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DETROIT CAMP FIRE



Scenes from the Camp Fire held at the Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac in Detroit, August 18: Upper left shows the Color Guard entering the ballroom; in the upper right Congressman Dondero is shown at the microphone. Lower left shows the speakers rostrum during the opening ceremony. Lower right (left to right) Mrs. Gussie L. Morin, National President Ladies of the G. A. R.; Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe, and Mrs. Margaret McKinney, National President of our Auxiliary.

1957 DETROIT ENCAMPMENT

By air, rail, bus, train and auto, delegates arrived on Saturday and Sunday where spacious accommodations were found at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit for the 76th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, along with the 71st National Encampment of the Auxiliary, and the 71st National Encampment of the Ladies of the G. A. R., August 18-22. All three organizations held their meetings in the hotel, and all social activities were held there. The Sons met in the Founders Room, the Auxiliary in the Grand Ballroom, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. in the Crystal Ballroom. Registration was as follows: S. U. V. C. W. 113; Auxiliary 210; Ladies of the G. A. R. 178.

On Sunday morning delegates attended services at the Central Methodist Church where there was an overflow crowd that required the use of an annex. At 1 P. M. on Sunday, each organization attended to registration of delegates, and at 2:30 P. M. the three organizations conducted a Joint Memorial Service under direction of their National Chaplains. This was a very impressive ceremony with special tributes being given to P. C. in C. Walter Mabie, P. N. P.'s Blanche Beverstock, Anne Lockyer, Lila Macey, and others. The entire program will be printed in the proceedings.

Business sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with the S. U. V. C. W. concluding their business on Wednesday afternoon.

On Sunday evening an outstanding Camp Fire (Grand Army of the Republic Tradition) was held in the Grand Ballroom. Hon. Carl M. Weideman, General Chairman, called the Camp Fire to order and the colors were advanced under direction of P. C. in C. John Runkle. S. U. V. C. W. Chairman Charles F. Dexter led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by Invocation by Dept. Chaplain, Rev. Albert O. Andrews. Greetings were extended by Dept. Commander John Dalzell and by Louis C. Miriani, President of the Detroit City Council. Outstanding addresses were delivered by Congressman George A. Dondero, and by U. S. Grant, 3rd, Maj.-Gen., U. S. A. Ret.

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BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session opened at 11 A. M. on Monday in the beautiful Founders Room of the Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac, following a Joint Unofficial Opening with our Auxiliary which took place in the Grand Ballroom at 10 A. M. Prayer was offered by National Chaplain Fred Colwell. Officers were present with the exception of Frederic G. Bauer and Homer L. Young, members of the Council of Administration.

Commander-in-Chief Howe announced the following appointments: Guide, Clark M. Mellor of Mass.; Color Guard, Millard F. Brown of Mass.; Guard, Milo Newer Jr. of Michigan. The following committee



At left are pictured the Department Commanders and Department Presidents entering the room during the Memorial Service. At right is shown the speakers rostrum during the Memorial Service.

chairmen were appointed: Credentials, Earl F. Riggs of Calif.; Resolutions, Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd of Washington, D. C.; Officers Reports, Wm. M. Coffin of Ohio; Constitution and Regulations, Chas. H. E. Moran of Mass.; Restoration of Rank, Richard F. Locke of Illinois; Ritual and Ceremonies, C. Leroy Stoudt of Penna.; 1959 Encampment City, John H. Runkle of Penna.; Press, Chas. F. Dexter of Michigan; and Fraternal Relations, all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

The convention voted to send messages to P. C. in C. John Sautter, Charles F. Sherman and Neil Cranmer expressing regret at their illness and inability to attend.

The office of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief was instructed to continue inventorying of former G. A. R. Halls, buildings and property that were not legally or properly disposed of and to urge the collection of all possible relics of the Civil War as a permanent memorial to the Civil War Veteran.

It was decided to continue our association with the American Coalition as a constant source of currently vital and reliable information on matters of national and international import. Also that we continue our support of The American Museum of Immigration along the same lines as we have this past year.

Inasmuch as it is our agreement and obligation to carry on the work and ideas of the G. A. R. and because it was one of the very choice operations of the G. A. R. every member of our Order is urged to secure an American Flag, and display same, prominently, on all Holidays and other proper occasions.

Restoration of the rank of Past Department Commander was authorized to Brothers Maynard Huber and Richard S. Widdoes, both of Pennsylvania.

If a Camp or Department may so order by vote of its members, the practice may be adopted of placing an 8 x 12 inch flag, attached to a staff, on the altar at the head of the Bible, the staff being held vertically by a suitable base or holder. When so arranged, this flag shall replace the flag lying flat on the altar beneath the Bible.

A scholarship of \$300.00 was again authorized this year to be awarded to a student of Lincoln University of Harrogate, Tennessee.

The incoming Commander-in-Chief was authorized to continue the practice of a public ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois in April, and to cooperate with the Loyal Legion in their ceremony at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D. C. in February. Both were outstanding events during the past year.

The report of the J. S. Teunan Co. Certified Public Accountants was examined by a subcommittee of the Council of Administration. This same subcommittee prepared and submitted a budget for the coming fiscal year.

It was decided to recognize the members of the Mt. Vernon Fife and Drum Corps of Ohio who attended the funeral of Comrade Woolson by individually awarding them a special certificate of merit.

Action was taken that a standing committee be created, to be known as "The National Civil War Centennial Committee" to serve from now until the end of the Centennial in 1965. This committee to

consist of the National Historian, National Patriotic Instructor and Washington Representative.

During the Wednesday morning session the ritualistic degree work was exemplified by a team composed entirely of Massachusetts members at which time Kenneth Wheeler of New Hampshire was initiated.

Natl. Patr. Instr. Ernest G. Wells reported \$407.50 received for the G. A. R. Memorial Fund and Natl. Chief of Staff C. Leroy Stoudt turned over \$288.25 from his fund to go into the general fund.

A very unique design for arrangement of stars in our American Flag was suggested by members of Redwood Empire Camp of California, when one or more states are admitted to the Union.

IT'S BOSTON in 1958 and LONG BEACH, CALIF. in 1959

Plan now to attend both Encampments. The 1958 National Encampment will be held in the City of Boston, Mass. the week of August 17th, and the 1959 National Encampment will be held in the City of Long Beach, California the week of August 16th.

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On Wednesday afternoon the concluding business session was held. The newly elected officers were installed by P. C. in C. William Coffin of Ohio. P. C. in C. Locke of Illinois presented the Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel to outgoing Commander Fred E. Howe.

Permanent Fund

The following additions to the Permanent Fund have been received:

Honor Roll	
HERMAN TEICHMAN	\$10.00
13th Ohio Vol. Cavalry (Courtesy Herman C. Teichman, Sr.—Ohio)	
LT. MARSHALL B. HOPE	\$10.00
1st Lt., Co. E., 11th Penn. Cavalry (Courtesy Marshall A. Hope—New York)	
GEORGE ELBRIDGE MARTIN	\$10.00
Adj. N. J. Dept. G. A. R. (Courtesy Howard E. Waite—Mass.)	
SGT. C. W. PEACOCK	\$10.00
Company E., 27th N. Y. Inf. (Courtesy Donald F. Peacock—Mich.)	
GEORGE A. LOEBEL	\$10.00
Company H, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry (Courtesy J. Val Loebel—Calif.)	
Donation—Carl P. Gutekunst, Penna	\$10.00
Donation—Dept. of Maryland	\$25.00
Donation—Memory of P.D.C. Robert A. Hicks	\$5.00
Donation—Robert W. Doughty, New York	\$10.00
Donation—Bess E. Garwood, Calif.	\$5.00
Life Membership	
Richard F. Locke, Illinois	\$100.00
Charles P. Weldin, Maryland	\$100.00
Edward N. Barnard, Michigan	\$100.00

To—Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran

Company & Regiment

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR ROLL FUND from

Name

Address

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome and will be preserved.)

(Contributions are deductible for Income Tax purposes—Section 170 of the Code of 1954)

ENCAMPMENT SIDELIGHTS

A novel feature was the three-hour Moonlight Boat Ride on the Detroit River which was held on Wednesday night. Several hundred delegates from the three organizations participated and shared the pleasant experience. The large three deck steamer left the dock at 9 P. M. and returned at midnight after a trip that was smooth, though a little chilly.

On Sunday evening, Natl. Pres. Margaret McKinney held "open house" in headquarters rooms following the Camp-Fire. On Monday evening, the annual Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents Banquet was held in the beautiful Sheraton Room. Arrangements were made by P. N. P. Ethelyn Tucker.

While we were in Detroit, all newspapers were tied up with a strike. However arrangements were made for release of news to the various News Services.

Our faithful stenographer, Mrs. Annamae (Dolly) Berhalter, received a testimonial for years of outstanding service. The Past Commanders-in-Chief that were present presented her with a token of appreciation, and the organization did likewise.

Visiting delegations were received from our Auxiliary; the New York Department; The Ladies of the G. A. R.; The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and the Woman's Relief Corps. All had kind messages and remembrances for Commander-in-Chief Howe. Our Auxiliary National President, Mrs. Margaret McKinney, presented our National Organization with a \$500.00 check from their National Organization.

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Albert C. Lambert, P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Let The Flag Fly

It is a pity that there is a growing apathy with respect to a display of the American flag on those holidays when such a display is appropriate and is called for by custom. This attitude of neglect and indifference suggests a change in spirit, a change which is disturbing to contemplate.

The flag, considered in its material aspects, is a thing of beauty, incomparable among the flags of all of the earth's nations. But it is more than a design of color and tapestry. It is a symbol of the nation's ideals and aspirations, of the sacrifices of those who have struggled and fought to conquer a wilderness, who have died in battle and have labored tirelessly at the humble tasks of everyday life.

The flag presents a thrilling and inspiring sight when flown from the home of an American citizen or when whipped by a breeze at the top of the staff when the lines are drawn up at retreat on the parade ground, as the shadows fall across the grass and the regimental band plays the national anthem.

It should be a great privilege and a matter of pride to display the flag on all proper occasions.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

P. C. in C. U. S. Grant, 3rd, reported as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. The following is a condensed account of resolutions adopted:

1. That we express opposition to a bridge crossing the Potomac at Constitution Avenue, which can only be an intolerable and damaging encroachment on this, our area of great national memorials, which all together constitute a national shrine and America's greatest example of municipal art and patriotic expression.

2. That we memorialize all of our members of Congress to in no wise change the time of commemoration of Memorial Day from May 30th.

3. That we recognize and support the National Public Fund raising campaign, for the purpose of restoring the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive in New York City; and that all Departments be urged to support this drive.

4. Whereas, 1961-65 will mark the centennial of the Civil War and will be duly celebrated, we hope and recommend that arrangements be made for the five organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic family to meet together in 1960, in the same city, and initiate the Centennial of the Civil War with a united front.

5. That we recommend and urge the earlier and more comprehensive teaching of American history in our schools and colleges.

6. That we oppose any amendment or alteration in the McCarren-Walter Act that would violate the quota system or weaken the provisions against admission of subversive or otherwise undesirable immigrants.

7. We endorse and commend the efforts of the President to secure international agreement with necessary guarantees for the limitation and control of atomic and nuclear tests and weapons.

8. That we express appreciation to Hon. George A. Dondero; Honorary Associate Thomas I. Starr; Hon. G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan; Judge Carl M. Weideman; Hon. Louis C. Miriani; Brother Charles F. Dexter, Edward N. Barnard, Milo Newer and other members of the Encampment Committee; and all others for making the National Encampment such an outstanding success.

New England Regional

The annual meeting of the New England Regional Association was held at The Weirs on July 19-20 with Allen Spink and Minnie Burkhardt presiding. A fifteen minute program on the Laconia radio station afforded members the opportunity of explaining the ideals and purposes of the organization. The newly elected Commander is Richard Wyman of New Hampshire and the new President is Georgina Pattein of Maine. The next meeting will be held October 26-27 in Massachusetts.

Central Region Conference

Will be held October 12-13 at the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisc. All delegates are to make reservations direct with the hotel. Opening session on Saturday at 2 P. M. with an informal banquet in evening. Final session 9 A. M. on Sunday.

Ellinore L. Konrad, Secy.



Pictured is the colorful banquet held on Tuesday evening, hussie Morin, Natl. Pres. of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Hon. Mrs. Margaret McKinney. Arrangements were under direction of Aux. Chief of Staff Mrs. Beatrice Riggs, and our Chief of Staff, P. C. in C. Roy Stoudt acted as Toastmaster. The motif was Hawaiianizing Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Howe and National President with palm trees, and the programs bore Hawaiian scenes. The orchestra was Hawaiian, complete with an Hawaiian dancer. Greetings were extended by the Guests of Honor, as well as by Mrs. Gian and each National Officer wore a lei. The tables were decorated Edward N. Barnard, Treasurer of our Detroit Convention Committee. The banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom, and was followed by a Reception and Dance in the Crystal Ballroom.

AUXILIARY EVENTS

On Saturday, delegates from all over the National Organization began arriving for the 71st Annual Encampment being held in Detroit, Michigan the week of August 18th. The Encampment opened unofficially on Sunday at 2:30 P. M. when a Joint Memorial Service was held with the Sons and the Ladies of the G. A. R. After a few hours interval to greet old friends and get acquainted with Detroit, the Annual Camp Fire was held. Following the close of this program an Open House was held by National President Margaret McKinney in Headquarters Room and all delegates were invited to attend. This was a most enjoyable climax to a perfect day.

On Monday morning a courtesy breakfast was served to the National Officers and Past National Presidents. This was followed by the formal opening of the Convention at 10:00 A. M. The opening was held jointly with the Sons and a great deal of credit goes to National Chief of Staff Beatrice Riggs of California for planning and executing a delightful presentation of National Officers. Music was the theme for the opening and pink and gold the color scheme. All National Officers and Past National Presidents wore gold corsages and the Department Presidents wore pink roses. There were 18 P. N. P.'s and 8 P. C. in C.'s escorted in and received and they were followed by the National Officers of both Organizations. Twenty-five of the Pennsylvania girls marched in, formed the letter "M" each carrying a beautiful gladiola. Martha Wilson, daughter of National Personal Aide Ella Ruggles, sang a song of welcome to the National President and the group then presented their flowers to form a beautiful bouquet from the Pennsylvania delegation. Margaret's Victory Girls of which the National President is a member, were then escorted in and presented a gift of money to Sister McKinney.

After the Sons had retired to their own meeting room the National President opened the convention meeting. Fifteen Department Presidents were introduced and seated on the left of the rostrum. Roll call of Past National Presidents, National Officers, Department Presidents and appointive officers followed. Each received a remembrance from the National President with her sincere thanks for the work they had done during the year. The National President's gift to the various groups was a beautiful plate with the G. A. R. Memorial at Gettysburg etched on it. Following the presentation of gifts the National President read her report. Very fine in every detail it was received with great applause by the delegates assembled. The meeting was then

LADIES OF THE G.A.R. NATIONAL OFFICERS 1957-1958

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1957 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Will be printed soon, one copy to be mailed to each Camp and Department, and also to each delegate registered at the Detroit Encampment. Additional copies will be available at \$2.00 each if ordered by October 15, 1957.

recessed until 2 P. M. During the noon time a luncheon was held by the sitting Department Presidents of the various departments. Sister McKinney was present at the luncheon and her club group was formed to be known as "Margaret's Pitchers."

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of the song "This is My Task" by P. D. P. Mary Manderville of New York. This was a request of the National President. Following this the reports of National Officers were given. P. N. P. Katherine Joyce presented our love token from the National Organization to the National President. A letter was also read at this meeting regarding the omission of Lincoln's Birthday and Memorial Day from the Esso Calendars.

At 5:30 P. M. the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief held their annual dinner. At 8:00 P. M. the exemplification of the Ritual was given. All sitting National Officers took their respective offices for the initiation of a new candidate, Sister Jacqueline Wheeler of New Hampshire. P. D. P. Ursula Shepardson of Mass. presided as President. Much credit is due all the National Officers, both elective and appointive, for the fine job they did in view of the fact that they had no time to prepare in advance for the ritualistic work.

Following the exemplification the Courtesy hour was held. This took the form of a millinery fashion show with National President McKinney sitting in front of a mirror modeling the hats presented to her by the Department Presidents. Each gift was in the form of some original hat design. They ranged from the old gray bonnet to the real modern tiara type.

Immediately following the opening session on Tuesday morning the Dept. of Michigan presented a gift to the Natl. Pres. Each day six Department Presidents were designated to read their Department report. This proved a most interesting way to present these reports.

The G. A. R. Memorial Fund Committee presented their report on the disposal of the balance of the money in that fund. After much discussion it was decided that a bronze tablet would be placed on the grave of Comrade Albert Woolson designating that he was the last survivor of the G. A. R. The remainder of the money, after the tablet was purchased and erected, is to be used for Scholarships to be placed at the discretion of the National President. The scholarship to be \$200.00 each year until the fund is exhausted. A representative of the Penrickton nursery for pre-school blind children was then escorted in. National Patriotic Instructor Ella Reeger presented her with a check in the amount of \$265.00 in memory of the Grand Army



Photo at left taken during installation of Officers (left to right) Mrs. Martha Wilson, Stenographer; Mrs. Myrtle Phillips, Natl. Secy.; P.N.P. Edna S. Lambert, Installing Officer; Miss Anne O. Clayton, National President; P.N.P. Margaret Schroeder, Natl. Counselor and Mrs. Nellie DeHaven, Natl. Treas. Photo at right shows officers about to be installed.

of the Republic. This money is to be used to purchase much needed screens for the nursery.

Greetings were received from the Ladies of the G. A. R., the National Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We also received a delegation of the Sons headed by our Commander-in-Chief Brother Fred Howe.

At the Past Department Presidents luncheon held on Wednesday Sister Flora Bates of Mass. was elected President for the coming year. The luncheon was under the direction of Hester Cook of Oregon and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Reports of all other committees were read, but the outstanding ones which are always looked forward to were the Natl. Patriotic Instructor and Natl. Chief of Staff. National Patriotic Instructor Ella Reeger of N. J. turned in the sum of \$1,760.29 to our Treasurer and National Chief of Staff Beatrice Riggs of California reported a net of \$2,005.20. There was much applause and many fine compliments given both these sisters for their fine work.

The installation of the newly elected National Officers was held on Thursday morning. P. N. P. Edna Lambert escorted by P. C. in C. Albert C. Lambert was presented to the convention as the Installing Officer. Sister Lambert was assisted by a delegation from the New Jersey Department. P. N. P. Katherine Joyce presented the P. N. P. badge to Sister McKinney and escorted her to the Past Presidents chair. Sister Anne Clayton, escorted by her mother, was then installed with her staff of officers.

The new National Officers of the Sons were then introduced. Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven of Maine spoke briefly extending his congratulations. The 71st National Encampment was then closed with the singing of the hymns "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and "God be With You till We Meet Again." Ann Willeke, Nat'l Press Corr.

Attention Aux. Press Correspondents

Items for publication in The Banner must reach the National Press Correspondent on or before the 20th day of December, February, April, June and August in order that she might prepare her column. Since space is limited you are requested to make your articles interesting but brief, touching only on the highlights of the various affairs taking place. All items of news from Auxiliary and Department Press Correspondents of the Auxiliary should be addressed to Mrs. Margaret Gehret, National Press Correspondent, 1130 N. Kelley St., Alliance, Ohio.

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Department News



CALIFORNIA

Phil Kearney Aux. 3 reports a beautiful Memorial Service. On May 30 all Orders of the G. A. R. Family joined in services at Mountain View Cemetery. A meeting of District 2 will be held September 13 in Pasadena. The next meeting of the Past Commanders Association will be held at the home of David B. Livingstone in Long Beach. Interesting meetings and social events are reported by Hooker Camp and Aux.; Phil Kearney Camp 7; and Buringame Camp and Aux.

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COLORADO & WYOMING

A. G. Myers served again as Convention Chairman, a position he has held for 18 years. Cal Fischer of Colorado Springs is the new Department Commander and Augusta Sullivan the new Department President.

CONNECTICUT

Ann Willeke, National Press Correspondent was guest of honor at a reception given by Aux. 5 Rockville. Following a salad supper, a reception was held, including entertainment and dancing.

IOWA

Grace Pederson is the newly elected Department President, and Sid Bemis the new Department Commander. Our State Picnic was held Sunday, July 7 in Iowa City with representatives present from Des Moines, Ft. Dodge, Waterloo, Mason City, Cedar Rapids, Burlington, Davenport and Monroe. The 1958 Department Encampment will be held in Des Moines.

MAINE

Camp 46 and Aux. are planning their Annual Clam Bake. In Post Office Square, Bath, there is an elm tree planted by G. A. R. Comrade Elisha Clarke at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. Hyde Camp 46 will meet on September 16.

NEW YORK

Truman A. Vincent is the new Department Commander and Mrs. Anita K. Stephan the new Department President. Both were elected at the recent Albany Department Encampment. The Encampment Camp Fire speaker was Brother John Boos who spoke on Civil War Lore. The 1958 Encampment will be held in Utica. The Southern Tier Association held their combination picnic and meeting in Binghamton on July 21. On July 28 the Western New York Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association held their annual picnic. Tilden Camp 26 of New York City announces that the City of New York has agreed to restore the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive. Natl. Chaplain Fred Colwell was the guest speaker at the graveside of Comrade James A. Hard on the occasion of his 115th birthday.

NEW JERSEY

Twenty-two members of the Sons and Aux. were in attendance at the Detroit meeting. Following the election of our Sister Anne O. Clayton to the office of Natl. Pres. the delegation gave her a surprise dinner party at the Statler Hotel. Members of the New Jersey delegation assisted in installing Anne and pledge her cooperation for the coming year. Sister Ella Reeger extends thanks to all members of the various Departments for their loyal and generous support in making her Patriotic Instructors Fund such a huge success.

OHIO

U. S. Grant Camp 100 of Cincinnati will hold its 50th anniversary on Sunday, November 17 with a buffet dinner at 6:30 and a program to start at 8 P. M. Commander Pfister, Jr., has appointed the following committee: Arthur M. O'Connell, Chairman, along with Brothers Blair, Duvall, Schneider, Shook, Schubert, Winall, Dehner, Groh, Coffin, D. Atkins, T. Atkins, Karst, and Dalton. On the same day the 3rd Ohio District will meet in Cincinnati. District President Helen Newbright will send notices to District Members concerning the details. P. C. in C. Wm. Coffin has been appointed General Chairman for the Dedication Day program to be held at Lincoln's Statue in Lytle Park on November 19.

OREGON & WASHINGTON

We are sorry to report the loss of a member of the Octogenarians Club, who passed away several weeks ago. This group of men over ninety years old have been singing for ten years, being good publicity for the S. U. V. C. W. It is feared with the loss of Mr. Ben Turpin, the group may have to close ranks, as it is hard to get new members to fill in.

PENNSYLVANIA

Caroline Riddell presided in a capable manner at our Wilkes-Barre Encampment with an attendance of over 100. A trip to the Veterans Hospital was a feature where gifts were distributed. Also, a gift of sixty books was given to the hospital library. The new Department President is Clara Lewis, and the new Department Commander Carl Gutekunst.

Saturday, November 16 will be a big day in Pennsylvania. In the morning the Department will present a Juke Box to

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- CONNECTICUT—Commander Bertrand O. DeForest, Jr., 4 Lester St., Ansonia, Conn. Secy-Treas. Robert W. DeForest, 62 Kingsland Ave., Wallingford, Conn.
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