yet, after three decades of Educational and Business Counseling, to discover failure caused from outside pressure. The fundamental cause of failure is always from within the individual or organization.

We are attempting to successfully operate our Order on sentiment and with an off-balanced membership and financial structure based on conditions which long since have ceased to exist. Anyone or any group who believe that one can do business in the year 1951 with the same techniques and half the income as in the year 1900, are fooling only themselves.

A conservative survey would reveal that 40% to 50% of our present membership is fictitious, remaining on our rolls through the charity of Camps or individuals.

The percentage of really active Camps is less than 50% in several Departments.

We have at least 20% of our existing Departments on the verge of disbanding and another 20% will soon be in that same condition if present procedures are continued.

Lack of constructive and energetic leadership and a sustained program embodying continuity of action and policy emanating from our National Organization has contributed to the present condition found throughout the Commandery-in-Chief. Each new administration announces its own program which often bears no relation to its predecessors, with the notable exception that all seem to have increased membership as a goal.

The present Commandery-in-Chief officers have attempted to carry on the policies of the last administration with the exception of emphasis on membership, believing that Camp program and activity is prerequisite to membership. We believe that it is time wasted to recruit new members without having activity which is of interest to the member.

I am convinced that our first consideration should be to decide on a definite program geared to conditions existing today, and the respon-

7—From the Department of Colorado & Wyoming—That the Commandery-in-Chief shall issue a certificate of membership to each member in good standing.

Your Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

8—From the New York Department—"that we memorialize the Commandery-in-Chief to delete Chapter 5 of the General Regulations, Article 4, Section 1 and Section 2 which regulates the formulation and the distribution of the Password to Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." (Your Committee not sustained, and referred back to the Committee to draw it up properly). (Later, Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin presented the following Resolution:

That Article IV "Password" of Chapter V, General Regulations, be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the title and all of Sections 1 and 2 of said Article IV, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**"Membership Card"**

Section 1. Each member, upon payment of his dues, will be issued by the Camp Secretary an official membership card certifying that the member to whom it is issued is in good standing, having paid his dues for the period indicated thereon.

Section 2. Any member may be required by the Camp Commander to exhibit his current official membership card in order to gain admission to vote, or hold office in a Camp of the Order.

Section 3. The National Secretary-Treasurer is charged with the responsibility of supplying Camp secretaries with suitable membership cards, and developing an appropriate system for the issuance and accounting thereof.

(This Resolution was adopted by the Encampment).

9—From the Department of Illinois—that the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be changed to Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

10—From the Department of Rhode Island that the Commandery-in-Chief have added to its roster of officers an Officer to be known as the Rehabilitation Officer, this officer to work in conjunction with the rehabilitation officers of the National Auxiliary and other veterans and patriotic organizations.

Your Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

11—From the Report of the Commander-in-Chief, his Recommendation No. 4—"That the Council-in-Chief be enlarged to five (5) members to be known as or be charged with the duties of a Council of Administration.

A lot would have to be done to put this into effect and get it in working order, and your Committee, therefore, does not approve. (Committee sustained).

12—Also from the report of the Commander-in-Chief—his recommendation No. 11 relative to password.

This has been taken care of by a resolution just passed and, therefore, requires no action.

13—From the report of the Commander-in-Chief—his Recommendations Nos. 18A and 18B—relative to members in disbanded Camps and disbanded Departments.

Your Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

—Respectfully submitted, Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman; Perle L. Fouch, Past Commander-in-Chief; Chester L. Charter Past Dept. Commander, Minn.; Chas. E. Katterman, Kansas, Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Com.-in-Chief Heald presented to Dept. Com. Wohlgermuth, of California, a banner showing largest net gain in membership. The brother thanked the Encampment for thus honoring his Department and stated that he would endeavor during his year to see that the banner remained in California another year.

A recess was next declared to 9:00 a. m. Wednesday.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION**

The first order of business was the report of Past Com.-in-Chief Runkle for his committee, as follows:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS**  
**Commander-in-Chief's Report**

Commander-in-Chief Heald, during his term of office has displayed an untiring effort in the performance of his many and varied responsibilities. Continuity of effort and "let's do it now" have been his theme throughout the year. He is deserving of only the highest commendation of each and every member of our beloved order for the time and effort put forth in an endeavor to promote the welfare and interests of our order and to plug the loss gap. Only those who have served in the office of Commander-in-Chief can recognize the many responsibilities, and sometimes heartaches, that go with the position. While we fully recognize that his desires and ambitions were not fully realized, we do feel that he has accomplished some results and the appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief is extended to our Commander-in-Chief for a job well done.

His report offers the following recommendations and we report as follows:

sibility of executing this program should be delegated to specific elected and appointed officers. To make this program effective we should give serious consideration to our financial policies. The time to make these decisions is now while we still have the nucleus of an organization remaining upon which to build.

I make the following suggestions and at the end of this survey report I offer certain recommendations.

**Commander-in-Chief** should remain as the executive head of the Order, but he should be provided with a program which represents continuity of action over a period of years. Rearrangement of Department visitations would relieve him of some of the personal expense. He should have an allowance for postage and pre-Encampment arrangements. The six-point platform adopted at Boston was the most forward step taken in years.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief** should be assigned definite duties and his efficiency should be determined by results of his activity. He should have a small expense account.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**—Same as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Council-in-Chief**—Under present set-up this office is one of adding and budget. Cost to the Order is out of balance to the work done. Either their duties should include other responsibilities or an auditor should handle this report thereby effecting a saving in money by eliminating travel expense.

**Appointed Officers**—Present duties should be re-evaluated and other definite duties assigned if deemed advisable. Reasonable postage or expense accounts should be provided if needed.

**Standing Committees**—The chairman of the permanent committees should be given explicit instructions and provided with postage and expense accounts where travel and correspondence is required.

**Council of Administration**—We should create a new committee or enlarge the Council-in-Chief to at least five (5) men whose duty should be to formulate a three (3) or five (5) year plan with definite objectives for each of said years. This group should serve as advisors to the Commander-in-Chief and be responsible for all of the interests and welfare of the Order during the interim between National Encampments.

**Eligibility**—It should be clearly obvious that our eligibility should be broadened. I am not in favor of departing from our direct descendancy policy, but I believe we should consider admitting any direct male descendant of an Honorably Discharged United States War Veteran into our membership.

**Name of Order**—Experience would indicate that the changing of our name to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, accomplished only one thing and that was to confuse the public as to who we are and to have us become known as the little order with the big name. We should, in my opinion, readopt our former name, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (United States Army).

**Camps**—The majority of our active Camps fail to carry out the work of the ritual, hold meetings too frequently and operate using techniques and procedures which are relics of bygone days. Most Camps should be encouraged to hold meetings not oftener than monthly and in many instances quarterly meetings well planned would be more effective. Consideration should be given to "Service Club" type of dinner meetings as a modern method of conducting a Camp meeting.

**Password**—I feel that a password is an outmoded technique and suggest a paid-up membership card as a means of admission, voting and holding office.

**Membership**—One of our basic difficulties is the fact that we are off balance in age groups. Many of our Camps have neglected to provide interest for grandsons, and more important great-grandsons, with the result that our losses from death exceed our gains. During the year I have, through public addresses and in articles in The Banner, called attention to this basic problem and have given examples of procedures to attract, interest and hold young members. Athletic teams, Drum Corps, Firing Squads, Drill Teams, etc., really produce results.

**State Camps**—Every Department should organize one or more of these Dinner Type Camps, meet quarterly and accept members from localities where a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans does not exist. Members of disbanded Camps should be automatically transferred to membership in a State Camp.

**Finances**—Our budget is off balance and is annually subjected to pressure from unqualified members who through flowery sentimental oratory sway the judgment of the attending delegates into voting financial expenditures which are unsound and destructive. I offer as an example the vote taken at Boston whereby the budget of the Council-in-Chief was not accepted and the Encampment voted funds which have necessitated cashing invested funds to the extent of \$1200.00. If this practice is allowed to continue, we will automatically become insolvent and be destroyed. The income from investments is greater than from any one Department and the loss of this interest revenue is a serious matter.

**The Banner**—The cost of this paper is out of proportion to our income and either the number of issues should be reduced or revenue obtained from advertisements. I believe limited space could be sold to those who offer supplies or possibly a few of our own members might buy advertising space. The make-up should be revamped to be more modern and attractive.



and Regulations and, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Adopt).

1A—"That future retiring Commanders-in-Chief be made No. 1 members of the Council-in-Chief because of their current knowledge of the State of the Order."

Your Committee feels it is not in order for the Past Commander-in-Chief to be continued in office after he has served the highest office to be conferred upon him by the Commandery-in-Chief and that the knowledge and experience of the retiring Commander-in-Chief is available to the Council-in-Chief and the Commandery-in-Chief without the necessity of being in office. We recommend non-concurrence. (Adopt).

1B—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

1C—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

2 and 3 combined—"Responsibilities to be assigned the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief."

The committee recommends non-concurrence by reason of the fact that both the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief have their duties defined by the Constitution and Regulations, and both officers are automatically subject to assignment of any duties by the Commander-in-Chief. (Adopt).

4-A, B, C—Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

5—"That all officers and committee chairmen with travel and postage expense shall be allowed an expense account not to exceed \$25.00."

The Committee is heartily in accord with the thoughts of the Commander-in-Chief in this recommendation. However, realizing the financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief and the vital necessity of reducing rather than increasing expenditures of the Commandery-in-Chief, we recommend non-concurrence. (Adopt).

6—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

7—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

8—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

9—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

1—"That proposed legislation requiring expenditures from our permanent funds shall be given notice to our membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the introduction of such legislation at a National Encampment."

Your Committee concurs. (Not adopted).

11—Elimination of Password.

Your Committee concurs with this recommendation but refers the matter to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

12—"That the name of our Order be changed to Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

Your Committee is unable to see what can be gained by changing the name of our organization as recommended and we definitely feel that, after more than twenty-five years of endeavoring to establish our identity as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the name which was approved by the Grand Army of the Republic, our identity would be lost by such change and we, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Adopt).

13—"That any direct male descendant of an Honorably Discharged American War Veteran may be considered eligible to join our Order."

Our organization was founded for the express purpose of assisting the Grand Army of the Republic and the Union Veteran of the Civil War. Now, with the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is all the more important that we, direct descendants of those men, do all in our power to perpetuate their traditions and ideals. Your Committee feels that by extending eligibility in our organization to the sons of veterans of all wars that eventually there would be a definite split in the objects of our organization whereas we now have one expressed object. We, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Adopt).

14—"That the Council-in-Chief be instructed to investigate and report on the possibility and advisability of merging the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans with our Order."

We recommend non-concurrence for the same reason as expressed in answer to Recommendation No. 13. (Adopt).

15A—"That we continue our membership in the American Coalition."

Your Committee concurs. (Adopt).

15B—"That we contribute \$25.00 per year to the Coalition."

In concurring with 15A, your Committee likewise concurs with 15B, and have referred this to the Council-in-Chief for their consideration. (Adopt).

15C—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

16—"That an appointive officer to be known as the co-ordinator be appointed to work with the several Departments assisting in promoting our National Program."

Whereas the Commander-in-Chief has authority to appoint subordinate officers to assume certain duties and responsibilities, we feel this recommendation is taken care of by the Constitution

Salaries—The salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer is out of balance with the income of the Commandery-in-Chief. I have only commendation for the ability and efficiency in the conduct of this office by the one now holding the office, but the fact remains that the Order cannot apportion so large a percentage of its available budget for the operation of this activity. If we are to put our program on a sound basis we must have available funds for promoting the several projects. It is inconceivable to me that we accept financial aid while spending more for these offices than those who are furnishing us with financial help and our membership is several thousand less than our Auxiliary.

#### Recommendations

(Note: Recommendations involving change in C. R. and R. should, if adopted, be submitted in form of Resolutions by Resolutions Committee).

No. 1. A. That future retiring Commanders-in-Chief be made No. 1 members of the Council-in-Chief because of their current knowledge of the State of the Order.

B. That the Commander-in-Chief be allowed an additional \$100.00 annually for travel expense incident to making arrangements for the National Encampment.

C. That the Commander-in-Chief be allowed an additional \$50.00 per year for stenographic and postage expense.

No. 2. That the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief be assigned the responsibility for promoting the planned program as established by the Order under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief.

No. 3. That the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be assigned the responsibility for membership and shall promote this activity under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief.

No. 4. That the Council-in-Chief be enlarged to five (5) members to be known as or be charged with the duties of a Council-of-Administration.

A. To determine and issue a three (3) or five (5) year program.

B. To act as an advisory body to the Commander-in-Chief in his many and varied problems arising during his term of office.

C. To assign duties to the various officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, said officers to report to and be responsible to said Council-in-Chief.

No. 5. That all officers and committee chairman with travel and postage expense shall be allowed an expense account not to exceed \$25.00.

No. 6. That the Chief-of-Staff be allowed coach fare to and from National Encampments.

No. 7. That the Council-in-Chief substantially reduce the cost of The Banner and that it be authorized to obtain additional funds through selling advertising space or reduce the number of issues or take such other action as may seem expedient to reduce the cost of same.

No. 8. That the Council-in-Chief set the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer at an amount more nearly in line with that paid similar officers by our Auxiliary.

No. 9. That the Council-in-Chief make allowance in the annual budget for replacing permanent funds withdrawn during this fiscal year, same to be replaced over a five-year period.

No. 10. That proposed legislation requiring expenditures from our permanent funds shall be given notice to our membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the introduction of such legislation at a National Encampment.

No. 11. That the use of and issuing of a password be discontinued and that in lieu thereof a member must show a paid up membership card to gain admission, vote or hold office in a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans.

No. 12. That the name of our Order be changed to Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

No. 13. That any direct male descendant of an Honorably Discharged American War Veteran may be considered eligible to join our Order.

No. 14. That the Council-in-Chief be instructed to investigate and report on the possibility and advisability of merging the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans with our Order.

No. 15. A. That we continue our membership in the American Coalition.

B. That we contribute \$25.00 per year to the Coalition.

C. That the Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor, National Chairman of Legislative Committee and National Chairman of Americanization Committee each be allowed the sum of \$25.00 if they attend the Annual Coalition Meeting.

No. 16. That an appointive officer to be known as a co-ordinator be appointed to work with the several Departments assisting in promoting our National Program. I recommend the present Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief as qualified for this office.

No. 17. That the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary and the Council-in-Chief be authorized as a Time and Place Committee to secure and contract for future National Encampment cities.

No. 18. A. That members of disbanded Camps shall be automatically assigned as members-at-large or members of State Camps within their Departments.

B. That members of disbanded Departments shall be automati-



MRS. PHYLLIS M. DEAN

Mrs. Phyllis M. Dean, of Westboro, Mass., was unanimously elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the 65th National Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, the week of August 19.

A native of the old Bay State, Mrs. Dean has lived in Massachusetts all of her life. She was born in New Bedford, later moving to Westboro, where she joined the Auxiliary in 1921.

Joseph Francis, a great uncle, served in the Civil War, and it is through him she derives her eligibility in being a member of our order. She was President of the Westboro Aux. from 1929 to 1933. In 1930 Mrs. Dean was elected a member of the Mass. Department Council, serving later as Department Inspector, Chief-of-Staff, Vice President, and in 1934 was chosen to head the Dept of Mass. as its President.

In 1935 Mrs. Dean was elected Patriotic Instructor by the National body of our order and has since served our order well and faithfully in various other capacities. She is greatly interested in Rehabilitation work and her activities along this line in the Veterans Administration and other hospitals in Mass. are most outstanding. Her long years of service in the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is inspiring and is a stimulating background for her new position as National President of our order.

The great' uncle of Phyllis',

19—"That further consideration and action be taken relative to an authorized Junior Order within our organization."

17—"That the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary and the Council-in-Chief be authorized as a Time and Place Committee to secure and contract for future National Encampment cities."

This Committee feels that the thoughts of this recommendation are thoroughly covered by recommendations of previous Encampments and we, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Adopt).

18—A & B—Referred to Com. on Constitution and Regulations.



ROY J. BENNETT

Elected Commander-in-Chief of the the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 70th Annual Encampment, held at Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 19-24, 1951.

The grandson of a Civil War Veteran, James Wilfred Bennett, who served in Company C, 2nd Regiment, Vermont Vol. Infantry. Was wounded at the Battle of Antietam and held prisoner at Belle Island, which caused his death.

Past Commander of Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75 of Iowa serving three terms. Past Department Commander of Iowa. Past Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. Held Office continually in the Order over a period of twenty-eight years.

Served as Assistant Adjutant of Crocker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, for ten years and had the sad duty of closing the Post.

Partner of the Standard Machine & Die Co., Des Moines, Ia., for seventeen years and now sole owner. Member of Masonic Capital Lodge No. 110, A. F. & A. M., and Des Moines Chapter No. 89, Order of the Eastern Star.

Joseph Francis, mentioned above, was 40 years of age when he joined Co. E 48th Reg. Mass. Vols. on Sept. 1, 1862, and was discharged Sept. 3, 1863. His son, named for his father, enlisted Oct. 3, 1863, after his father was discharged, and was killed in action at Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864.

cally assigned as members-at-large or members of a Commandery-in-Chief Camp.

No. 19. That further consideration and action be taken relative to an authorized Junior Order within our organization.

No. 20. That we continue our policy of extending invitations to the G. A. R. Allied Orders for the holding of their National Conventions at same time and place as the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary and recommend the same procedure to all Departments of the Order.

#### Conclusion

I submit this report realizing that some may feel that certain suggestions and recommendations are rather drastic and involve changes which may seem startling. This report is based on considered judgment made after devoting over 60% of my time and effort to the business and operation of our Order during the past year. I have no personal feelings involved, my only concern is for that which will benefit our beloved Order. The decisions and fate of the Sons of Union Veterans rests in your hands. I accept your decisions on this report in a spirit of brotherly love; my only request being that you have the courage of your convictions and that any actions you may take, are in your considered judgment, made in the best interests for the future of our Order.

It has been an honor and rare privilege to serve you as Commander-in-Chief. I shall treasure forever the many friends made from Coast to Coast and shall always be grateful for the courteous and sympathetic co-operation extended to me in the Departments which I visited.

We stand on the threshold of an unsurpassed era of opportunity to serve our Country if we but have the courage and vision to constructively build and promote our Order using modern techniques—"LET'S DO IT NOW."

I pledge to my successor and to you, my brothers, my interest and co-operation in the years to come.

May we catch the vision and build an order so strong that we may preserve to America the heritage bequeathed to us. Only then will we have kept the faith and carried out our obligation to perpetuate forever the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CLEON E. HEALD,

Commander-in-Chief,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

As fiscal officer of this organization, I have the honor and responsibility to present to you, and to the members, a report of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer, with facts and observations that appear to me to be indicated.

This will be my last report in this capacity, inasmuch as increased demands on my time, together with the advice of my physician, makes it necessary to resign the office, and relieve myself of its many responsibilities. You will kindly consider this my official resignation, effective at the conclusion of this Encampment.

Upon accepting this office three years ago, I did so with the full realization of the confusion that I found. Mismanagement and inefficiency were so prevalent that it has taken all this time to put the affairs in workable condition. By personal financing, and much planning and thought, the Commandery-in-Chief was spared embarrassment.

I have had to invest a sizable amount in supplies, particularly during the past year. Due to the restriction on strategic metals, our badge manufacturer informed me to order sufficient for a couple of years, which I have done. I cannot anticipate any great expense for supplies in the near future, and for that reason, our financial condition will benefit.

At our Encampment in Boston last year, you did not heed my warning, and for that reason more expenditures were authorized than we had income to cover. As authorized at Boston, it was necessary to cash \$1,200.00 in U. S. Bonds during the past year.

With the increased per capita tax (.60c yearly) to take effect with the September, 1951, quarter, I feel that the budget can be balanced for the immediate future. However, with continuing decrease in purchasing power of the dollar, additional increases must be anticipated.

The following statistical reports will disclose the transactions covering period from July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1951: (See Page 10)

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

Camp 10, Long Beach—Lawton Camp honored the Department Officers of California & Pacific at a reception on the evening of July 11. Over one hundred guests attended to greet twenty-one new Dept. Officers. A well beloved program of introductions, entertainment, presentations, and a grand reception, with refreshments featured the evening. Four acts of fine entertainment were presented, youngsters of all ages headed by many television stars, and adult talent, kept pace with many stirring numbers. Dept. Com. J. Elmer Wohlgenuth spoke in behalf of his Officers, and was presented with many gifts and well wishes for a successful year. Brother George E. Walverton, of Lawton Camp, recently celebrated his 99th birthday, and was presented with a birthday cake that evening, baked by Sister Bess Garwood, Past Department President of the Auxiliary.



folder, subject to the approval of the incoming Commander-in-Chief. (Adopt).

We are heartily in accord with the thought of the Commander-in-Chief with respect to further consideration relative to the Junior Order of the Sons of Union Veterans. However, recognition of the Junior Order of Sons of Union Veterans was authorized by action of the 88th Encampment at Indianapolis, Indiana, and as no definite plan is set forth in this recommendation, your Committee feels no action is necessary. (Adopt).

20—"That we continue our policy of extending invitations of the G. A. R. Allied Orders for holding of their National Conventions at same time and place as the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary and recommend the same procedure to all Departments of the Order."

We concur with this recommendation subject to previous actions covered by the Commandery-in-Chief. (Adopt).

Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The efforts put forth by our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief exemplify his zeal and desire to further the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is to be commended for his interest in our order and for an ever willingness to carry out the program laid down by the Commander-in-Chief. The recommendation set forth in his report has been referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is to be highly commended for his activities during the past year in performing the duties of his office and in representing the Commander-in-Chief. The efforts of Brother Riggs in the institution of another Camp in the California Department at San Diego, California, and his untiring efforts to organize a new Camp in Las Vegas, Nevada, are an exemplification of his love of our Order and proof that "It Can Be Done." Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Earl B. Riggs deserves the sincere thanks and gratitude of the Commandery-in-Chief for his untiring efforts. There are no recommendations in this report.

National Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The report of the National Secretary-Treasurer is one that should deeply concern each and every member of the Sons of Union Veterans. Brother Lambert deserves the highest commendation of the Commandery-in-Chief for the time and effort put forth in the fulfillment of his duties. No more important office exists than the office of National Secretary-Treasurer.

The only recommendation submitted by Brother Lambert is as follows:

"That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of ten, such committee to be known as the C. & R. Revision Committee, and that this committee meet between now and the next National Encampment at their own expense, for the purpose of preparing suggested changes of the C. & R. for action at the 1952 Encampment."

Your Committee questions the necessity of a complete revision of the Constitution and Regulations, but if it is deemed advisable we suggest that revisions of the Constitution and Regulations be placed in the hands of a committee of three to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. (Adopt).

Patriotic Instructor's Report

The report submitted by National Patriotic Instructor Frederick K. Davis in our opinion is one of the finest reports ever submitted by a Brother holding this important office in our Order. The sincere thanks and appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief is extended to Brother Davis for a job well done.

The only recommendation submitted by the National Patriotic Instructor is as follows:

\$500.00 is hereby made available from the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund to the Committee on Program and Policy for the purpose of publishing a folder about our Order; also, if money permits, other publicity material the Committee may agree upon. Quantities to be sold as cheaply as feasible and receipts to be returned to the Grand Army Fund." While the Commandery-in-Chief has abolished the Committee on Program and Policy, this Committee is in accord with the thoughts expressed by the National Patriotic Instructor for we do feel that it is important to advertise the organization. We also feel that an expenditure from the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund for this purpose would be of much benefit to the Sons of Union Veterans and in reality would operate as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic by publicizing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In keeping with the thoughts of the National Patriotic Instructor, we would like to recommend that the sum of not to exceed \$500.00 be made available from the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund for the purpose of publishing a folder publicizing our Order, and including in the folder a short form application setting forth the required information necessary for membership in our Order, and that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to arrange for said

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1951

Table with columns: General Fund, G. A. R. Fund, Legis. Com., U. S. Gov. Bonds. Rows include July 1, 1950-To Balance, RECEIPTS (Per Capita Tax, New Members Fees, Charter Fees, Camp Reinstatement Fees, Supplies, National Auxiliary-Gift, Registration Fee, Interest on U. S. Bonds, Miscellaneous, Premium on Dept. Com. Bonds, U. S. Bonds cashed), National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz, National Patriotic Instructor Davis.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Table with columns: General Expense, C-in-C. Runkle Exp., C-in-C. Heald Exp., Encampment Expense, Dept. Com. Bonds, Supplies, Congressional Record, G. A. R. Highway Com., Grave Marking Com., Printing, Harrisburg Drum Corps, Penna. Brigade Band, Arlington Hall.

Table with columns: Bonds Cashed, Balance June 30, 1951, Stock and Supplies Account.

Table with columns: Cost of Supplies on hand June 30, 1950, Cost of Supplies Purchased.

Table with columns: Cost of Supplies on hand June 30, 1951, Cost of Supplies Sold.

Table with columns: Received for Supplies, Cost of Supplies Sold.

Table with columns: Profit on Supplies.

Fifty-Year Badges Issued

Connecticut, 6; Maine, 2; Massachusetts, 2; New Hampshire, 6; New Jersey, 3; New York, 15; Pennsylvania, 18.

Twenty-five Year Pins Issued

California & Pacific, 15; Connecticut, 10; Illinois, 20; Indiana, 1; Iowa, 5; Maine, 13; Massachusetts, 25; New Hampshire, 1; New Jersey, 30; New York, 105; Pennsylvania, 21; Vermont, 20; Rhode Island, 19.

War Medals Issued

California & Pacific, 2; New York, 9.

New Camps

During the year the following new Camps were organized: April 8, 1951, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, 40 members; May 13, 1951, Hillsboro, New Hampshire, 20 members; June 23, 1951, San Diego, California, 15 members.

(See Page 11)

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

Charles F. Martin, Dept. Press Correspondent, 126 So. 12th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

This Correspondent doesn't know where The Banner got the material for our Minnesota column in the July issue, but it wasn't like the copy I sent in. Therefore, as I have a burning desire to live a little longer, may I have space in The Banner to again present the names of our Dept. Officers: Earl W. Boyes was re-elected Dept. Commander. Those chosen to serve with him were: David A. Phelps, Sr. Vice; A. N. Longfield, Jr. Vice; George E. Bailey, Robert E. Payne, Sr., and Claton R. Moore, Council; Dewey B. Mead, Sec.-Treas.; John M. Aretz, Pat. Inst.; John M. Ruffcorn, Chap.; Frank J. Devore, Couns.

Two Resolutions contained in the Report of the National Patriotic Instructor have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

—Respectfully submitted, John H. Runkle, Pa., Chairman; Wm. Rule, Mass.; Leslie W. Moore, N. Y.; John Starr, Oregon; A. Leroy Reynolds, Ill.; Committee on Officers Reports. (Adopted as a whole).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL FUND

To the Officers and Members of the 70th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

The committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to review the proposed "Memorial Fund" submits herewith the following revision to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Page 37, Constitution & Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI—

Section No. 1—Present paragraph in C. & R. "Finances."

Section No. 2—

(A) The Commandery-in-Chief shall create a fund to be known as "The Commandery-in-Chief Memorial Fund."

(B) This fund shall be invested and the interest only is to be used for welfare and patriotic work of the Commandery-in-Chief.

(C) Establishment of Fund:

(1) By subscriptions from members of the organization and other person or persons, in memory of a Union Veteran of the Civil War or a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in the amount of not less than ten dollars.

(2) By legacies and bequests.

(D) All monies for this fund shall be received and held by the National Secretary-Treasurer who with the Council-in-Chief shall be vested with full authority to invest the funds in such manner as may be deemed by them most profitable, and only in such investments as are approved for investment of funds by National banks.

(E) No expenditures shall be made from the principal except by a majority vote of members attending an Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief and a thirty (30) day notice of such intentions shall be promulgated either through General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief or the Organization Publication.

—Respectfully submitted, John H. Runkle, Past Com.-in-Chief, Pa.; John W. Emery, Past Dept. Com., Mass.

(Adopted).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEY OF THE ORDER

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: As Chairman of the Committee on Survey of the Order, and to handle the several items that were referred to that Committee by action of the Encampment in Boston, I would like to say that the several things which referred to amendments in the Constitution and Regulations regarding life membership and Commandery-in-Chief Camp; in view of action taken by this Encampment and the vital necessity of careful consideration to legislative changes, we would like to have you continue that, or refer it to a Committee to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief for further consideration and action at the 1952 Encampment, and possibly for action of Committee to be appointed for revision of the Constitution and Regulations.

(Encampment took action to continue committee; and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to increase the Committee and consolidate with the Constitution & Regulations Committee).

Nat'l Pres. Shugart was escorted into room by Past Com.-in-Chief Holbrook. Pres. Shugart was accompanied by her Personal Aide, Chrystal Powell. Sister Shugart spoke feelingly of her interest in the Sons organization, of the sincere service and effort in its behalf of her Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Heald, and thanked him graciously for his many courtesies to her personally, and his kindly consideration in many ways for her organization. She presented to the Commandery-in-Chief a check for \$200.00 from the National Auxiliary. Response was by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Your Committee on Restoration of Rank has one petition submitted—that of the Department of New Hampshire asking the restoration of rank of Past Department Commander to John B. Davis, a member of W. W. Brown Camp No. 1.

Your Committee approves the request, after payment of a fee of \$10.00. (Committee sustained).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Past Commander-in-Chief Stouff, for the Committee on Place and Time of next Encampment, reported that after study and discussion the committee recommended the next Encampment be held in Atlantic City, N. J., the 4th week in August, 1952. Various

Itemized Receipts from Departments

Table with columns: Department, New Fees, Per Capita Tax, Camp Char. Reinst. Fees, Dept. Comd. Bond, Supplies, Total. Rows include Calif. & Pacific, Colo. & Wyoming, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon & Wash., Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, At Large.

\$145.50 \$5,312.20 \$15.00 \$5.00 \$1,177.62 \$45.11 \$6,700.43

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic—July 11, 1951

- California: Douglas T. Story, 1228 1/2 S. Brockton Ave., W. Los Angeles Birthday, November 24—age 106. Wm. A. Magee, 7135 Hazeltine Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. Birthday, August 19—age 104. Idaho: Israel Broadwords, Samuels, Idaho. Birthday unknown, 104 years old. Minnesota: Albert Woolson, 215 E. 5th St., Duluth. Birthday, February 11—age 104. New York: James A. Hard, 31 Portsmouth Terrace, Rochester, N. Y. Birthday July 15—age 110 this year. Wisconsin: Lansing A. Wilcox, Veterans Hospital, King. Birthday, March 3—age 105.

These men, and their comrades in the great beyond, look to us to maintain a strong organization pledged to tell the story of the G. A. R., its influence for good, its traditions, and heritage. To this end, I shall continue to work regardless of pessimism or discouragement.

As always, I have received splendid co-operation and friendly assistance from Miss Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic. She has rendered an invaluable service to the Grand Army, and should be recognized for this.

The Banner

My association with The Banner, Editor Holbrook, and his staff has again been most cordial and efficient. Their understanding and co-operation leaves nothing to be desired, and I wish to publicly thank and commend them.

Our Auxiliary

Year after year, our Auxiliary has proven to be a bulwark of strength and encouragement. National President, Sister Lela B. Shugart, has shown every courtesy and consideration, and has proven her love and affection for our organization as well as her own. She and her organization have devoted a year of fine service, and are to be commended heartily.

Allied Organizations

Correspondence and relationships have been cordial and co-operative. I have had very little occasion to meet them personally, but fully appreciate their activities and interest in behalf of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund

With the proceeds of this fund, we have done much to keep alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and much more can be done in the future. Our general fund does not provide for more than current expenditures, therefore we must turn to the G. A. R. Fund for money to do things in their memory. I sincerely trust that the practice of soliciting funds for the G. A. R. Memorial Fund will be continued.

State of the Order

Many Departments and Department Officers are guilty of gross negligence in the conduct of their duties. As a result their Camps are



places, among others Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Milwaukee, Wis., had asked consideration as meeting place, and two or three spoke concerning Milwaukee. A vote was finally taken, resulting 63 to 49 in favor of Atlantic City.

The Credential Committee reported a vote of 142 fully accredited members present, as follows: 14 Past Coms.-in-Chief; 70 Past Dept. Coms. and Dept. Coms.; 58 Delegates. Three Departments not represented—Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas.

Past Com.-in-Chief Sautter moved that \$100 from the G. A. R. Memorial Fund be made available to the G. A. R. Highway Committee. Motion carried.

For the Council-in-Chief Chairman Combs read the following proposed budget and recommendations:

**REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF**  
Proposed Budget—1951-1952

<b>Receipts:</b>	
Per Capita Tax, 10,000 Members at .60.....	\$6,000.00
Membership Fees, 300 Members at .50.....	150.00
Charter Fees—3 New Camps at \$5.00.....	15.00
Registration Fees—150 at \$2.00.....	300.00
Sale of Supplies .....	1,035.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
The Banner—General Orders (Basis of .20 per member) .....	\$2,000.00
Commander-in-Chief Expense (Basis of .10 per member) .....	1,000.00
Supplies .....	600.00
Encampment Expense (1952) .....	800.00
Shipping Expense—Supplies .....	40.00
Rent for National Headquarters.....	300.00
Miscellaneous, including P. C.-in-C. Badge.....	200.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	150.00
Proceedings .....	600.00
Officers' Reports and Rosters.....	200.00
American Coalition .....	20.00
Deficit, 1950-1951 .....	585.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

**Recommendations:**

- That the following appropriations be made from the G. A. R. Memorial Fund:
    - \$50.00 for Lincoln University.
    - \$50.00 for Harrisburg Drum Corps.
    - \$25.00 for Committee on Marking Graves.
    - \$25.00 for Americanization Committee.
    - \$25.00 for Legislative Committee.
    - \$25.00 for Publicity Committee.
  - That travel expense to the 1952 Encampment be allowed as follows:
    - Coach fare for Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Mileage at rate of two cents (.02) per mile for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Council-in-Chief; Patriotic Instructor; Chaplain; Chief-of-Staff and Counselor.
  - With the uncertainty of expenses for the coming year, we feel that a return of money to the U. S. Bond account should be held in abeyance until the end of the fiscal year.
  - We feel that the incoming Commander-in-Chief should be empowered to reinvest our U. S. Bonds into more productive investments, as would be approved by National Banks.
  - We suggest that thought be given to arranging for Camps and Departments to render semi-annual instead of quarterly reports.
- (Adopted as read).  
—Respectfully submitted, Fred H. Combs, Sr., Homer L. Young, Harold E. Arnold, Council-in-Chief.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Proceeding with Roll Call of Departments Brothers Bennett of Iowa and Bauer of Massachusetts were nominated for Commander-in-Chief. The vote taken favored Brother Bennett and Brother Bauer then asked that the vote be made unanimous for his opponent. Continuing the roll call the officers as appearing on page one, this issue, were nominated, elected, and duly seated, Past Com.-in-Chief Fouch acting as Installing Officer.

With the presentation of the badge of a Past Officer and a button-hole decoration to Past Com.-in-Chief Heald and a word from the newly-elected Officers the 70th National Encampment was closed in regular form. The 71st will meet in Atlantic City, N. J., probably on Sunday, August 24, 1952.

Character is that which reveals moral purpose, exposing the class of things a man chooses or avoids.—Aristotle.

neglected and ignored, and receive nothing for that share of per capita tax that is retained in Department Headquarters. Many instances are known where Departments do not forward Proceedings, Rosters, etc., and do not even submit financial reports and issue Department Orders to Camps. Perhaps a system of Regions to replace or consolidate Departments would be worth consideration.

Much of our procedure as controlled by both the Constitution and Regulations should be reviewed and modernized. The very name of the organization is ineffective, and in my opinion should have reference to the G. A. R., or to Abraham Lincoln in its title.

Much has been said about eligibility, and I feel that the base for same should be broadened. However, I am firmly convinced that such eligibility must be restricted to descendants of Civil War Veterans, or we would lose our very purpose of existence. I would prefer being associated with a small group dedicated to Grand Army tradition, than a large group that would tend to minimize this heritage.

Much has been said about dinner-type Camps that meet quarterly. While I feel that there are places for such Camps, and they should be made welcome, I do not feel that it is wise to pressure our Camps into any such procedure. The backbone of this organization is made up of the many Camps and loyal members that meet regularly, and perform their duties with credit to themselves and their communities.

I have felt for some time that the great cost of annual National Encampments is not warranted, in comparison with the amount of work accomplished. I also feel that it takes a Commander-in-Chief his full year before he has become fully acquainted with the problems of the office. With these thoughts in mind, perhaps a bi-annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief would be worth considering.

As these are all matters that deserve much study, and must be presented in proper form, I offer the following

**RECOMMENDATION**—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of ten, such committee to be known as the C. & R. Revision Committee, and that this committee meet between now and the next National Encampment at their own expense, for the purpose of preparing suggested changes to the C. & R. for action at the 1952 Encampment.

I realize that this committee must arrange to be together for several days in the preparation of such a lengthy and important report. I am also sure that there will be enough men sufficiently interested in the future of this organization to attend such a meeting at their own expense.

A recent communication received by me from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion discloses that they too have a similar committee functioning. The following is a quote from that communication—"our eligibility is limited to descendants of Commissioned Officers who served in the Northern Forces in the Civil War. With the possibility that the eligibility rules might be broadened to include descendants of men who served in any capacity in the Northern Forces in the Civil War, and who were honorably discharged—I hope to develop something which will be helpful to both of our Orders." The above suggested committee from our Organization might well investigate this matter further.

**Conclusion**

You have given us a year of splendid service at a great personal sacrifice, for which we must ever be grateful. The great knowledge and experience gained by you will be helpful in guiding the future destinies of our beloved Order. I am very grateful for your courtesies and co-operation, and wish to express my appreciation.

The co-operation and fraternal interests of my colleagues—the National Officers—have been encouraging and appreciated.

To my successor in this office, I pledge my co-operation and assistance. I trust that you will have confidence in him, and appreciate the many untold things that he will be called upon to do in your behalf.

ALBERT C. LAMBERT, National Secretary-Treasurer.

**GOV. DRISCOL DECLARES LINCOLN**

**TOP FIGURE IN U. S. HISTORY**

In a Memorial Day address last May 30 Gov. Driscoll, New Jersey, said that Abraham Lincoln was the greatest man in American history.

Others he considers among the great are George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John Marshall, Booker T. Washington, Samuel Gompers, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Woodrow Wilson. Lincoln, he said, deserves first place.

"The name that I believe would appear most frequently, and perhaps in all listings of great men, would be that of Abraham Lincoln, because he preserved the essential unity which enables our nation to prosper and flourish. His life, an inspiration to Americans everywhere, is living proof of the heights that can be attained from the most humble of beginnings. In the darkest days of the Civil War, when surrender would have been by far the easiest course, he perceived, almost alone, that our unity was our most precious possession. Succeeding generations are increasingly grateful for his wisdom and tenacity of purpose in steadfastly refusing to deviate from his objective. Without his contribution our nation would be but a shadow of what it is today. For his unrelenting faith and courage, and selfless dedication to the preservation of government of the people, by the people, for the people, I place Abraham Lincoln first on the list as the greatest American in our history."

**Oldest Civil War Veteran Celebrates 110th Birthday**

James A. Hard fondled an old blue McClellan hat on the eve of his 110th birthday and recalled Bull Run, Antietam and his meetings with Abraham Lincoln and General Grant.

"It was a long, long time ago that I wore a hat like this," he said as he held the faded cap in his remarkably steady hands.

The nation's oldest living Civil War veteran, who was given a whopping birthday party July 15 then gazed far beyond the hat, far beyond the sun that shone through his window.

"I was wearing a McClellan hat just like this the day I met General Grant," he remarked. "I'll never forget that day."

Hard recalled how he was assigned to supervise a half dozen Union soldiers on a trench digging assignment along the James River, near Richmond, Va. When they had almost completed the task, a portly looking officer approached him.

"He came up to me and asked how things were going," the old soldier reminisced. "Then we shook hands and chatted for awhile before he finally walked off."

"After a little while," he continued, "an officer in my detachment came up to me and said: 'Hard, do you know who you were just talking to?' I answered no. Then he told me I had just shaken the hand of General Grant. I was flabbergasted."

Hard, who was born in Victor on July 15, 1841, was running a saw mill at Jordan when the Rebels fired on Fort Sumter in April, 1861. He enlisted immediately and was assigned to the 32d Volunteers.

He vaguely recalled how he had fought with the forces of the blue at bloody Antietam, Bull Run, Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg.

"But I remember clearly when Lee surrendered in 1865," Hard said. "I was at Atlanta with the railroad corps of Sherman's Army. We were maintaining the transportation and supply lines for the march to the sea when the news of the surrender reached us."

The last commander of the Grand Army of the Republic listed his meeting with General Grant as one of the two most important experiences of his long and full life.

"My other memorable experience happened just after I entered the Army. I was in Washington, D. C., for a while and one day I attended a White House reception and met and shook hands with Abraham Lincoln. My! How big his hands were!"

The Civil War veteran spoke in a hearty voice as he sat in his favorite chair at 31 Portsmouth Ter., where he makes his home. Later he tried on the McClellan hat, which was given to him as a birthday gift by Mrs. Margaret Schreiber of 88 Avenue D.

Heaped beside him on the desk were more than 300 birthday cards sent to him by friends. That afternoon, a special concert was given for him by the 54th Regiment Band, which played his favorite tunes, including "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground."

Following the band concert on the lawn of his home, a reception, sponsored by the Monroe County Chapter, Sons of Union Veterans, was held from 4 to 6 p. m. A birthday cake, decked with 110 candles, was presented to him.

What's Hard looking forward to now that he has reached 110?

"Well, I'm looking forward to another 110 years," he said with a chuckle and a twinkle in his eye.—Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, N. Y., Sunday, July 15, 1951.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

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**Department Note**

Reception to Dept. Com. Herbert L. Smith will be tendered in Memorial Hall, Plymouth, on Saturday evening, Sept. 22, by Collingwood Camp 4 and Auxiliary. Commander Frank A. (Tony) Raymond and Past Dept. Chaplain, A. Louise Gardner, are co-chairmen.

**Pioneer Valley Association**

A large group of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Pioneer Valley Association of Western Massachusetts, held their annual outing at the Mt. Tom Reservation, Holyoke, Mass., Sunday, Aug. 5. The members met at the Camp Cook section, where they cooked their meals over the fireplaces. While most of the Sons brought members of the Auxiliary and families in cars, there were several who walked 4 to 6 miles to the affair and enjoyed their trip.

At its annual meeting in Westfield, held before the summer vacations, the following officers were elected: Com., Charles H. E. Moran of Camp 60; Sr. Vice, John W. Emery, Camp 57; Jr. Vice, Lester W. Eldridge, Camp 44; Sec.-Treas., George A. Adams, Camp 15; Chap., Frank A. Smith, Camp 25; Pat. Inst., Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15. Trustees, Harold P. Shepardson, Camp 15; William C. Rule, 60; Carl E. Welcome, Camp 44; Russell A. Porter, Camp 15, and Alfred S. Wilcox, Camp 44. Plans were made to celebrate Veterans Night in November with the Allied Orders invited to take part. Committees for the coming year will be announced at a later date.

**CONNECTICUT**

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**Department Notes**

Sympathy is extended to the family of Brother Charles W. Roberts, Hartford, who passed away on July 16, 1951. Brother Roberts was a fifty-year member of Griffin A. Stedman Camp, and served as Dept. Commander during the year 1909-10.

The annual fair of the Sons and Auxiliary will be held in G. A. R. Memorial Hall in Rockville, Saturday afternoon and night, Oct. 27.

**NEW YORK**

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**Southern Tier Association**

The annual meeting and picnic of the Southern Tier Association, Sons and Auxiliaries, was held Sunday, July 29, at Ross Park, Binghamton. A fine musical program was presented by Binghamton Auxiliary. Pres. Mrs. Della Burchard presided. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Leslie W. More, Owego; Vice Pres., Mrs. Ruth Hart, Auburn; Sec., Mrs. Myrtle Burnham, Elmira; Treas., William Evenden, Binghamton; Press Cor., Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira.

The 1952 meeting will be held at Emerson Park, Auburn, the last Sunday in July. Dept. Com. Milton H. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong, of Newburgh, were special guests.

**Rochester Area**

A long to be remembered and most significant occasion was the 110th birthday party of Comrade James A. Hard, Past Dept. Com. of the Grand Army, on July 15 at his home,

31 Portsmouth Terrace, Rochester. During the afternoon the 54th Regiment Band, oldest musical organization in Rochester, rendered a concert. It was organized in 1862 as a Regimental Band and has been in continuous existence. Comrade Hard received nearly 700 cards, 900 cigars, and other gifts.

The event was honored by the presence of Com.-in-Chief Cleon Heald and wife and sister of N. H., and also Dept. Com. Milton Armstrong and wife of Newburgh, besides many Dept. and Past Dept. Officers. A letter of congratulation was received from Pres. Harry S. Truman. The event was sponsored by the Monroe County Council, Sons of Union Veterans.

**MAINE**

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

**Officers' Meeting**

The Dept. Officers meeting was held June 2 at Rock Hill Inn. All officers were present with the exception of three. Plans were made for the coming year and the Dept. Fair in the fall. The Dept. Commander appointed the Ways and Means Committee who are as follows: Henry J. Patten, Augusta; Clarence Renell, Portland; Perlie Pulcifer, Oakland. There was a large attendance and a good time was had by all.

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**Field Day**

The annual Field Day and Outing of T. W. Hyde Camp and Auxiliary was held Sunday, July 22, at Rock Hill Inn, West Bath. A large gathering of members and their families took advantage of the fine weather and general sociability. A splendid bake was prepared at noon and the rest of the day was spent with softball. Swimming, horseshoe pitching and a general good time was had. Arrangements were in charge of the chairman of the social committee, Bro. Eugene Hawkes.

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**Camp 25, Bridgton**

A Field Day was held by the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary on the lawn at Brother Arthur Sanborn's farm, Sunday, Aug. 5, with a very good attendance of members from South Paris and Portland, as well as our local Camp and Auxiliary, and a number of guests.

Dept. Officers present included: Sr. Vice Com. Clarence Renell, Portland; Sr. Vice Com. Robert Hunt, South Paris Camp; Past Com.-in-Chief Henry Towle, Portland; Dept. I. & I. Inspector, Mrs. Carrie Hunt, South Paris Auxiliary; Treas., Mrs. Alice Brown, Portland; Past Pres. Mrs. Edith Farnham, Portland. Brother Renell is also Nat'l Color Bearer.

There was horseshoe pitching and beano, also a songfest with mandolin accompaniment, by Mrs. Leonard Ayer of South Paris.

A delicious picnic lunch was served which was put on to a large table and those present did justice to the bountiful supply.

All present had an enjoyable time and we are hoping to have these get-togethers more often in the future.

Few, if any, people over-think! They over-worry and over-fuss, and over-complain—but people who are always trying to improve every moment to a good end, keep growing in strength of mind and in character. The artist and musician practice constantly and are never satisfied. To the very end they wish to still improve. The healthy mind never wears out, so long as there are ideas in it to work out their purpose.—George Matthew Adams.



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

### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 65th Nat'l Encamp. of the Aux. to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held Aug. 19-23 in Columbus, Ohio, with headquarters for both Sons and Aux. in the Deshler-Wallick hotel, where Ohio Sisters were on hand Sunday morning to greet the arriving delegates and other members of the order. Although meeting in Columbus for nat'l encamp. many times previously, nevertheless the welcome was just as warm and sincere on the part of our Sisters of the Buck-eye state. The encamp. was a great success and everyone attending had a fine time.

Religious services in all churches were held Sunday so all who cared to availed themselves of the privilege of attending the church of their choice. Sunday afternoon Credential and Council meetings were held and at 8:00 that evening a beautiful Joint Memorial Service with the Sons was held in the main ballroom. This service with Nat. Chaplain Ellinore Konrad, of Wis., in charge, who herself had planned the service, was more than ordinarily beautiful and impressive. Two beautiful readings were given by Nat. Chap. Konrad, "Thy Will be Done" and "The Rose Beyond the Wall." Three lovely solos were sung by Jane Baxter Reedy, and a beautiful sacred responsive reading was participated in by Rev. Hallock, Chaplain for the Sons, and the audience. Floral tributes were placed by Depart. Presidents and Depart. Comds. for deceased members and special tributes paid to deceased P. Cs.-in-C. and P.N.P. Mame Herbst of the Aux. and other deceased members who had passed away during the year, by P. Cs.-in-C. Richard F. Locke, John Sautter, Chas. Sherman, John Runkle and P. N. Ps. Anna Lockyer, Mayme E. Dwyer and Katherine Joyce. The tributes all were impressive and appropriate to the occasion.

Monday morning a delightful Courtesy Breakfast was given by the Ohio Sons and Aux. for the Nat. Officers of both orders, the Past Nat. Presidents of the Aux., Past Comds.-in-Chief of the Sons, and members of the Local Committee. This was a very lovely affair and a delicious breakfast was served at beautifully decorated tables. The breakfast was given in the Hall of Mirrors of headquarters hotel.

On Monday the Joint Opening of the Encamp. with the Sons took place, and this was a most impressive ceremony, with Nat. Chief of Staff Pamela Elder in charge. C. of S. Elder was a wonderful official the past year and besides raising a very exceptional amount of money for her fund, she planned charming affairs for the Encamp. which all enjoyed. The official opening was beautifully arranged by her. The Nat. officers of both orders were escorted through a long double aisle of Nat. Aides, dressed in white, each bearing a spray of gladioli, which were raised, forming an arch of flowers as the officers one by one were escorted, presented and conducted to their stations. Nat. Pres. Lela Shugart and Comd.-in-Chief Cleon B. Heald were the last to be presented and were given hearty and enthusiastic applause. Faithful, loyal and true they both served their orders with wisdom and understanding and bravely faced the many difficult problems that confronted them.

On Tuesday afternoon Nat. Pres. Shugart proceeded with the informal opening of the Encamp., appointed her floor officers and committees and conducted all meetings with graciousness and efficiency. Her Sta-

tion was a bower of beautiful flowers, presented by the Columbus Aux., the Ohio Depart. and others. The Nat. officers were introduced and each one presented with a dainty gift from Nat. Pres. Shugart. Next came the Past Nat. Presidents, who had a fine representation, there being 19 present: Mayme Dwyer, Blanche Beverstock, Margaret P. Stephens, Minnie Groth, Emma Finch, Ida B. Lange, Celeste Gentieu, Gertrude Sautter, Stella B. Owen, Margaret Brady, Anne E. Lockyer, Eva B. Blackman, Mary Stapleton, Maud Warren, Gladys Sallman, Edna Lambert, Katharine Joyce, Lena Barrett and Ethelyn Tucker. The Depart. Presidents of both 1949-1950 and 1950-1951, and all convention floor officers, escorts and pages were introduced and each and everyone of the preceding personages was presented with a gift from the Nat. Pres. Per. Aid Chrystal Powell was chief distributor. Depart. Organizer of Calif. & Pacific Depart. Beatrice Riggs, who had organized a new Aux. in that Depart. last year and one again this year, was introduced and presented with a gift.

Throughout the Encamp. visitations were made by delegations from allied patriotic organizations, as well as representatives from other patriotic organizations of the later wars. These bore gifts for our Nat. Pres. and were responded to by members of our order appointed for that purpose by Pres. Shugart.

Monday evening the annual banquet for Past Comds.-in-Chief and Past Nat. Presidents took place. Later the Sons and Aux. held a G.A.R. Memorial service on the State House grounds, which many attended. At 9:00 that evening the S.U.V. Reserve Military Ball took place in the hotel's main ball room, and this was a brilliant and enjoyable affair.

The Depart. Presidents Club had their annual breakfast Tuesday morning with Nat. Pres. Shugart as their guest and this too was a very happy event. There were no sessions Tuesday morning, a sight-seeing trip being planned for both the Sons and Aux. At noon the Past Depart. Presidents had their annual luncheon, a lovely function and a good time enjoyed by all present.

At the Tuesday P. M. session a most important event was the nomination of Nat. officers for the coming year. The nomination was unique in that this year there were no contests for officers—all nominations being unanimous. These officers will be mentioned later, together with the appointive officers, at the time of installation.

Nat. Pres. Shugart read her report, which was received with applause and a rising vote of thanks was given her. Pres. Shugart gave a year of splendid service to our order, visiting practically every Depart. in our order, giving encouragement and inspiration to all, especially the weaker Auxs. There were 11 recommendations in her report, most of which were approved. These with the resolutions presented by that Committee will be given in General Orders, soon to be issued, so we will not take space to give them here. Depart. Vice Pres. Katherine Kase also gave a fine report, showing interest in our order is not lacking. Two new Auxs., one at San Diego, Cal., and another at Cedar Rapids, Ia., were organized. Many new members were secured, offset however by many deaths and other losses.

The other Nat. Officers gave their re-

ports, and while our order, along with many other patriotic and fraternal orders, is losing membership, still those who do belong show increasing interest in the grand work we are doing in disabled veterans rehabilitation work, helping in Red Cross work, comforting shut-ins, helping at hospitals, etc., etc.

The Nat. Council reported they had found the books, papers and records of the Nat. Sec. and Nat. Treas. in excellent condition. We are fortunate in having Nat. Sec. Olive Haynes, and Nat. Treas. Harriett Brown in these important offices. Both are competent and excellent officials. Council members were P.N.P. Ethelyn Tucker, N. H.; Anna White, Mass.; Bessie Wetzel, Ohio.

A greetings committee from the Sons of Union Veterans visited our Encamp. Tuesday P. M., and this was a very happy occasion. The committee was composed of P. Cs.-in-C. Richard Locke, A. S. Holbrook, Perle Fouch, Chas. Sherman, John Sautter, Neil Cranmer, Wm. Coffin, Henry Towle and C. Leroy Stoudt. Each one made a short talk and was responded to by P.N.P. Mayme Dwyer. Later in the convention Comd.-in-Chief Cleon Heald and his lovely wife, Marion, paid us a visit. We were very happy to have all of these Brothers and Sister Marion visit us and they were greeted with applause.

Among the important reports heard was the one given by P.N.P. Celeste Gentieu, chairman of the Permanent G.A.R. Memorial Fund. Sister Gentieu's heart and soul is in this work—raising funds for a fitting memorial to the comrades of the Grand Army; the total raised during the year and at the Encamp. was \$426.80, making a grand total of \$15,721.48. If each member of our order would give a dollar, the total sum for the memorial would be reached immediately and a suitable memorial could be erected, in Washington, D. C., where Sister Gentieu desires it to be. Surely each one could spare \$1 for this grand remembrance to our fathers who gave so much in the "sixties", when our country was in peril.

Other reports of officers and committees were read which showed our order to be in excellent condition. One very important Recommendation contained in the Director of the Budget's report was the raising of the per capita tax from 4 cents per member to 8 cents per member, same to take effect in the Sept. quarter, 1952. This was made necessary by the rising cost of everything. Of course there was some opposition to this, but later the Recommendation passed and the raise in per capita tax will take effect, not until Sept. quarter of next year, however. The Provisional Auxs. will pay 12 cents instead of 10 cents per member.

Contributions from the various Clubs to the funds of the Nat. Pat. Instructor, the Chief of Staff, the G.A.R. Memorial and Arlington Hall at Des Moines, Ia., were outstanding and these funds were enriched by these generous remembrances presented at this Nat. Encamp. One in particular was outstanding, that of Edna (Lambert's) 24 "Ours", who presented \$50 each to the Chief of Staff and the Pat. Inst. Funds.

P. N. P. Anne Lockyer, chairman of Publicity, gave a fine report and presented P. D. P. Beatrice Riggs, Calif., with a personal gift for organizing two Auxs. in Calif.,—one last year at Santa Ana, and one this year at San Diego. Sister Lockyer also presented Dept. Pres. Edith Heilemann

of Ill., with a gift for carrying on so excellently for Dept. Pres. Rose Brush, who was taken ill last year and not able to assume her duties, same being taken over by Sister Heilemann, who was then Depart. Vice Pres. Her wonderful work is appreciated by all.

Letters and telegrams of greeting from many absent Sisters were read by Nat. Sec. Haynes. Other reports were heard and a visit paid us by Mr. Livingston Taylor, from Children's Hospital in Columbus, who accepted the gift from the Nat. body through money raised by the Nat. Patriotic Inst. Gertrude Peterson, of R. I. This was a \$200 suction pump to be used in hospital work.

Nat. Pat. Inst. Peterson then read her report, which was a very fine one and was conclusive evidence that a great deal of fine, patriotic work is being done throughout the Departments. Sister Peterson collected \$781.81 for her fund which was outstanding. Deducting \$200 for the suction pump presented to the Children's Hospital, left \$581.81 to be turned over into the National treasury. The love gift to the Sons of U. V. of \$200 was to be taken from the Nat. P. I. Fund.

At the Wednesday P. M. session P.N.P. Stella B. Owen, chairman of the Ritual Com., read changes to be made in the Ritual when new Rituals are required. Other reports were given: P.N.P. Blanche Beverstock, Radio; P. D. P. Minnie Groth, Historical; P.N.P. Mayme Dwyer, Arlington Home; P.D.P. Lenore Glass, Legislative; P.N.P. Ida B. Lange, Badges; P.N.P. Anne Lockyer, Officers Reports; P.N.P. Mary Stapleton, Rehabilitation, and also chairman of Resolution Com. All reports were excellent and contained many constructive suggestions wherein work along certain lines can be advanced and be really helpful in advancing the growth and progress of our order.

Convention pianist Mary Gordon Elliott thanked the convention for the gift of money presented. Mary was unfortunate in that her purse was stolen. The purse was later returned, but minus the money in it and the members of the convention gave her a gift. Mary has entertained our Nat. conventions on many occasions and the money presented her was most deserving.

An Indiana delegation visited the Encamp. and extended greetings to Nat. Pres. Shugart and presented her with a beautiful orchid corsage. Young David King played several selections on his snare drum which was appreciated and applauded.

It is impossible to go into detail about the many social events that took place, any more than to briefly mention them. The many breakfasts, luncheons and dinners by the various clubs, departments and other social organizations were of course delightful affairs. The entertainment by the Penn. Brigade, S.V.R.; Past Dept. Pres. luncheon, the lovely Rose Garden Party planned by Nat. C. of S. "Pam" Elder which took the place of the Courtesy Hour; the banquet and reception honoring Nat. Pres. Shugart and Comd.-in-Chief Heald and their staffs, this also being planned by C. of S. Elder, were among the most enjoyable social events of the Encamp., and Sister Elder deserves much credit for the success of the parties.

Thursday morning saw the wind-up of the Encamp. One of the most important events was the reading of Nat. C. of S. Pamela Elder's report, for her office is one of the most important of all. She collected \$3,025.96 for her fund and disbursements for the reception, etc., etc., were \$389.34, leav-

ing a balance of \$2,636.62 to be turned into the Nat. treasury. Her report was received with enthusiastic applause. Sister Pam worked hard during her year as Nat. Chief of Staff and deserves all the nice things that were said about her and her work.

The Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps visited our Encamp. and played several selections. P.D.C. Hugh Snider, of Ind., sang a solo, accompanied on the piano by Nat. Pres. Shugart. The newly elected Nat. C.-in-C. Roy Bennett, of Iowa, and his wife were escorted to the Nat. Pres. station by Nat. Pres.-Elect, Phyllis Dean, of Mass.

Installation of the newly elected Nat. officers then took place, the work being beautifully done by P.N.P. Maud B. Warren as Installing Officer, P.N.P. Mayme Dwyer, N. Y., as Chaplain and four of the Mass. girls serving as Guides and Color Guards. P.N.P. Emma Finch, Ind., presented Nat. Pres. Lela her P.N.P. badge and escorted Lela to the P.N.P. seat of honor. I see I have forgotten to mention that Sister Lela was presented with a check for \$200, the amount customary to be presented for a testimonial to our Nat. Pres. This was presented to her by P.N.P. Emma Finch, Ind., following the reading of Nat. Pres. Lela's report and is a well-deserving honor. The money was presented instead of the usual diamond ring, and we understand Lela is going to put it toward the purchase of a television set, so both she and her husband can enjoy the gift. She also received a deluge of lovely gifts of money and other articles, presented to her at various times during the encamp. Her husband, Arthur Shugart, arrived Wednesday of the Encamp. to help Lela get all these gifts safely home.

The Nat. officers installed for 1951-1952 both elective and appointive are as follows: Nat. Pres., Phyllis Dean, Mass.; Vice Pres., Jessie G. Estlow, Md.; Council: Lela B. Shugart, Ind.; Anne O. Clayton, N. J.; Ella Ruggles, Pa.; Pat. Inst. Rose Isaacs, N. Y.; Chaplain, Isla M. Dow, Mich.; Press Cor., Jean Thole, Ill.; Director of the Budget, Edna Lambert, N. J.; Chief of Staff, Lenore Glass, Calif.; Per. Aide., Stella Stanford, Mass.; Counselor, Margaret Palmer, Mass.; Mary Gordon Elliott, Musician, Mass.

Nat. Sec. Olive Haynes and Nat. Treas. Harriett Brown, although holdovers, were asked to line up with the other Nat. officers and renew their obligations.

The Nat. convention closed at 12:00 noon to meet in 1952 in Atlantic City, N. J., the week of August 24.

The foregoing report is necessarily condensed to make room for some news from Departments. As The Banner contract will not be renewed after Dec. 31, 1951, because of many conditions, there will be but one more issue of the paper, November. Dept. Press Correspondents are asked to send condensed reports for that number. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all Aux. and Depart. Press. Cor. for their many kindnesses and consideration during the past years. It all is appreciated. — Nat. Pres. Cor.

### Tribute to My Press Committee

I wish to thank especially my press committee at the Nat. Encamp. held in Columbus, Ohio; P.D.P. and Depart. Press Cor. Ruth Daly, N. J., and P.D.P. Leona Jones, Ind. Their help and service was exceptionally fine, especially that of P.D.P. Ruth Daly, who reported the entire Thurs. morning session because of my absence. Many thanks, Ruth and Leona, I appreciate your help more than mere words can express.—Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor.

### Encampment Notes

The Nat. Officers did themselves proud in the exemplification of the ritual Monday evening. P.N.P. Mary Stapleton took the station of Nat. Pres. in the exemplification and she and all the other officers showed themselves familiar in every way with the work. This is the first time that Nat. Officers ever put on an exemplification at a Nat. Encamp. and they received vigorous applause.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

As the National Body of the Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at their last encamp. in Columbus, Ohio, decided to temporarily discontinue awarding the \$100.00 towards a scholarship, which has been awarded to a worthy student each year since 1940, the Dept. of Ill., since they greatly deplore it was necessary to discontinue this really WORTH WHILE award has decided to earn an extra \$100.00 this year, to be awarded to a worthy student.

While the Illinois Dept. realizes this is not a very large sum, and certainly would not make an ostentatious showing, yet to a student who is willing to work his or her way through College, it would come as a great lift, and what is more necessary today than that our young folks should get all the education possible, to enable them to cope with the world conditions of today which it seems it will be their sad task to try and straighten out, as our heritage to them.

So until such time as the National Body of the Aux. to S. U. V. decide to continue with the \$100.00 award, the Illinois Dept. will try and see that it is given in the memory of our beloved Comrades now reaping their Great Reward.—Ethel C. Heilemann, Dept. Pres.

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### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

Modesto Aux. No. 10 attended the District meeting held at Santa Cruz. Wallace Reynolds No. 5 was hostess camp. Effie Darby, Pres. called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Prayer and Flag salute opened the meeting. Dept. Com. Elmer Wohlgemuth of Long Beach, and Dept. Aux. Pres. Ann Cheney, of Oakland, were escorted and introduced. Other escorted Past Nat. officers were Past Commanders and Presidents. Present Commanders and Aux. Presidents were introduced: Dept. Vice. Pres. Mollie Snehburg of Pasadena; Melvin Riggs, of Pasadena; Walter Smith of San Francisco, Dept. Council, and Wilbur Coursey of Fresno; Vernon Cheney, Oakland, Dept. Treas.; Pearl Freeman, Dept Sec., San Jose; Nellie Smith, Dept. Council, San Francisco.

At 12 noon a chicken dinner was served by the hostess Aux. Tables were decorated in red, white and blue. The Pres. called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Arrangements were made for the mid-winter meeting to be held at Fresno Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 27th and 28th. Banquet and reception of Dept. officers will be held Sat. evening. A musical entertainment closed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.—Effie B. Darby.

### IOWA DEPARTMENT

Iowa Depart. is thrilled over the election of P.D.C. Roy Bennett, of Des Moines, to the high position of Comd.-in-Chief of the Sons of U.V., which took place at the Nat. Encamp. held last month in Columbus, Ohio.

The annual Depart. Picnic of the Sons and Aux. of Iowa was held on the spacious lawn of P. D. C. Roy Bennett and his wife, P.D.P. Sue Bennett, at Des Moines, Iowa, July 22. Fifty-two people attended the pic-



nic dinner, bringing well-filled baskets, the food being served cafeteria style. Picnic Pres. Bennett presided at the business meeting. Roll call of Auxs. and Camps representatives were Fort Dodge, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Falls, Waterloo, Monroe, Humbolt and Des Moines No. 8 and 16. All but five elective officers were present, as well as 7 Past Depart. Comds. and 7 Past Dept. Presidents. Sister Margaret Hall was elected the new Pres. and Sister Nellie Cessford the new Sec.

At our Depart. Encamp. held at Des Moines last June, Sister Reva Samuelson, of Des Moines, was elected Depart. Pres.; Mabel Gilchrist, Fairfield, Vice Pres.; Sue Bennett, Des Moines, Sec., and Lena Lemper, Waterloo, Treas. Space forbids mentioning all officers—Mrs. Mary Blank, Depart. Press. Cor., Iowa Falls, Ia.

#### KANSAS DEPARTMENT

The 61st annual Department Encamp. of the Aux. to S. U. V. was held in Topeka, Kan. last May. Among the Depart. Officers elected and installed by P. C. F. A. Hobble, were the following: Depart. Pres. Iva E. Perry, El Dorado; Secy., Mildred Morse, El Dorado; Treas., Irene Smither, Salina; Pat. Inst., Mary Ruth Flack, Kansas City. Among the several Recommendations adopted were that the Kitchen Banks and Pat. Instructor Funds be continued; that we continue to have a Rehabilitation chairman who will lead each Aux. in the work. Each Aux. is urged to make a scrap book and take it to our next Dept. Encamp. which will be held next May, 1952, in Newton. Kansas Depart. mourns the loss by death of Sister Roxy McCormick, a charter member of the El Dorado Aux., and a most faithful member. Each Aide is asked to have sales or do something to raise at least \$10 each. Our Depart. is so small that each Aux. is asked to do their share. A prize is offered by Depart. Chief of Staff Eva McGee to the two aides sending in the most money by April, 19, 1952; a prize will also be given to the person having the most money in their Penny Banks.—Onis Cook, Depart. Press Cor., Piper, Kansas.

#### MARYLAND DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C.—Cushing Aux. 4 has taken in 4 new members since Jan. 1 and have several other applicants for future date. They are getting more active, having taken part in Women's Patriotic conference on Nat. Defense, Lincoln's Birthday was celebrated and a beautiful tribute was placed at the Lincoln Memorial by Pres. Hazel Williams. Our Aux. has observed many other holidays. For 31 years the Camp and Aux. have held an appropriate service and decorated the graves of Union soldiers in Holy Rood and Oak Hill cemeteries. The new Maryland Dept. Pres., Mrs. Mary Hosler, is a member of Aux. 4.

Wilmington, Del.—Appomattox Aux. 2 was represented by 24 members at our Dept. Encamp. held in Hagerstown, Md., in May. Several also attended the Nat. Encamp. held in Columbus, Ohio, and we are very happy over the election of Sister Jessie Estlow as Nat. Vice Pres. Our Aux. is still making scrap books and cross word puzzles and have collected over 50 jig-saw puzzles, playing cards and books for the Veterans and various other hospitals. We attended Memorial Day services and decorated graves of our departed Sisters.—Florence F. Stierle, Dept. Press Cor., 1600 N. Van Buren St., Wilmington, Del.

#### MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

The entire Mass Dept. is of course very happy over the election of P.D.P. Phyllis Dean to the office of Nat. Pres. at the Nat. Encamp. held in Columbus, Ohio, last

month. The office will be filled with honor and distinction by our capable Phyllis and Mass. Depart. appreciates the honor.

Worcester. An outing was held by Aux. 33 at the home of Sister Gladys Loomer in Shrewsbury. Fifty members attended and our special guest was Dept. Pres. Mabelle Howard. Members from the Sons Camp 25 also attended. Fortunes were told by Sister MacRae, who is 83 years old. A Chinese auction was held with Sister Roberta Loomer in charge. Assisting hostesses were Sisters Louise Atkins, Josephine Bates, and Flora Boudreau, the latter Pres. of Aux. 33.—Helen W. Miller, Dept. Press Cor.

#### MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

The Depart. Encamp. of Minn Aux. to S. U. V. was held in St. Paul, June 8-9. Aux. 12, of St. Paul received the trophy for securing the most new members. It has been in their possession for the past two years and the Sisters of that Aux. are working hard to keep it next year. Sister Irene Mertz is Aux. Pres.; Agnes Upel Boyce, Treas., and Katharine Hartung, Sec.

Sister Blance Charters was elected Dept. Pres. at the Encamp. She and her husband, Chester, attended the Nat. Encamp. held in Columbus.—Irene Mertz, Dept. Press Cor.

#### OHIO DEPARTMENT

Mansfield—At a meeting of Aux. 100 held in Memorial Hall, the Aux. voted donations to the March of Dimes, the Heart Fund and the Red Cross, and also voted to buy three flags for Mifflin School. A shower of birthday cards were sent to Sister Armita Eller on her 80th birthday. The 37th anniversary of Aux. 100 was duly celebrated, with a dinner and short program. Mrs. Ellery Cook read a history of the Aux. Two charter members, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Catherine Pfeifer, were honored. Mrs. Paul Selby is our Pres. again this year, having been re-elected.—Emma Dorsey, Dept. Press Cor., 600 N. Gay St., Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

#### NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

The 60th Depart. Encamp. of New York Aux. to S. U. V. was held in Buffalo, June 25-27. It was a very successful and harmonious Encamp., with Depart. Pres. Rae Maier presiding. We had the pleasure of having our Nat. Pres. Lela Shugart present, who gave a wonderful address. P.D.P. Mary Mandeville, of Ithaca, installed the newly elected officers, which included Depart. Pres. Ethel Ferris, Ithaca; V.P. Anita Stephens, Buffalo; Sec., Isabel Shaw, Valley Stream; Treas., Cecilia Dwyer, Long Island.

It was a matter of regret that Comrade James A. Hard, of Rochester, 109 year old veteran of the Civil War, and the oldest living veteran of that war in the nation, was unable to attend the encamp. We are, however, happy to say Comrade Hard later celebrated his 110th birthday, July 15. His physician advised him not to attend the encamp. Nat. Pres. Lela Shugart, of the Aux., and Com-in-Chief Clean Heald, of the Sons, and other Nat., Past Nat., Depart. and Past Depart. officers were present.

Elmira. At a meeting of Aux. 49 Blanche Cackowski was initiated into our order. It was voted all members would contribute to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, of which P. N.P. Celeste Gentieu is the Nat. Chairman. She plans a memorial to be erected in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Marie Cranmer is the Pres. this year of Aux. 49.

Utica. Thirty class rooms in the Brantledge School of Utica are displaying new American flags after five local patriotic organizations made presentations in observance of Memorial Day. Ten of these flags were presented by Utica Aux. 15 to

S. U. V., and five members of that group also gave flags in memory of deceased members of their family. Sister Mae Burnham of Aux. 15 made the presentations for the Aux. In some of the classrooms when the flags were presented the pupils gave patriotic readings and recitations and most of the ceremonies closed with a salute to the new flags by the pupils.

Albany. A party was given recently by Aux. 30 for Raymond Daniels, who is leaving soon for the armed services. He received a purse of money and some very nice gifts. A stork shower was given complimentary to Sister Edith Fisher, by Aux. 30 and she received many lovely gifts.

Beacon. Mrs. Milton Armstrong of Newburgh paid an official visit to the Aux., representing Dept. Pres. Rae Maier, of Albany, who was unable to pay her official visit because of illness. Also greeted by Aux. Pres. Myrtle Henderson were Pres. Lottie Taylor, of Newburgh Aux., and others. Refreshments were served. An exceptionally fine program in commemoration of Memorial Day was given on May 30. The program was preceded by the largest parade ever given in Beacon and was viewed by thousands of spectators. Elijah T. Russell, of Poughkeepsie was the speaker of the day and gave a fine, clean cut address, at the Memorial Monument on the lawn of the Memorial Bldg, urging us to back our boys who are fighting to stem the growth and spread of Communism. The Aux. conducted traditional water services at the East Main St. bridge, Pres. Myrtle Henderson of Aux. 10 presiding.—Ella Jones, Dept. Press Cor.

#### VERMONT DEPARTMENT

The 61st Annual Encampment of Vermont Dept. S. of U. V. C. W. Aux. was held in Rutland June 28, 29, 30 with headquarters at Hotel Berwick. Sister Ethelyn Tucker, P. N. P., of Concord, N. H. was the Nat. Representative. With her were 14 Sisters from N. H., 8 of them being Dept. officers.

Thursday A.M. was taken up by the Credential com., the Council meeting and the appointment of committees. The joint memorial service for Sons and Aux. was held at 3 p.m. with P.D.P. Mary Eddy and P. D.C. Tom Chadwick conducting it. The W.R.C. tendered a banquet to all orders at 6 p.m. which was following by a reception and the Courtesy Hour.

Friday opened with Past Pres. Breakfast with Wilma Baker as Pres. Addie Cheney was elected new Pres. The convention was officially opened at 9:30 by C. of S. Rita Osborne. At noon the P.D.P. luncheon was held with Gladys Premo, Pres.

During the afternoon session officers were elected. Supper with the Sons preceded the Camp Fire when a flag was presented The Kurn Hattin Homes, of Westminster.

Saturday among the officers installed for 1951-52 were Pres. Nita Reed, Windsor; Josephine Lawrence, Burlington, V. P.; Marion Aldrich, Battleboro, Sec.; Edith Barnard, Springfield, Treas.

The banner for attendance was won by Barre, and the one for membership by Montpelier. We have lost by death ten members but still show a net gain in membership.

Friday night at the Camp Fire P.D.C. George Laduke presented to Mayor Dan J. Healy, the muster roll of Co. K, 12th Reg. State Militia, known in the Civil War as "The Rutland Light Guard." It will be hung in the Library.

Cleon Heald, C-in-C. of the Sons, delivered an address to the Sons and Aux. at the closing session Sat. at 1:30 p.m.—Sue Abbott, Dept. Press. Cor. W. Danville, Vt.